

Is Conceded League Cannot be Adopted Without Reservations

Theodore Tiller, Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Journal, wrote his paper Tuesday characterizing the man who asserts that the peace treaty with its league of nations rider will be approved without amendment or reservation, is a prize optimist. Washington dispatches, together Southern papers corroborate Mr. Tiller's statement.

In his communication to the Atlanta paper, Mr. Tiller says:

Despite reports from the west that President Wilson is pleased with his tour and the large audiences he has faced, it must frankly be recorded that the situation in the Senate as the treaty and league of nations covenant could be much better from the administration viewpoint.

The administration forces appear to be losing rather than gaining ground. Practical men on the Democratic side are hedging and preparing to get the best compromise possible. The Senator who asserts and believes that the peace treaty with its league of nations rider will be approved without amendment or reservation, is a prize optimist.

The story attempts to size up the situation as it exists, irrespective of propaganda utterances for or against the pact.

There is a good prospect that the treaty itself will escape amendment. There is practically no prospect that the league of nations covenant will be adopted as written. If the United States is to go into the league, all appearances indicate that this nation will enter with specific reservations relating to such issues as the Monroe Doctrine, the tariff and immigration, the functions of American members of the commissions created, and an outright declaration that Congress will not consider itself morally bound to go to war under Article X.

Opposition Recruited

Within the past two days Senators Ashurst, of Arizona, and Thomas, of Colorado, have been definitely placed with the league reservationists. It now looks like eight to twelve Democratic Senators may be counted upon to vote for reservations.

Senators who have always stood by the administration have practically reached the point where they are energetically seeking a basis of compromise—an arrangement whereby the treaty itself will be saved and the reservations written into the league shall be not so drastic as to engender resentment among the associated signatory powers.

The ovation given Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, by the Senate galleries Monday afternoon as the Senator concluded one of the most eloquent speeches ever heard in opposition to the league, was a remarkable thing. Throughout his address the galleries had been more or less beyond control. Tumultuous cheering broke loose with Senator Reed's peroration. A number of Senators themselves applauded, an unheard of thing in the Senate.

Senator Ashurst was the first to congratulate Senator Reed, but a moment later, when Senator Ashurst, for the decorum of the Senate, inveigled against gallery applause, he was loudly hissed. Then Senator Lodge moved adjournment, bringing a dramatic Senate day to an end.

This is merely incidental, however, to the league fight. The fact is that impartial observers here now believe the Senate opposition has got its second wind, and although it probably faces initial defeat on the Johnson amendment, there is substantially no chance of approval of the league covenant without several reservations.

Administration Democrats whose eyes are not shut to the true situation are in a compromising mood and working to obtain reservations that will bring the radical opponents and the straight-out advocates of the league to a fifty-fifty give-and-take arrangement.

It cannot be successfully denied that Democratic politicians show a positive genius in making a dozen public jobs sprout where only one grew before.

E. O. BELL CAUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

Gastonia, Sept. 25.—News was received in Gastonia this week that E. O. Bell, for two years agent for the Southern Express Company here, who mysteriously disappeared June 15 with a \$5,000 shortage behind him, had been arrested in Los Angeles, California by federal officials who had been on his trail. With Bell at the time of his arrest was a well known young lady of Gastonia, who disappeared at the same time and who had been stenographer for Bell in the express office here.

At the time of Bell's disappearance it was understood that his shortage amounted to something like \$5,000 and that there were obligations with local merchants totalling several hundred dollars. When he left the city he is reported to have had on his person some \$3,000 or \$4,000 in cash.

For some time after his disappearance no public mention was made of the fact. Detectives, however, employed by the express company, arrived on the scene and the above information was given to the public. From time to time through the summer reports that Bell had been apprehended reached Gastonia, but on investigation all were found to be rumors. At one time it was reported that he had been seen in Jacksonville, Fla., and at another time that he had been arrested on the Bermuda Islands, off the Florida coast. It was reported here that federal officials and detectives were on his trial all the time and could have apprehended him at any time, knowing his every movement.

Further disposition will be in the hands of federal officials, say the local officers, although it is thought that he will be brought here for trial on the charge of embezzlement.

MAJOR SPANN DEAD

Another of our Confederate veterans has passed on to the great beyond to join the vast forces on the other side of life.

Major James Spann died on the 16th of September, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was born in Henderson county, North Carolina, in 1834, and received his education at Bingham School and the University of North Carolina. At the latter institution he excelled in both studies and athletics. He had the honor of winning the Greek medal.

He enlisted in the United States army, and was in active service for four years in Mexico. During that time he was one of those who crossed the Rocky Mountains and marched to Salt Lake City to put down the Brigham Young rebellion.

He was at home but a short time after receiving an honorable discharge, when war between the states was declared. Immediately he cast his lot with his beloved state, and was enrolled May 5, 1861, at Hendersonville as a first lieutenant in Company L, Sixth Regiment North Carolina Volunteers, afterwards known as the Sixteenth North Carolina Troops. He received the appointment of adjutant of this regiment.

Later he was appointed as captain of Company E, Seventh Battalion North Carolina Cavalry, July 15, 1862, and was appointed major of the same battalion on February 19, 1919.

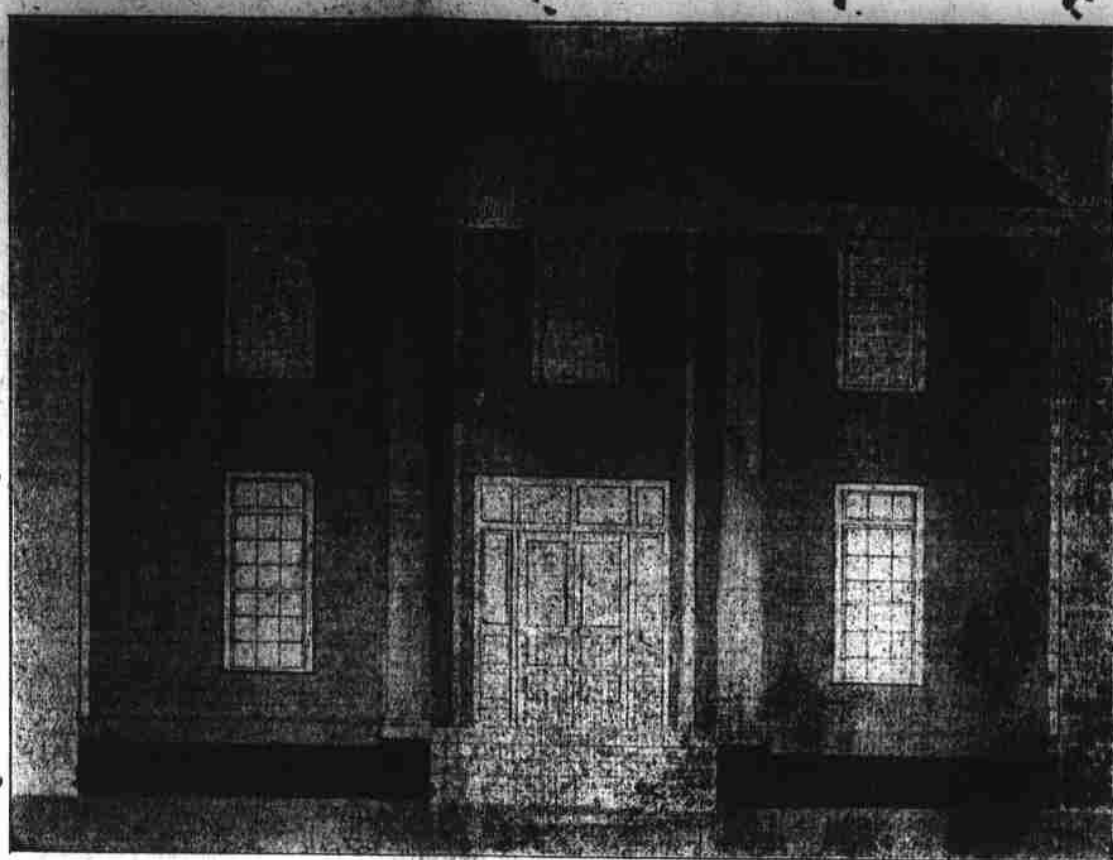
On August 3, 1863, he was made major of the Sixty-fifth North Carolina Cavalry, also known as the Sixth North Carolina Cavalry, C. S. A.

Shortly before the close of the war Major Spann was promoted to the rank of colonel.

John Spann was a gallant soldier, always ready to serve wherever most needed.

Major Spann married Louise Miller of Hendersonville, she having died several years ago. Surviving are four daughters and a son who have the sincere sympathy of many friends in the loss of their brave and loyal father.

One of the diseases that seems to be absolutely incurable is enlargement by the Democratic machine of the government salary list.



HOW THE NOTERMAN BUILDING WILL LOOK AFTER BEING REMODELED AND CONVERTED IN THE PROPOSED NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING. DRAWING BY A. L. GURLEY.

\$30,000.00 High School Bonds Carried Over the Top Tuesday

Hendersonville has definitely decided to provide adequate facilities for the education of its children.

That is the meaning of the vote in the election which was held Tuesday when the \$30,000 high school bond issue was carried by a majority of 113. The vote was as follows:

Votes cast for bonds...289
Votes cast against bonds 26
Not voting, but counted against bonds150

Majority for bonds.....113

As will be seen from the above figures, the number of names on the registration book is 465. If a purge of the book had been insisted on, the number would have been materially reduced and the official majority for the bonds would have been correspondingly increased; but the majority as announced was so emphatic that the most ardent advocates of the bonds were abundantly satisfied.

MARSHALL MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF BRYAN

A special term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases was called for Tuesday at Marshall, the county seat of Madison county, for the trial of J. R. Swann, former postmaster at Marshall and now the owner of the J. R. Swann Motor Company, Asheville and Marshall, and James Reams, a prominent farmer of Marshall, on charge of murder in the first degree. It is alleged that they shot down James Bryan some time last May without provocation and a straight bill of indictment has been returned against them by a grand jury.

It seems that Bryan was drunk on the day he was killed, and Reams was deputized by the town marshal to assist him in arresting the man, who was acting disorderly. It is said that Swann had nothing to do with the affair although he is charged with the murder with Reams. The report is that Swann used language which caused Bryan to resent his actions.

The state contends that there was malice behind the action of Swann and Reams, that there was a large crowd around the place where the man was shot and that the scene could have been prevented. The defense claims that Bryan was in a drunken and disorderly condition and that he had thrown one rock at the arresting men and that he had reached for another when Reams pulled his gun and shot him. Although it is alleged that Reams did the shooting, both of the men are charged with murder in the first degree.

The case is of unusual interest because of the fact that both defendants came from well known and reputable families. Swann was the postmaster at Marshall until a short time ago and now owns a garage there and in Asheville. Reams is a prominent farmer and his relatives are well known throughout the county. Judge Finley will sit on the bench during the case and Solicitor George Pritchard will be

assisted by Thomas S. Rollins and Mark W. Brown, of this city. The defense is represented by A. Hall Johnson, of this city, and John A. Hendricks, Guy V. Roberts and Coleman Ramsey, of Marshall. Solicitor Pritchard lives at Marshall.

Asheville, Sept. 24.—With the sudden and unexpected explosion late this afternoon of a large quantity of dynamite stored at a quarry owned by the Blue Ridge Lime Company near Fletcher, the home of Robert Gilliam was wrecked and Mrs. Gilliam is in a local hospital in a dying condition. She had in her arms at the time her 6-month-old child, who was struck on the head with a flying stick which penetrated the child's brain causing its death two hours later.

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LATCH STRING HANGS ON THE OUTSIDE

We want our friends from the county and surrounding sections to be free to call in to see us while in town attending court next week. If you have a bit of news that would interest the reading public, let us have it.

To those of our subscribers whose subscription to the Times has expired, or is near expiration, court week will be a good time to combine business with pleasure. Come to see us and pay your subscription. When you do this you will enjoy reading the paper more and we will enjoy sending it to you all the better.

COURT NEXT MONDAY

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As was announced in this paper last week ex-Congressman Britt and Lieutenant-Governor Gardner spoke at the City Hall Friday night, each making a strong appeal for the cause of education, informing the audience that of the 105 million people in the United States, 15 million, or one-seventh, the population are unable to read or write. They said we needed more of the spirit of unrest in the cause of education, which would cause our people to strive for intelligence as they do for wealth—that we should not feel satisfied with the attainments of yesterday, but feel there is something new for today and something better for tomorrow.

A wedding of interest to a number of our readers was solemnized at St. James' church in this city Wednesday afternoon, September 24, at 4 o'clock when Miss Camilla Placidia Gourdin was married to Arthur Edward Nowell.

GARDNER AND BRITT SPOKE AT CITY HALL LAST FRIDAY

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Farnum, rector of the church. The bride wore a dark blue suit and hat to match and carried a prayer book with white ribbon. Miss Eloise Gourdin, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Harriet Gourdin and Sarah Nowell, sisters of the bride and groom. The best man was S. Gregory, a cousin of the groom. Melvin Hatch and Theodore Gourdin were ushers. The church was very artistically decorated for the occasion.

NOWELL-GOURDIN

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Nowell left on their wedding trip to Washington and New York. They will make their home in Philadelphia. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gourdin of Route 5, Hendersonville, and has many friends in this community who unite in extending very cordial good wishes.

Community Fair Premium List

For the following community fairs: Dana, October 11; Liberty, October 10; Edneyville, October 15; Mills River, October 18.

Fifty dollars worth of these premiums are co-operative, and are offered jointly by this fair and the State Department of Agriculture. All premiums in addition to these are financed personally by each fair. Co-operative premiums are designated by the letter "C," special premiums are accompanied by the name of the donor. If, in the opinion of the judges, an article for which no premium has been provided has sufficient merit, a ribbon will be awarded, a blue ribbon being equivalent to a first prize and a red ribbon to a second prize.

All exhibits must be in place, before the opening of the fair.

Department A—Farm and Field Crops

1C corn, best ten ears, and one or more stalks of same variety with ears attached, 1st prize \$3; 2nd prize \$2.

2 Corn, most prolific and best exhibit, any variety, to consist of ten ears, to be accompanied by one or more stalks, with ears attached, of same variety (Asheville Times) 6 months subscription to Times.

14C corn, best single ear, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

2C corn. For club members only. Most prolific and best exhibit, any variety, to consist of ten ears, with one or more stalks, ears attached, same variety. Club members must show the record books with their exhibit. First prize \$5; 2nd prize \$4.

31C cowpeas, best peck, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

51C hay, best bale, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

57C oats, best peck, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

65C rye, best peck, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

73C soybeans, best peck, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

84C wheat, best peck, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

85 sweet sorghum. Most prolific and best exhibit, any variety, to consist of five mature stalks with seed heads. (Given by Asheville Citizen) 1 year's subscription to Citizen.

Department B—Horticultural Products

Fruits—Apples

120C best plate delicious, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

118C best plate Stayman, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

121C best plate Winesaps, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

124 best plate Red Limbertwig, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

125C best plate Royal Limbertwig, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

126C best plate Rome Beauty, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

137C best plate any other variety, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

Grapes

143C best plate bunch type, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

144C best plate Scuppernon, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

General collection of fruit. Best exhibit.

161C best home orchard collection of fruit.

Two or more different fruits must be included. There must be at least fifteen different varieties; 1st prize \$5; 2nd prize \$3.

Flowers—For Amateurs Only

Ribbons will be awarded for floral exhibits in the event that cash premiums are not available.

Best collection of Asters.

Best collection of Dahlias.

Best collection of Begonias.

Best collection of Geraniums.

Best collection of Ferns.

Best collection of Native Wild Flowers.

Truck and Vegetables

187C cabbage, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

203C Celery, best ten stalks, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

219C potatoes, best half bushel, any variety, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

226C lima beans, best half peck, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

235C onions, best half peck, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

245C Rutabagas, best half bushel, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

251C squash, best five, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

261C sweet potatoes, best half bushel, yam type, 1st prize \$1; 2nd prize 50c.

272C tomatoes, best half peck, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

277C turnips, best half bushel, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

278 sugar beets, best three specimens, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

281C beets, best collection, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

286C carrots, best half peck, any variety, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

287C pumpkins, best and largest, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

288C sweet corn, best ten ears, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

289C field beans, best half peck, 1st prize 50c; 2nd prize 25c.

300C best collection dried vegetables, 1st prize \$2; 2nd prize \$1.

Department C—Home Economics Products

321C home-made country butter, best pound 50c.

329C loaf bread, 50c.

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