

EUROPE'S SICK MAN LIES ON DEATHBED

European Powers, Hungry-Eyed, Likened to Vultures.

LEAGUE MUST MEET TEST

International Intrigue, Conspiracy, Secret Diplomacy, Propaganda and Censorship Still Rampant.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, July 15.—(By Courier)—International intrigue, conspiracy, secret diplomacy, propaganda and censorship are more rampant in Turkey today than before the war.

One looks in vain for any league of nations spirit or practice out here. Yet these are the powers who have at Paris voted the league of nations into existence, and who have agreed to abide by its principles.

This is admittedly the testing time and the testing place of the league idea. If it fails at this juncture in the near east, it fails altogether and cannot work anywhere else.

Even the disinterested eyewitness of conditions knows, Turkey's future is the best of arguments for some sort of unselfish international agreement.

But the first fact that confronts even the most casual observer is that all the ideals and purposes of such a league are alien to the present practices of the European nations right here and now.

Does the league of nations mean a public-spirited union against war, and for the protection of the weaker peoples? To European nations here (and I shall recite particulars to-morrow) for which America entered the war?

Does the league of nations mean that Italy's occupation of Asia and of the purely Turkish region lying behind, clear to Konia, has the approval of the United States?

Does the league of nations mean that we agree to the creation of a vast new Armenia, stretching from the Black sea to the Mediterranean, and almost or entirely to the Caspian, with about 10 per cent of the population subject to a 10 per cent minority bent on reprisals and racial and religious strife?

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MAJESTIC and orchard operators. The warehouse is to be 60x100 feet. Construction of the building will begin at once, and following the completion of this second warehouse will be erected on the Northern Pacific tracks in East Lewiston. New Secretary Named. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special)—W. A. De Lashmuth, who recently moved here from Portland, has been appointed secretary of the Hood River Commercial club, succeeding Hugh G. Ball, local newspaper man, who has resigned. Mr. De Lashmuth will also be custodian of the club rooms. Tacomans Visit Aberdeen. ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special)—Forty Tacoma business men arrived here Tuesday night and spent all day Wednesday visiting business men of the harbor cities. The trip is one of a series of tours being made by the Tacomans. On Tuesday night Aberdeen business men entertained the visitors at an informal dinner and the Hoquiam Commercial club entertained them at a noon luncheon on Wednesday. Warehouse Contract Let. LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 15.—(Special)—The contract for the construction of a fruit packing warehouse has been let to Joseph Lasker, of this place, by White Bros. & Crum, fruit packers. "Bayer Cross" on Genuine Aspirin. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special)—Sheriff John Aschm of Tillamook cleared a highway of a highway robber, a one-legged man, back to Tillamook to face a charge of forgery. Newell is alleged to have cashed checks aggregating approximately \$50 on Tillamook banks. Hearing to Be Held. SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special)—H. H. Corey, member of the Oregon public service commission, has gone to Clatsop county to conduct a public hearing with reference to the establishment of a grade crossing. First Pears Shipped. STANFIELD, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special)—The first carload of pears was shipped out of here Thursday by Dr. Heine, and it is expected that at least 10 carloads of pears this season. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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