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THE "SOCIETY OF NATIONS" WAS MADE PUBLIC THIS MORNING

GREAT POWERS HAVE ALREADY CONCURRED

NO STATE ADMITTED UNLESS IT GIVES EFFECTIVE GUARANTEES TO OBSERVE INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AS SET BY THE "LEAGUE"

ADMISSION ONLY BY TWO THIRD VOTE

Paris, Feb. 14.—The executive council proposed for the "League of Nations", outlined in the covenant read by President Wilson today will consist of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives from four other states to be named later.

The Council shall meet as often as necessary but at least once a year at whatever place designated.

Any matter within the sphere of the "League's" action, affecting the peace of the world, shall be dealt with.

The President of the United States shall summon the first meeting of delegates and Executive Council.

The "League" has a secretary under the discretion of a secretary general who is pointed by the other members. The secretary general shall act in that capacity at all meetings.

Representatives of the high contracting parties and officials of the "League" shall have diplomatic privileges, immunity of the building occupied by the "League" and its officials shall enjoy extra territorial benefits.

The admission of states not signed already to the covenant to be with the consent of not less than two-thirds of all of men of the states represented in the body of the delegates and be limited to fully self governing countries.

No state shall be admitted unless it gives effective guarantees to observe international obligation and unless it conforms to the conditions prescribed by the "League" in regard to its military and naval forces and armament.

The high contracting parties undertake to respect and preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of all states.

The members of the "League" shall be against external aggression. "In case of any such aggression, any threat or danger of such aggression, the Executive Council shall devise some means by which the obligations of the members shall be fulfilled.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The draft of the "Society of Nations" will be made public at three thirty o'clock this afternoon (French time) when President Wilson will present same before a meeting of the peace conference, according to an official statement issued by the commission on the "Society of Nations" which announced the acceptance of the draft by the commission.

The contracting parties reserve the right to take any action to safeguard the peace of nations in case of war, or threat of war. In dis-

PORTO RICANS RETURN HOME

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 14.—More than 1,100 Porto Rican war workers in the United State have just returned to the Island well dressed, prosperous, and in high spirits. Most of them confessed they had real money in their pockets, some quite comfortable amounts, and they seemed to enjoy their free trip to the United States. Most of them appeared to have become quite metropolitan in dress and bearing. Some left the steamship pier to go to their homes in automobiles.

One war-worker gave his impressions of New York by saying it was "too cold and there were no rice and beans, Porto Rican style." The men had been working in places from New York to New Orleans. Many of them said that the only reason they returned was that they could not stand the cold weather.

It puts which diplomacy cannot adjust, parties will not resort to war without submitting to arbitration, or inquiry, by the Executive Council and until three months after the arbitrators have made this decision.

The Executive Council shall forthwith formulate plans for the establishment of a permanent court of international justice for the maintenance of peace and to require the reduction armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and for the enforcement of international obligations by common action.

The Executive Council shall fix the extent of armaments and these shall not be exceeded without the permission of the Council.

It is also agreed that private manufacture of munitions and implements of war, "lends itself to grave objections." The Council is directed to give advice on the abatement of this evil and the contracting parties agree to a full interchange of information as to military and naval programs.

Should any party break or disregard the provisions of arbitration it will be considered an act of war against all the other members who will take economical and financial measures against it. These measures refer to both members of the "League of Nations" and those not members.

The members agree to support one another financially and economically in any measure taken and also afford a passage through territory of any force necessary to carry out the covenants.

CARL BOYD DIED TODAY

By Associated Press
Paris, Feb. 14.—Colonel Carl Boyd, principal aide to General Pershing, died of pneumonia at his home in Adamsville, Georgia, early this morning.

PARIS-LONDON IN TWO HOURS

London, Feb. 14.—The British air ministry announced that a British service machine made a record flight from Paris to London on Wednesday in one hour and fifty minutes, the quickest rail and boat time being eight and a quarter hours.

BRITISH SHIP CUT OFF FLEET

Lawford, Eng. Feb. 14.—The fact that one British warship, after the battle of Jutland and laid mines to cut off their retreat has just been disclosed.

The information became through the presentation to a Lawford church of a flag of the warship Abdiel, of 1,556 tons and a speed of 40 knots.

The inscription accompanying the flag testifies that the Abdiel "slipped through the redoubled guards of patrols on the night of the battle of Jutland, May 31—June 1, 1916, and laid a great series of mines close to the German coast, blocking the entrance of their retreating ships into the harbor. This dangerous night's work, "add the inscription" was completely carried out and the havoc among the German ships was so great that their crews mutinied and refused to go out again. The white ensign presented to the church was flown by the Abdiel in the Jutland battle."

BEATEN HUN ARMY ON THEIR MARCHING WAY HOME



Photo shows a fragment of the worn and beaten German Army struggling through a border French village on their way home. The photo shows the ragged condition of the men and the careless way they carry their guns.

WAKE FOREST BOY WOUNDED

Washington, Feb. 14.—In the two lists issued by the War Department with 367 names, of which twelve are from North Carolina, the name of Robert Stell, son of Henry Stell, of Wake Forest, appears as being severely wounded.

The names of those meeting with casualties in the State are as follows:

Sergeant Thomas McLean, of Mount Pleasant died of accident and other causes.

Privates Perry D. Marlbor, of Canto Robert Stell of Wake Forest; Herbert A. Wright, of High Point; James R. Smiley, of Macon were wounded slightly.

Privates Henderson Clayton, of Timberlake and George Exum, of Wilson died of disease.

Privates William Locklear, of Maxton and Henry Miller, of Raleigh were wounded slightly.

Privates Ralph Holt, of Rock Creek and Hoyle Means, of Concord have returned to duty.

MILITARY SITE AT LAS CASAS

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 14.—Governor Yager, has received information that the Bureau of Insular Affairs has recommended to the General Staff of the army that the Camp Las Casas property be purchased as a permanent military post and that a brigade of Porto Rican troops be maintained there.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	22.60	22.60	22.45	22.45
May	21.72	21.72	21.53	21.53
July	21.23	21.23	21.09	21.09
October	19.85	19.85	19.69	19.69
December	19.60	19.60	19.32	19.32

Local Market NOMINAL

PRES. EBERT MAKES MANY PROTESTATIONS

SAYS CONSCRIPTION NOW—BUT PLAN COMPLETE DEMOBILIZATION AND DISARMAMENT AT A LATER DATE

VON BERNSTORFF NOT BE A DELEGATE

MEN CITED FOR BRAVERY

The Commander in chief, in the name of the president, has awarded the distinguished service medal upon Lieut. Stokes, of Reidsville, and Private Shively, of Spray, for the following acts of heroism:

First Lieut. John Y. Stokes, Jr., Air Service 20th Aero Squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action near Etain, France, September 16, 1918. After their own formation had been broken up, Lieut. Stokes and his pilot voluntarily continued on their bombing mission with planes from another squadron. Although their plane was thrown out of control by anti aircraft fire, they proceeded to their objective and dropped their bombs. Their motor then died completely, and they were attacked by an enemy combat plane, but they fought off the attacking machine and reached the allied lines, where their plane crashed in a forest. Home address John Y. Stokes, father, West Market, Reidsville, N. C.

Pvt. Harvey H. Shively, 2nd Battalion, Intelligence Section, 120th Infantry, A. S. No 1320864. For repeated acts of extraordinary heroism in action near Bellcourt, France, September 29, 1918 and near Becquigny, France, October 9, 1918. Near Bellcourt Pvt. Shively, with an Australian soldier, captured 42 of the enemy including two officers. On October 9, near Becquigny, he accompanied another soldier in penetrating the enemy's outpost line and captured two machine guns, putting the gun out of commission. Home address, Mrs. Martha Shively, mother, Spray, N. C.

By Associated Press
Weimar, Feb. 14.—Count Von Bernstorff, will not go to the peace conference as a German delegate.

Germany plans, for the time being at least, that the people's army shall be on the basis of a general conscription.

In a few days Germany will announce her intention to carry out complete demobilization and disarmament and a commission is now discussing the details of a new governmental program.

These points were made public by Friedrich Ebert, the new German president, in an informal talk today with foreign newspaper men.

GERMANS HATE HUN TITLE

London, Feb. 14.—Because he referred to the Germans as "Huns" Sergeant E. A. Boyd, a British airman, who was captured was sentenced by them to a year's imprisonment. He has now returned to England.

With a lieutenant, Boyd was patrolling off the Belgian coast in a seaplane. They were shot down by enemy destroyers and while Boyd was in the water he wrote this message: "Shot down at 6:42 p. m. Being picked up by Huns. The pigeon to which he entrusted the message were unable to fly and fell into the hands of the Germans. The two airmen were taken to Bruges where they were sent for by Admiral von Schroeder.

"He was frightfully angry over my message," Boyd relates, "and began to swear in broken English. The only thing we understood clearly was that on the message the following day one of us was to be shot. I had told him that I had written the message.

"Later I was courtmartialled and the court held that by calling the Germans 'Huns' I had insulted the officers and men of the German destroyers, and I was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

"For the first six months I was absolutely starved. I gave away my watch for a slice of bread."

WILD BOAR HUNTS POPULAR

By Associated Press
Remagen, Germany, Feb. 14.—Wild boar hunting has become a popular sport among officers of the American army of Occupation in the hills along the Rhine in the region of Remagen. Several hunting parties have been held and several boars were bagged by each party. A number of hunting reserves are owned by wealthy Germans in the vicinity of Remagen and it was within these reservation that the hunts have been taken place by permission of the owners. The ordinary army rifle was used by the Americans in the wild boar drives.

QUEEN TAKIBO DIED OF FLU

(By The Associated Press)
Wellington, N. Z. Feb. 13.—The Dowager-Queen Takibo of the Tonga Isles, has died of influenza at Tongatabu.