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### THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

In a cable dispatch from Geneva reviewing the meeting of the assembly of the league of nations A. R. Decker staff correspondent of The Chicago Daily News, affirms that most of the delegates left for their homes with the spirit of "boosters" for the league. Though no one was wholly satisfied few were disposed to find fault. It was felt that the league was so new and experimental that difficult problems might well be postponed until the next meeting, and there is no doubt that the hope of welcoming the United States as a member in the near future lent strength to the natural disposition to avoid hasty action.

At any rate, the withdrawal of the Argentine delegates did not prove to be "the beginning of the end," despite promiscuous predictions to that effect. The assembly admitted six new member states and partly recognized others that are desirous of joining.

The outstanding achievement of the Geneva meeting is admittedly the establishment of the international court of justice. All the members signed the special protocol which provided for that tribunal, on the basis of limited and voluntary jurisdiction, to be sure but with the express stipulation that, by special agreement, members may extend its jurisdiction to themselves.

A notable feature of the meeting was the vote giving China a seat in the council of the league. Even Japan's delegation voted for this just recognition, China succeeds Greece in the council—a result due in part, of course, to the recent overwhelming defeat of Venizelos, the proally statesman.

There was some friction between the council and the assembly, but this was unavoidable. And the relations between the two remain undetermined. Evolution must be allowed to solve that problem if the constitution and structure of the league remain substantially as they are.

The moral effect of the meeting is considerable. For the first time in history forty nations, great and small, publicly conferred upon and discussed issues of moment and common concern and sought sincerely to promote peace.

From Monday to Saturday Huntingdon, British Columbia, is a sleepy little village, with so little in the way of accommodation that visitors have to cross over the line into Sumas, Washington, to get a bed and a meal and recently appointed officers have been obliged to live temporarily in Washington, while conducting their duty in British Columbia. But on Saturday night Huntingdon takes on the appearance of a city on a holiday. Hundreds of Americans flock into the village to quaff near-beer. Main Street is packed with automobiles and near-beer emporiums are crowded to their utmost capacity.

Mr. Walter C. Nichols, proprietor of the Vancouver, B. C. Province has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, in succession to the late Hon. E. C. Prior. The Lieutenant Governorship of the Pacific Province is not much of a sinecure and it usually goes to some man possessed of a snug bank account. With the possible exception of Editor Bidlake of the St. John Standard it is doubtful if any New Brunswick newspaper man could be prevailed upon to accept the Lieutenant Governorship of this province.

Men convicted of robbery should be given life sentences, Judge Dubuque said in the Massachusetts Supreme Court the other day, adding that he had in the past imposed such sentences. "Robbery stands next to murder in seriousness. Conditions are getting more serious and in large cities it has become unsafe for a man to walk at night," the court declared. "The barbarism of those hold-ups knows no respect for law, morals or order. If I had my way I would send every man convicted of robbery to prison for life."

Brockville Recorder: The Dominion Government claims that the responsibility for dealing with the unemployment problem rests with the Provinces and municipalities rather than with the Federal Administration. Without admitting at all that this argument is sound, so far as the civilian

unemployed are concerned, there is certainly a national responsibility in regard to the returned soldiers who are out of work, and that responsibility should be assumed by the Meighen Government.

A Federal by-election in West Peterboro, Ont., caused by the resignation of Mr. J. H. Burnham, will take place on February 27th. Mr. Burnham who was elected as a Unionist resigned because he felt that his mandate from the people had expired. He is seeking reelection as an Independent. It is possible that there will be three candidates in the field. It is also expected that a writ for the vacancy in Yamaska, P. Q., caused by the death of Mr. Gladu will be issued soon.

The mere announcement by a shoe dealer at Bilbao, Spain, that he had made a contract with an American firm to send 35,000 pairs of shoes to Bilbao on trial with a view to further orders produced a panic among the storekeepers of that city. The announcement stated the American shoes would be sold at half the price of the home-made articles. Immediately afterward prices came down with a run.

The lumber market is said to be in bad shape just now and operators in this province are feeling the pinch. Pulp mills are being closed down and there has been a cut in wages which has effected all men who work in the woods. It is said that several hundred million feet of lumber is held by operators and shippers in this province which cannot be disposed of.

Boston Globe: Let's hope that that mysterious new telephone invention by Alexander Graham Bell is something to prevent listening in or interference by other subscribers on a party line.

**THROUGH OUR SIEVE**

Unpopular affinities: Gall and Wormwood.

There is always somebody who, to fit his own case, wants to attach a reservation to every law.

That charity which covereth a multitude of sins never was busier than right now.

We see by the fiction pages of many esteemed exchanges that the woman is still holding her husband in short instalments.

It is said that Ponzi's creditors will receive about thirty cents on the dollar. "Ponzi's creditors" is a nicer designation than "Ponzi's suckers."

"Many a wife," remarked the Man on the Car, "will sit up longer with the hero of a story than with her own husband."

"On the other hand," remarked Old Ivorydome, "when I think of the fool things I didn't do that I might have done, when I was young, I almost forgive myself for the fool things I did."

## DECISION ON DRUNKS

New York, Dec. 28—A single act of drunkenness is not sufficient under the laws of New York State, to justify the discharge of an employee who is under contract, two justices of the Supreme Court held in a decision today. A third justice dissented and declared a single act of drunkenness in business hours "is inexcusable."

The decision was given at an appellate term of Supreme Court, in a suit brought by Frederick W. Herbert, real estate agent, against his employers, who had discharged him because he was found intoxicated. The case previously was tried in City Court and dismissed. Herbert appealed. The decision today directed a new trial upon which the court held, the question should be left to a jury. Justice Mulian, in the majority decision, concurred in by Justice Whitaker, held that the "courts are not warranted in attempting to create and enforce a higher standard than that set by the average of mankind in the community."

## HICCUGH EPIDEMIC

New York, Dec. 29—A hiccoughs epidemic—due to colds instead of convivial bouts with long-necked bottles—now has New York in its grip.

Nervous contraction of the diaphragm after a cold—characterized by Health Commissioner Copeland as a nervous form on influence—is what the hiccoughs are, and they are believed to have been brought from Paris, where they have been prevalent for some time.

The seizures sometimes last 24 to 40 hours.

## OROMOCTO PEN STILL LEADS IN EGG CONTEST

The eighth week of the contest at the Experimental Station, Fredericton is now completed and with but few exceptions all the birds have made a start. The record for the eighth week was 563 eggs from the 210 birds and a grand total of 2463 since November 1st. The Barred Rocks entered by Capt. Hayfield, Oromocto, still have a substantial lead over all competitors with 239 eggs from the 10 birds. The White Wyandotte pen of the Experimental Station is second with 211 eggs, third position going to the Barred Rock pen owned by N. W. Eveleigh, Sussex, which last week made the splendid weekly record of 47 eggs. Nine of the ten birds were on the job and two of them laid the possible seven eggs each. An Invieta Farm pen and another belonging to Mr. A. T. Lever of Leveville, tied for second place for the week with 39 eggs each. Mr. R. A. Snowball of Chatham has the only pen of White Leghorns in the contest. They laid 31 eggs last week and their total to date is 143. Although the total for the week was not large, every individual in the pen contributed towards it.

The pen of White Wyandottes owned by Mrs. George Danby of Devon laid 26 eggs last week and dropped back to sixth place. One of the birds in this pen holds the highest individual record to date.

While no comparison between breeds is of any definite value in a contest like this, the real factor being the degree of development of the special strains within each breed it may be of interest to note that in the eight weeks three pens of White Wyandottes average 168.3 eggs, one pen of White Leghorns 143 eggs and fifteen pens of Barred Rocks 177.6 eggs per pen. The three best pens of Barred Rocks however average 194 eggs per pen.

The extreme cold on the beginning of the ninth week may pull down the yield for that week.

## BRITAIN'S FOREIGN TRADE IS DROPPING

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London, Dec. 28—According to the American Chamber of Commerce in London, Britain's foreign trade returns for October, just published show decreased exports and imports, the value of imports being the lowest recorded this year.

Imports were valued at nearly 150 millions sterling, a decrease of nearly three millions sterling against September. Exports reached 112½ millions sterling showing a decline of slightly over 5 millions sterling as compared with the preceding month. Re-exports on the other hand increased by over 2 millions sterling, thus slightly reducing the adverse balance of trade to nearly 21½ millions sterling.

The decrease in imports of raw materials says the American Chamber was accounted for chiefly by cotton and rubber, whilst cotton goods are responsible for the chief part of the decline in exports, the value falling off by five and a half millions sterling. Woolen manufacturers fell over by one-half million and vehicles over one million sterling. Exports of iron and steel, however, show an increase of nearly two million and machinery over one half million.

The full effect of the miners' strike has not yet been felt, exports of coal declining by only 58,125 tons as against the preceding month but it is anticipated that the trade returns for the next few months will reflect the result of the strike on industry in a greater degree.

## NEW MARITIME CIRCUIT APPEARS

Chatham, Dec. 28—Fredericton has broken away from the New Brunswick and Maine Harness Circuit and has gone in with the Maine tracks on the new circuit. The other New Brunswick tracks have been hustling the past few days and a new maritime circuit is practically assured. Truro, Springhill, Amherst, Sackville, Moncton, Sussex and Chatham are all in on the new circuit. It is just possible St. John will also be in next summer.

Amherst is building a new track and making every preparation for a lively summer in the training game.

## TENDERS FOR GRAVEL

Sealed tenders marked "Tender for gravel," will be received at the office of the Town Clerk for the Town of Devon up to Saturday, the 8th day of January, 1921.

Gravel to be a good quality road gravel and to be delivered on side of road. Tenders to state separate prices for the following divisions:

Nashuaak River to Neill Street.  
Neill Street to St. Mary's Street.  
St. Mary's Street to Friel's Creek.  
nd from Friel's Creek to town line.  
Devon, Dec. 27 1920.

WM. JAFFREY,  
Town Clerk.

## John J. Weddall & Son

are offering the balance of their  
McClintock's Down Puffs at 1-3  
off their Regular Price.

## John J. Weddall & Son

Agent for Pictorial Fashions. December Review on Sale.

## Here's A Big Bargain

### A 5 Gallon Galvanized Side Rest Oil Can

Filled With Best Kerosene Oil. All For

**\$3.17 Cash**

**REGULAR PRICE \$4.25**

Call Early and Get One, They will Not Last Long.

## R. CHESTNUT & SONS, Ltd.

53,000 Square Feet of Floor Space in Use Supplying

"CHESTNUT'S HARDWARE SERVICE."

During January, February and March our store will close at 6 p. m. Saturday evenings.



OH, GIRLS, we have a Gift that never went wrong with men.

Put these articles on your Gift List now.



## STAPLES' PHARMACY

ALONZO STAPLES, Prop.

NEW HIGH RECORD.

Halifax Recorder: Christmas turkey sold as high as ninety cents a pound at Fredericton.

## AT THE GAIETY

Wednesday-Thursday

BIG DOUBLE PROGRAMME

LARRY SEMON

VITAGRAPH'S MILLION DOLLAR STAR

## "THE SPORTSMAN"

THE BIG DRURY LANE "THE HOPE" ALL STAR CAST

4 Shows Daily—at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15 and 8.40.

Fri.—"THE 14TH MAN," With ROBT. WARWICK and BEBE DANIELS

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE

For your kind and valued patronage of 1920, we thank you, and in the future may it be our privilege to serve you as in the past.

THE REXALL STORE

DIBBLEE'S DRUG STORE  
Opp. City Hall.