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## THE FIRST SESSION OF LEAGUE CLOSES

### Speakers Say the League of Nations Been Successful—Did All Expected

Geneva, Dec. 18.—The first meeting of the assembly of the league of nations closed this evening in a burst of eloquence after passing through one of the fullest days of its existence in a rather agitated and not always clear debate.

In farewell speeches, Paul Hymans, president of the assembly and Dr. Giuseppe Motta, president of Switzerland, told the delegates the first assembly had proven the league was a living organism and a success. The opinion expressed by the delegates who have participated most actively in the work of the assembly is that it has done all that could be expected of it, if not more.

A number of pet projects have met with disaster; yet there are few, if any, delegates who remained for the entire assembly that will leave dissatisfied with the work of that body.

M. Hymans in his closing speech, dwelt upon the fact that the session of the assembly demonstrated to all the value of the league of nations.

"The league has developed a consciousness," he said, "and now resolves to live, and will live. Through the setting up an international court of justice, the assembly has established a house of rights and a place of peace."

The activities of the assembly respecting typhus, he declared to be a magnificent demonstration of human solidarity. When the assembly spoke of disarmament, M. Hymans said, the members of that body displayed keen anxiety to lift the weight of armaments from the shoulders of the world but at the same time realized that in the present unsettled conditions of Europe nothing better could be done than had been.

He referred to the fraternal spirit shown by the assembly, the members of which were separated only by shades of opinion, not by principles. He appealed to the youth of the world, the men of tomorrow, those who fought in the great war to construct a moral world indispensable to the future of mankind, and concluded: "Let us continue our ascending march toward the stars."—Associated Press.

### Former Monk Weds

Pondering and finally accepting the teachings of the Apostle Paul that marriage is a matter to be decided by oneself, James Cornell Biddle, a former Trappist monk and therefore sworn to celibacy, has renounced his vows, and yesterday was married after spending twenty years in a monastery.

His bride was Miss Mary Lena Gaines, of Warrenton, Va. She is forty-six years old and he is fifty-two. They are going to live in "Paradise," Mrs. Biddle's country home in Warrenton.

Mr. Biddle is the son of Thomas Biddle, of Philadelphia, former United States Minister to Ecuador. Today he discussed frankly and freely the renunciation of his vows.

His action he said was the result of extended study. He consulted the lives of the Saints, but came to believe that St. Paul alone was right.—Dispatch from Washington in Friday's New York World.

### West Hard Hit Too

The Western states are hit about as hard as the south in the great slump in prices. Their meat and lard have gone down until they are bringing only about half as much as a few months ago. Beef is the lowest it has been for several years. Wheat and corn and other grains are not much better in prices than pork and beef and lard. Senator Albert B. Fall of New Mexico held a long conference last week with President Harding.

Speaking of the situation among Western farmers and cattlemen, Senator Fall declared that unless some relief is given by the Federal Government within the next 90 days most of the small farmers and cattle raisers of the West will have to go out of business, which would mean, he said, that virtually all of the breeding cattle would have to be sacrificed to the butcher and ultimately the burden would fall upon the consumer in decreased meat supply and increased prices.

## BETTER TIMES ARE PREDICTED SOON

### Business Experts Believe Business Will Pick Up Jan. 1, and Normal Times Will Follow.

Business should be picking up about the first of January, according to the federal reserve board. By that date, says the board, the smashing of war-time prices will be completed sufficiently to usher in normal times.

The latest business forecast by the United States chamber of commerce says that merchandise stocks by January 1, will be smaller than for years, making a new buying movement probable.

Other guesses for a revival of business range as far ahead as April. In the steel industry long considered the barometer of general business conditions, a new buying movement is expected to start either in February or March. In the building trades a buyer's market prevails. But where inquiries are for deliveries after March the sellers are not anxious to quote prices, indicating that they look for big buying by that time.

The present business slump is not basically serious. Business is bad because the cost of living is being smashed. Everybody wanted that. Temporarily, it's bitter medicine. Inflation is being squeezed from prices. When the downward movement is completed and buyers are sure that bottom has been reached things will go ahead. No danger of panic. The situation is well in hand.—Albert Apple in Charlotte Observer.

### CLAYTON NEWS

Clayton, Dec. 18.—Miss Lulu McCullers, a student at M. B. S., Staunton, Va., has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCullers.

Miss Ora Rogers, of Wilson, is the week-end guest of Mrs. R. B. Ellis.

Miss Louise Young came home from Winston-Salem yesterday to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Young.

Miss Agnes Austin returned today from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Jesse McLamb at Benson.

Miss Eloise Turley will arrive Monday from Combs, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Doris Jeffreys, Ruth Yelvington, Geraldine and Dorothy Gower, and Jennie Thomas of Meredith college, Raleigh, are here for the holidays.

Sunday morning and evening, Rev. A. C. Hamby will preach from the pulpit of the Baptist church. He is now pastor at Winston-Salem. Mr. Hamby was pastor here for six years and this is his first return since he left about two years ago.

Mrs. J. M. Arthur has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Virginia.

Misses Doushka Barnes and Blanche Ellis spent Thursday in Raleigh shopping.

Mr. Bruce Poole, of Wilson, spent last Sunday here with his parents.

The Magneto Minstrels given in the school auditorium on Friday night. This was gotten up by home talent, with Mrs. Bennette Nooe, as leader, assisted by the Mills quartette from Raleigh. Mr. Eugene Mills a steel guitar specialist of Raleigh was on the program but due to some misfortune at the last hour he could not come and it was with a great regret that we learned this. Yet the other part of the program was splendid and everybody enjoyed it. The proceeds go to the Organ fund of the Baptist church.

### Little Mildred Cotter Burned

Last Sunday just after church Mildred, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cotter was playing with her younger brother, Eric, on the back porch of their home. The little folks had some "Sparklers" with which they were having great fun. The dress of the little girl, in some way, was touched by a spark of fire, and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. Running frantically through the hall, she reached the front door just as Mr. Burlin Jones, of the Worley Furniture company, opened it from the outside. With great presence of mind, and with entire disregard for his own danger, Mr. Jones tore the flaming dress from the child, burning his own hands painfully, but saving her life. Little Mildred was painfully burned, but although suffering greatly no serious results are feared. She is a sweet little girl and the many friends of the family rejoice at her escape.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM CITY OF FOUR OAKS

### Two-Year Old Child Burned—Baucom-Allen Marriage—Ball Games

Four Oaks, Dec. 18.—Mr. Hunter Strickland who has been in school in New York is home for the holidays.

Mr. Cleon Sanders who has been in school at Buies Creek is here to spend sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders.

Miss Jennings who is teaching at Meadow High school spent the week-end here with Mrs. S. M. Boyett. Miss Jennings taught here last year.

Mrs. H. B. Adams is visiting her mother and other relatives in Atlanta, Ga.

Messrs. G. K. Massengill and R. B. Strickland and Rev. E. B. Craven spent last Thursday in Raleigh.

Misses Ruby Stanley and Clyde Sanders who are in school at Buies Creek, are here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Lee and little daughter, expect to leave for Bryan, Ohio, Tuesday to visit Mrs. Lee's father-in-law.

Mrs. S. M. Boyett and children will visit relatives in Florida during the holidays. They will leave Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. G. K. Massengill entertained the teachers of the school at a six o'clock dinner on last Thursday. Those enjoying Mrs. Massengill's hospitality were Misses Caroline Fitzgerald, Leona Martin, Annie Ford, Zelma Wester, Martha Rateliff and Catherine Wilson.

Friday afternoon the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams was seriously burned. The child was near a pot of clothes in the yard and it was supposed he was putting soap in the pot. He was partly in it before his mother saw him. She immediately went to him and found that about half of his body was burned. Medical attention was given and he was soon resting well. During the night he grew worse and died on Saturday morning. The sympathy of the town goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Williams in their great sorrow.

The friends of Mr. W. J. Lewis and family are glad to learn that Mr. Lewis, Carl and Wilson are improving after being kept in on account of sickness.

Miss Esther Creech and Leola Sanders are home to spend the holidays with relatives. They are in school at Meredith college, Raleigh, N. C.

A Christmas program will be given at the school building next Wednesday afternoon. The public is cordially invited to come out and hear this program and see what the children have in store for them. Several Christmas trees will be laden with presents for the school children on Tuesday and Wednesday. From the fifth grade down these presents will be exchanged.

Much interest has been taken in Basket Ball in the school lately. Wednesday afternoon Four Oaks played Parker's School on the former's court. The score was nine to two in favor of the visiting team. Our boys did well considering that they were outclassed in size by the visitors.

Miss Eva Allen and Mr. Baucom, of Wilson, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Allen Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Only a few relatives and friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Baucom left on the eight o'clock train for Wilson where they will reside. The wishes of the community are for a long and happy life.

On Monday night after Christmas a program will be given by the Methodist Sunday school at the Methodist church. After the program presents will be given to each Sunday School member from a large Christmas tree.

### Banker Sees Good Business Ahead

Atlanta, Ga., That farm values and farming conditions are going to be better in Georgia than they ever were before and that the readjustment period is over, is the view taken by Wesley D. Manley, president of the Farmers and Traders Bank and Bankers Trust company of this city who adds: "Good business and good conditions are approaching; the banks are safe and sound. I am absolutely certain of the strength and future prosperity of the country. The purchasing consciousness was suspended only temporarily."—Christian Science Monitor.

## GAIN OF 2 MEMBERS EXPECTED FOR N. C.

### Bill for Increased House Will Probably Pass—Redistrict State

Representative Isaac Siegel, following the action of Republican caucus Friday night, said that he expected approval of his program of an increase in the membership of the House of Representatives from 435 to 483 members. Theodore Tiller in the Greensboro News says that "outside of its national aspects the reapportionment program today sponsored by Mr. Siegel means a lot of local trouble in North Carolina. The state legislature must attend to the redistricting of the state, although Congress fixes the total of any state's representation. There is an opportunity for state legislatures to gerrymander, putting the party out of power locally at a disadvantage for years to come, or to so divide up the congressional districts that there will be nip and tuck fights in the congressional elections next decade.

When the Republican caucus Friday night voted for a large house it was the same as a call for gerrymander squabbles in a dozen or more states in the union.

In North Carolina, for instance, there is some doubt always about the ninth and 10th districts, with others on the political figure. If the Siegel bill becomes a law, and this appears virtually assured, the Tar Heel legislatures at its next session must make 12 congressional districts out of 10. A county placed in one district may make it Republican; a county put into another district may preserve it indefinitely to the Democratic party.

"Mr. Siegel is following the line of least resistance and is framing a bill to provide for a house of 483 members, under which various states will gain and no state lose.

Under such a bill for example, California, would gain five new members; Illinois, three; Massachusetts, two; Michigan four; New Jersey two; New York, four; North Carolina, two; Ohio, four; Pennsylvania, four; Texas, three; Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, one, and so on."

### CORINTH ITEMS

Misses Verona and Iva Hocutt spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. J. M. O'Neal near Barnes' store. Messrs Andrew Davis and Clyde Boykin, of Wilson county, spent last week-end in our community.

Mr. G. A. Briggs spent Sunday in Middlesex.

Messrs R. L. Wall, C. W. Hocutt and wife and Miss Iva Hocutt went to Raleigh last Wednesday shopping. Miss Christine O'Neil who is attending school at Wendell is spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Dollie Ward, of Micro, is spending a few days with relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lumis Strickland of Emit passed through our burg Sunday.

Rev. R. L. Hocutt went to Wendell last Wednesday on business.

Miss Mae Griswold spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Bryant Eason in the Archer Lodge section.

Miss Elgie Hocutt of Buies Creek is home for the holidays.

Some of our people around here attended the session of the Superior court in Smithfield last week.

Mr. Herman Maydon, of Emith and Miss Emma Davis of this section were married Saturday.

Among the sick this week we note the following: Mrs. J. P. Glover, and Mrs. R. P. Murphy. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Everybody around here is looking forward to a Merry Christmas.

Listen for the wedding bells for they will soon be ringing "again."

Best wishes to the HERALD, we always welcome it in our homes. "BEAUTY."

### Hertford Herald to Suspend

The Hertford Herald published in Persimans county once a week made the announcement last week that issue of December 24 will be their last unless some unforeseen good fortune intervenes. The editor said that notwithstanding the fine support the people of that county had given him, he had lost money for months and was forced to suspend.

## MEADOW TOWNSHIP GROUP MEETING

### Ten Schools Represented; Talk Made By Mr. S. J. Kirby—Miss Lawley There With Her Pictures.

The teachers' group meeting for Meadow center was held at Meadow school on Friday, December 17th.

This group of rural schools is composed of the following: Meadow, Holly Grove, Poplar Springs, Poplar Grove, Long Pine, Sandy Grove, Rock Hill, New Beulah, Glenwood, Beasley's Grove and Jernigan's. Each school was represented at the meeting except Glenwood. Several committeemen as well as teachers were present.

The meeting was presided over by County Supervisor W. H. Hipps, and Miss Mary E. Wells, the Supervisor of Rural schools. The forenoon of the day was devoted to observing the regular school room work of the Meadow school by the visiting teachers. This gave the basis for the afternoon discussions of school methods and problems, which were discussed by all the teachers present. A large part of the afternoon program was taken up by making comparisons of several schools' attendance records for the first month of school and by a general discussion by the county superintendent and committeemen of the numerous problems that threaten the progress of the rural school. This discussion disclosed one fact that was patent to all, namely, that the little one-teacher school had about served its day and that it would soon be absorbed by the school of larger type and larger usefulness.

Mr. Sam J. Kirby, County Agent, and Miss Lucy Lawley, Director of Community Service, were present and each contributed to the value of the day. Mr. Kirby made a speech at the end of the school program in which he announced that it was his purpose to go into each group center in the county within the next few weeks with the view of getting the farmers to organized to the extent that they will plant a smaller acreage of tobacco for the following year and try to increase their food crops. Miss Lawley spent the afternoon with the children on the playground and supervised their games.

Johnston county is divided into 8 group centers and each center will have two of these meetings during the present school year. These meetings should be largely attended by the people of the communities where they are to be held. People interested in keeping in touch with the forward movement of education may find in these meetings many ideas of school improvement that will do much good.

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### Teachers Wanted in the Philippines

The United States Civil Service Commission is announcing that in the near future appointments will be made for one hundred high-school teachers, five critic teachers and four model primary teachers all for service in the Philippines. The continuing phenomenal growth in school enrollment makes it necessary to employ a larger number of teachers each year.

This year over a hundred American teachers were hired in the United States and sent to the Philippines under two-year contracts. Their salaries ranged from \$1,200 to \$2,000 plus a 15 per cent bonus. Funds for the hiring of American teachers were voted, willingly, by the All-Filipino Legislature.

Appointments are made only from those having a Civil Service eligibility, which is rated on the results of a physical examination and sworn state mental as to the applicant's education, training and experience, no further examination being required. With the exception of the primary specialists and the primary model teachers, all women applicants must be at least thirty years of age, unless they are the wives or fiancées of men already employed in or appointed to the Philippine service.—Press Bulletin.

### Micro Wins "Lop-sided" Game

The Micro Junior basketball team won from Smithfield juniors Wednesday afternoon in Micro by the score of 12 to 6. The local boys were unable to defeat the larger team, securing but two field goals. Mr. Donnell Wharton, manager of the local team, sprained his ankle during the game and will be off on a vacation for a short time.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS PARAGRAPHS

### Happenings of Interest As Gathered and Condensed From Daily Papers

One white boy and one negro were killed and three men probably fatally wounded in rioting at Independence, Kansas, Thursday night following an all day search for a negro who held up and killed a suburban grocer. The negro was captured by a posse and placed in jail. The grocer who was killed was robbed of \$600.

Vice-president-elect Coolidge was formally invited Thursday by President-elect Harding to sit in the cabinet consultations and take an active part in shaping the policies of the coming administration.

Destruction of dry docks and damage to three large ships anchored nearby, caused a spectacular fire at New Orleans Thursday afternoon and entailed a loss of something like two million dollars. The flames were started by the breaking of an electric wire underneath the wharf.

Eleven men, four Americans and seven Filipinos, were killed in a riot in Manila Wednesday night, between enlisted men of the Filipino constabulary and the Manila police.

Three masked robbers entered the rooms of a jewelry concern in the heart of Fifth Avenue shopping district Thursday afternoon, shot and killed one member of the firm, and bound and gagged three other men. They escaped with jewels valued at \$100,000.

Announcement has been made by the agent of a paper corporation in Miami, Fla., that the everglades saw grasses will be used in making paper pulp.

Kirby F. Saunders of Wilmington a rejected recruit for the U. S. army, lost his life Wednesday as the result of an act of courtesy on his part. Saunders, who had failed to pass the examination at Camp Bragg, was on his way back to Fayetteville with a party riding in an army truck. The hat of one of the young men blew off, and Saunders jumped off to get it. He was struck by one of the wheels and knocked under the truck.

According to a statement sent out from Asheville, a bond issue will be called there for nothing under \$500,000. Forty-four additional school rooms are needed to take care of the present over-flowing conditions. Four school buildings will be erected in different sections of the city.

Yale's 1921 football schedule, announced Thursday calls for a game with University of North Carolina, October 8, at Cambridge.

Sixty thousand Russian refugees from the Crimea are expected in Mexico with the next few months, according to a report recently made to the department of Agriculture of Mexico by one of its agents who has just returned from the Near East.

A laundress in Boston died recently at the home of an employer, having been taken sick at the wash tub. It was found that she left \$32,000, the savings of a life time. She lived in humble circumstances and no one suspected her wealth. Her sister, who had not seen her in 35 years, was the only relative at the funeral.

A congressional investigation of the textile industry was asked in a resolution adopted Friday by the executive council of the United Textile Workers of America in session in New York City.

New York banker ether jumped or fell from his office on the tenth floor of his bank building Friday and was instantly killed. A camera near the open window led some to believe he was trying to take a picture and fell.

### Ten Autos Stolen in Day

The automobile of T. W. Corbin, which was stolen in Goldsboro, Saturday, made the tenth auto stolen in that city during the day. The police believe that a band of professional crooks are operating in Goldsboro, owing to a number of bold robberies which have taken place there in the past few days.