

BELGIAN ELECTED TO HEAD LEAGUE

Paul Hymans Is Chosen Permanent President.

ASSEMBLY ATTACKS TASKS

U. S. Is Not Represented but Has Observers at Session to Keep Nation Informed.

GENEVA, Nov. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Paul Hymans of Belgium was elected permanent president of the league of nations at the opening session of the league's assembly here today. He received 35 votes to four votes for President Motta of Switzerland, and for one each for ex-President Adolphe Steiner of Switzerland and Leon Bourgeois of France.

When M. Hymans, who heads the Belgian delegation and is a former foreign minister of Belgium, declared the first session of the assembly open, the hall was crowded with men and women and there were several women among the delegates.

President Wilson thanked the delegates, thanked the peace conference for having met at Geneva, as the seat of the league of nations and also thanked President Wilson for calling the meeting of the assembly here.

The first session of the league assembly was greeted with the ringing of all the bells in Geneva after several minutes' silence by all the people of the canton. President Motta of Switzerland was followed by M. Hymans.

The socialist leader Hjalmar Branting, head of the Swedish delegation, provoked the first debate by objecting to the election of Paul Hymans as president of the league by acclamation. M. Hymans decided the question by holding that, since one member requested a secret vote, he was entitled to it.

Animated Discussion Held.
A more animated and more significant discussion grew out of the adoption of the agenda.

Lord Robert Cecil, who represents South Africa, held that the applications for membership of Albania, Bulgaria and Austria, which were received since the agenda was made up, should be added to it.

The assembly so decided after the French delegates, Viviani and Bourgeois, had made it clear that the applications would be referred to a committee to be examined and a decision taken as to whether they would be received.

German Action Foreseen.
This reservation, it was contended, will establish a precedent so that if Germany's application for admission later the French delegates will be able to raise the question of eligibility at once.

Working organization of the assembly was formed this afternoon and consists of six committees, each with one member from each of the states attending. All questions on the agenda will be divided among the committees and will come up for debate on the floor only when the reports are submitted. The presidents of these committees will be ex-officio vice-presidents.

Debates Indicate Leaders.
The debates today clearly indicated that Lord Robert Cecil, Leon Bourgeois, Rene Viviani and Signor Tittoni are likely to become leading figures on the floor and that the small states are showing a spirit of independence and will not accept prearranged programs without having their say.

Just before the opening of the session a procession made up of Swiss officials marched from the city hall to the hall of the Reformation, where the delegates were assembling for the session.

The paraders marched through streets bedecked with the flags of virtually all the nations of the world except Germany, Austria and Turkey. Never before in the history of the world, it was believed, had the flags of so many nations flown together.

Only a few American flags were noted among the colors displayed.

Determination Is Shown.
Determination to meet intricate problems in world affairs has been firmly the foundation stones of the league of nations was evident in the demeanor of delegates of 41 countries when they convened. Although differences of opinion have already arisen relative to the Danzig question, the makeup of the commission mandates, the protection of racial and religious minorities in the Balkan states and the admission of Germany to the league with some of her former allies, there was an evident disposition on the part of all the delegates to meet every situation with fairness and an open mind and to endeavor to reach decisions which would be acceptable.

Men who have been long prominent in the arena of world politics were present when Paul Hymans, temporary president and former Belgian foreign minister, appeared on the platform in the hall of the Reformation and called the meeting to order.

A. J. Balfour, head of the British delegation, was not able to be present. Among prominent men present were Tommaso Tittoni of Italy, Leon Bourgeois and Rene Viviani of France, Viscount Kikujiro Ishii and Baron Kishiro Matsuo of Japan and Jose Quinones de Leon of Spain. South Africa was represented by Lord Robert Cecil, former British assistant secretary of state for foreign affairs.

South Americans Attend.
Most of the South and Central American republics have full delegations here for the session.

The United States was not represented officially at today's meeting, but throughout the session there will be present American "observers" who will keep Washington fully informed of developments. At a meeting of the council of the league yesterday arrangements were made for the United States to have a representative on the financial commission, as well as the commissions on economics and mandates, should she so desire.

Honduras and Ecuador are the only other American nations which did not send delegates to the meeting of the assembly.

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COMMITTEE IS NAMED

STEPS TAKEN TO SECURE BATTLESHIP OREGON.

Mayor Baker Appoints Body to Bring Famous Sea Fighter to Portland.

The first active step to bring the famous battleship Oregon to Portland harbor as a training ship for the naval reserve was taken yesterday when Mayor Baker named a committee to begin immediate efforts to bring the ship to this port. The committee will be headed by Colonel George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, as chairman, and it is probable that the initial meeting will be held within a few days.

In the letter of appointment sent to the various members of the committee Mayor Baker points to the importance of bringing the battleship Oregon to this harbor and announces that the members he has selected are, according to the mayor's belief, especially capable of procuring the desired results.

The committee is composed of the following: Colonel George A. White, John A. Beckwith, Charles Berg, Guy Talbot and Gus C. Moser.

Mayor Baker said that he was of the belief that the Oregon could be brought to Portland as a training ship, which would relieve the city of the expense of paying the upkeep but that if it should be developed that residents of this state must donate funds proper means to raise such money would be taken.

OLDEST WARRIOR DIES

VETERAN SOLDIER SUCCEUMS TO PTOMAIN POISONING.

Man of 52 Who Saw Service in World War Passes Away at Albany Or.

ALBANY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—D. F. Newland, widely known Linn county farmer and one of the oldest of the old men in the recent world war, died in St. Mary's hospital here last evening, aged 52 years. He had been resident of Linn county for 40 years.

Mr. Newland came to Albany to celebrate Armistice day and that evening became ill with ptomaine poisoning from some food eaten at dinner. Illness a few years ago and injuries received while serving in the war, an automobile in Seattle a few months ago probably contributed to his death.

Mr. Newland operated a farm between Brownsville and the coast, where he enlisted in the old 5th company, coast artillery corps, Oregon national guard of this city and went into service with it. He was a member of the American Legion.

LIFE IS PUT AT \$25,000

Widow Sues Railroad Because of Accident Which Kills Husband.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Dora J. Shover brought suit for \$25,000 damages against the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad company for the death of her husband, William T. Shover, 40, who died December 16, 1917, as a result of injuries received when working in Vancouver, bar tracks, assisting the train crew to switch cars.

It is alleged that he was on top of a freight car when the train was backed up quickly, throwing him to the ground and causing injuries from which he died.

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OUTPUT OF GOLD IS REDUCED TWO-THIRDS

Yield Falls From \$22,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

END DECLARED NOT YET

Congress Learns That Gold Reserve Is Not Great Enough to Care for Nation's Debts.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 15.—Gold miners "are engaged in a hand-to-mouth existence," and the output of gold has decreased two-thirds in five years, George E. Collins, governor of the Colorado chapter, told the American mining congress at tonight's session of the annual convention which opened today.

Mr. Collins said the gold output in the last five years has fallen from \$22,000,000 to \$7,000,000 a year, "and the bottom has not yet been reached."

"The nation's gold reserve," he said, "great as it is, would not begin even to meet the Vintory notes and savings stamps which mature early in 1937."

He added that the relative strength of British exchange is "it seems clear, based largely on the steady stream of new gold produced from the empire."

Liberal Enforcement Wanted.
In his annual address, President Bulkeley Wells said the congress had been active in supporting the Fadden bill for relief of gold producers.

He said the organization favored a "more liberal application" of the war minerals relief act; development of the standardization of mining equipment; more favorable terms for use in the mining industry of the flotation process of ore separation and a solution of the transportation problem.

Leading for a recommendation by the American Mining congress for re-establishment of the war finance corporation, Eugene Meyer Jr., ex-governor of New York, said the most important commodities of the country are "backed up at the ports, falling of export."

He said during its career the war finance corporation had lent "about \$800,000,000, of which about \$250,000,000 has been repaid."

Bi-partisan Board Favored.
The workings of the Kansas industrial law were explained to the members of the American Mining congress by Frank Dumont, Smith of Hutchinson, Kan., representative of Governor Allen.

Creation of a bi-partisan board of ten men to pass upon and settle the cases of taxes arising during or consequent upon the war period of 1917 to 1920 was advocated in the report of the national tax committee of the congress, made public tonight.

"The excess profits tax, as is well known," said the report, "is a most complicated and difficult form of taxation. We tender our profound respect to the bureau of internal revenue and the many able and patriotic citizens who temporarily joined its forces during the war, for the work that has been done, but we are deeply impressed with the fact that the task of gathering the war revenue is far from accomplished."

TWO ARRESTED IN RAID

Alleged Moonshiners and Liquor Seized Near Milwaukee.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—A raid by Sheriff Wilson and deputies and federal officers from Portland last night resulted in the capture of two alleged moonshiners—Antonio Tesia and Bob Ordlin—near Milwaukee.

The men were said to have been preparing to operate a large still when the raid was made and six barrels of sour mash, six 200-gallon vats and 40 pints of bottled goods were seized. Both of the men were lodged in the county jail. A man by the name of Beers was also held pending examination. He had a truck in front of the place at the time of the raid.

Clarke Teachers in Session.

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Suit and Extra Trousers Sale

Answering the Call of the Times, we have put on our between-season-sale offer.

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FINDER IS HELD KEEPER

COURT ALLOWS CLAIM OF BOY WHO DISCOVERED \$1300.

Hoosier Youngster Wins in Three-Cornered Fight for Gold Dug Up on Indiana Farm.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Nov. 15.—Ownership of \$1300 in gold found buried on a farm near Greensboro six months ago by Levi Todd, a 15-year-old boy, was settled today in the circuit court by Judge Claus deciding that "finders are keepers."

While excavating for a basement under an old house young Todd drove his pick into an earthenware jar containing the money. A three-cornered fight for its ownership followed.

Mrs. Clara Freeman Vickery of this city claimed the money was part of her mother's estate and John Hardin, present owner of the farm, sought an interest as owner of the land. The judge gave the money to the youthful finder, holding the evidence was insufficient to show Mrs. Vickery's mother had buried it and that Mr. Hardin's ownership of the land did not give him ownership of the money because he was ignorant of its existence.

SCHOOL CALLED HARDING

Marion, Ohio, Institution Undergoes Change of Name.

MARION, O., Nov. 15.—The high school board tonight voted to change the name of Marion high school to Harding high school.

The change is in honor of President-elect Harding.

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Made in one piece, 72x84 inches.

36-Inch Outing Now 35c Yard

Standard quality White Outing Flannel.

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Also light colored Silkolines.

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Children's Wool-mixed Vests, Pants, garment... \$1.75 to \$2.50

Misses' Cotton Union Suits, suit... \$1.15 to \$1.85

Misses' Wool-mixed Union Suits in both high neck long sleeves and Dutch neck, elbow sleeves... \$2.15 to \$5.50

Boys' Cotton Fleece Union Suits... \$1.50 and \$1.75

Boys' Wool-mixed Union Suits... \$2.50 to \$4.50

Women's Cotton Fleece Vests and Pants, garment... \$1.25

Outsized, at... \$1.40

Women's Wool-mixed Vests and Pants, garment... \$1.79 to \$6.00

Women's Heavy Cotton Fleece Union Suits... \$1.98

Outsized, at... \$2.25

Women's Medium-weight Combed Peeler Cotton Union Suits, all styles, suit \$2.50; outsized... \$2.75

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