

ANGLO-FRENCH PLOT TO PUT AMERICA IN THE LEAGUE

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, Dec. 1.—Briand, the French prime minister, opened Pandora's box at the arms conference and then sailed for home. He told the American people in substance that France could not disarm till America either joined the league of nations or joined the proposed Anglo-American-French alliance. Oh no, he did not say that. He did not mention either the league or the alliance but every one who can read his speech translated into English knows what it meant. He did say on his departure from New York that the odiousness of the league could be avoided by calling it league of governments.

It had been known here long before the arms conference met that the eagerness of Britain and France to participate in the conference was to seize the opportunity to convince the American people of the compelling necessity of their country's joining the league. No plot was ever more completely constructed and staged and yet some of the shrewdest minds at the conference have not discovered the plot. Indeed the British and French do not know how complete their plot is for it is a plot of Divine Providence.

Differences Between France and Great Britain

Ever since the armistice the British and French policies in Europe have been growing apart. Now a yawning chasm separates them. France is afraid of the vengeance of Germany recovered, for Briand says Germany still has the will for war and the unimpaired man power to make that will effective. On the other hand, Britain has no fear of Germany, which is now without a navy. Britain therefore wants Germany to prosper so that she can trade with her and share that prosperity. But Britain is as well aware as France that Germany prosperous may again become dangerous if not restrained and France knows as well as Britain that Germany must recover if Europe ever does. The British and French have a common understanding as regards Germany. They could not have joined hands and fought Germany for four years in the most terrible war in all history without being able and willing to appreciate each other's position now. This mutual understanding stands back of their divergent policies. At the same time they see the American people possessed, yet almost obsessed, with the passion for world peace. They say to each other—and this is not fiction for it has been bruited here in Washington—"Let us go to the arms conference and put this American passion for world peace to the test. If these people need it, let us show them there is one way to get it. But the show will have to be well camouflaged. League of nations and alliance are words that must be taboo at the arms conference. Never speak either of these names aloud in that country."

"Instead of saying what we mean, let us engage, if necessary, in rejoinders, retorts and even in bickering. If the worst comes to the worst, let us make the conference appear to end in dismal failure. Such a situation must react in but one way on those people who are so fond of success. They will begin to search themselves for the failure for there can be no success unless America is made to see what we see."

So Briand with his French delegates and Balfour with his British delegates came to Washington. With the meeting of the conference one of the first things the American newspaper men noticed was that the British and French delegates did not fraternize and Balfour and Briand scarcely spoke to each other. The British newspaper men began at once to write to their papers nasty things about the French. A strong propaganda against the French sprang up everywhere. "Trouble is brewing," wrote some of the American newspaper men.

Briand Produces Sensation

Briand entered the third plenary session of the conference primed to produce a sensation and he produced with dramatic effect characteristic of his country. Then Hughes and Balfour replied to the plaint of France in a few homely but indefinite words. The next day when these men got behind the curtains where no newspaper man could see or hear them, Briand seized the opportunity to interpret what Hughes and Balfour had said to him in a direct promise that America and Britain would back France if Germany should wantonly attack her. A painful silence followed. Hughes was no doubt afraid if he said what he would like to say it might even from that secret place get to the ears of Borah and Hiram Johnson. And there was no reason for Balfour to speak, knowing what he did so he worked the cable.

The next day Lord Curzon, British foreign minister, made a speech warning France that she should not maintain a policy of armed isolation in Europe. She must cooperate with the great powers in the world, including America and must faithfully execute the terms of Versailles treaty. The British delegation in Washington has also reminded France that she should

MRS. MATT THOMPSON DIED IN STATESVILLE

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rice Thompson, wife of Prof. D. Matt Thompson, died suddenly at her home in Statesville, November 23, death resulting from chronic heart disease.

Mrs. Thompson was 80 years of age. She was born in Asheboro, and was a daughter of the late Thomas Rice, who lived at the place now owned by Mrs. S. L. Hayworth in East Asheboro. She was educated in the schools of Randolph county later graduating at the Female College at Thomasville. For a number of years Mrs. Thompson taught in the public schools of North Carolina. She was married in 1872 to Prof. D. Matt Thompson, one of the leading educators of the state. Mrs. Thompson assisted her husband in his educational activities for a number of years. She is survived by her husband, two sons, Holland Thompson, a professor in one of the colleges in New York City, and Mr. Dorman Thompson, a member of the legislature from Iredell county, and a sister, Mrs. J. T. Lowe, of Asheboro, Route 1. She is also survived by her niece, Miss Mary Elizabeth Rice, who has made her home with her for a number of years.

DISTINGUISHED ENTERTAINER IN RANDELMAN DECEMBER 9

The public will be pleased to learn that the well known Lyceum entertainer, Miss Eufalah E. McNemar, will give one of her delightful programs on Friday night, December 9, in Randelman under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church.

The program will consist of both classical and popular selections and a number of Pianoliques. You cannot afford to miss this splendid number.

Adults 35 cents, children under 12 years 20 cents. All school children at children's rate.

not expect her demands for submarines to be allowed in the agreement on limitation of naval armaments.

Harding Suggests a League Association

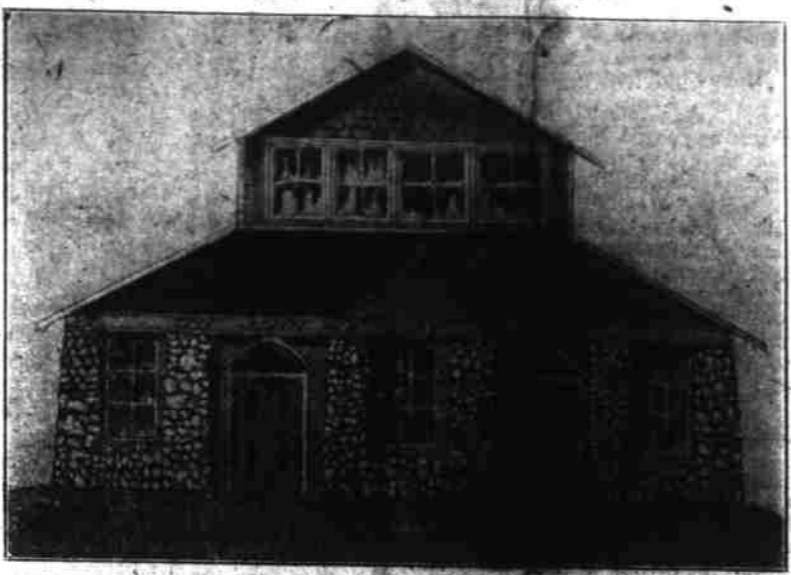
This Franco-British tempest has had the effect of duly impressing the White House as well as the American people. Harding has called in intimate friends in the press and gradually informed them that he sees no reason why the conference should not result in an association or cooperation of all free nations. His friends are made to say for him that he is much opposed to the Wilson-Versailles-Geneva league as ever. He is still flinching with some sort of a vague fear for all affair after the method of the Hague tribunal and is relying on Elihu Root the plan. France with the experience the world has had with the Hague tribunal may demand better security before she consents to disarm. But the great fact now is that Harding feels compelled to make some attempt to meet the necessity of the world. What sort of a league or association of fact he and Root may project is of small importance. The future will determine that matter for itself.

Money Kings Loose One Section of the Bill

The great war dethroned the kings by birth throughout Europe. Its aftermath is now dethroning the money kings of America. The long battle over the tax bill in Congress has ended in a partial victory against the men who are piling up millions in this country. The government took 65 per cent of the big incomes as a war measure. The Rockefeller, Vanderbilts, Mellons and all their sort strove to cut this tax down to 20 per cent. The House offered them 32 per cent and they were glad enough but after the long battle in the Senate they must fork over half their incomes to the tax collector and Congress is going after all those who are diverting investment of their fortunes to tax free securities. The belief has grown in Congress that a rich man is as dangerous in a democracy as he would be in heaven if he could pass through the eye of a needle and get there. That sounds like bolshevism but bolshevism is reputed to be one of the monster offspring of men with money and power and without conscience.

The Most Flagrant Corruption Ever Exhibited in American Politics

The Republicans in the Senate planned to seat Newberry while the American people had their eyes fastened on the arms conference. The wicked Democrats upset the plan and the man who spent more than \$200,000 in Michigan to buy a seat in the Senate must undergo further dissection. Even some of the Republicans in the Senate characterize the Newberry case as the most flagrant example of corruption ever exhibited in American politics. It is said the Republican leaders in the Senate are under obligation to seat Newberry because he aided them by his presence in organizing the Senate against Wilson and the league of nations. That does not explain why Borah is opposing the seating of Newberry but it may partly explain why Tom Watson is an advocate for Newberry. The Democrats now believe they have Newberry beaten.



THE JOHN WESLEY STAND

JOHN WESLEY TABERNACLE NEAR ASHEBORO

The John Wesley tabernacle which is now being constructed will commemorate the passing of John Wesley through this section of the country 158 years ago. The site on which this magnificent structure is being erected has been known ever since as the John Wesley stand. It is a matter of interest to know that the John Wesley stand is on the highway between Randelman and the County Home and also between Caraway and Back Creek mountains. History tells us that many years ago when deer were plentiful in this section and that when the hunters would pursue the deer they would almost pass on this spot. Soon after John Wesley came along on his way from Charleston, S. C. to Pennsylvania and stopped here and preached. The building is 40x40 feet. The columns on the sides will be built of white flint. It is a plain but convenient church, and will be erected at a cost of about three thousand dollars. The lot upon which it is being built is four and a half acres situated in a beautiful grove. It is the purpose of those in charge of the building to offer prayer over the material which will be used in the building. This place of worship has been used by the Southern Methodists ever since John Wesley visited there. For a long time there has been an arbor there and preaching once a month, John Wesley preached the first sermon.

The following are some of the pastors who have preached there: Lorenzo Dow, Joshua Robins, Postell, Charles Phillips, William Lineberry and Amos Gregson. Rev. J. F. Burkhead of Asheboro has for fourteen years preached at the John Wesley stand once a month and has held a ten days protracted service each year during that time. Mr. Burkhead is especially interested in this church on account of the fact that it is an old burial ground in which his mother and three brothers are buried, and it is largely through the influence that this magnificent structure is being erected. Mr. Burkhead asks that anyone interested and wants to assist in the building of this church home of such splendid and historic interests may send donations which will be appreciated.

VETERANS CAN RE-INSTATE WAR INSURANCE

The following information is of interest to the veterans of the World War who wish to reinstate their war insurance. They can do so upon the payment of two monthly premiums before January 1, 1922, with a full and complete medical examination.

By authority contained in act of Congress, approved August 9, 1921, all medical examiners of the United States Veterans Bureau on duty in the cities throughout this district, are authorized to make physical examinations for ex-service men who wish to reinstate their insurance without expense to the applicant. Ex-service men are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to reinstate their insurance, especially, since the expense involved in making the physical examination has now been eliminated.

Champion Walker

Ellis Miller, of Robeson county, aged 74 years, is heralded as a champion walker, having last week walked a distance of sixteen and a half miles in four hours from his home to Lumberton. Another notable fact concerning Mr. Miller is that for more than two decades he has been the first man in Robeson county to pay his State and County tax.

Boy Falls Hair to Baby

A most unusual and interesting case of a boy falling hair to a baby on a train in Florida is recorded. Ernest Brown was on his way from Dadekath, Fla., to Bainbridge, Ga., when a woman left a four weeks old infant on the boy's lap and never returned. The boy seemed delighted with the infant and expected to have his father obtain authority to adopt the child.

Ernest Stacey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stacey, of High Point, died in a hospital in that city early Monday morning from appendicitis.

The funeral service was held Tuesday. Surviving him are his parents, four brothers and four sisters, all of High Point.

FREE RADIUM TREATMENT AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

It is of great interest to the people of Randolph county especially to know that Dr. C. A. Hayworth last week received a telegram stating that a supply of radium purchased several months ago was being forwarded to him. This will be of great advantage to those whom radium will benefit. Dr. Hayworth expects to have Dr. Cameron, of Pittsburgh, Pa., with him early in December. Dr. Cameron is an expert in the treatment with radium, and during his stay, he will give the radium treatment free. In order to procure this treatment, it will be necessary to notify Dr. Hayworth, and he will then notify the people of the exact date of the arrival of Dr. Cameron. This treatment will be free to all who are suffering from cancer, chronic skin conditions, uterine disorders, etc. Heretofore there has been necessary for people needing radium to go to Richmond or Baltimore for treatment. These clinics will be held at Memorial Hospital, of which Dr. Hayworth has charge. In the past few months the capacity of the hospital has been doubled, a complete X-ray equipment installed, and many other improvements, making it rank favorably with any other small hospital in this section of the state. Dr. Hayworth took post-graduate work with the world famous Mayo Brothers last summer, also visiting some of the larger hospitals of the North while he was away. The county is to be congratulated upon having a supply of radium available, and the offer of free treatment from a specialist in this line should be eagerly taken advantage of.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE LOSES BUILDING BY FIRE

Three Asheboro Boys in Building

The historic Chambers building at Davidson college, used as a dormitory, class room, physical laboratory and museum, was burned Monday morning fire being discovered in the cupola. The building provided quarters for 180 students of the college. The structure was a total loss but students succeeded in saving the greater part of their personal effects.

The Chambers building was erected in 1873. It was the dormitory in which former President Woodrow Wilson lived while a student of Davidson.

The loss is estimated at \$200,000, including a lot of equipment.

Frank McCrary, John and Neely Hunter, of Asheboro, had rooms in this building. All of them saved most of their belongings.

Silver Service Presented Rev. Craven

Rev. J. B. Craven, retiring president of Davidson College, and Mrs. Craven were the recipients, on Thanksgiving Day, of an elegant silver service from the faculty and student body of the college, of which Mr. Craven had been president for the past thirteen years, and which he now resigns to enter into active work of the Methodist ministry.

N. C. Tobacco Taxes in Lead

During the fiscal year 1921, according to the annual report of the Commissioners of Internal Revenue, North Carolina leads the country in the payment of tobacco taxes, the amount being approximately \$50,000,000. New York comes next, paying \$45,000,000.

Pugh-Routh

Miss Swanna Elaine Routh and Mr. Lucian A. Pugh, of the Millboro section, were married at the M. P. parsonage in Asheboro, Rev. L. W. Geringer officiating, Wednesday November 23rd. The young people will reside in Greensboro.

FIRE DESTROYS HALF BLOCK IN AUGUSTA, GA.

Flames were discovered after midnight of November 26, in Johnson Block, Jackson Street, Augusta, Ga., and half of this block in the heart of the town was destroyed by fire. The fire spread rapidly and soon ate its way to a hotel and department stores. Several buildings were a total loss, and the entire loss to buildings and stock is estimated to be around two million dollars.

ATTENDANCE LAW TO BE ENFORCED IN ASHEBORO

Patrons of the Asheboro Schools: The size of the schools here has made it imperative that we have an attendance officer to look after the children in our town who are either not in school or else do not attend regularly. The board of trustees have therefore appointed me as attendance officer for the Asheboro City Schools. All of our boys and girls should be in school every day and thereby give a chance to become educated and useful citizens. The schools exist and are maintained for all boys and girls within the ages of six and twenty-one. Our compulsory law says that all boys and girls between seven and fourteen must attend school every day throughout the whole term or show cause to the contrary.

Below is the law. Please read it and do all in your power to the end that all pupils within our district may have their rights protected.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

An Act to Provide for the Compulsory Attendance Upon the Public Schools of Children Between Certain Ages and to Regulate and Restrict the Employment of Children and to Provide for the Enforcement of the Provisions of This Act and of Chapter 83, Public Laws of 1918 and Chapter 857, Public Laws of 1909.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Every parent, guardian or other person in the state of North Carolina having charge or control of a child between the ages of seven and fourteen years shall cause such child to attend school continuously for a period equal to the time which the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session. The principal, superintendent, or teacher who is in charge of such school shall have the right to excuse the child from temporary attendance on account of sickness or distance of residence from the school, or other unavoidable cause which does not constitute truancy as defined by the State Board of Education.

Section 2. Any parent, guardian, or other person referred to in Section one of this act, violating the provisions of the aforesaid section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5) nor more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) and upon failure or refusal to pay such fine the said parent, guardian, or other person shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days in the county jail.

Section 2a. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to formulate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper enforcement of the provisions of this act. Said board shall prescribe what shall constitute truancy, what causes may constitute legitimate excuses for temporary nonattendance due to physical or mental inability to attend and under what circumstances teachers, principals, or superintendents may excuse pupils for nonattendance due to immediate demands of the farm or the home in certain seasons of the year in several sections of the state. It shall be the duty of all school officials to carry out such instructions from the State Board of Education, and any school official failing to carry out such instructions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Provided, that Section one of this act shall not be in force in any city or county that has a higher compulsory attendance law now in force than that provided herein; but in any such case it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to investigate the same and decide that any such law now in force has a higher compulsory attendance feature than that provided by this act: Provided, that wherever any district is without adequate building or buildings for the proper enforcement of this act the county boards of education may be allowed not more than two years from July the first, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, to make full and ample provisions in every district.

Section 3. The county superintendent of public welfare or chief school attendance officer or truant officer provided by law shall investigate and prosecute all violations of the provisions of Section one of this act.

Please bear in mind that I do not intend to work any hardships on you parents, but I do feel that many children who are not now in school should enroll at once. If your children are still out of school, please see that they enter at once. If some unfortunate conditions exist at home to prevent their entrance and regular attendance, please call to see me in order to make a proper adjustment of the case. We, who are administering your schools suit frequently get and entertain a wrong impression about parents' attitude and circumstances because of a lack of the facts in the case. Whenever you think we misunderstand you, please feel free to call and let us have the facts.

Let's give all pupils their chance. I ask every citizen of our town to aid us in our work, to help by word and act to carry out the spirit of the state's compulsory law. We want to serve your children.

Very truly yours,
D. W. MADDOX.

JOINT COUNTRY CLUB FOR TWO CITIES PROPOSED

Much interest and enthusiasm is being manifested by the citizens of High Point concerning a joint country club for the two cities, being built half way between High Point and Greensboro. The plan was forwarded and discussed in the High Point Chamber of Commerce this week, and will be discussed with Greensboro at an early date. This seems to be a most feasible plan since High Point has no country club and Greensboro's was recently destroyed by fire. The spirit of co-operation between neighboring towns is a most wholesome thing and we wish them success if the suggestion meets with the approval of Greensboro as well as High Point.

MECHANIC NEWS

A Mr. Mendenhall, of the Dixie Dairy, of High Point, has established a creamery route through the Mechanic section which we think will be of benefit to the farmers' wives.

There was a wedding solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ridge on Thanksgiving eve. The contracting parties were Mr. Roy Hoover, of Jackson Creek and Miss Queen Kinley, of Caraway, Route 1, C. C. Ridge, J. P., officiating. The groom is a son of Mr. R. C. Hoover, a prominent farmer. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Kindley. Those present for the occasion were Mr. B. F. Ridge, Mrs. J. M. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ridge, all of High Point; Mr. Lindsay Hunt, Ed Hughes, of near Denton, Mrs. S. D. Surratt, J. C. Ridge and family and a number of others.

CONCORD PUTS BAN ON MUZZY'S HISTORY

As a result of organized and persistent efforts on the part of the Concord Chapter U. D. C., Muzzy's History will be eliminated from the list of text books in the Concord School. A committee from the Chapter made a thorough investigation of the book and found that as a history it was inaccurate, biased and untrue, particularly in presenting the history of the South in the affairs of the nation.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Mrs. M. A. Ward visited her sister at Greensboro Thanksgiving and spent some time with her daughter, Miss Clea who is attending the State Normal College this year.

Mr. Guy Lane of A. and E. College Raleigh, spent Thanksgiving at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Snow Camp, spent last Sunday with E. J. Steed and family.

Rev. N. R. Richardson and wife, of Albemarle, and Mrs. J. Broadwell, of Wendell, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cox of this place. Mrs. Cox is the daughter of Mrs. Broadwell and the niece of Rev. Mr. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Coble are spending some time at Clarkston visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. June Johnson spent Thanksgiving with friends at Mt. Vernon Springs.

Mr. W. C. Capel and family, of Candor spent Sunday with E. C. Watkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Craven and Jessie, Messrs. C. G. Whitehead, N. E. Marsh and Dr. Tate attended the Virginia-Carolina football game at Chapel Hill Thanksgiving.

The Epworth League of M. E. church gave a splendid program at the M. E. church Sunday night.

Some of our folks are porking some fine hogs this week. Mr. McDaniel has the champion hog of the town it is said.

Mrs. W. H. King and Mrs. Fred Warren and Oscar King are spending part of this week at Rocky Mt. with friends.

Mr. J. W. Wylie and his force will soon begin building a roof on Ramseur Furniture Company's warehouse. He also has contracted to build the roof on school building. Pussman Jones hopes to have building ready for roof soon.

SERVICES AT M. P. CHURCH SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

At the eleven o'clock service the pastor will discuss "Some Goals for their Conference Year."

In the afternoon the board of stewards will conduct the every member canvass for the purpose of soliciting pledges to the financial budget. All church members are requested to remain at home Sunday afternoon from two until six o'clock, or until the canvassers have seen them. The stewards will meet at the church at two o'clock and all start from there. All together for success in this phase of the Master's work.