

LEAGUE BEGINNING TO SPEED UP WORK

Six Committees Organized and Chairmen Elected.

DANGER IS POINTED OUT

Argentinian Declares Antagonism May Be Aroused by Policy of Non-Admission of States.

GENEVA, Nov. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—A plenary session was held by the assembly of the league of nations today to consider a report from the council of the league relative to its activities since its formation.

The assembly meeting began speeding up today with the organization of the six committees appointed at the opening session Monday and the election of chairmen. It has been decided that these committees will work in private, but that the minutes of their meetings will be published as soon as possible. Subjects will be referred to them by the assembly without debate.

Honorio Pueyrredon, head of the Argentine delegation, took the floor first. Speaking in French, he declared that the success of the league required a most complete membership, referring to the necessity, in his view, of the United States coming in.

Antagonism Danger Seen. The strength of the league, Mr. Pueyrredon said, resides in the incorporation of the greatest number of states possible.

"The non-admission of some states," continued the Argentine foreign minister, "may create dangerous antagonism and may provoke the organization of another league by the states left outside."

The Argentine delegation protested against the present system for the formation of the council of the league. "Argentina," he said, "considers that all members of the league's council ought to be elected by the assembly, in conformity with the principle of the equality of states. The council as at present constituted assures the efficacious direction of the affairs of the league, but it does not respond to democratic aspirations."

International Court Wanted. The international court, he continues, is, in the opinion of Argentina, such an essential thing that he could not imagine the existence of the league without it.

He also advocated the creation of permanent international economic organizations.

Referring to the United States, he said:

"One cannot sit in this first assembly without noting regretfully the absence of the United States. The delegation from the Argentine expresses the hope that a formula will be found that will permit the entry of this country, to collaborate in the work of which it was one of the principal authors."

In conclusion, he referred to the fact that optimism concerning the league does not prevail everywhere.

PRICES SHOW BIG DROP

FOODSTUFFS AND CLOTHING DECLINE 30 PER CENT.

Decrease in Prices Since March of This Year Noted by Board of Control of Washington.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Thirty per cent decrease in the price of foodstuffs and 40 per cent decrease in the price of clothing since March of this year, when the board of control last ordered supplies for the state institutions, is noted by the board, according to Martin Bibb, purchasing agent.

The board states there appears to be more food in the country and that the goods being shown at the present time, both foodstuffs and clothing, are of a higher quality than in March. More bids have been received by the board of control during this purchasing period than for many months past. Wholesale houses appear more anxious to sell their goods, the board finds.

The board today ordered 35,000 pounds of sugar at 10 1/2 cents a pound, while last March the board paid 14 1/2 cents; 55,000 pounds of beans at 5 1/2 cents a pound, while last March the price paid was 8 1/2 cents a pound; 80,000 pounds of cornmeal at 3 1/2 cents a pound, costing 4 1/2 cents a pound in March; 40,000 pounds of rice at 4 1/2 cents a pound, against 11 cents a pound last March; 12,000 pounds of prunes at 10 1/2 cents a pound, against 15 1/2 cents a pound in March; 15,000 pounds of dried apples at 12 1/2 cents a pound, against 17 1/2 cents last March.

Flour is being purchased by the board of control at \$10 a barrel, while last March it cost \$12 a barrel. A general decline in the cost of dried fruits was noticed by the board.

BRIEF ROMANCE ENDED

HUSBAND ASKS DECREE FROM 16-YEAR-OLD BRIDE.

Angel Saray Declares Wife Was Ward of Aid Society and Not as Old as Supposed.

A romance that began in the public market and resulted in a wedding at Vancouver a week later was forever buried yesterday, when Presiding Judge Tawell annulled the ceremony. Angel Saray, who brought the suit, discovered that the girl, Florence Cheilman, whom he had made his wife, was 16 years of age instead of 19, as she had told him, and was a ward of the Boys and Girls' Aid society. She had been working in a private home when the pair met, but had run away several times from the guardianship.

"Bill Hart against Edna Hart," read Joe Rogers, clerk of the court, yesterday as he called another case. The crowd looked for some large imposing individual, but the plaintiff appeared as an individual of modest stature and very much unlike his movie namesake. His plea was that his wife had mistreated him. A divorce was granted.

Other defendant decrees handed down yesterday were: Lucy E. Wolcott against Roscoe L. Wolcott, Mrs. F. F. Steves against Luban

Stevens, David Roach against Gertrude Roach, Mary M. Rankin against Harry Rankin, Olive E. Stopyra against R. C. Stopyra, J. A. Johnson against Sylvia E. Johnson, Grace G. Tanner against Vernon N. Tanner, Lillian J. Hofmann against Adna J. Hofmann, B. Harger against Carl Harger, Blevins against Blevins, L. F. Evans, Garnet Roberts against William M. Roberts, Bertie G. Smith against Edna E. Smith, Restoria Sinder against Ernest Sinder, Virel A. McMillen, Josephine Rowan against Harold H. Ross, Henrietta Ward against Frank H. Ward, Carl B. Truman against Marion Truman, Katherine McCaskell against E. McCaskell, Pearl Graham against J. E. Graham, Emma E. Smith against A. H. Smith, Zelphia Needham against M. M. Needham, Ed. Bevet against William F. Bevet.

BRITAIN IGNORES DEMAND

FUNDING OF DEBT TO UNITED STATES IS HELD UP.

Negotiations, It Is Learned, Will Not Be resumed Until Harding Becomes President.

(Copyright by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.) LONDON, Nov. 17.—(Special cable.)—Renewed inquiries by the World correspondent of authoritative sources produced the information that the British government adheres strenuously to its unwillingness to negotiate funding Great Britain's debt to the American government, except on the basis for its repayment parallel with the repayment of the allied debts to Great Britain.

It was learned further that negotiations in respect to payment are at an absolute standstill, and will not be resumed until after the Harding administration enters office. It was intimated that Great Britain would be quite willing to turn over her share of the German indemnity as part payment to America, if and when that indemnity is finally settled, but there is little official hope here that this would be acceptable.

Besides the embarrassing financial position of the British government as a large creditor of France and Italy, and the doubtfulness of the realization of a big German indemnity in the near future, it is understood that the government has practically abandoned hope of the repayment of the millions loaned to Russia during the war. Finance officials here would like to popularize the idea that inter-allied war loans should be considered at all but treated as war expenditures and wiped off the slate.

In addition, a high finance official told the World correspondent that if the republican administration inaugurates a renewed high tariff regime it will render repayment of the British debt to America most difficult. The enormous sum involved cannot be repaid in gold, but in goods, and a protective tariff would tend to prevent payment in such a way.

LEGAL BATTLE EXPECTED

PROSECUTOR SAYS KIDNAPER WILL FIGHT FOR LIBERTY.

Seizure of Stagg Baby Declared Plot of Master Mind Which Foresaw Moves of Police.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—"Never in my experience as prosecuting attorney of Pierce county have I seen more elaborate preparations for a legal battle than are apparently being made for the defense of Betty Brainerd." The foregoing statement was made by William D. Askren Wednesday while he was here to work with Deputy Sheriff Herbert Beebe of this city in making a final check on evidence with which he declared he would convict Miss Brainerd of kidnapping baby Bobby Stagg. The trial begins in Tacoma, Wash., December 15.

"We have an open and shut case," Askren stated, "but we certainly are not dealing with a set of simple facts."

From the prosecution's point of view, the kidnaping of Bobby Stagg was planned by a master mind, and every detail was carried out according to plans evolved by a person who understood the law on the subject, and who also understood the methods employed by those whose business it is to detect wrong doing.

"We are not puzzled, but we had to work out the circumstances of the case carefully to avoid being puzzled. In the defense at the present time, according to my information, two firms of attorneys in Seattle and one in Tacoma have been employed. In addition to these a big law firm in New York has had a hand in the matter."

Big Still Is Destroyed. OREGON CITY, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Another big still was broken up last night by Sheriff Wilson and deputies, when they raided the place owned by J. C. Gill, near here. The still had been operated by F. L. Beers, who was arrested Sunday afternoon at Milwaukee, charged with making "moonshine" at that place also. Beers rented the Gill place, some time ago paying \$200 in advance, and after his arrest, along with two other men, put up \$100 bail money for his appearance tomorrow for trial at Milwaukee. One 300-gallon barrel and several 55-gallon barrels were found at the place, and several quarts of "moonshine."

Idaho May Adopt Oregon System. SALEM, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—D. F. Banks, state treasurer-elect of Idaho, spent today in Salem conferring with State Treasurer Hoff and investigating the manner of conducting the Oregon treasury department. Mr. Banks expressed himself as highly pleased with the system in vogue in the state treasurer's office here and said he probably would install a similar system after assuming his office in Idaho.

Conciliators Need \$1000 Fund. SALEM, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The state board of conciliation, with headquarters in Portland, will require approximately \$1000 to transact the business of that department during the next biennium, according to the budget filed with the secretary of state. The state board of architects' examiners seeks approval for its budget in the sum of \$960. Fees from

these examinations will aggregate \$2100, according to the estimate of the board, thereby placing the department on a self-supporting basis.

Bungalow Firm Incorporates. SALEM, Or., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The Bungalow Construction company, with headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by Hubert A. Will-

iams, Martha H. Williams and Fred Jensen. The capital stock is \$5000. The Marion Auto company of Salem has increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The Armature & Electric Works of Portland has filed notice of dissolution.

Negro Bunco Suspect Jailed. George Johnson, a negro, aged 26, was arrested at the Union station

Tuesday night by Police Inspectors John Moloney and Moran on a telegraphic warrant from Chief of Police Welch of Salem. Johnson is alleged to have won \$165 from a Salem resident in a bunco game. He had \$150 in currency when taken into custody. He asserts he won the money from the Salem victim in a lucky crap game. He will be taken to Salem.

Portland Man Makes A Twenty Pound Gain

"I Feel Like a Brand New Man," Says McCroskey in Telling of His Recovery Through Tanlac.

"Before I was half through my first bottle of Tanlac I began to straighten up, and now I have gained twenty pounds in weight and feel like a brand new man," said E. P. McCroskey, a well known business man of Portland, Oregon, living at 342 Fargo street, the other day.

"About five years ago my stomach went wrong and my appetite failed me completely. Some things I ate would upset me for a week and at times I couldn't retain anything. Sometimes when at work I was at-

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SOME COMMENTS: —A man just returned from New York, and remarked on seeing our offering: "These suits and overcoats at their prices are far better than any I saw offered in sales conducted by the big department stores back east. Their offerings at \$5 and \$10 more did not begin to equal these. Yours are simply great!" —A well-dressed man, looking at our window display: "If the people could only appreciate these values, every man in Portland would get one of these suits and overcoats." —We could quote scores of favorable comments and here is a big fact to ponder over:

—Every man who has come to the Men's Store to see these Suits and Overcoats has purchased either one or the other—NOT A SINGLE CUSTOMER HAS LEFT WITHOUT MAKING A PURCHASE. —There has to be merit to an event when they do that! —Fifth Floor—Lipman, Wolfe & Co.



THINK IT OVER!

Many a Pretty Face Spoiled by Pimples

Don't close your eyes to the warning which nature gives, when unsightly pimples appear on your face and other parts of the body. Not only are these pimples and blotches disfiguring, but they lead to serious skin diseases that spread and cause the most discomforting irritation and pain. Sometimes they forestall eczema, boils, blisters, scaly eruptions and other annoyances that burn like flames of fire, and make you feel that your skin is ablaze. When these symptoms appear on any part of the body, take prompt steps to rid the blood of these disorders. And the one remedy which has no equal as a blood cleanser is S. S. S., the purely vegetable blood medicine, which has been on the market for more than fifty years. It is sold by druggists everywhere. If you are afflicted with this form of skin disease do not expect to be cured by lotions, ointments, salves and other local remedies, as they can not possibly reach the source of the trouble, which is in the blood. Begin taking S. S. S. today, and write a complete history of your case to our chief medical adviser, who will give you special instructions, without charge. Write at once to Medical Director, 37 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.—Adv.

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