

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS HELD NECESSITY

Senator Swanson Appeals for Support in Upper House.

MEASURE IS REASONABLE

Solon Cites Philippines as One Question That Will be Simplified by Covenant.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Fraising the league of nations covenant as "one of the world's greatest documents," Senator Swanson of Virginia, a democratic member of the foreign relations committee, told the senate today that if the United States rejected the league it "would mean that she would skulk in the greatest world crisis that ever occurred."

The speaker defended the league against the objections that it would sacrifice sovereignty and American traditions and asserted that on the contrary it would result in immense material gain in protecting American integrity and preventing war. He declared it would not create a super-government, involve objectionable obligations nor invalidate the Monroe doctrine.

"The pathway of our duty is plain," said Senator Swanson. "Let us not be frightened by our own prodigious shadow as it projects itself into world affairs. Let us not be deterred by our manifest duty and destiny by a craven fear of becoming great in giving service and direction to a world in the direst hour of its need and distress."

Dark Ages Feared.

Pointing out that the war had shaken the social order to its foundation, the Virginia senator said "was the paramount obligation of responsible statesmen to prevent another such conflagration, which would return the world to the rule of brute force and barbarism of the dark ages."

"The covenant of the league has been assailed from two opposite sources," he continued. "The league will neither be a super-state nor sovereign, nor a helpless, powerless association of nations. The instrument which the league is a 'covenant' entered into by sovereign states. One of the attributes of sovereignty is the ability to make covenants or agreements. That state reserves its full sovereignty is conclusively settled by the provision allowing any member to withdraw."

Equal Power Assured.

"The league could never be organized on any basis other than that of equal representation. If members were accorded difference in the representation, upon what basis should the apportionment be made? If upon population, China and India would dominate the league and the United States would have only one-fiftieth of the number. If based upon wealth and military power, the unequal and arbitrary as uncertain and unsatisfactory."

"What better plan for disarmament could be devised? The council is directed to prepare a general armament agreement for consideration of the governments, which plan is not binding upon any of the states until approved by that state. Under our government, the proposed plan to be effective in binding us must have the sanction of congress, which is entrusted under the constitution with the power of raising armies and equipping navies."

Co-operation is Pledged.

"The second obligation assumed by each member is to preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. This is a natural corollary of the first. In the former we undertake not to rob our associates ourselves and in this we agree not to permit others to do so. This guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence is limited to those cases where they are threatened or attacked by external aggression and does not apply to revolution within a nation, or to internal affairs are left undisturbed."

"Thoughtful persons recognize the importance of giving such a guarantee now, at least for a limited period, if the peace of the world is to be maintained. The autocratic governments that controlled Russia, Germany, Austria and Turkey have been overthrown, but as yet no real, stable governments established. Some of the new states created out of this immense territory, without the guaranty of the league, would be overthrown and would return to the domination of their former oppressors."

Root's Attitude Cited.

"Honorable Elihu Root, former secretary of state, recognized the great immediate need of this article and recommended its acceptance with an amendment providing that any member could, after expiration of five years from the signing of the covenant, terminate its obligations under the article."

"But under this covenant the United States by giving notice of withdrawal from the league can limit her obligations to a time not far to exceed two years. If this treaty is ratified the United States may fully perform her obligations to her allies, discharge her duties to the new nation she has aided in creating, and then honorably retire."

"It should be noted that when in this article we guarantee the territorial integrity of all members of the league we receive at the same time from all of them a like guarantee of our territorial possessions. The Philippine islands have occasioned us great apprehension. In order to safeguard these islands it will be necessary for us in the present disturbed condition of the world to construct the largest navy afloat and have an army equal to that of any nation. Shall we embark upon this great military expense, or accept the league and with it the honorable pledge that Great Britain and Japan, the only two nations from which the islands could ever be threatened would aid in preserving them from all external aggression."

AUTO REPAIR SUIT BEGUN

Constitutionality of State Law to be Tested by Mechanic.

Constitutionality of the law passed by the last legislature licensing automobile mechanics in this state will be tested by a case filed yesterday in the United States district court, in which M. I. Dewey, an automobile mechanic, asks a decree setting the law aside and restraining the authorities from arresting him for operating without a license. The case is filed against the mem-



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ARMY NURSES ARE GUESTS

TEN ON WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL ARE ENTERTAINED.

Red Cross Takes Visitors on Automobile Trips and to Portland Theaters.

Ten reserve army nurses, each with at least a year's active service to their credit, spent the afternoon and evening in Portland yesterday on their way from Camp Lewis base hospital to the Letterman general hospital in San Francisco.

While in Portland they were the guests of the Red Cross canteen service. Under the direction of Mrs. Ferdinand Reed, commandant of the canteen, they were taken for auto rides. They were dined at the Hippodrome and Liberty theaters. They left Portland at 1 o'clock this morning.

In the party were Mary Everett, Spokane; Helen Counihan, Seattle; Marie Mermansen, Letterman general hospital; Julia E. Hurley, Scranton, Pa.; Kathleen Mitchell, Vancouver, B. C.; Bernice Harrison, Des Moines, Ia.; Julia Larson, Minneapolis; Valdeine Grundberg, Trent, S. D.; Nellie Waddington, Vancouver, B. C.

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PLATINUM DEPOSITS FOUND

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The ground may be easily worked by hydraulic methods. Nearly one hundred persons have staked claims.

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MORE PAY HELD REMEDY

SUPERINTENDENT CHURCHILL TALKS OF TEACHER DEARTH.

State Official Returns From Attending National Education Association Convention.

SALEM, Or., July 14.—(Special)—Education of school boards to the necessity of paying better salaries to teachers is the only way in which the high standard set by the schools of the United States can be maintained, according to State Superintendent Churchill, who returned to his offices today after attending the annual meeting of the National Education association at Milwaukee.

"Reports at the convention indicated a serious shortage of teachers," said Mr. Churchill, "and in some sections of the country the schools are suffering because of an inadequate supply of competent instructors. This is particularly true in the middle west, where

MINISTER TO BE EXPELLED

Presbyterian Synod Expected to Take Action in Fisher Case.

CORVALLIS, Or., July 14.—(Special)—The synod of Oregon will meet at Eugene tomorrow and from Corvallis the following members of the Presbyterian family will be in attendance: J. R. N. Bell, P. A. Tinkham, T. R. McGinnis and J. E. Snyder.

One phase of business to be transacted that is of special interest here has to do with the proposed expelling of W. G. Fisher, of Corvallis and Philomath, from the Presbyterian ministry, which, it is said, will be done without defense on the part of the minister.

This is said to be the result of alleged moral lapses on the part of Mr. Fisher, culminating today in a divorce secured by his wife. Originally Mr. Fisher was a member of the United Brethren assembly and was associated with Philomath college and was also mayor of Philomath at one time.

COOS IS HOST TO BRYAN

Chautauqua Speaker Says 90 Per Cent of U. S. of Average Class.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 14.—(Special)—William Jennings Bryan, who will speak here tonight at the North Bend and Marshfield Chautauqua, was entertained at a luncheon by 125 Coos Bay citizens, and afterward taken to the coastal section and Shoreacres on a sightseeing trip. At the luncheon Mr. Bryan spoke for a short time and credited Oregon as a foremost community, citing prohibition, woman suffrage and the initiative and referendum as proofs. He declared that while foreign countries have a preferred class, with two extremes, America has 90 per cent of average class. He said

that America has the most advanced government and laborers are considered the better class of this country.

Destroyer to Be Mine Planter.

VALLEJO, Cal., July 14.—The U. S. S. destroyer Hart, built at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, is due at Mare Island navy yard tomorrow to be fitted out as a mine planter for service in the Pacific. The destroyer #39, under construction here, has been ordered named the Trevor, in honor of the memory of Lieutenant-Commander G. A. Trevor.



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