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COMMITTEE FINDS PRESENT INOPPORTUNE TIME TO CHANGE LEAGUE COVENANT

(By The Associated Press.)
GENEVA, Dec. 2.—Dispatch of a solemn message of gratitude to President Wilson for the way he responded to the appeal of the council of the League of Nations to act as mediator between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists was proposed to the assembly of the league by Paul Hymans, its president, shortly after today's session of the assembly began.

After the opening ceremonies M. Hymans announced Mr. Wilson's offer to mediate in Armenia, and read the council's reply. That body informed Mr. Wilson that it is asking the Brazilian and Spanish governments, which yesterday also offered their services as mediators, to communicate direct with Washington regarding the means of action.

The reading of Mr. Wilson's message drew hearty applause from the sparsely filled house. A large proportion of the delegates are suffering from colds, and were not present at the beginning of today's session.

M. Hymans also proposed that messages of gratitude be sent to Brazil and Spain.

Lord Robert Cecil, representative of the Union of South Africa, rose and said thanks were also due the French delegation, particularly Rene Viviani, whose eloquence, he declared, had inspired "this meritorious effort to save Armenia."

Germany's protest against acceptance by the league of what the Berlin government deemed falsified returns from the plebiscites held in the Eupen and Malmedy districts along the Belgian frontier, has been rejected by the council.

There was apprehension in some quarters that a sharp conflict would develop today at the session of the assembly which took up the question of amendments to the covenant. Honorio Pueyrredon, foreign minister of Argentina, and head of that nation's delegation, had not yet renounced his opposition to the report of the committee recommending postponement of all amendments until they had been studied by a special commission. He had declared he would bring to the floor of the assembly the proposition that all members of the council should be elected by the assembly.

Hope was expressed, however, that the clash might not take place. A large majority of the delegates hold that the little work this session of the assembly can hope to accomplish should be done without a dissenting voice on any question.

The subcommittee considering applications of smaller states for membership in the league has decided to report favorably upon the admission of Costa Rica, but unfavorably on Azerbaijan and Lichtenstein. This body will recommend to the parent committee that a favorable report be made upon the proposition advanced by President Motta, of Switzerland, which would provide that states not having sufficient importance to become full members of the league would have a special status.

It has been suggested in this connection they might be given seats in the assembly for purposes of consultation, but without the right to vote. Albania may find herself in this class, being opposed as a full member by the Italian delegation in particular.

A. J. Balfour presented the report of the committee on amendments to the covenant, explaining that the committee had found the moment inopportune for changes. The fact that no changes were recommended did not mean that the committee regarded the covenant as perfect and immutable, he said.

In reporting today the decision of the league of nations assembly committee on amendments to the league covenant not to recommend changes at this session, A. J. Balfour, of Great Britain, forecast the possible need of important changes in the future. The covenant was not regarded as perfect or immutable, he said, or the eventually must be considered of the next assembly being called upon to consider amendments of far greater importance than those now proposed.

The covenant, Mr. Balfour pointed out, was framed with remarkable rapidity and doubtless amendments would be necessary but the committee found the moment inopportune. Because the committee rejected the amendments proposed by the Scandinavian countries it was not to be considered that it disagreed with them.

"If you amend the covenant you amend the treaty of Versailles, which gave seal to the peace of the world," he said.

Another motive of the committee, Mr. Balfour explained, was the conviction that one year's experience in the working of a covenant was insufficient to show just what amendments should be made and the committee deemed it advisable to wait. He said a commission which the committee recommended to study proposed amendments could report to the council of the league which in turn would report to the next meeting of the assembly.

by at Geneva. The date of this he mentioned as September 1, next.

By referring the changes proposed now to a commission for study Mr. Balfour thought the assembly could establish a precedent of great value to the next assembly, which might be asked to make more important changes.

GOV. SPROUL DISCUSSES SUBJECT OF TAXES

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—Discussing the subject of state income and disbursements before the governors' conference here today, Governor William C. Sproul, of Pennsylvania, told of efforts made by fiscal heads here to raise necessary revenues for municipalities, state and nation without imposing a burden upon the states' industries.

In Pennsylvania, the governor said, no direct state tax is levied upon the property of the people, needed revenues being derived from taxes upon capital stock, securities and the earnings of certain classes of corporations, upon inheritances and from fees and licenses.

All possible efforts, he declared, should be made to relieve citizens and industries of burdens made particularly heavy during the last few years by the expenses of the war. Explaining for the benefit of the visiting executives, who are here in the hope that each may carry home constructive ideas for legislation in their own states, how the Keystone state meets its obligations, he said it had been possible to avoid levying upon capital stock of manufacturing corporations.

"It will therefore be seen that our fields of taxation here are still inviting, and that much additional revenue could be raised without imposing any particularly heavy burden upon our people. It is our desire, however, not to impose taxes which will restrict business or bring any marked increase in the price of commodities."

Equal moderation on the part of the federal government, Governor Sproul said, was a more difficult thing to discover.

"There must be some germ in the Potomac," he said, "which makes our national statesmen forget that the nation is made up of states; that those states have functions to perform affecting most intimately the life and welfare of the republic and that the operation of those activities requires money in generous quantities."

Governor Sproul said that the cost of everything necessary to carry on state functions had increased so enormously in the last few years that in many states—with Pennsylvania no exception—"deficits and overdrafts upon appropriations have had to be permitted to prevent an actual closing down of the work of caring for unfortunate and dependent wards of the state."

Incomes and land, he said, should be subjected to no additional levies, either by state or nation.

The governor said he esteemed it a happy sign of the trend of the times that there was a strong tendency everywhere to impose taxes in proportion to the ability of the taxed to pay, rather than with respect to the supposed benefits derived from the government. This, he said, was indicated by the growing popularity of various forms of graduated income taxation and the gradual getting away from poll taxes and the extremes of the general property tax. The inheritance tax, also, is a good illustration of the movement in this direction, he said.

*SENATE WILL PROBE
PRICE ANTHRACITE COAL
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senate investigation into the price of anthracite coal will begin in New York Saturday, it was announced today by Senator Calder, chairman of the senate committee on inquiry.
Senator Calder said the governors of the New England states had requested the investigation.

AUSTRIAN YOUTH TRIES TO GET WASHED ASHORE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—After bobbing around aimlessly in the harbor on a raft for several hours in the dark, Wasie Ernest, a 18-year-old stowaway from Austria, decided early today to abandon his novel method of eluding Ellis Island officials, and called dejectedly for help.

While thawing out by a radiator he told a tugboat captain, who found him after much searching, he had been told that the way of stowaways entering America was hard and, when his ship entered the harbor he threw the raft overboard, jumped onto it and hoped to be washed ashore. He was taken to Ellis Island for deportation.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL BE ASKED TO APPOINT RURAL POLICEMEN

Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs Committees to Appear Before County Commissioners Monday to Ask For Appointment Rural Policemen in Gaston County.

Rural police for Gaston county will be urged upon the county commissioners Monday afternoon by a joint committee composed of committees representing the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, the Gastonia Rotary Club and the Gastonia Kiwanis Club, as a result of a meeting held by the members of the three committees at the offices of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon. Present also by special invitation were Sheriff W. J. Carroll and Chief of Police J. E. Orr. The Rev. A. L. Stanford, E. G. McLurd, George E. Marvin, J. F. Thomson and W. J. Clifford represented the Chamber of Commerce; F. P. Rockett, H. S. Legare, Dr. D. A. Garrison, D. M. Jones and Miles A. Carpenter the Kiwanis Club, and E. J. Rankin, J. H. Kennedy, P. W. Garland, John R. Rankin and W. T. Love the Rotary Club, of which latter committee W. P. Grier and J. H. Separk are also members, but were detained.

Rev. Mr. Stanford was made general chairman of the meeting and Fred M. Allen secretary. Little time was given to the discussion of the need of special rural police, all being agreed fully upon that, but the time was chiefly taken up with the discussion of what is most practical. After hearing from Sheriff Carroll and Chief Orr it was the consensus of opinion that to secure the law enforcement desired by both officers and citizens it will be best to put on at least six men, properly equipped and covering the entire county by patrol system. It was the belief that it is best to go into the campaign with a force ample to absolutely break up illegal practices. The entire committee will appear before the county commissioners.

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL BE GLAD TO SEE HARDING

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—President Wilson will be very glad to see President-elect Harding when Mr. Harding comes to Washington Monday for the opening of congress, it was said today at the white house. There was no suggestion, however, that the president-elect planned to call at the white house during his stay in the capital.

Mr. Harding, who still retains his seat as senator from Ohio, will come here from Bedford, Va., where he will speak at the Elks home Sunday, and it is the expectation of some senators now in Washington that he will visit the senate during his stay. It has been suggested that the president-elect hold here the conference with republican and democratic senators which he has planned for Marion, O., but so far as could be learned today Mr. Harding has not communicated his decision on that question.

MEREDITH PRESENT.

(By The Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith today was a guest of the Grain and Hay Show, held in connection with the International Live Stock Exposition here. The government is largely represented with exhibits.

King of Italy tells the tax man his fortune is 92,000,000 lire. Subtle word, lire, when you're talking to an assessor.—Lexington Leader.

EXPERT IN BOYS WORK TO BEGIN WORK SOON UNDER ROTARY CLUB

Boys Work Committee Secured Experienced Worker From Community Service and Will Begin Activities January 1.—Father and Son Night December 22nd.

As the result of a conference held here yesterday between the boys work committee of the Gastonia Rotary Club and Mr. Gorge H. Harten, of Spartanburg, S. C., field representative of Community Service, Inc., of New York, a definite decision was reached to begin the club's program of boys work not later than January 1. Community Service, Inc., through Mr. Harten, offered to send an expert boys work man to Gastonia between now and the first of January to take charge of the club's activities in this department. This man will be sent for a period of three months. At the end of that period, should the club find that its program of boys work is worth while—as all believe it will be—a permanent director of boys work will be employed and steps taken looking to the permanent establishment of a thorough organization and physical equipment for the boys of the city.

Mr. J. L. Beal is chairman of the boys work committee, the other members being Mr. J. H. Kennedy and Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite. President A. G. Myers of the club is ex-officio a member of the committee.

Community Service is a large organization with ample financial backing to carry on its work. It has the moral support and the active interest of many of the leading business and professional men of the country. Organized during the war as the War Camp Community Service, it is being continued to carry on much needed work among the boys and young men of the United States. Mayor Frank B. McNeinch, of Charlotte, recently resigned his position in order to go with this organization as a field worker and lecturer. He is devoting his entire time to this work.

AMERICAN AND BRITISH GUNBOATS HURRY TO SCENE

(By The Associated Press.)
SHANGHAI, CHINA, Dec. 1.—American and British gunboats are hurrying to I-Chang, a treaty port in the province of Hu-Peh, where mutinous Chinese troops have looted and burned a portion of the city. The American gunboat Monocacy, which is now on patrol along the upper reaches of the Yangtze river above I-Chang, is the nearest warship to the scene of the trouble.

Looting and burning at I-Chang continues, and property loss there is heavy, says a message relayed from Hankow from the agent of the Standard Oil Co. at I-Chang. The lives of foreigners, however, are said not to be in any immediate danger. Chinese gunboats are said to be there.

WILL CONSIDER REEF FOR AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

Joint Session Agricultural Committees From Senate and House to Discuss Relief Measures For Farmers.

GOVERNORS WILL EXTEND AID TO FARMERS

Decide Use Influence of Body to Secure Federal Legislation For Benefit of Farmers.

(By The Associated Press.)
HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—Encouraged by lively discussions provoked at yesterday's sessions, the conference of governors in 12th annual convention here today, prepared for a continuation of its deliberations in the senate chamber of the Pennsylvania state capital.

Because of delays which crept into the first day's proceedings, the schedule for today was a strenuous one. Meeting at half past nine in the morning, the governors and governors-elect took up in rapid succession their program of addresses and general discussion.

The general discussion which appeared on the official program as a minor phase of the conference, developed unusual interest yesterday when in one of the periods devoted to interchange of ideas, a plan was formulated to make the annual conference a power in national affairs.

At that time it was decided to use the influence of the body to secure federal legislation for the benefit of farmers over the country. A committee of five governors will be sent to Washington to urge refunding of farmers' debts to tide them over for a year or until they are able to recoup losses suffered through bad transportation facilities and a declining market for wheat, cotton, and foodstuffs.

LIPPARD TRIAL IS SET FOR TODAY

Morganton, Dec. 1.—The preliminary hearing in the Glenn Lippard murder case, the investigation of which at Hickory has attracted much attention during the past two weeks, will be held here at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon before Esquire W. F. Hallyburton. The alleged murder occurred about three miles from Hickory, just across the line in Burke county, on Saturday night, November 20.

Since the finding of the body of Glenn Lippard by horsemen on the day following Solicitor Huffman has been following every clue that would in any way help to solve the mystery that surrounded the case. "Doek" and Cecil Hefner and Lone Young are now in jail here on warrants charging them with murder. John and Jim Hefner, father and brother of the former, are charged with being accessories after the fact, each under \$2,500 bond to appear here tomorrow, and Lou Lynn, the white woman whose testimony counts so strongly in the case, is held as the state's principal witness.

Solicitor Huffman said this afternoon that he would introduce at the hearing tomorrow only enough evidence to bind the Hefners and Young over to the December term of court which convenes here next Monday.

He intimated that the most convincing part of the evidence that he has received in the case will be held until the time of trial.

Self & Bagby and J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, will assist the solicitor in the prosecution. A. A. Whitener, of Hickory, will represent the defense.

WILSON SAYS HE HAS NOT POWER TO AID FARMERS

(By The Associated Press.)
SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 2.—President Wilson, replying to a message from Senator E. S. Johnson, of South Dakota, in which the senator urged immediate financial relief for farmers and livestock producers of the northwest, today sent the following telegram:
"Your message refers to unsatisfactory conditions unfortunately resulting from the fall of prices. I regret to find legislation has not provided me with powers which will be serviceable in the matter."

"KAISER WILHELM" CALLED OUT IN PITTSBURGH COURT

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2.—Witnesses and spectators in criminal court here yesterday craned their necks about the big room when a tipstaff, in a booming voice, announced that "Kaiser Wilhelm" was wanted at the bar.
Newspaper men, quick to scent a "story," approached the court and asked that they be given information relative to Kaiser Wilhelm. It was explained that the Wilhelm in question was a resident of Millvale, a suburb of Pittsburgh, and that he had been indicted for larceny but not yet arrested.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Agricultural committees of the senate and house will meet in joint session this afternoon to consider possible relief measures for the agricultural situation. The meeting is in response to an invitation from the senate chamber.

Revival of the war finance corporation, further extension of credits to farmers, placing of tariff on wheat imports, utilization of funds in hands of the alien property custodians as a basis of credits to Germany, and subscription by congress to 51 per cent of stock of companies formed for export business under the Edge law are some of the measures which will be considered. Amendment of the federal farm loan act to permit short time loans on cattle and agricultural products, and a resolution directing the commerce department to make immediately available reports on crop conditions in foreign countries as received from commercial attaches, also may be discussed.

Restoration of trade relations with Russia, it was said, also might be suggested.

Secretary Houston, member of the federal reserve board and government officials, and representatives of various agricultural interests are expected to be heard.

DURHAM HOSEY MILL WORKERS CUT OWN WAGES

Vote to Operate on Fewer Work Days and at a Reduced Rate of Pay.

Durham, Dec. 1.—The congress of workers of the industrial democracy of the Durham hosey mills here today voted wage reductions and a curtailed program of working hours, including a Christmas vacation of slightly more than two weeks.

The five Durham hosey mills here, and other mills of the state under control of the Durham hosey mills will close December 16, for the Christmas vacation, reopening January 3.

For this week and next, the mills will operate on a four-day week, 10 hour day, schedule at a reduction of 10 per cent on the present wage scale.

The following week, beginning December 13, the mills will operate on a four-day week, 10-hour day, schedule at a further reduction of 15 per cent on the new wage schedule, for a total reduction of close to 25 per cent on the present scale. At the end of that week, Thursday, December 16, the mills will close for the holidays.

Opening on January 3, the mills will operate four days a week 10 hours per day at the same scale in effect at the time of closing.

Officials are unable to anticipate what may take place after January 1, but it is hoped conditions at that time and industrial readjustment will be at such a stage as to insure plenty of work for the mill employes.

RICHARD B. M'LAUGHLIN ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE.

Statesville Lawyer Found in Office With Bullet Wound in Forehead.

Statesville, Dec. 1.—Richard B. McLaughlin, one of the leading lawyers and best citizens of Statesville, attempted to commit suicide here this evening just before 6 o'clock. He was in his law office and fired a .32 calibre pistol in his forehead. D. L. Raymer, whose law office is adjoining, hearing the report of the pistol, rushed into the office and found Mr. McLaughlin sitting in his chair with a bullet wound in the middle of his forehead and the pistol lying by his side. Two letters in Mr. McLaughlin's own handwriting were left lying on his desk, one to his wife and one to his brother, Dr. J. E. McLaughlin, leaving instructions as to his business affairs and explaining his reasons for putting an end to his life.

EDISON PLANTS LAY OFF 1,200 EMPLOYEES

(By The Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Approximately 1,200 men employed in the New Jersey plants of the Thomas A. Edison affiliated industries at West Orange and Silver Lake, N. J., have been laid off, the company announced today. Reductions were necessary, it was stated, "in keeping with the general business trend throughout the country."

America Decorates French Heroes



American ambassador Hugh Campbell Wallace, in the name of the United States government, presenting distinguished services and navy crosses to about one hundred officers of the French army and navy. The presentation was made in the gardens of the American embassy in Paris.