

### FIRST FRUIT OF ARMS PARLEY IS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By David St. Clair.)  
Washington, December 13.—The thing has happened. The United States is in a league of nations, that is will be when the Senate ratifies the four power treaty negotiated at the arms conference between the United States, Great Britain, and France Japan in the sphere of the Pacific. The Senate will ratify the treaty. There is scarcely a doubt as to that as the American people had in spirit ratified such a treaty months ago when they forced the Senate and Harding to call the arms conference.

It has been emphasized in this correspondence more than once that the meeting of the arms conference was a continuation of the Paris peace conference because the United States failed to ratify the Versailles treaty and adopt the league of nations. It has also been pointed out in this correspondence that the logical and inevitable result of the arms conference—if it accomplished anything worth while—must be a league of nations and a league of nations now we have in the Pacific to begin with its article 2 for article 10 of the Wilson-Geneva league.

Compare if you like article 2 with article 10. Article 2 reads: "If the said rights are threatened by aggressive action of any other power, the high contracting parties, (the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan) shall communicate with one another fully and frankly in order to arrive at an understanding as to the most effective measure to be taken jointly or separately, to meet the exigencies of the particular situation."

Now read the "dangerous" article 10 that wrecked the league in the Senate. Article 10 says: "The members of the league undertake to respect as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. 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."

President Wilson told the Senate that article 10 imposed only a moral obligation on the United States. The irreconcilables in the Senate claimed that this moral obligation was more binding on the part of this country to use force than a legal obligation. Mr. Wilson admitted it but said Congress should be the judge of that. Now the irreconcilables have raised the same objection to article 2 and well they may for if article 2 is worth the paper on which it is written, it contains the same moral obligation.

When the moral obligation in article 2 was put up to the President and Secretary Hughes they immediately began to hedge and point to the word "preserve" in article 10 and not in article 2. That one word killed the league of nations for America they declared. But the irreconcilables reply that its omission from article 2 is only a subterfuge, a slight of hand performance to get the new league across. And that is the way it looks to every impartial observer.

What makes some of the irreconcilables so angry is the fact that the very men who did most to wreck the Wilson league and persuaded the American people that the league would menace the independence of the republic, are now traversing Wilson's footsteps. The four power league in the Pacific is not a world league in territory but in principle it is. If the United States can form an alliance with Great Britain and France in the Pacific it can just as safely form an alliance with these powers in Europe. It was the great danger of war with Japan that has compelled the United States to join this four power alliance. Without this pact the Anglo-Japanese alliance would have continued to exist, and with that alliance war with Japan was as certain within a very few years as the war in Europe in 1914. The war in the Pacific would have been as great if not a greater world war than in Europe.

The inevitable next step, which of course will not be taken at the arms conference, will be the entrance of the United States into a European and therefore a world league. The Irish settlement will hasten this next step for the fundamental opposition in this country to the league has been due to the hostility to Great Britain fanned into a constant flame by the Lloyd-German. With a scratch of Lloyd-German's pen these bitter enemies of the league have been or soon will be converted into its most rampant advocates and they will shout their approval from the very pedestal of article 10.

The Irish fought article ten because they believed that America in the league would sustain Britain in its hold on Ireland. But the moment Ireland is set free it demands a place in the league so as to claim refuge under article 10 for a small nation. As soon as the Irish signed the peace pact with Britain they sent word to their friends in America, "the United States can now get ready to join the league of nations for we are ready."

Woodrow Wilson was just about three years ahead of his time. He was so near success that Warren G. Harding, Charles E. Hughes and Henry Cabot Lodge can not steal from him the success of the arms conference as

### MEETING BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners of Randolph County met at the court house in Asheboro December 5th. Accounts against the county were audited, approved and ordered paid as shown by disbursement register No. 97 to 99 inclusive. The following certificate of special tax election returns in Providence township was submitted.

We the undersigned registrars and judges of election for special tax school district located in Providence township Randolph County North Carolina having held the election in said special tax school district according to the provisions of section 4115 of the Revisal of 1905 of North Carolina as amended 1907 and 1909 on the 8th day of November 1921 do make and certify to be correct the following statement:

Number of voters registered 279, number cast for special tax 134, number cast against special tax 146.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names, this 8th day of November 1921.  
O. T. MACON, Registrar.  
W. R. NEECE, Judges of Election.  
JOHN HANCOCK, Judge Election

It was ordered that T. C. McDowell was to be on O. P. list at \$2.50 per month.

The following were released from payment of tax for 1921:  
Dr. F. C. Craven, Columbia township \$3500 valuation State and county tax \$29.75, special school tax \$10.50, special bond tax \$17.50 account error.  
James H. Pou Asheboro township \$10,400 valuation. State and county tax \$8.84, account error.  
L. M. Hohn, New Market township \$1667 valuation, State and county tax \$14.18. Special school tax \$2.50, account same being listed and paid by J. M. Gibson.  
Thornburg and York, Columbia township, \$2000 valuation. State and county tax \$17.00. Special school tax \$6.00. Special bond tax \$10.00 account error.  
Farmers Union Mercantile Company, Liberty township \$1950 valuation State and county tax, Liberty school bond tax and school tax \$24.42 account of error.  
B. C. Richardson, Grant township, released 1920 tax \$1500 valuation, State and county tax \$8.41, account same being listed and paid by U. C. Richardson.  
J. C. Cox, 1920 tax Franklinville township, State and county tax \$2.24, cost of advertising and selling \$2.50, account of same being listed and paid by Burgess Allied.  
Murphy Burris, Columbia township, State and County tax \$38.15. Special bond tax \$21.86. School tax \$13.11, account same being charged to him twice.

It was ordered that A. R. Loflin be released of 1921 poll tax, account physical infirmities.  
J. R. York, Columbia township, was released 1921 poll tax account same being charged to him twice.

The commissioners confirmed the nomination of I. M. Ottwell as Randolph County's rural policeman.

The following applications were presented and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Whereas the Standard Oil Company (N. J.) has made application for permission to lay side track across public county road from Liberty, N. C., to Greensboro, N. C., from main track of A. and Y. Railway Co., to piece of property located on quarter mile north of incorporated limits of the town of Liberty, N. C., being adjacent to the North side of the Staley estate.

This company agrees to lay sidetrack as to not in any way interfere with the traffic over state highway. Also to be responsible for any and all damages to roadway caused by installing and maintaining said track. The highway to be put in in like condition after laying track is completed as when started.

It is resolved and same is hereby granted the Standard Oil Company (N. J.) to lay side track across public county road in accordance with the above application.

**FRANKLINVILLE NEWS**  
Woodsley Alfred, while driving his Ford near Mr. W. A. Pugh's, turned over, badly damaging the car and receiving several slight bruises, but it is thought that he is not hurt seriously.  
Mr. Harvey Pilkenton, went to Greensboro one day last week.  
Mr. R. M. Vernon, of Coolemeec, spent Saturday night and Sunday in town.  
Messrs. C. T. Henson, J. C. Marley and Almon Garrison spent Saturday and Sunday in Greensboro.  
Mr. B. N. Cheek attended his aunt's funeral at Ore Hill Saturday evening.  
Messrs. G. C. Russell, C. H. Julian, J. T. Buie and Mrs. J. T. Buie, Master John Thomas and Mrs. Tom Buie made a business trip to Greensboro Monday.

It passes into history. It is to the wounded war president in the S. street house that the eyes of all honorable and just men will turn when they observe the character of the compact. The Democrats in the Senate will hang article 2 above Wilson's head for the world to see.



That pictured halo o'er the Saviour's head  
No shepherd saw, no wisdom's men beheld;  
'Tis but a fancy, cunningly bespread  
By loving art, that thus His glory spelled.

Yet no mere idle fancy aurooled  
With peace the Child born to this troubled sphere,  
More than the myrrh, and frankincense, and gold  
The painter in his vision pictured here:

For this small peace must ever greater grow  
Till all the world shall bend beneath its bow.

### RANDOLPH COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Hoffman Acquitted—Maryland Pugh Convicted

Owing to the long continued criminal docket, all the civil cases which were set to begin Monday of this week were continued for the term and court adjourned Wednesday evening about dark before The Courier goes to press. The last case being disposed of was that of Dolph Cox who was fined \$50 and the cost for having more liquor than the law allowed.

Maryland Pugh who was on trial when the Courier went to press last week was on trial for setting fire to his father's old residence in Franklinville township and was sentenced to the Rowan county roads for twelve months.

William Hoffman was tried last week for the murder of James H. Shaw last November, was acquitted. The facts are fresh in the minds of the public. The trial only lasted for one day, five speeches were made for the State and two for the defendant. At the close of the States evidence the defendant's counsel announced that the defendant would introduce no evidence but would rely on self defense as disclosed by the State's testimony.

John Saunders was acquitted of an assault on Andie and Clayton Staley.

Tyson G. Trogdon submitted to violating the liquor laws, and was sentenced to Kowan county roads for nine months.

Marcus Luther was convicted for making liquor and sentenced to Rowan roads for twelve months.

Monroe Talbert was convicted of entering the sleeping room of two young women in Asheboro. Two years sentence was given him on Rowan roads.

Several other small cases were disposed of with fines, while a dozen or more cases were continued.

### RAMSEUR NEWS

Mrs. Ira Scott, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here with friends.  
Mrs. J. N. Copeland went to Greensboro Saturday.

The Baptist Aid Society gave a splendid Oyster Supper and Bazaar at the school building Saturday night. Many handsome articles were on sale and a very tasty menu was served. Music by the young folks was enjoyed and contests were staged that everybody were interested in and which proved very interesting. The occasion was a success in every respect.

The folks in this community found out last Friday that the school had two literary societies. A program had been prepared by the O'Henry and John Charles, McNeil Societies for Friday night and the aforesaid societies made it known. The question of capital punishment was the test was of more importance than the presidential election to these young folks at least. They paraded the town, and took it by storm. They solicited coaches for their side until every body almost had to "take sides" and the result was a full house and much interest in the program. The negative side won the debate.

A number of our folks killed heavy porkers last week, among them our neighbor W. C. Johnson one weighing 491 and another 470. Mr. McDonald killed two that weighed 1050.

Prof. White, of Graham, spent Sunday here with friends.

Announcement and invitations of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Sydney Tate's Silver Wedding December 23rd have been issued.

John B. York, of Greensboro, a former well known citizen of Ramseur, spent several days here this week with friends.

**BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL IN ASHEBORO**

A real estate deal of much interest to the people of the town and county was closed last Friday when Mr. E. G. Morris sold what is known as the Armfield-Laughlin property on Depot Street to S. S. Brown and T. B. Ogburn of Greensboro. The men will cut the property into lots and sell it at auction December 29th. This will be quite an event, as there will be a brass band from Greensboro here for the occasion. The purchase price is understood to be around \$20,000 and is considered the best vent lot in the town. It belonged to sixteen of the citizens of the town.

**SOUTHERN SURGEONS MEET AT PINEHURST**

The 34th annual session of the Southern Surgical Association met at Pinehurst Tuesday December 13th, with some of the most prominent surgeons of the country present. Dr. George G. Gile, of Cleveland; Dr. J. M. Finney, of Baltimore; Dr. Start McGuire, of Richmond; and Dr. Charles H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., all arrived the day before and will speak at the meeting. Dr. John Wesley Long, of Greensboro and other prominent surgeons of the State were also present for the meeting.

Play at Coleridge December 21st "An Arizona Cowboy" will be given at Coleridge, Wednesday night, December 21st. Proceeds go toward school betterment.

**ASHEBORO'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO ITS CHILDREN**

Asheboro's first and greatest obligation is to its children. One of the most important things in their development is health and healthful play will aid as much as any one thing in the development of health of the children of the community. There are more than seven hundred children on our school grounds and with this crowded condition healthful play is hardly possible with out some equipment on the play grounds.

A committee consisting of the following persons has been appointed to raise a fund to provide this necessary equipment Dr. Swain, Ed Hedrick, Miss Louise Brooks, Mr. L. F. Ross, Mrs. W. A. Underwood and Mrs. H. M. Robins.

A dollar for every child in school is the goal an opportunity to take part in this service will be given to all, this week. It is the plan of the committee to make a canvass that will include every citizen of the town but if any intended person should be overlooked hand your contribution to any one of the teachers and it will be credited to the play ground fund.

Let us all make as generous as contribution as possible and make a royal gift to the children one that will last from year to year and give joy to all the children of the town.

"Give them a chance for innocent sport,  
Give them a chance for fun,  
Better a playground plot,  
Than a court and jail when the harm is done.  
Give them a chance, if you stint them now,  
Tomorrow you will have to pay—  
A large bill for a darker ill,  
So give them a chance to play.

### WEEK'S SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday Afternoon Club  
Mrs. Kemp Alexander was a guest to the members of the Friday Afternoon Club at her home on Sunset Avenue. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Bera Scarborough, and plans for a course of study were made. Heretofore the Club has been social, and it was decided to put books in the club, as well as the study feature. Later in the afternoon, the hostess served a dessert course with fancy shaped cookies, followed by black coffee and stuffed dates.

Mesdames Parrish and Moore Hostesses to M. E. Missionary Society  
Mrs. M. W. Parrish and Mrs. W. L. Moore were hostesses to the ladies of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church at the home of Mrs. Parrish Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected:  
President, Mrs. Babe Lassiter; Vice-President, Mrs. Marvin Lovett; Secretary, Mrs. Laurin Cranford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Joe Ross; Treasurer, Mrs. Jim Underwood; Junior Workers, Mrs. C. C. Cranford and Mrs. Joe T. Lewallen.

After the election of officers Mrs. J. O. Redding read two of Edgar Guest's Christmas Stories. This was followed by a quartet by Mesdames W. H. Moring, J. A. Spence, J. O. Redding and Underwood. The hostesses served fruit cocktail and fruit cake.

Junior St. Cecilia Music Club  
The Junior St. Cecilia Music Club had its second meeting of the year with Miss Emma Rice. Roll call answered with an item about music. Bells Do Ring—Presses, Frances Hughes.  
Song of the Clock—Alexander Fox.  
Daogy's Waltz—Rofte, Ruth Hammer.  
Daylight—Mana Gucca, Betsy Armfield.  
Rose Petals—Lawson, Helen Bennett.  
The Pride of the Nation—Lerman, Charlesanna Fox.  
Mymphs at Play—Thomas McNeil, Louise Swain.  
Traunts—Garland, Emma Rice.  
Dreams by the Fireside—Effie Jean Ferree.  
Melody—F Louise Wright, Dorothy Lewallen.

Christmas songs—club contests.  
A few bars of familiar songs were played, each member guessing what they were. Louise Swain won the prize.

A prize was presented to Effie Jean Ferree by Miss Jessie Wood for the most improvement in her work during the last month.

Delicious refreshments were served by Julia Rice. After a delightful hour the meeting adjourned to meet with Betsy Armfield in January.

Christmas Meeting Woman's Society of M. P. Church  
The Ladies Aid and Missionary Societies of the M. P. Church had a joint meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. P. Redding on Sunset Avenue. For several years it has been a custom of these societies to hold a joint meeting at Christmas and have a Christmas program. Mrs. J. S. Lewis presided over the meeting and Mrs. S. L. Hayworth conducted the devotional. Miss Esther Ross read a most interesting article on the origin of many of the Christmas customs, carols, and stories. Miss Nan Lewis read a poem, "Grandpa's Christmas." Mrs. Hal W. Walker then sang "Round the Manger" accompanied by Miss Nan Lewis. The pastor, Rev. L. W. Geringer, made a short but most timely talk on "The Spirit of Christmas." The hostess assisted by several ladies served wafers, marguerites and hot coffee, followed by cheese tid bits. After the refreshments the ladies were invited to the hall to see the articles from the "Traveling Basket" that were displayed and sold there. Each month a lady from the aid society takes the basket and with the help of the other members and friends fills it with fancy work, jelly and other things, which are sold at the regular monthly meetings.

Montgomery County's Prodigal Son  
Willie Harvell a fourteen year old boy of Montgomery County decided about two weeks ago "to make a tour around the world." He left home with twenty-five cents and went to High Point, Greensboro, Thomasville and Spencer and claims he crossed the ocean between Salisbury and Concord. Also he saw ten thousand railroad engines at Spencer. He arrived at Concord and landed in the custody of the Welfare Officer who allowed him to continue his epoch making journey. He was perfectly willing to return to his parents in Montgomery county, and said he would "tell the old man things he had never heard about."

Miss Nell Tomlinson Dead  
Miss Nell Tomlinson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Tomlinson died at her home in Troy December 1st. Miss Tomlinson was eighteen years of age. She was a young woman of lovely character and possessed many personal charms. She had been afflicted for many years. She was survived by her parents and the following sisters and brothers: Mesdames Noah and Sam Smitherman and Sarah Tomlinson of Troy; and Messrs Robert and Dwight Tomlinson, of Candor; Master Billy Tomlinson, of Troy.