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SENATOR REED FLAYED LEAGUE O' NATIONS HERE

And He Got a Cold Reception From Local Democrats Who Still Believe in the Infallibility of President Wilson

U. S. Senator James A. Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, tore the Covenant of the League of Nations to tatters in a two hour speech at the Alkrama Theatre in this city Tuesday night. Those purblind partisans who have abandoned religion for the worship of Woodrow Wilson, the White House God with feet of clay, will have a hard time climbing over Senator Reed's argument.

Senator Reed began his speech by reciting the fact that America never did declare war on Germany. We declared that Germany was at war with us. We went into the world war because Germany had interfered with our shipping, destroyed American lives and insulted our flag. Our business in the war was to help lick Germany. We sought no conquests and no indemnities and when we had finished the licking our interest should have ceased.

But we became involved to an extent that when the fight was finished it was our duty to stand by and see that our Allies secured satisfactory peace terms. There our obligation ended and we should then and there have brought every one of our American soldier boys back home.

Now we are told that the Treaty of Peace is not complete until we have entered into the Covenant of the League of Nations and an effort is being made to ram this instrument down the throats of the American people without giving them an opportunity to understand the obligation the Covenant imposes.

The Covenant of the League of Nations is one of the most involved documents ever written and only a constitutional lawyer can interpret the thing. Bounce it is interpreted to the American people they will repudiate it. The people of this country, 110,000,000 in number usually think right when given an opportunity. Thinking collectively they make few mistakes. But when they permit one man to do their thinking for them, the chances are that that one man is going to make a mistake.

The League's Members

The League of Nations consists of 32 members and is governed by an assembly composed of one delegate from each country and by a council of nine, one councillor from each of the following countries: Great Britain, Italy, France, Belgium, Japan, Greece, Spain, Brazil and the United States of America.

Among the eight nations represented with the United States on this Council, the United States hasn't a friend upon whom it could count in any exigency involving the self interests of the British. Great Britain on the other hand can always dominate a majority of the nations represented on this council.

But the supreme court of all authority in this League of Nations is the Assembly composed of one representative from each of the 32 members of the League. Here we find that Great Britain has by a trick of diplomacy entered her five colonies, Canada, India, South Africa, New Zealand and Australia, as members of the League, each of them having a representative in the League's Assembly.

The other members of the League in addition to the United States and The British hexagony are Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Cuba, Czecho-Slovakia, Ecuador, France, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hedjaz, Honduras, Italy, Japan, Liberia, Nicarauga, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Servia, Siam and Uruguay.

A Dark Skinned Majority

Right here Senator Reed put in a powerful appeal to the prejudices of his southern audience Seventeen of the thirty-two members of the League of Nations Assembly are of dark skin and the "kinky headed Negro" from Liberia where of 2,000,000 population only 50,000 claim to be civilized, has as much voice in the League of Nations as the United States with its 110,000,000 inhabitants. Haiti, the little Negro Republic where Voodooism is practiced and babies sacrificed to Voodoo, has as much voice in the League of Nations as America.

And there is Hedjaz, a full fledged member of the League, as big as the United States in determining its policies. Where is Hedjaz? Hedjaz is a province of Moravia with a population about as large as that of Norfolk, Va., and half of that population Bedouin Arabs who live by plunder and outlawry. And Hedjaz has as much voice in the League of Nations as the United States. Then there is Panama with 450,000 population, half Spanish and half Greasers, where of 18,000 births last year, 12,000 were illegitimate. Panama is a member of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

Senator Reed declared that when Japan comes before the League of Nations with a demand for the League's recognition of racial and social equality, 17 of the 32 members of the League would back up Japan's demand.

That Article X.

Senator Reed read and explained Article X of the Covenant of the League of Nations. Here it is:

"The members of the League undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the Leagne. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression, the Council shall advise upon the means by which this obligation shall be fulfilled"

In other words the United States pledges itself to go to war on the side of any one of the hetereogeneous members of the League that gets into trouble with another country. To do this we are told that we must have a standing army of more than half a million men and a navy of a quarter million men. Our standing army before we got into this European business hardly exceeded 90,000 men at any time.

For more than a hundred years America got along without having to sacrifice a single life in European warfare while Europe waged more than 50 wars in that time. Now we are asked to underwrite the belligerency of Europeans with the blood of American boys, who will be conscripted in any contingency upon the advise of the Council of the League of Nations.

Under the League of Nations Great Britain proposes to maintain her present mighty navy and an army of a million men by conscription. France purposes to maintain a standing army of two million men; Italy the same. Europe will continue the same armed camp it was prior to 1914. And yet President Wilson tells us that this thing will end war, that the bright rays of the millenium are shining down upon us and blistering our eye balls, while the doves of peace are cooing all around. President Wilson says "it will break the heart of the world" if America fails to enter into this infamous, suicidal, lunatic thing.

Those Sinister Financiers

Senator Reed charged that the League of Nations is the creature of international bankers and that it is suported by American Financiers because they see in it a gigantic instrument of force to protect their investments in European securities and to enable them to exploit the European countries and their own country to an extent hitherto undreamed of. He exhibited proofs to show that there is already on foot a scheme to organize a giant monopoly of American labor and produce under the direction of New York financiers. He pointed out that these financiers foresee profits of billions in buying European bonds at 40 or 50 cents on the dollar, if the United States can be trapped into this League of Nations and made to guarantee the liquidation of those securities by force of arms.

In his speech Senator Reed used the name of President Wilson cautiously, but he flayed those Senators who do the President's bidding, saying they thought more of a President's approval than a nation's honor and would rather bask in the light of Wilsonian approbation than be true to their country.

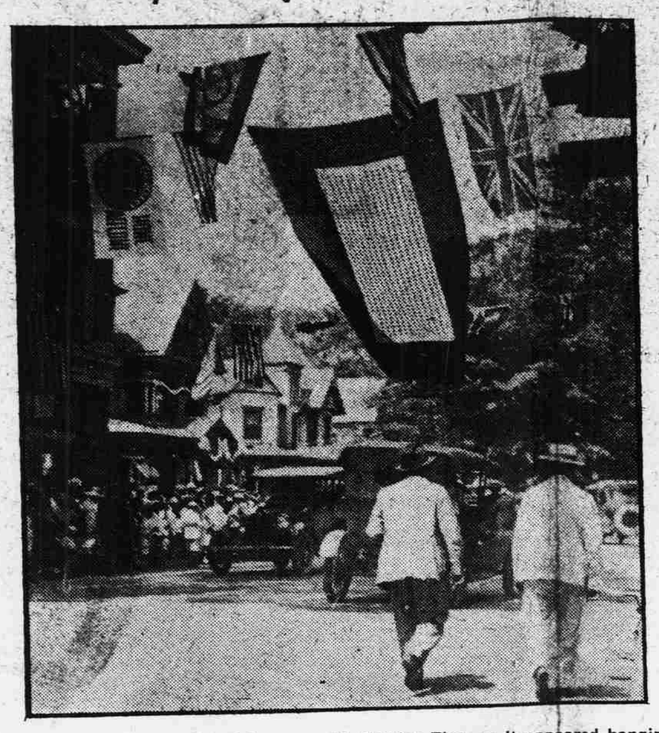
Displeases Wilsonians

No greater evidence of the fact that the Democratic party has degenerated into a one man party with no soul or opinion of its own outside the White House, is necessary than the treatment accorded Senator Reed by local Democrats. None of the so-called leaders called upon him while he was in the city, many of them stayed away from his lecture and the local expenses incident to the occasion were defrayed by Republicans. E. F. Aydlett, Judge W. M. Bond and H. S. Ward were in turn invited to introduce the speaker to his Elizabeth City audience. Mr Aydlett had a good excuse; Judge Bond thought he had another engagement; Mr. Ward averred that Senator Reed's actions of late had displeased him and he couldn't afford to be seen on the same platform with him. It devolved upon a Republican, C. R. Pugh to introduce the speaker, which he did modestly and in good form.

Many local Democrats resented Senator Reed's appearance here because Mr. Pugh was responsible for his coming. They did not take cognizance of the fact that before Mr. Pugh could get Senator Reed, it was necessary to extend an invitation to him signed by the Chamber of Commerce and leading business and professional men regardless of party affiliations. Of course, the Republicans made capital of Senator Reed's speech. That's politics.

But what stuck in the hides of so many partisans was the fact that here was a Democrat Senator who dared to express an opinion in opposition to the President of the United States. Verily, there is no party but Woodrow and no one else has a right to an opinion that isn't dictated from the White House. Senator Reed was not graciously received because he doesn't agree with President Wilson and has the courage to take the platform and speak his own opinions. His reception at the hands of local Democrats was therefore shabby because so many of our townsmen have become innoculated with the idea that a man named Wilson is infallible and that being a Democrat these days means humble submission to the dictatorship of this man Wilson.

Pasquotank's Service Flag



HERE is Pasquotank County's mammoth Service Flag, as it appeared hanging across Main street during the recent Fourth of July celebration. The Flag bears 562 stars, of which 12 are of gold, commemorating the dozen home boys who sacrificed their lives for Liberty and the 14 points of the Master Phrase Maker. Photo by W. O. Saunders.

COMES TO TOWN FIRST TIME IN 28 YEARS

John Shannon of Manteo Misses C. W. Glover's Old High Wheel Bike

John Shannon of aMnteo, Roanoke Island, was in Elizabeth City last Saturday. Manteo is only 45 miles from Eliza. City but this is the first time Mr. Shannon has been to Elizabeth City in 28 years. He is 59 years old and says he used to like to travel, but he got married 28 years ago and he says he has stayed home with his wife ever since. He was in Elizabeth City just a few days before he was married.

Not only has Mr. Shannon stayed at home for 28 years, but he says he has not missed but three meals at his own table in 17 years. This should be a testimonial to Mrs. Shannon's cooking.

Things have changed in Elizabeth City in 28 years, and it takes a visitor like Mr. Shannon to see the changes. He says the only old landmark that he recognized was Mr. Joe McCabe. "He sure holds his own." Says Mr. Shannon.

Twenty-eight years ago Elizabeth City had no street paving, no electric lights, no fire engine. The population of the town was about 3,000. The most modern thing in town then was Mr. C. W. Glover's bicycle and that bicycle was one of those old timers with a wheel five feet high in front and a wheel about the size of a hat brim behind. Mr. Shannon says he thinks he would recognize Mr. Glover on that old bicycle to-day.

SHERIFF JOE BELL IN A GREENSBORO HOSPITAL

Disappearance of Sheriff of Vance County Explained By His Brother

J. E. C. Bell, Sheriff of Vance county, who disappeared the other day has been located in a Sanatarius in Greensboro, N. C., and his whereabouts revealed to the authorities of Vance county by his brother's Caleb B. Bell, of Washington and Baxter B. Bell, of Shawboro, who are in Greensboro with their brother. Caleb Bell assures the authorities of Vance that his brother will return to Henderson prepared to make good the shortage in his accounts, when he leaves the Greensboro Sanatarium.

The shortage in Sheriff Bell's accounts amounted to $45,157. No action of any kind has been brought against him in the courts and indications are that none will be brought since his disappearance has been explained and restitution assured.

The incident is of pecular interest to the people of this city and section because of the local prominence of Sheriff Bell. He is a native of Shawboro and his family has always been prominent in the social and political life of this section. His brother Baxter B. Bell is Clerk of the Court of Currituck county. Caleb and Baxter Bell lost no time in locating their brother when they received reports of his disappearance from Henderson.

A DEADLY FLIGHT

Ten persons were killed and twenty-five injured when a large dirigible balloon on its test flight caught fire and fell through the glass roof of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Jackson bouvelard and LaSalle street, Chicago, Monday afternoon.

IT WOULD SEEM SO

"Mosquitoes have learned a lesson from the world war," declares Miles Jennings. "They have learned the use of the gas mask; there's no mistake about this, because there isn't a mosquito lotion on the market that will head off the mosquitoes we have with us this summer."

SECOND GIRL SENT UP FROM HERE IN 10 DAYS

An Alarming Condition of Immorality Apparent In This City and Vicinity

Grant Benton, a tugboat captain of this city, was sentenced to four months on the county roads, and Annie White, a young girl who has long borne an unsavory reputation in this section, was sent to Samarcand Manor, after the two had been convicted of immoral relations in police court Tuesday.

This is the second time within ten days that a young girl has been sent to the State home for fallen women from this city, where the care and treatment is of the sort calculated to uplift an unfortunate woman, and to help her get safely started upon a life of respectability. Everything possible is done with the purpose of eliminating evil associations, and easing the hard path of the girl who has erred but aspires to regain her lost place in the respect of the world.

These two girls are of a type which has become extremely numerous here of late. It is suggested that the increasing difficulty of obtaining booze has put a premium on another and infinitely more debasing sort of dissipation. Booze artists, old and young, are turning to the women of the streets for the sort of gratification which most nearly takes the place of their passion for liquor.

As typical of the extent to which immorality is being practiced in and around Elizabeth City, a man who recently had occasion to travel over the Desert Road near this city after 2 o'clock at night counted nine automobiles parked along this road, with lights dimmed or out, and the occupants evidently engaged in human debauchery.

The present wave of immorality which is assuming hitherto unheard-of proportions in this section is a thing of gradual growth. We have always had the bad woman among us, and liquor or no liquor, we always will have her; but conditions such as are now existing can be to a large extent remedied by vigorous action on the part of our county and city officials.

METHODISTS WILL PICNIC FRIDAY, FIRST OF AUGUST

The First Methodist Sunday School of this city will hold its annual picnic at the old fair grounds near the city, Friday, August 1. Picnickers will carry baskets of food and ice cream and water melons will be provided at the expense of the school. Secretary Gilmore of the Y. M. C. A. will direct the play activities of the children during the day and will have plenty of water wings on hand to enable the tiniest youngsters to risk themselves in the water.

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STOCK LAW VOTE TUESDAY, AUG. 5

Promises to Be a Heated Contest in This County Before It is Over

A full page advertisement in favor of Stock Law and a communication against Stock Law, appearing elsewhere in this newspaper this week should serve notice that Pasquotank is on the eve of a special election of unusual interest.

On Tuesday, August 5. 1919 the voters of this county will be given an opportunity to register their wishes in regard to a vexing question. The question is whether Pasquotank shall continue a free range county, or become subject to Stock Law.

Pasquotank is at present, and always has been, a free range county. There are thousands of acres of woodland in this county affording something of a range for scrub cattle, goats and razor back hogs. It has been the custom of hundreds of people thruout the county to adopt some sort of brand for their live stock and turn their live stock loose to forage for itself. Sorry live stock is the result, but it is profitable live stock since it costs the owners nothing to produce it. The fact that the hogs spread cholera and the cattle grow thin with ticks doesn't matter to the owners, for the reason indicated.

And it doesn't matter to the owners of this free range stock if hogs clutter the ditches and obstruct the drainage of the roads.

But with the approach of an era of better roads and an increasing interest in the production of better live stock, there has come a considerable agitation in this county for Stock Law.

Stock Law means that a farmer does not have to fence in his farm to keep his neighbor's hogs and cattle out, but he must fence in his hogs and cattle to keep them off the roads and off his neighbors' lands. And so the election to be held in this county on Tuesday, August 5 promises to be a red hot election. People who want free range for their cows and pigs will fight for free range. The man who wants better live stock, better roads and freedom from free range annoyances also has his fighting blood up.

In this election the man in town is being told that this election is none of his affair and that he ought to keep his hands off. The man in town can hardly be expected to overlook the fact, however, that he is paying 65 per cent of the county taxes and will contribute that per cent to the construction of good roads thruout the county. As he is going to be taxed to build these roads he probably will make himself heard in the election on August 5.

240 LAMBS SHIPPED FROM HERE THIS WEEK

Charles S. Jones, of the Live Stock Marketing Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, shipped 240 lambs from this city to Philadelphia, Tuesday of this week. These lambs were a cooperative shipment from Hyde county. This is the second cooperative shimpent of lambs from Hyde county this summer. The shipment was accompanied to this city by County Agent Jesse Murray, of Hyde.

CUCUMBERS THREATEN ROANOKE ISLAND HOME

D. V. Meekins, Back From Manteo With a Big Cuke and a Bigger Yarn

D. V. Meekins, a Roanoke Island Prodigal Son who enlisted in the Norfolk Navy Yard about the time the United State declared war on Germany returned to his old home this week and found not fatted calf, but cucumbers instead.

Young Mr. Meekins, on his way back to Norfolk this week, stopped at THE INDEPENDENT office and declared that his father's farm on Roanoke Island is overgrown with giant cucumbers and that the cukes were even threatening to overturn the Meekins homestead.

It seems that his father Daniel Meekins got some Chinese cucumber seed this spring and those Chinese cukes outgrow anything ever seen on Roanoke Island. Meekins junior says you can't walk for cucumbers on his father's place and he brought THE INDEPENDENT a sample 44 inches long and weighing seven pounds. He declares this is only an ordinary one and that if he had had the energy he would have brought one twice as big. The giant cuke is on exhibition at THE INDEPENDENT office and speaks for itself, tho not vouching for the truth of the rest of this article.

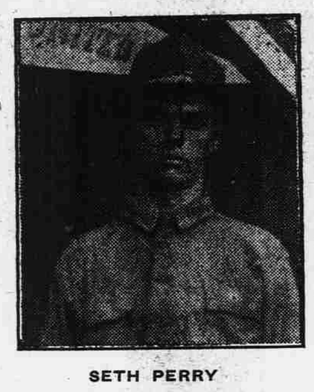
Banks Close Friday Afternoons

Elizabeth City banks now close at 1 o'clock every Friday afternoon, joining with Elizabeth City stores in the popular Friday afternoon closing arrangement during the months of July and August.

Admission that American soldiers in prison camps near Paris had been brutally treated by officers, was made by General Peyton C. March, chief of staff in a communication given to Congress Wednesday.

PASQUOTANK WILL BUILD 15 FOOT BRICK ROADS

Orders For Machinery and Material to Be Placed at Once and No Time Lost In Getting Construction Under Way



SETH PERRY

GENL. PERSHING CITES TWO OF OUR HOME BOYS

Seth Perry, of Okisko, Who died of Wounds, and Burt Forbes, of Camden, Awarded Distinguished Service Cross

One Pasquotank county boy and one Camden county boy are awarded distinguished service crosses for extraordinary heroism in action during the war with Germany, according to a cablegram from General Pershing made public yesterday. The following is the exact language descriptive of their heroism, contained in General Pershing's cablegrams. The medal for Corp. Perry will be presented to his mother, he having died from his wounds.

"Corporal Seth E. Perry (deceased) Company K, near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918, when a portion of his company was threatened with a counter attack and he had seen one runner killed in an attempt to reach them from headquarters with orders to fall back, he volunteered for the dangerous mission. While crossing an open field under heavy fire he was mortally wounded. Mrs. Mary E. Perry, mother, Okisko, Pasquotank.

"Corporal Burt T. Forbes, Company I, near Ypres, Belgium, September 1, 1918, while his patrol was acting as a flank guard with orders not to fire unless absolutely necessary he detected an enemy patrol of eight men approaching and starting to set up a machine gun. Crawling forward alone, he charged the enemy patrol and singlehanded, killed three Germans and routed the other five." Home, Old Trap, Camden county; Stephen B. Forbes, father.

USED HIS GAS MASK AND AVERTED AN EXPLOSION

Happy Thought Upon Part of Elizabeth City Fire Chief May Have Spared City An Ice Famine

What might have resulted in an explosion which would have wrecked the plant of the Crystal Ice & Coal Co. in this city, was averted Tuesday by cool work upon the part of Jerome Flora, Chief of the Elizabeth City Fire Department. Chief Flora is suffering from a pair of burned hands and an army gas mask played its part in his heroic work.

An ammonia pipe at the ice plant burst, releasing deadly fumes which drove every one from the plant. Those familiar with the mechanics of the plant were in momentary fear of a disastrous explosion. The Fire Deuartment was asked to send over an engine and flood the plant with water. Chief Flora was on the job in a few minutes, after having coutioned his men not to sound an alarm. He carried with him a gas mask which he recently brought back from Europe. With his gas mask in place he plunged into the building, found the cocks regulating the ammonia supply, cut off the flow of ammonia and averted a possible disaster. In doing this his hands were badly burned by contact with the chemical. He is making the best of life with two bandaged hands.

THE INDEPENDENT OFFERS "THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS"

For the purpose of helping to inform its readers on the subject of the League of Nations, this newspaper has undertaken local distribution of the one book aproved by President Wilson himself. This book, "The League of Nations," was compiled by Dr. Henry E. Jackson of the U. S. Bureau of Education. It contains the full text of the revised Covenant now before the Congress of the United States, together with pretty much everything that can be said for it, including some of President Wilson's greatest speeches. Whether for or against the League, you ought to read this book. The price is 50 cents a copy and will be mailed to your address postage prepaid upon receipt of the price. Address THE INDEPENDENT, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Several dead and scores wounded are the results of race riots in the city of Washington the past week. The rioting has ceased.

The county's $500,000 bond issue has been approved, the bonds have been printed and are ready for delivery and the $500,000 is expected to be available in a few days.

T. L. Higgs, Engineer to the Pasquotank Highway Commission, is in Richmond to-day purchasing machinery for road construction, orders for material will be placed in a few days, and if there are no delays in the shipment of machinery and material the first road will be under construction in this county in 30 days.

The first road to be built will be from Elizabeth City to Weeksville. Other roads will be determined upon as soon as work is under way on the Weeksville road.

The foregoing information emanates from the Pasquotank Highway Commission, following a lengthy session of that body Wednesday of this week. It sets at rest all the wild and disparaging rumors that roads would not be built in this county in the life of the present generation.

HE PARTED WITH $134 AND NEVER GOT A SMELL

Mr. Newbern, of Sweet Potato Fame, An Easy Mark For Bogus Bootleggers

Herman H. Newbern, a hard-headed, close-fisted sweet potato grower of Camden county parted with $134.00 in cold cash in quest of bootleg liquor in this city the other day—and didn't get a drop of liquor.

A Negro told Mr. Newbern that he knew another Negro who had several cases of Sunnybrook Whiskey for sale. Mr. Newbern immediately picks this Negro up in his automobile and rides around town with him in quest of the Negro said to have the liquor. When they found the promising black man, Mr. Newbern innocently parted with $134.00 and let the Negro "go off to fetch the liquor." The man never came back.

Instead of swallowing his loss gracefully and not letting the public know what a sucker he was, Mr. Newbern began to swear out warrants. When he finally located the Negro who was alleged to have got the money, he had cooled off. When the Negro was arraigned in court Wednesday morning Mr. Newbern said he wouldn't swear positively that he was the guilty party and the matter was dropped.

Mr. Newbern is now growing a set of whiskers to disguise himself so that gold-brick artists and flim-flam men generally will not recognize him when he comes to town.

WOMAN GIVES A YOUNG GIRL DRINK OF POISON

A Horrible Case Brought to Light in Recorder's Court in This City

Accused of poisoning 15-year-old Mattie Ward, Mrs. Isaiah Brickhouse, who lives in the Mill district of this city, was given a preliminary hearing in police court here Wednesday morning. Last Saturday, according to the Ward girl's statement, she went over to the home of the Brickhouse woman, and the latter offered her a drink of a dark-looking fluid which she said was whiskey, containing sweet spirits of nitre to disguise the whiskey odor. Upon drinking the fluid she states that she was overcome and fell to the floor in a fainting condition. Some of the stuff got on her hands, and took off the skin. She has been ill in bed from the effects of the dose ever since, and was not able to attend trial yesterday. The case was continued to Saturday, August 2.