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# LEAGUE'S COUNCIL COMPETENCY ISSUES

Two Questions on League's Attitude in International Disputes Come Up

CALANDRA CONTINUES TO REMAIN OBDURATE

Delegates Pay Tributes to America's Leadership in Opium Fight

GENEVA, Sept. 27—(By Associated Press)—The council of the league of nations after a two hours conference Thursday agreed to submit two questhe general aspects of the league's competency in international complications to the permanent court of international justice at the Hague This was brought about by the action of the smaller states who sent a col-lective note to the council relative to an interpretation of the covenant.

The counsel also provisionally decided that two other questions shall go bofer a special commission of emin-ent jurists, rather than to the Hague court, because they are deemed to of a political, rather than a legal nature. One concerns the right of states to adopted coercive measures, while the other endeavors to secure the fixation of a country's responsibility for crimes committed in its territory.

Wait on Salandra Members of the council tried to induce Signor Salandra, the Italian member to consent to the Hague court's passing upon whether other matters. such as incident affecting national honor are also to be excluded, but Signor Salandra was obdurate; he said he did not want such incidents to go before the permanent court and was not sure that he wanted them to go any-

The French are seeking to act as conciliators, believing that eventually Italy will agree to a full examination of the covenant.

The disarmament commission decided definitely that in view of the divergencies of opinion on its contents, in-cluding the clause authorizing supplementary defensive alliances, all the governments should be requested to send in their opinions of the pact, to the league. Hence any action on the pact has been postponed until the next

Considere Humanitarian Issues The assembly of the league held sessions both morning and afternoon, con cerning chiefly humanitarian problems and measures to organize relief forces

The leadership of the United States in the opium fight was the subject of warm tributes, many of the delegates laying stress on the deep importance of the proposed opium conference. The general view was that the world must arrest through the cooperation of all nations, the rapidly spreading poison-

# NORMAL APPEARANCE Diaintiffs." The legislators denied in the petition they have been guilty of any offense and disclaim intention to commit any breaches of the peace. OF NEW YORK BURNESS AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—New York's press strike, which nominally ended Thursday with the appearance, for the first time in nine days, of morning and evening newspapers, as individual entities, will, it was indicated, be definitely concluded Friday night, when the 2,200 strikers cast their ex-

pected vote for peace.

Four proposals will be voted upon at the meeting, chief among them being approval of the interenational union's contract with the publishers and repudiation of the outlawed local 25, which called the strike.

Creation of a sub-local also is pro-posed. Reinstatement of strikers will follow endorsement of these provisions, President George L. Berry of the international, announced

Meanwhile additional men from out-of-town manned the presses when they gave New York its first news in virtually pormal form. Editorial pages, absent since the strike, reappeared. Display advertising increased.

#### JUDGE WILL CHARGE WARD JURY TODAY: ARGUMENTS ENDED

No Rebuttal is in Order, and Day Winds Up Assailing of Defense

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Sept. 27.— Attorney General Sherman, the state's chief prosecutor in the trial of Walter S. Ward for the murder of Clarence s. Ward for the murder of Clarence Peters of Haver Hill, Mass, delivered a final appeal to the jury Thursday in argument of the case. He spoke three hours and ten minutes and the defense presented by Isaac N. Mills, Ward's chief attorney yesterday in his four hours and 15 minutes before the jury was careful?

#### Legislators Seek Courts AGREES TO SUBMIT In Fight Against Methods Employed by Gov. Walton

Restraining Order is Asked to Allow Assembly to Meet for Probe

HEARING IS SET FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Solons Go to Their Homes in Meanwhile to Await Fur-

ther Call

OKAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 27. (By Associated Press) The pyrotechnics that have kept Oklahoma affiame since Go. J. C. Walton opened his war on the Ku Klux Klan and state legislators in turn instituted a drive to impeach the executive, began to fade out Thursday night with a long, dull court battle in prospect.

The first move to test in the courts, the legality of the special session of, the lower house of the legislature, called by members who hold it is their right to investigate the official acts of Governor Walton, was taken in state district court here. Sixty-seven house members applied for a temporary in-junction restraining Adj. Gen. B. H. Markham and all members of Oklahoma national guard from interferring with meetings of the house. No order was sissued by the court during the brief proceedings and by agreement, hearing on the petition was J. I. Phelps.

Meanwhile the house members who athered here and attempted to conene, only to be dispersed by military authorities acting under instructions from the governor, began to leave for their homes.

A pledge was signed by the legislators that should the courts finally decide they have authority to meet as an impeachment body, they will convene upon call of Representative W. D. McBee of Stephens county, one of the leaders of the legislators.

Expressing satisfaction with the situation, Governor Walton declared the fight is over, so far as the house

There were indications tonight that within the next few days, the gov-ernor would medify his martial law regulations and retire the greater part

of the troops now mobilized.

No relaxation in the investigation into cases of mob violence will follow however, it was made plain. The injunction petition filed by the legisla-perior authority to Von Kahr, in that tors declared that the action of Ad-he represents Dr. Gessler, who has jutant General Markham in dispersing been virtually created military dictators from they had gathered at the capitol vesterday and in continuing through force and arms to prevent an The two governments, it was added, assembly "was and is without authority are closely co-operating, and the po-of law and was and is an invasion of litical leaders here are confident

OF NEW YORK PAPERS
HERALD STRIKE'S END
Union Men Will Vote Today
Whether They Will Accept
Chief's Terms

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Compared to constitution and laws of the state of Oklahoma, it is the duty of the house of representatives to present all impeachments to the senate sitting as a court of impeachment, and to draw up, approve and present articles of impeachment and to prosecute the same before the senate, sitting as a court of impeachment through a board of managers appointed by it."

It related that the house members were dispersed when they assembled "in good faith" to determine whether

# Marines Win Rifle

iour hours and 15 minutes before the jury, was assailed ruthlessly. Justice Wagner will charge the jury Friday and the fate of the accused will be in its hands. It will be Ward's 32nd birthday.

Since the defense did not call witnesses but rested with the close of the prosecutions case it will not have opportunity for rebuttal.

MORE EARTHQUAKE TREMORS
TEHERAN, Persia, Sept. 27.—Severe earthquake shocks have been felt at Herman, where much damage has been done. Tremors also have been experienced at Bujnurd, Rafsenjjan, Bain and Anar. It is reported that smoke is issuing from a mountain near Bujnurd.

### **GERMAN SITUATION** PRESENTS MUDDLED. UNCERTAIN STATUS

State of Emergency is Declared By Stresemann and Bavarian Factions

BERLIN, Sept. 27 .- (By Associated Press).—A state of emergency has been proclaimed by both the Stresemann overnment and the Bavarian government, presided over by Premier Vor Knilling, and for the moment the situation in Germany is a complicated and uncertain one. No indication is manifested around government quar-ters, however, to take an unduly tragic view of the turn of affairs, crowned by the latest exchange of amenities between Berlin and Munich and the appointment as dictator in Bavaria of Dr Von Kahr, who during his days as pre-

mier of that state, was the especial bane of the Berlin chancellor. Although Herr Stresemann and his assistants were visibly nettled at the precipitate manner in which the Bavarian action was carried out, the Berlin government heads, Thursday Berlin government heads, Thursday night, professed the belief that they once more have become the victims of set for next Tuesday before Judge Bavarian "idiosyncracies" and seem ingly realize their own ability correctly to appraise Munich pyschology despite their past experience with Bavarian diplomacy.

The talk of revolt and secession by Bavaria is scouted in official circles in Berlin, where the impression is given that the two governments are in complete accord with respect to commo aims and that their proclamations in no way collide. At the chancellory it was stated that Herr Stresemann was convinced Premier Von Knilling was alcohol into their hands." G. Schmeir-sincerely desirous with co-operating er of Kansas City, asserted Thursday with the central government in the present perturbed internal situation, but that the Bavarian premier recognition of Retail Druggists have but that the Bavarian premier nat-urally was forced to take full cog-nizance of the conflicting currents which complicate the Bavarian situation, and which, in no event could be controlled by the Berlin govern-

The central government's proclama-tion takes precedence over the Bava-rian manifesto and also establishes that General Von Lossow, of the Reich swehr, who has been appointed mili-tary commander in Bavaria, has su-

the constitutional and civil rights of Chancellor Stresemann's adroitness as

# REMAIN IN FORCE, PENDING DECISION

Allied Authorities Desire to Wait Until They Observe Effect of Edict

PARIS, Sept. 27.—(By Associated Press).—All orders and regulations issued by the allied authorities in the Ruhr will be maintained, it was said in official circles Thursday, until the situation. Kiwanians Celebrate

Their Exposition Day

The Their

#### IN KU KLUX WAR



This is Mayor O. A. Cargill of Okla-

#### WHISKEY IS GURSE TO DRUGGISTS, SAYS SPEAKER OF MEETING

Pharmacists Cannot Afford to Carry Tax-Free Alcohol he Declares

BOSTON Sept. 27-"The greatest curse wished on the retail druggists of

at the convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists here. Mr. Schmeirer's statement was made in reply to one by Charles F. Mann of Detroit, favoring tax-free alcohol.

"We cannot afford to have tax free alcohol in drugstores," Schmeirer said. The is coming when you will be ashamed to say you are in the retail drug business. We must be state liquor out of the drug bestead of a failure, handled as it is. Liquor is roing to be made and sold by bootleggers.

"We can go to the government and suggest that it establish dispensaries all over the United States to sell liquor at \$2.50 or \$3.00 a quart. The consum-

at \$2.50 or \$3.00 a quart. The consum-er will get good liquor and the boot-legger cannot live. The government will make its revenue and will cut

Decribing conditions in Kansas City Mr. Schmeirer asserted that there were 400 drugstore and that one rule only was demanded, that he must be a law abiding utilzen and run his drug store "We were not able to find 75 of the 400 who were law abiding citizens he

#### **EXCHANGE ATTORNEY** TELLS GRAND JURY OF CHARGED THREAT

Probe Continues Into Remarks Said to Have Been Made by

# Team Match Title John Skelton Williams Goes Before Commerce Commission;

Before Commerce Commission;

Opposes Clinchfield Lease

Washington, Spt., 27.—The wheat from the national rifie Association tournament, with a score of 256, sixty three points beter than that made by the United States cavalry tamade by the United States cavalry tamade by the United States cavalry tamade by the United States cavalry to the match was freed over five stages and brought the tournament to an end with its completion over the 1.005 yard range, the United States infantry third with 2766. Fourth place went to the navy, which ournamed the Cast Artillery. Both these teams had scores to the navy, which ournamed the cast Artillery. Both these teams had scores to the navy, which ournamed the cast Artillery. Both these teams had scores to the navy, which ournamed the completes.

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\*\*Buffer Commerce Commission; the United States are then that the second of the Cast thing interests of the central north west suffering from low prices for the capture of the Seaboard, had been on the stand during the morning.

\*\*Mr. Williams save an intimate account of the origin of the Seaboard, had been the testing during himself as an axpert. Now and the sale of the will are a suffering from low prices for the capture of the Seaboard of the Seaboard of the Collides and other section of the Seaboard of the Seaboard of the Collides and other section of the Seaboard of the Seaboard

#### Curtain Rings Down Over Food And Fashion Display; Show is Ringing Success

#### FEDERAL RESERVE'S SURVEY GIVES DATA ON SEPT. BUSINESS

Slight Decline is Noted Although Figures Are Higher Than Year Ago

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.-Although production in basic industry declined slightly during August and early September, the output still is larger than a year ago, the federal reserve board said in a survey made public Thurshoma City, whose authority has been day night. The lowered output has practically nullified by Governor Wal-ton's action placing all Oklahoma un-der martial law. every month this year it has been at a higher level than in any similar month this year it has been at a higher level than in any similar month of the previous five years. '

Railroad freight shipments were larger in August than in any previous month on record. The board found that general wholesale trade mounted 12 percent in August and early September over the previous month and pointed out that this increase was much greater than usual at this season of the year.
Sales of clothing, drygoods and shoes

showed substantial gains in the period covered by the survey as compared with July and also were larger than a year ago, Retil trade likewise inreased in August over July and sales in all reporting retail lines were larger than in August, 1922. Reports from the larger department stores, covering all sections of the country, shows sales 12 percent above last year's level. After a decline during July and the first part of August, the volume of bank credits in use regard a seasonal increase during the last week in August and the first two weeks of Total loans and demand deposits of banks in the federal reserve system, reported from the principal cities, increased during recent weeks, reversing the trend of the preeding months. Loans chiefly for commercial and agricultural purposes were higher by \$122,000,000 and set a new record for the year. Investment holdings of these same banks, on the con-trary, continued to decline.

The demand for currency, arising out of crop moving and fall trade. has reflected in an increase of \$82,000,000 n money circulation between August and September 1.

Money rates were firmer during the first two weeks of September but eased some what after the 15th at which time the government floated its September issue of certificates.

#### STORM WARNINGS ARE ORDERED DISPLAYED the success of the event were Will Rehder and C. W. Polvogt, who had charge of the decorations, and the individual members of the Merchants' FOR A NORTHEASTER

Tropical Disturbance is Moving up North Carolina and Virginia Coast

The Wilmington weather bureau received this message at 10 p. m. Thursday night "A tropical storm central in latitude 31 and longitude 76 is moving northeast off North Carolina and Vir-ginia coasts. For the next 24 hours mariners should exercise every pre-

This was signed Bowie and is from the Washington headquarters of the

bureau.

The local office also was told to order up warnings of northeastern storms at 10 p. m. between Wilmington and the Virginia capes.

Wilmington is not likely to feel the full force of this storm which is expected along some time during the forencon. It will get a sideswipe of wind and rain, it is expected. But the storm proper is going out to sea. storm proper is going out to sea.

#### WHEAT GROWERS ASK **COOLIDGE TO RECALL** GRAIN CORPORATION

Farmers Are in Serious Straits, They Say, and Need

Mrs. Hattie Taylor Schiller's Great Achievement is Warmly Appreciated

MISS JOSEPHINE REHDER DANCES SEASON'S BEST

Besides Beautiful Models, Young Men and Children Cap **Fitting Climax** 

The enthusiastic applause of the largest audience yet to attend, warm tribute to the ingenuity and careful lagor of Mrs. Hattle Taylor Schiller. director, and Wilmington merchants, placed the final seal of approval on the city's third annual Food and Fashion show at the closing of the three day exposition of beauty supreme at the city auditorium last evening, and the spectacle was called greater than either of its predecessors without a

dissenting vote.

Official check on the total attendance for the three days had not been completed late last night but it was confidently predicted that the figures will be considerably in excess of those for the shows of the past two years. Already plans are under way to make the show of 1924 even greater than the one brought last night to so suc-

Clever Allegorical Preface The show was cleverly prefaced with an allegorical scene depicting the passing of the fashions of 1923, with their Egyptian trend, and the arrival on the scene of 1924's creations, which have an Oriental motif. Pig-tail Land, with its mandarins and coolies (and coolie girls), was chosen as most re-presentative of the Orient, and accord-ingly the curtain rolled back to display a dozen charming coolie girls, with their queen all decked in white, enthroned in state. Conclusion of a Chinese dance down the long runaway heralded the advance of the fashions the triumphant procession of the flower of Wilmington's beauty, with charms enhanced by the best of the new creations Wilmington shops have secured

Miss Rehder Dances it Out The headliners of the evening were Miss Josephine Rehder, presented as "our own Mae Murray" in one of the film star's original dances; Miss Bonitz, the queen, and little Dorothy Mallard, a tiny three or four year-older whose dancing drew the repeated applause of the house, and would have reflected credit to name of Irene Castle herself.

Mrs. Schiller is Honored
As fitting tribute to the work of Mrs. Schiller, director of the show, the closing event of the evening was presentation to her by the Merchants' association of a handsome planinum wrist watch, together with severa beautiful floral offerings. Presentation was made by Miss Josephine Render, and while Mrs. Schiller's speech of acceptance was a short and to the point,
"I thank you," her manner clearly indicated her surprise and delight. Others association, whose combined efforts could not be surpassed for harmony and productive results.

Wilmington folks, in the Food and Fashion show, enjoy annually an event both unique and artistic, and well worth the seeing, in the opinion of out-of-town visitors, who attended the show in large numbers. Few other cities in the country have an event approaching in purpose and completness the annual exposition of styles here, and regret was expressed by many last evening that arrangement had not been made for moving pictures of the spectacle.

Men's Fashions Too

An unusual turn was given to the performance by the showing of young men's styles along with those for wo-men. This feature of the show was under the direction of Albert Solomon of the firm of Solomon and Shrier, and was well received. Firms showing in order the flower of women's wearing apparel for the coming season, were: Platt's, A. D. Brown and Co., Belk-Williams and Danenbaum, all with hats designed by Mrs. Schiller, and an exhibition of gowns by Futch's. The displays of all the merchants received generous applause, and a number of very charming costumes were shown to was well received. Firms showing in very charming costumes were shown to advantage by Wilmington's beauties. Diving into the technical side of the display, the Oriental effect in the new fashions is just barely perceptible to the masculine eye, and does not force itself on the vision with such vivid colors and patterns as did the Egyp-

tian affairs.

Little Boys Parade A touch that leng charm was . the

solemn promenade of little men under six years of age, who did themselves proud in the season's latest. While the orchestra played "Yes, We Have No Bananas" one tot, abashed by the glaring lights and the sea of upturned faces, turned and fled precipitately from the stage, and no threats or entreaties could induce him to return for the debutantes of a dozen years hence, and received much applause. Names of all the charming models, whose grace and beauty contributed largely to the success of the show could not be secured. The pretty coolie girls who sat in court throughout the display were Misses Betty Willard, Maggie Cantwell, Elizabeth Solomon, Katherine Cowan, Josephine Hinton, Charlotte Maffitt, Katherine Carr, May Bethany Sivley, Ida Lee Crocker, Eliza-beth Stevenson, and Elizabeth Parsley.

Booth's Draw Visitors
Of much interest to the large crowd of much interest to the large crowd were the booth displays, comprising showings of the choicest wares of the Wilmington Printing Company, the largest in the South; Will Rehder, the florist; W. Munroe Furniture Company, Wilmington Furniture Company, Wilmington Furniture Company, the Rexall Store, Nurnberger's Market, C. W. Polvogt, Chipley's Universal Motor Company, with its big new Lincoln; (Continued on Page Two)

# MORRISON ORDERS METTS TO SCENE

Posse in Mitchell County is After Negro Accused of Criminal Attack

AGED WHITE WOMAN WAS ASSAULT VICTIM

Negroes Working in Spruce Pine, Near Scene, Leave Without Disorder

RALEIGH, Sept. 27 .- Governor Cameron Morrison late Thursday afternoon directed Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts to proceed to Spruce Pines. in Mitchell county, at once to handle a serious race situation which is reported to have arisen there as a result of an alleged assault upon a

white woman by a negro.

Reports received by the indicated that a concerted attempt is from the Spruce Pine section. executive immediately wired author-ities that he would afford the community ample protection and would see that rights of both races were protected. The governor's telegram, addressed

to the officials of Spruce Pine and to citizens is as follows: "Please call on local authorities to uphold the law and protect every-body in their rights, including the colored people. I am directing Adjut-ant General Metts to leave for Spruce, Pine tonight. I will afford all the protection the local authorities may

Posse Searches for Negro
ASHEVILE. Sept. 27.—A posse of
probably fifty men of the neighborhood are looking for a negro who at-tempted criminal assault on Mrs. Mack Thomas, aged about sixty years, a grandmother, in the road near hem home, about three miles from Spruce Pine, Mitchell county, Wednesday

afternon. The posse is unorganized, having no officers with it, a leading citizen of Spruce Pine stated over long distance. About 75 negroes, engaged in con-Pine, were asked by a group of citi-zens from the section in which the woman lives, to leave. All left with-out disorder, this authority said, Spruce Pine has no native negroes.

Town is Quiet

Everything in Spruce Pine is quiet,
it was stated, there peing no need for
outside help, as only the posse outside
is active. Mayor A. N. Fuller is said to have become excited over the pos-sibility of trouble and wired Governor

Morrison for help.

The description given of the negro is said to fit John Goff, aged 22, who escaped yesterday from the chain gang, operating near the woman's home. He was a trusty.

# POLICY IS BROUGHT OUT IN SHIP PROBE

Naval Officers Tell of How Destroyers Followed Flag Ship to Rocks

SAN DIEGO, Calif. Sept. 27-More complete exposition of the "destroyer doctrine" by which officers are trained to "follow their leaders" occupied a large share of Thursday's session of the naval court of inquiry investigating the disaster in which six vessels trailed the U. S. Delphy to destruction on the rocks off Honda, Cal., September 8. Twenty-three lives were lost in

A declaration that this doctrine of "do and dare and follow the leader," was responsible for the success of American destroyer squadrons in the world war, was drawn from one de-fendant witness today by Admiral Pratt, presiding member of the court "in order," the Admiral explained to forestall any misconception of the spir it which motives the officers of the destroyers squadron, "in racing full tilt behind their flagship wherever it may lead."

Commander William S. Pye, division chief in the squadron that was wrecked, testified that at one point on the voyage down the coast from San Fran-cisco he had noted that the Delphy was steering a course that would soon lead them into danger, but he had hardly reached the conclusion that the course was dangerous before she signalled a swerve into safer waters.

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It was difficult to check the navigation of the leading ship, he said but he was satisfied from the data available to hime that night that her navigators knew where they were going.

Commander L. P. Davis of the U. S. S. Woodbury, fourth in line when the crash came, corroborated previous testimony to the effect that navigators of vessels astern of Delphy saw no reason for alarm in the course he was son for alarm in the course he was steering. He said there was no justi-fication for them in "destroyer doc-trine" had they chosen to question it.

HIGH POINT EDITOR DIES HIGH POINT, Sept. 27—J. J. Farriss editor of the High Point News, and one of the city's most prominent men, dropped dead while talking with a friend in front of a local hotel Thursday night. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Mr. Farriss had just left the hotel where he attended a meeting of the where he attended a meeting of the Rotary club of which he was a charter member. He had planned to celebrate, his 57th birthday Friday he having been born September 28, 1865. Among those surviving is a brother, Dr. Charles Farriss, of Deland, Fla.

Mr. Farriss held the postmastership of High Point under the Wilson administration. Arrangements for the funeral had not been concluded Thursday night