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President Definitely Rejects the League of Nations

TO ACCEPT THE LEAGUE WOULD FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MEAN BETRAYAL OF MANDATE JUDGE J. C. PRITCHARD VOTED IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

PEACE BY RESOLUTION **URGED UPON CONGRESS**

Approves Such Parts Of Treaty As Protect Our Rights. GETS BIG DEMONSTRATION

Tariff and Tax Revision and Railway Situation Are Given Much Attention.

URGES MERCHANT MARINE

President, Appearing Before Congress In Person, Advocates Reduction of Armament Without Legis-lation On the Subject. (B) Associated Pros I

Washington, April 12.-Final rejection of the Versailles league of nations by the American government was proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policies of his administration

Speaking before the new Congress assembled to write a program of polititical and economic reconstruction, the President declared acceptance of the league would be nothing short of a betrayal of the mandate of the Nobetrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked for a congressional declaration of peace and for ratification of those sections of the Versailles treaty which protect specifically. American rights and interests in the war settlement. "In the existing league of nations, world governing with its super-powers, this republic will have no part," he said, "It is only fair to say to the world in general, and to our associates."

he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general, and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

The declaration was answered by a tremendous demonstration in which Republican senators and representatives led while most of their Democratic colleagues sat silent and oussnifing. After weighing the words of the chief executive, the senatorial group of treaty irreconcilables tonight was claiming a complete victory, predicting that even the paris of the treaty indexed by Mr. Harding never would receive senate approval.

Tariff and Tax Revision.

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In his recommendations for domestic legislation, the President gave greatest attention to tariff and tax revision and to the railway situation, though he indorsed a list of lesser measures which congressional leaders declared might prolong the apecial session until the snow files. He also took occasion in his address of nearly an hour to de-clare his faith in minimained merchant

later. Mr. Harding made no specific suggestions except that it follow the principle of protection.

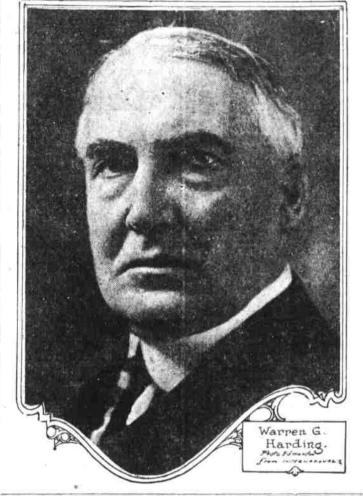
President refrained from detailed recommendations on fax-stion, contenting himself with a gen-ral discussion of the situation with an added reminder that his party pledged itself in the last campaign to repeal the excess profits tax. He also recalled the campaign promise to organize a sparate government department of bublic welfare, but minds no recommendation whether a cabinet official should be placed at its head.

Asks Railroad Investigation.

Declaring that rates and operating rapeness of the railroads must be low-red, Mr. Harding saked that Congress avestigate the whole transportation problem.

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Would Save Part Of Versailles Treaty But Turns Back On League Of Nations



General Approval Given Message by Republicans

Some Democrats Approve Portions Of It, Others Disapprove and Many Ask For Time To Digest It Before Making Any Comment-Lodge Is "Extremely Pleased" While Hitchcock Says That the Message Is "Disappointing"

his address of nearly an nour so clare his faith in maintained merchant marine and in the principle of armament reduction without asking for legislation on either subject.

An emergency tariff to correct serious disorders in American industry was placed at the head of the President's requests, and within an hour after he finished speaking, the house ways and means committee agreed to report to morrow the emergency means used to help the finished sension and velocity of the period by President Wilson. For the period by President Wilson Wil sentative Flood, ranking Democrat on the foreign affairs committee, also de-clined to make comment, and this was Senator Johnson, of California, and typical of the Fermocratic attitude of Gorah of Idaho, leaders of the Tirrecon-digesting the message before discussing

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spenses of the railway's must be low-ted, Mr. Harding asked that Chaigress investigate the whole transportation problem. He recommended co-ordination of all governmental agencies dealing with former service men, errength and of the federal laws affecting bighway construction and maintenance, espacing in quality into lynching and race relations to general.

Mr. Harding's definite stand against the league coverant was not a surprise to Republican lorders of the senate although the exact wording of the designation and though the exact wording of the designation and maintenance although the exact wording of the designation and though the exact wording of the designation and an unsettled question unit shortly before the executive left included the princer tips morning the Frest canceled the regular Turnstay cannot canceled the regular Turnstay cannot canceled the regular Turnstay cannot members in conference with the maintenance of the foreign relations section of the maintenance of the foreign relations wording and summenced Beguining members to the foreign relations and summenced the foreign relations with the maintenance of the foreign relations were more from the horizon that the foreign relations section of the maintenance of the foreign relations with the foreign relations section of the maintenance of the foreign and the section of the maintenance of the foreign relations section of the maintenance of the foreign relations and the section of the maintenance of the foreign relation of the maintenance of the foreign relation of the maintenance of the foreign of the foreign relations of the foreign relations of the foreign relations of the foreign relatio

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Senator Simmens had no comment on the message that afternoon, but may discuss it later.

Senator Lee S. Gyerman said if do not care to discuss the message in detail. However, the President called our attention to great evils and the rather triple condition of the country without suggesting a remedy for it. His message as to national issues was idearer and better than as to international of the creaty and league, expended disappointment, at the Fresident called or provided the present league and had declared for the present league (Continued on Page Four.)

Reports Reaching Asheville From Many Points Say It All Is Destroyed.

LOSS RUNS INTO MILLIONS

(Epecial to Hally News 1)

Casket, Decked In White Lilies, Open At the Church.

HUNDREDS VIEW REMAINS

J. J. Britt, Intimate Friend Of the Jurist, Delivers Message Of Power and Beauty.

HUGE BANKS OF FLOWERS

All About the Cunket In Front Of the

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AN OUTBREAK FOLLOWS ACQUITTAL OF NEGRO

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Frederick Md. April 12—An out-bread becurred in the Frederick coun-ty courtroom late today when Charles Henry bersey begre was acquitted of the charge of attack on a young white woman of Ballinore rounty. Special fore pounced upon the hegro, beating time with their field mater glasses and the first rion in meetern North Care in with their thes water glasses and in at a less estimated to be in the inquests were thrown across the room unitary was wringful overnight by and the uproar did not safeld until like again from any light accounting to the judges rescued the negro for the judges rescued the negro. The negro previously had been con-

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Overman Is Again on the SOUTHERN POWER AND Trail of the Lobbyists "MILL BARONS" GO TO

Introduces His Bill Which Would Require All Lobbyists At the Capital To Register. Alumnae In Washington Of North Carolina College Give Benefit Dance-Country Banks Case Against Federal Reserve System Argued In Court.

Dally News Bureau and Telegraph Office. The Riggs Suitaling (By Leased wire) By THEODORE TILLER.

Washington, April 12.—Senator Lee S. Overman started again today on the trail of the lobbylats who infest the capitol. The North Carolina senator, who was chairman of the famous lobby Pulpit of Piest Raptist Church and I pon the Organ Were Mannes Of Flowers.

Special to Duly Ness.

Asheville. April 12.—The hody of Judge Jefer Conley Pritchard was laid to rest this afternoon at Riverside proach a member of either body.

In addition, these legislative agents who have fat salaries and expense ac-counts would be required to furnish at intervals detailed statements of their

trict and circuit courts. The banks appealed and today the highest court was appealed to and asked to prevent the federal reserve board and the re-

North Carolina state banks were re-North Carollia state banks were re-cently in a similar controversy with the reserve bank at Richmond, and the tecision in the Georgia case will cover the entire field. The federal reserve board and the solicitor general of the

board and the solicitor general of the United States entered the proceedings today as "friends of the court."
The Washington chapter of the alumnae of the North Carolina College for Women gave a benefit dance here tonight to raise funds for the \$190,000 building which it is proposed to erect in honor of the alumnae at Greensboro. The dance was held at a fashionable epartment in Statenth street and s

public."
Creation of a permanent commission
to investigate lynchings over the
United States was contributed in a bill
by Senator McCormick, Republican,
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that would justify the government in changing the convictions expressed in its proposals. He insisted that a na-tional pool of profits would lead to government control, to which parita-ment would not agree. He aims ontered a strong protest against any subsidis-ing of wages or profits of industry out the control of the general taxes of the country on

THE PEE DEE SCHOOL, NEAR

(Reetal is Dally News.)
Mount Gliend, April 12.—The Pee Dee
thool, six miles east of here, taught
Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, caught on ite at 8 o'clock Monday morning from a defective flue and burned to the ground. Part of the school furniture was saved, and the wind being in the opposite direction, the Pee Dee Presbyterian church on the same lot emerged undert.

HICKORY HOME DESTROYED:

PRIIT AND GARDENS HURT

Willing to Loose Them.

Judge Pell was so taken aback when the Parker motion was presented that we asked if the mill attorneys were willing to turn the company loose without regulation. Judge Bynum retorted that they were because there is now no power to regulate.

To that position Mr. Robinson rose and began speaking. First the litigants quarreled for vantage points. The

"MILL BARONS" GO TO THE MAT IN RATE CASE Attorney Parker, For Textile Men. Opens Argument.

HE ASKS FOR DISMISSAL

Is Contended That Corporation Commission Has No Authority To Act.

IS GREAT LEGAL BATTLE

Power Company Scores a Point By Be-ing Given the Right To Open and Close the Case—Raleigh Coun-try Club In Burned. The Greensboro Daily News Streen,

By W. T. BOST. Raleigh, April 12.-Southern Power ompany and "the cotton mill barons," as Attorney Bill Robinson denominated

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premier or the owners could move the miners; they stuck firmly to their demand for a national pool of profits and a national settlement of wages, declaring through their apokesman, Frank Hodges, that "the workmen for the first time are going to have a share of the total prosperity in trade."

The premier, after a two hours seenion with the miners and again in the joint conference, said he knew nothing that would justify the government in changing the convictions expressed in the law from anybody else. Any change of law gives in the middle of the case absorbs the blessings. The Southern Power isn't willington to take the law from anybody else. Any change of law-givers in the middle of the case

would be as hazardous as any swapping of horses in midstream.

And the fight all day has been over these anomalous points. The cotton mills come to town and tell the cor-poration commission, keeper of the ortopus, to turn the animal loose, that nobody fears him. The Southern Power company comes to town and tells the the same grounds.

The miners went direct from the conference to a meeting of the triple aliance, where their decision was made known. It was immediately decided to postpone the sympathetic strike of the rallway men and transport workers. The meeting reassembled later in the evening to consider the whole question.

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Washington, April 12 Virginia.

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