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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT DRAWN UP

President Wilson Reads Document to Plenary Peace Conference — Is "One of the Greatest Documents of History," Embodying Judgment of Fourteen Nations — Is a Definite Guarantee of Peace — Its Main Provisions.

By International News Service.  
PARIS, Feb. 14. — The reduction of armaments, the establishment of an international court of arbitration, the creation of an international military and naval force to police the world and prevent the League's covenants and a decision to effect a commercial and financial boycott against any power that disregards the league agreements are the leading measures in the league constitution. Vast powers are delegated to the executive committee of nine members, five of these representatives of the United States, the British empire, France, Italy and Japan, to be chosen from states to be designated as yet being unnamed.

Freedom of the seas is promised and further treaties must be registered with the league, thus eliminating secret treaties or alliances. Upon the military and naval programs, a permanent commission will be appointed to advise the league on disarmament and military and naval affairs.

General plans for a permanent international court of justice are to be worked out by the executive council. In addition to delegates from nations an executive council and permanent secretary will be maintained at the seat of the league, "location yet unchosen." Each nation in the league will have one vote not more than three delegates. The expense will be apportioned among the powers. Admission to the league will require a two-thirds vote. Armaments will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with national safety.

The people of the territories under the mandates of the league shall endeavor to secure and maintain fair, humane conditions.

Old treaties inconsistent with the league will be abrogated as soon as the league comes into official life. The powers best able to do so will exercise tutelage over certain colonies under mandates from the league.

Any war or threat of war between members league or not will become the concern of the league and the powers reserve the right to interfere in all disputes not settled through ordinary diplomacy.

The first meeting of the league will be summoned by the President of the United States. The executive council shall eliminate the evils arising from great outbursts of arms and ammunition by private enterprises.

The nations in the league are forbidden to conceal such productions from each other.

PARIS, Feb. 14. — President Wilson was the central figure of the plenary peace conference which opened at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon when in person he read the covenant establishing a league of nations. There was added interest in the session as it was the last gathering of the delegates prior to the President's departure as well as being the occasion of presenting the document with which his name is identified.

The President was received with military honors as he arrived at the foreign office and the large crowds which had congregated gave him a cordial welcome as he passed through. The delegates all ready were assembled when the President entered the council chamber.

When he entered the chamber, the President was greeted by Premier Clemenceau, Foreign Secretary Balfour and Viscount Milner, of Great Britain and the American delegates at the head of the table. There was little formality. Premier Clemenceau, who is president of the conference, called the conference to order and President Wilson rose and addressed the gathering.

"I have very great pleasure," said President Wilson as he began, "in presenting the report of the commission which has framed the constitution of the league of nations. I am particularly happy to be able to say it is a unanimous report, signed by the representatives of all the powers on the committee."

President Wilson spoke earnestly, but without oratorical effect.

"The best report I can make," the President continued, "is to read the document itself."

Thereupon he read from a printed sheet the constitution of the league, while the assembly followed his reading with the closest attention.

While the President was reading, Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by the President's naval aide, was escorted to a place back of the delegates' table.

The reading continued for 35 minutes without interruption or applause. As he closed, the President laid aside the document and spoke of what had been accomplished. The deliberation of the commission had been most instructive, and throughout the proceedings there was an undertone of enthusiasm in the great work being accomplished, he said.

The results, said President Wilson,

## GASTONIA POULTRY WINS PRIZES IN FLORIDA

Gastonia poultry, always winning high at the Gaston County Fair and in other North Carolina shows, is now carrying off honors in other States.

A copy of The Orlando, Fla., Reporter states received today chronicles the fact that the Gastonia Poultry Yards won on three birds sent to the poultry show in the Sub-Tropical Mid-Winter Fair, held at Orlando last week, the largest Florida fair. On White Wyandottes the local firm scored first cock and first hen and on single comb White Leghorns third cock and first hen. There were several thousand birds in the show and the local entries won over an immense field in each case.

The Gastonia Poultry Yards won in many State shows but Mr. W. N. Davis was beginning to wonder how his birds would stack up away off from home, a contest with which they had never competed. So he tried the Orlando fair, knowing its poultry show to be a big proposition. And Gastonia won out.

Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the Southern Methodist Church, suffered a stroke of apoplexy Saturday at Muskogee, Okla., and press dispatches this morning state that some hope is entertained for his recovery.

"Dolly" Lane, a Roumanian who until a few weeks ago conducted a small hotel to sleep in the rear of Blake's drug store in Charlotte, was found dead in bed in New York city yesterday. On his person was found \$15,000. Heart trouble was given as the cause of his death. For many years, says The Observer, he had been a familiar figure on the streets of Charlotte.

Embodied the judgment of 14 nations represented on the commission, and these 14 nations were a representative group of the conference itself.

"This is a union of will in a common purpose," the President proceeded. "It is a union which cannot be resisted, and I dare say, one which no nation will at tempt to resist."

The President pointed out that the document was no "strait jacket." It was elastic, and not a vehicle of might, he said.

It was yet to be developed, and as yet no should be taken as to the clothes put on it. While elastic, yet it was definite.

"It is definite," continued President Wilson, "as a guarantee of peace. It is definite as a guarantee against aggression. It is definite against a renewal of such a cataclysm as has just shaken civilization.

The President spoke with especial emphasis as he referred to the wrongs committed against helpless peoples.

"There is one especially feature in this document," he said. "We are done with annexations of helpless peoples, at times accomplished in the past for the purposes of exploiting these peoples. In this document we recognize that these helpless communities are first to be helped and developed and that their own interests and well being shall come before any material advantage to the mandator entrusted with their care."

Too often in the past, the President added, the world had seen the lands of helpless communities appropriated for political purposes.

"And so," he said, "while this is a practical document, it is above all a human document. It is practical, and at the same time it is designed to purify, to rectify, to elevate."

President Wilson closed his address at 4:30 o'clock, having read and spoken just one hour. An interpreter then proceeded to render a discourse, which occupied another hour.

Lord Robert Cecil, head of the British commission on the league of nations, followed the interpreter in an earnest speech. It was a good omen, said Lord Robert, that this document had been laid before the world before being finally enacted, so that people everywhere could advise upon and criticize it. The problem had been one of great difficulty, for it was to preserve the peace of the world with the least possible interference with national sovereignty.

The results accepted, he continued, embraced two main principles: First, no nation shall go to war until every other means of settlement shall be fully and fairly tried; second, no nation shall forcibly seek to disturb a territory's integrity or interfere with the political independence of the nations of the world. These were the great principles, but later another great principle must be laid down, namely, that no nation should retain armaments fit only for aggressive purposes.

Dr. Vittorio Orlando, the Italian prime minister, expressed deep satisfaction at having collaborated in what was going to be one of the greatest documents of history. He would not speak of the merits of the scheme. Dr. Orlando continued as these had been explained by one whose noble inspiration had brought it into existence. The war had brought forth the necessity for this document.

"Thus born out of the pains of war," the premier exclaimed, "this is a document of freedom and right which represents the redemption of humanity by sacrifice."

## ALLIES TO HELP DOWN RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI

By International News Service.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17. — A British dispatch states that Entente troops will cooperate with German forces on the east front in stemming the advance of the Bolsheviks unless the advance is voluntarily checked by the Bolshevik leaders. An Italian regiment is expected to be sent to a British regiment at Lublin.

## CAPT. W. B. HUNTER CITED FOR BRAVERY IN ACTION

Under the War Department's official citations for meritorious conduct, under date of January 10th, is the following concerning Capt. W. B. Hunter, of Gastonia, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and a captain in the medical corps. Capt. Hunter's hosts of friends here will read this with interest. It is as follows: "2. Capt. W. B. Hunter, Medical Corps, 12th Infantry.

"On the night of October 15, 1918, near Bussigny, where our troops had by accident in an open field during the night, they were subjected to heavy bombardment which killed and wounded many. This officer, unaffiliated of his personal safety, went to these men and applied first aid and gave them all necessary attention. On the 17th of October, 1918, in the La Selle river area where the Battalion attacked and suffered heavy casualties which overpowered the aid post, being subjected to cross enemy fire, this officer coolly and expeditiously carried on his work and soon cleared the overpowered station. His conduct at all times was one of devotion to duty and disregard for danger."

## BUILDING ACTIVITY WILL SOON BE RESUMED HERE

Building activity in Gastonia will be resumed within the next few weeks in real earnest, judging from the number of people who are now contemplating the erection of homes and general improvement to their property. With the removal of war restrictions Gastonia will begin to try to catch up with the construction work which has of necessity lagged for so long a time.

Owing to war restrictions there was little building work the past two years, although there was about as much going on as could be taken care of by the contractor with the shortage of labor then prevailing. Now the restrictions are all off, however, and labor is again becoming plentiful. Some have held off believing that prices of building material would go down, but it is now evident that the decline will not come and in some instances prices have even advanced a little recently, particularly on lumber. With the possibility of a decline practically given up, many are planning to go ahead and build. The government is now urging all who possibly can to start construction work of some kind.

The Gastonia Chamber of Commerce has a five committee out now which hopes to relieve the housing shortage to a slight extent by securing the erection of an apartment house and of some dwellings for rental and sale. The committee is composed of Messrs. W. L. Balthus, C. C. Armstrong, C. D. Gray and J. White Ware. Much other work is also planned.

## FOCH REFUSES TO GRANT EXTENSION OF TIME

Copenhagen, Feb. 16. — Replying to a request by Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice commission, for a delay in the signing of the armistice terms until Monday noon, Marshal Foch declared that the armistice expired at 5 o'clock Monday morning and that the last hour for signing would be 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in order to be able to issue the necessary orders to the troops.

If not signed then, Marshal Foch said, he would be obliged to leave Tervax and the armistice would no longer be in force. Answering Erzberger's counter demands, Marshal Foch said the new armistice terms had been fixed by the heads of the associated governments and that he was unable to alter them.

## REAL CIRCUS IN PICTURE.

Independent of the exquisite comedy work of Fred Stone, the celebrated comedian in the picture, there is a real circus in "Under the Top," the second Art-craft photoplay starring Mr. Stone, which is now on view at the Gastonia theater. An entire circus was engaged for this production and the picture is one of unusual merit. Mr. Stone is excellently supported.

## CANADA'S EX-PREMIER IN DYING CONDITION

By International News Service.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17. — Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former premier of Canada, is in a dying condition as the result of a paralytic stroke. There is no hope of his recovery.

## ENGLAND TO STUDY LABOR PROBLEMS

By International News Service.

LONDON, Feb. 17. — Premier Lloyd George will shortly call a national congress of representatives of employers and employees to deal with the critical situation and the causes of unrest. The congress will form a permanent assembly. Leaders of labor unanimously favor it.

## PROMINENT PRESBYTERIAN EDITOR HERE SUNDAY

Rev. R. A. Lapsley, D. D., of Richmond, Va., editor in chief of the Sunday school publications of the Southern Presbyterian Church, spent Sunday in Gastonia to the delight of local Presbyterians. He filled the pulpit of the First church yesterday morning, speaking on the subject of the Sunday school literature and mission work. At night he spoke at the Clara hall. Rev. J. T. Dendy, pastor of the Belmont Presbyterian church, filled the First church pulpit last night.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Henderlite, together with Rev. Mr. Dendy and Dr. C. E. Adams had charge of the services at Dallas Sunday morning incident to the installation as pastor of the Presbyterian church there of Rev. W. C. Hamiter. Similar services were conducted by them in the afternoon at Hezibah church, which is also under Mr. Hamiter's direction.

## FLOOR TAXES ON TOBACCO.

Collector A. D. Watts has mailed to all dealers in tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes, whose names and addresses he has, blanks for inventories of the amount of stock in these articles they will have on hand on the day after the new Revenue Act becomes law, which of course will not be until the Act is signed by the President. It is the duty of these dealers to ascertain the day the Act is finally signed, which will be published in all the papers and doubtless telegraphed to important points in the district.

Blanks for the sworn return will be sent as soon as the Act becomes law.

It may be that the Collector has failed to secure the names and post-offices of all dealers in these articles. If any such dealer has not and does not receive within the next few days these blanks he should immediately write to A. D. Watts, Collector, Statesville, N. C., when his name will be placed on the list and blanks will be promptly sent him.

If any person, firm or corporation, who does not deal in these articles, has received blanks the Collector will very greatly appreciate a letter or a card to that effect, when the name will be struck from the list.

## SUNDAY'S CASUALTY LIST CONTAINED 183 NAMES.

By International News Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Died of wounds, 16; died of accident or other cause, 14; wounded severely, 148; missing in action, 6; total, 184.

The following North Carolinians are among those listed above:

Died of Accident in Other Cause: Private Harold Sharp, Haroldsville.

Wounded Severely: Lieut. E. A. Higgins, Halifax; Corp. John W. Moody, of Harvato; Privates Ralph C. Corbell, of Swanton, and Jacob K. Graham, of Todd.

## SUMMARY.

Following is a summary of the total army casualties to date, including those reported above:

Killed in action (including 184)  
Lost at sea ..... 31,369  
Died of wounds ..... 13,041  
Died of disease ..... 19,374  
Died of accident or other causes ..... 2,816  
Wounded in action (more than 85 per cent returned to duty) ..... 173,766  
Missing in action (not including prisoners released and returned) 7,783  
Total to date ..... 248,149

A dispatch from Tokio, Japan, to this morning's papers says that it is learned "on trustworthy authority" that former Czar Nicholas of Russia, previously reported murdered, is alive and a prisoner in the Kremlin and that his family is interned in a monastery. So many conflicting reports about the Czar and his family have been printed that the public does not know what to believe.

## GERMANS ACCEPT NEW ARMISTICE TERMS

By International News Service.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 17. — The German government has decided to accept the terms of the Allies armistice conditions. A Weimar correspondent writes The Entente that the agreement was signed at six o'clock last night, the last moment given by General Foch to sign with the alternative that hostilities would again commence.

## GASTON COUNTY CLUB FAVORS GRAHAM MEMORIAL

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHAPEL HILL, Feb. 15. — At a recent meeting of the Gaston County Club of the University held for reorganization purposes, the following oficers were elected: President, J. J. Rhine; Vice-President, A. C. Lanchester, Jr.; Secretary, C. T. Boyd; Treasurer, T. J. Brawley; Historian, R. E. Boyd.

At the same meeting the club went on record as heartily favoring the Graham memorial campaign fund now being launched throughout the State. Every member has written home explaining the Graham memorial as to its purpose and the need of a fitting memorial to the late President Graham of the University. The club is also endeavoring to render any assistance in its power to the different directors of the movement for Gaston county. Each director has been written to and urged to accept the appointment, feeling at liberty at any time to call on the members of the club for any assistance needed.

## INTERESTING MEETING OF DISTRICT Y. P. C. U.

A very interesting and largely attended meeting of the Young People's Christian Unions of this district was held at the First Associate Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon, the special object of the meeting being to arouse interest in maintaining mission work being carried on by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church at Hill Crest.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Galloway, and there was special music by the choir. Mr. Horace Stikeleather, of Statesville, State President of the Y. P. C. U., presided over the meeting and stated its object. The special call at this particular time is for funds to purchase a horse, wagon and harness to be used in the farm work. This district will also undertake to raise the sum of \$100 to be used by Rev. J. G. Dale, missionary in Mexico, in distributing Christian literature.

Besides Mr. Stikeleather, others speakers were Rev. Paul Stroup, of Back Creek, and Mr. Leonard Neill, both former State presidents. Rev. Mr. Stroup spoke on the mountain mission work, emphasizing the great need. Mr. Neill, who has just received his discharge from the army, told interestingly of his experiences as a member of the Thirtieth Division in the action which resulted in breaking the famous Hindenburg line, and made very appropriate application of these experiences to the work under discussion.

Mr. Stikeleather, the State President, was also present at the regular meeting of the local Union following the morning service and took part in the discussions. Other visitors were Mrs. George Falls, of Crowders Creek, and Miss Cochran, of Back Creek. While here Miss Cochran and Mr. Stikeleather were guests at the home of Miss Margaret Whitesides.

## SUNNYSIDE NEWS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BESSEMER CITY, Rm. J. Feb. 14. — Miss Nora Rayfield, of Bessemer city, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elmina Hager, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. John Midcamp were visitors at the home of Mr. S. F. Hager Saturday.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Eliza Kiser is very sick at this writing.

Miss D. H. Harmon and Mrs. Elmina Hager spent Saturday with Mrs. Susan Galloway.

Following is the honor roll for the second month at Sunnyside school:

First grade—Cathryn Hager, Nannie Royster, Geter Lingerfelt, Lovel Eaker, Theodore Royster.  
Second grade—Ruth Kiser, Howard Lingerfelt, Russel Stroup.  
Third grade—Leola Farris, Mae Eaker.  
Fourth grade—Mary E. Royster and Eva Hager.  
Fifth grade—Clyde Hager, Maude Kiser and Robert Lingerfelt.

Monroe, according to The Charlotte Observer, has given up all hope of being known as the home-town of the world's greatest radio station.

Students of the State University in a mass meeting at Chapel Hill Friday night subscribed \$20,000 toward the fund for the Graham memorial building.

## SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. E. F. Wetzel is in the Gaston Sanatorium for treatment.

Mr. John A. Price, of Bessemer City, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

Mr. Ernest Stroup, of Raulo, has been on a ten days visit to Greensboro.

Mr. John M. Smith, of Clover, S. C., was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. D. B. McLean, of South Point, was in the city on business Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Quinn, of Clover, S. C., route two, was in the city on business Saturday.

Messrs. S. N. Craig and Earl Biggers, of Rock Hill, S. C., were in town Saturday.

Mr. C. E. Huffstetter and family spent Sunday with friends in the Union section.

Principal J. H. Ransour, of the Lowell public schools, was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.

Mr. Luther Todd returned Sunday to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., after spending a week or two at home.

Miss Cora Clarke, who has been with friends at Dandridge, Tenn., for some time, is now visiting in Birmingham, Ala.

Private A. C. Craig returned Sunday to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., after spending a ten day furlough here with homefolks.

The attendance honor roll of Mt. Olivet school for the past month contains only two names, Buford Shannon and Ollie Gamble.

Mr. Lamar Rankin, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rankin, has received his discharge from the army and has returned home from Camp Sevier.

Private W. T. Grigg, who has been stationed at Camp Humphreys, Alexandria, Va., expects to receive his discharge and return home this week.

Mr. Luther Anthony, who arrived from overseas a week or two ago, has gotten his discharge from the army and returned to his home on route one Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Matthews, manager of the Matthews-Hick Co's store, and Misses Anne Leckie and Lessie Treagle are in the Northern markets buying spring and summer goods for this firm.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Storey went to Tigerville, S. C., Friday to visit Mrs. Storey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pugh, who are both ill. They returned to the city Sunday afternoon.

Unless prevented by rain or other undesirable weather J. A. Blockwood & Co. will conduct a demonstration of the Fordson Tractor at the Shannon place west of Gastonia Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. A. C. Stroup left last week for Raleigh to visit his son, Mr. Ben F. Stroup, who is a student at the A. & E. College. En route home he will stop over in Moore county on a visit to friends.

Mr. C. E. Huffstetter has just received a letter from his son, Robert Huffstetter, dated Vichy, January 26th, stating that his division had orders to move at once. Their destination, however, was not known at the time he wrote.

Judge A. C. Jones and Mrs. Jones returned to the city Saturday from Richmond, where Mrs. Jones has been undergoing treatment for several weeks. Her many friends will be glad to learn that she is very much improved.

Mrs. Claud Rhyme left Thursday for her home in Benton, Ala., where she goes to join her husband, who has received an honorable discharge from the army. During the war Mrs. Rhyme has been with her father, Mr. A. C. Stroup, of Raulo. En route home she will stop over in Atlanta to visit friends.

The Gazette is requested by Mrs. First Foreman, chairman of the civic committee of the Woman's Betterment Association, to remind property owners that they should keep their yards clean. City wagons can be secured to haul away trash by phoning E. W. Craig at the city hall.

If party in Bessemer City, route one, who sends us news items signed "A subscriber," will let his or her name accompany the communications, we will be glad to use them. The name of the contributor will not be published. It is an established rule in every newspaper office not to publish communications unless the name of the writer is known.

—Mr. Oscar Gamble, of Fort Mill, S. C., who was recently discharged from the army, having been in the Fifth Engineers, is spending a few days in the city with his uncle, Mr. C. W. Martin, at his home on North Mill street. Mr. Gamble was discharged last Thursday from Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., where he spent several weeks in the hospital, having been sent back from overseas on account of wounds. He was wounded in the knee and the right shoulder, and was also gassed.