

PARTISAN TALK DEPLORED

LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONTROVERSY IS DEPRECATED.

Charles E. Hughes Asserts "Generalities" Are Absolutely Necessary in a Constitution.

NEW YORK. — March 9.—What he characterized as "partisan discussion" of the League of Nations covenant was deplored by Charles E. Hughes, in an address last night at the "Victory dinner" of the New York County Lawyers' Association. "I never believed in a constitution in political discussions," Mr. Hughes said. "I appreciate this League of Nations controversy, with imputation of unworthy motives by one side to the other."

Mr. Hughes urged that the proposed covenant be studied carefully, asserting that "whatever we do we must make no engagement which we do not understand."

He asserted a certain number of "generalities" are absolutely necessary in a constitution and declared that, although the framers of the constitution of the United States could not interpret all generalities, "these general principles can be applied, and we have had a most astounding success under that constitution."

"There was no reason, however," he continued, "for saying every ambiguity is to be deferred until it is believed in an international court with machinery for conference and in the organization of some conciliatory committee."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, another speaker, asserted the United States should adopt "some form of national service" regardless of the outcome of the peace conference.

IDAHO MINE OUTPUT BIG

Operation Conducted With Smaller Crews Due to War.

BOISE, Idaho. — Despite several causes which retarded production, the mineral output of the state in 1918 was larger than in 1917. Total value in 1918 was not so far below previous years as had been expected, says the annual report of Robert N. Bell, state inspector of mines, just issued. The slackened output came in with the early months of the year when heavy floods in the Coeur d'Alene district interrupted railway transportation for two or three weeks and partially destroyed several miles of track on two important railroads. The lack of labor, mine and camp, and the extreme scarcity of labor, especially good miners, the report says, together with influenza troubles and the sudden collapse of the lead market in December, resulted in a decided decrease in mineral output for the year which aggregated, in gross metal contents, according to estimates, as follows:

Lead, 296,843,425 pounds; silver, 9,572,214 ounces; zinc, 51,691,000 pounds; copper, 3,416,000 pounds; gold, 31,307. Total gross value, \$37,230,000. These figures compare with the record output of 1917 as follows: Lead, 355,699,000 pounds; silver, 12,496,000 ounces; zinc, 56,000,000 pounds; copper, 7,282,000 pounds; gold, 31,307. Total gross value, 156,232,210.

Several of the mines operated with greatly reduced crews, due to army drafts, enlistments and war industries. A report of this character, the report continues, does not develop development progress suffered seriously.

"With returning soldiers and war industry workers, together with the sudden drop in lead values, immediately after the armistice," which caused Inspector Bell says, "which compelled us to recede to the end of the year, together with the still prevailing high operating costs, the labor situation has not only eased, but we are available except for requirements of war industry, is decidedly upsets with a glutted market for lead metal, curtailment of output was necessary and the reconstruction period is likely to involve sacrifice of a rather large number of miners involved in the war industry, including employer, employee and contingent community business."

Lead is the chief metal output of Idaho, the state ranking second only to Missouri.

The state's 4500 men employed in the mining industry during the year 1918, embracing both underground and surface workers, out of this number often engaged in what is known as a hazardous occupation, there were 19 fatalities in the 12 months as compared with 24 in 1917.

A tribute to the adventurous young miners who took their part in the hazardous work was made by Mr. Bell, who states that Shoshone county was particularly responsive in man power, which proved to be a heavy drain on the mines of their most effective operatives."

PEARSON PRAISES AMERICA

Blind Publisher of England Returns After Speaking Tour.

NEW YORK. — Sir Arthur Pearson, blind publisher and philanthropist, who has been on a speaking tour through the United States and Canada in behalf of the blind, left New York for Liverpool on board the Baltic of the White Star Line. He is en route to the盲人 college for blind girls, the first institution of its kind in the world. Many American girls are expected to attend, he said. "It is nearly now, I am afraid, that the trip is over, as the opening had been prevented by the war."

"I leave this wonderful country with the firm conviction that efforts will be made in many directions to assist blind people to help themselves in a thorough and practical manner than heretofore," he said. Sir Arthur expressed gratitude to American publishers and editors for their co-operation in spreading the views on blindness before the public.

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