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## FOUR AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE WANTED

SUGGESTIONS TO BE OFFERED BY DANISH, SWEDISH AND NORWEGIAN DELEGATES

## WOULD REGULATE METHODS

Object of One Amendment is to Make Obligation to Report to Arbitration More Precise and Binding.

Washington. — Four amendments to the covenant of the league of nations, suggested by the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish governments probably will be taken up at the first meeting of the assembly of the league on November 15.

One suggestion proposes a fixed annual meeting of the assembly to be held either at the time provided for in the rules of procedure or on a specific date such as the second Monday in September. It is also proposed that on the demand of ten members of the league a special meeting of the assembly shall be called at any time.

Another proposal would regulate the method of selecting the four non-permanent members of the council. It is suggested that the assembly of the first session shall name a new state each year to serve for a period of four years which shall not be subject to reelection for the following period.

A third amendment proposed to omit the word "generally" from paragraph in Article XIII.

The purpose is to make the obligation to report to arbitration more absolute and precise.

The fourth amendment would permit the council to authorize a state in the vicinity of another state against which an economic blockade has been enforced to interfere with the covenant-breaking state if this is considered necessary by the council to prevent the blockade from interfering with the peace of the neighborhood.

Million Miners on Strike. London. — With a million miners out of the pits, thousands of dock and industrial workers already out of employment as a consequence, and the transport workers and railroad men called to meet soon to discuss a sympathetic strike, Great Britain faces one of the greatest industrial upheavals in its history, in the opinion of labor and political leaders who discussed the situation.

French Assisted Poland. Posen, Poland. — An official of the French military mission in Poland has told the Associated Press correspondent that the Polish army would have been conquered by the bolshevik armies of Russia if the French had not supported the Poles. This notwithstanding the fact that the Poles had back the Russian drive on Warsaw.

Maximo Will Pay. Dallas, Texas. — The new Mexican government will recognize all legal foreign debts of Maximo, and all legal rights of Mexicans and foreigners in Mexico alike. Don Alvarez Obregon, presidentialist of Mexico who assumes office December 1, told guests at an international banquet here.

May Be Decided Drop in Coal. New York. — Prediction that the recent decline in the price of bituminous coal is to be followed by a "rock more decided drop within a short time," was made by Charles B. Allen, secretary of the Wholesale Trade Association of New York.

Flying to Wedding. Pensacola, Fla. — Ensign R. M. Cook of the naval air station here left in a pay flying boat to fly to his own wedding which is to take place at Houston, Texas.

Soviets Report Gains. Paris. — The Russian soviet army on the South Russian front has compelled General Wrangel's troops to retreat along the left bank of the Dnieper, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

League Union Bombed. Milan. — Two bombs were thrown into the vestibule of the Hotel Carver where several delegates to the meeting of the league of nations were dining. Considerable damage was done, but there were no casualties.

No Large Mills Suspend. Greenville. — None of the larger cotton mills in this section of the Carolina, the backbone of the textile industry in the south, have shut down, although practically no cotton goods are being sold.

Asked to Remove Hamilton. 4 Agents. — President Wilson was called upon to remove Secretary of the Treasury Hamilton in a resolution adopted by the Georgia division of the American Cotton Association at its annual meeting here.

## COMMISSION MEN APPEAL TO BOARD

WANT SUSPENSION OF REGULATIONS, DEFINING CERTAIN REDISCONTABLE PAPER

## PROPOSITION TOO INTRICATE

Board is Criticized by Several Who Declared Construction of the Law Differs from Its Intention.

Washington. — Representatives of Southern cotton commission merchants appealed to the federal reserve board for suspension of regulations defining rediscountable financial paper, in another effort to gain relief from the credit "stringency" which cotton interests declare has struck the whole industry.

Propositions laid before the board however were declared by Governor Harding to be so intricate and to involve such serious questions that the delegation, was given no definite reply.

Specifically the delegation asked that reserve banks be permitted to rediscount paper on which the commission man had made advances to the cotton planter. Governor Harding declared, however, that this form of paper, even though secured by mortgages on the planter's crop, did not come within meaning of the Federal Reserve act.

The board was criticized by several of the senators, who declared it had not construed the law as its framers had intended. Governor Harding replied that the board had interpreted the provisions of the act along what it believed to be sound banking lines.

Bankers Make Big Plans. Richmond, Va. — The American Bankers' association, in convention in Washington, will give its endorsement to a plan now being worked out for the organization of a \$100,000,000 corporation in which the central interests of the exporters and bankers will be combined.

The object is to place the marketing of the surplus products of the farms and factories of the United States on a safe and sound basis, protecting the exporter in his foreign trade transactions.

Censoring Will Cease. London. — The censoring of American diplomatic mail by the British military authorities in Iraq has led to informal inquiries at foreign office by J. Butler Wright charge of the American embassy, a quick expression of regret on the part of the British government.

Eight Farmer Arrested. Little Rock, Ark. — Eight white farmers were arrested near Bald Knob, White county. All eight are charged with conspiring to destroy cotton gins, the owners of which received warnings to close until the price of cotton is higher.

Two Old to Share Half. London. — Announcement is made that Charles Saunders Dundas, sixth Viscount Melville, will soon marry Miss Margaret Todd, an assistant in a leather shop in Edinburgh, says The Times. This will be the third marriage of the viscount, who is 77 years old.

300 Cases of Liquor Seized. Havana, Oct. — United States coast service cutters, working with Cuban authorities, stopped a train as it crossed Havana tunnel and confiscated 300 cases of liquor, found in cars labeled "rags" and "spatulas."

Confers on Possible Aid. Washington. — A group of business men conferred with officials of the State and Treasury departments regarding the possibility of American financial aid to Cuba, which has been requested by President Nacional.

One Killed; 29 Injured. Rio Janeiro. — One person was killed and 29 persons were injured by the explosion of an anarchist's bomb here at the Central Railway station.

Strikes Disorders in Italy. London. — Many persons were killed and others wounded at various places in Italy during a two-hour strike, says a dispatch to the London Times from Rome.

Cost of Coal Profitless. New York. — Coal profiteering participated in by operators and railroads cost the people of the country at least \$200,000,000 during the last year, United States Senator William M. Calder, chairman of the senate house ing committee, declared here.

Approve League of Nations Day. Dublin. — The Sinn Fein have issued a detailed statement on the motion received at headquarters from Ireland, Great Britain and France for the Republic Day. The total reach of approximately 250,000 persons.

## Pageant of "The Spirit of Temperance"



"The Spirit of Temperance," a pageant depicting the growth of the United States Constitution up to the eighteenth amendment, featured the fifteenth international congress against alcoholism, held in Washington. The pageant was staged on the east steps of the capitol. The photograph was made while the famous dry amendment held the center of the stage in a garb which to some of the spectators seemed more southerly than that of his black-robed brethren.

## ALIENS CHOKED ELLIS ISLAND

Millions From Italy Alone Are Reported to Have Booked Passage for United States.

their necks, leap against posts and walls, and try to sleep. Struggle, but they succeed. They are very tired. Quarters Are Squashed. The washing facilities of ships' steerage are not ample and in cramped Ellis Island they are also lacking.

The stretch of steerage and a curious heap of small things to the men and women. It is the smell that breeds the approach of immigrants, a smell by which they may be recognized.

In the women's quarters gentry of coloring might strike the eye were it not for the splendor and the discomfort. One might see and admire the broad red dress, the shoulders of a Castilian beauty, and perhaps, pity her with her weary loneliness, a woman who has a bundle of baggage upon which her head is resting as she sleeps.

Little children, too, might attract the eye. A story is told of a family of three coming from Greece, and prevented from leaving by the illness of the six-year-old child. The child was born in a concentration camp where the parents had been kept by the Austrians.

Milk Unknown to Baby. "He has never known the taste of milk, never known sugar," moaned the mother.

He was a war baby, in all the pathetic meaning of the word. Last week the child died.

The family is released, they are free to do as they wish in the United States, but the parents feel that they walk into the new land at the expense of their child.

Congestion Abated. Commissioner Wallis said that the chokes at the gate is relieved and the uninformed sons and daughters of old Europe are streaming through.

In a little while the commissioner expects his staff to be augmented by about 200. He also expects the erection of a new building the length of the island. The accommodations are at present not big enough by half, he says.

There was a concert for the immigrants on the island one day. Drunken men and women heard songs sung in their own tongues.

Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, waved an American flag and pledged that the aliens be regarded as visitors, as honored guests.

In the back of the crowd a hundred steamwhistles roared. They have the sympathy of all, but they must submit to the rigor of the law, which requires that no passportless person may land.

U. S. WOMAN REAL RULER OF ARABIA

Former New York Society Leader Becomes Adviser to Emir Feisal.

MORE POWER THAN CABINET

Resigns From American Red Cross and Takes Up Work Among the Arabs, to Which She Expects to Devote Her Life.

Chicago. — Six years ago Mrs. Ann L. Fisher was an ordinary American woman. Her sole claim to distinction lay in the fact that she was prominent in society in New York, where she resided.

## OPINION OF COURT ON ABSENTEE LAW

CIVIL ACTION ENTERED LAST YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINAL DECISION.

## UPHOLDS CONSTITUTIONALITY

Opinion Firm on The Point That the Secrecy of The Ballot is Matter of Privilege of The Voter.

Raleigh. The Supreme Court of North Carolina has declared its faith in the constitutionality of the Absentee Voters Act and affirmed Judge John H. Kerr's denial of the Republican motion to enjoin the State Board of Elections, the State Auditor, and the State Treasurer from complying with the provisions of the law.

The civil action entitled J. J. Jenkins vs State Board of Elections, et al, was heard before Judge Kerr in Wake Superior Court September 18. Judge George H. Brown wrote the opinion of the court and Chief Justice Walter Clark concurred.

Both opinions are firm on the point that the secrecy of the ballot is a matter of privilege for the protection of the voter and may be waived as a personal right and neither finds anything in the way of constitutional violation in the fact that election officials view the ballot of the absentee voter before it is cast.

In addition, Judge Brown points out that the language of the constitution "is susceptible to a fair interpretation which will sustain the statute" and in this case it is the duty of the court "to uphold it and to give it the benefit of the doubt." Moreover, passing to the consideration of the text of the Constitution, Judge Brown holds that the context of Article 4 of the Constitution "indicates that the personal presence of the voter is not required to cast his ballot."

At the instance of Mr. W. C. Douglas, Judge John H. Kerr, presiding over Wake county superior court, formerly ruled that it is within the prerogative of the selector to refuse the services of other attorneys retainer to assist him in the prosecution of cases on the criminal docket.

The matter came to the attention of the court when Solicitor Herbert E. Norris refused an attorney tendered him in open court by Mr. Douglas for criticism of the selector made at the September term of court and the selector later forced Clyde A. Douglas to retire from a case in which the use of the selector had been retained. The action is said to be without precedent and caused quite a stir.

Overman Pleased with Work. Washington, (Special). — Senator Overman on being questioned concerning the work of the agricultural conference in session for the last two days said the meeting had served to emphasize the real situation in the marketing of farm products, such as cotton, tobacco, wool and wheat and that he was confident the Federal Reserve Board and the bankers of the country would now solve the problem to the satisfaction of the farmers. Co-operation with the conference of the farmers' organizations here are the conferences of the Federal Reserve Board and the bankers from every part of the country.

Too Much Cotton Being Sold. Cotton farmers in the state are marketing this year's crop much faster than officials of the North Carolina Cotton Association like and which, to their minds, precludes the possibility of forcing the price back towards the forty-cent mark of last year.

The rapidity with which the farmers are selling their cotton is based upon reports made by the gladders.

Mail Clerk Appointments. Washington, (Special). — The following railway mail clerks have been appointed in North Carolina: C. F. Fisher, Charlotte; R. W. Mansueti, Burlington; C. C. Poffat, Wakefield; and G. O. Morgan, Candler.

Doing Well in China. According to advices from Peking, James A. Thomas, brother of Henry E. Thomas of Charlotte and native of Reidsville, this state, is meeting with much success as a banker in China. He is American vice president of the Commercial and Industrial Bank of China, which has its principal business in the capital with branches throughout the country. The opening of the Tientsin branch occurred in August. From 10 to 4 on tax paying date the bank received deposits totalling \$2,000,000.

Pardoned by The Governor. Governor Bickett has granted a conditional pardon to Ray Owen, of Moore county, convicted of larceny and receiving at the August term of court last year and sentenced to serve 18 months on the roads of Anson county.

Divine his reasons the governor says that the soldier, the man whose property was taken, the private attorney for the prosecution and numerous good citizens think the prisoner has been sufficiently punished and that he is entitled by his family.

Population Center Has Shifted East Eight Miles

The center of population of the United States for the new census again will remain in Monroe county, Indiana. But it will be located from six to eight miles due east of Bloomington, the old location.

Two years ago the population center was located first by census experts on a farm eight miles east of Bloomington. Markers were erected, but three weeks later the census bureau fixed the center on a factory site, within the city of Bloomington, where it has remained until now.

Twenty years ago the center was near Columbus, Ind., and this will be the first time in the history of the United States that the shift has been eastward instead of westward.

## Valuable Facts About Farming.

For the past fifty years, the State Experiment Stations and the United States Department of Agriculture have been collecting valuable facts about farming that were never known before. This information put into practice will double the profit in farming in many different lines. Yet the greater portion of it is not being used by the farmers of the country.

There may be several reasons why this information is not being used; but one important one is that the farmer has not been educated to read farming literature, and many of these pieces of information under the head of "Book Farming," not suitable for the man who is after bigger crops more cheaply produced.

The Farm Demonstration system has been developed to correct this misunderstanding among farmers and to assist the information; but at least the farm demonstrator can only help to correct a mistake in the farmer's education and must be classed as a "repair man." The high school teacher of agriculture (often at the root of the trouble, and trains the farmer while yet a boy and a learner to select the information he wants and use it wisely.

We used to train printers, shoemakers, blacksmiths, tailors, etc., in the home shop, but now the most capable young workmen in these lines are first partly trained in the school. Under modern conditions it is essential that our future successful farmers learn something about farming in schools while gaining their formal education, and also their first stage of civilization.

Amendments to Be Voted On. Five amendments to the constitution of North Carolina will be voted on in the November election. They were drawn up at the special session of the general assembly in Raleigh last August.

Copies of the amendments have been received by the Mecklenburg delegation in the legislature. The amendments to be voted on are as follows:

1. Give authority to the state to tax net income from all sources above exemption of not less than \$1,000 for married man or widow or widower having dependent minor child or children, and to all other persons not less than \$1,000.
2. To limit poll tax to not exceeding \$1 for state, and for municipalities, \$1.
3. To reduce rate of tax on property for general expenses of state and counties from 66 2/3 cents to a limit of 15 cents on each \$100 worth of property.
4. To substitute a rule of one in ten of two years residence in state and four months in precinct, as qualification for voting.
5. To abolish payment of poll tax as qualification for voting.

Laundry Demonstration at Fair. In the dozen or so booths which will be put on by the State Home demonstration division in the Building of Home, School Demonstrations and Exhibits at the State Fair, one of the most interesting is to be the booth devoted to Laundry demonstrations.

The agents have found that many women with whom they come in contact in their work are ignorant as to the demonstration of how with very little trouble a housewife may do her household laundry herself, and in the laundry booth at the Fair each demonstration will be given.

A carload of poultry raised by the boys' and girls' clubs of Catawba county is to be featured at the Central North Carolina Fair at Greensboro and at the State Fair at Raleigh.

This is said to be the first club sale of poultry ever gathered together in the United States and will serve to show the progress in raising poultry raised by boys' and girls' clubs of Catawba county and girls' under the direction of the State Agricultural Extension Service.

Parent-Teacher Council to Meet. The North Carolina State council of Parent-Teacher associations will hold its second annual meeting in Greensboro on November 14. It was announced by officials of the state organization.

Dr. Crompton, dean of the Normal School of Physical Culture, Battle Creek, Mich., will be the speaker, his subject being "Pulling Physical Training in All of the Schools of North Carolina."

Close Bank for Examination. The State Corporation Commission has instructed Clarence Latham, state bank examiner, to go to Union Mills, Northford county, and close the People's Bank of that place.

This action resulted from information received here that the institution had been described by one of its officials who is said to have left for unknown parts. It is not known here just what condition the bank was left in but the examiner has been authorized to take possession, close the doors until after examination.

Governor to Open Fair. Governor Bickett will open the Fifteenth Great State Fair at North Carolina, Tuesday, October 19 and four days of varied attractions in the State capital will follow.

Governor Julian B. Carr, president of the Fair, Col. Joseph E. Payne, secretary, and Mr. C. B. Dupont, treasurer, join in the warm declaration that it will be the best ever.

Certainly the State Fair authorities have spared no money or pains to make it so. The race track has been put in condition.