

CURB ON DEBATE TO MEET WILSON WISH IS FAVORED

Senate and House Leaders Now Appear Willing to Await the President's Explanation.

MONROE DOCTRINE ISSUE

Republicans Claim League Action Destroys Doctrine; Democrats See No Danger.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Complete readiness to accede to President Wilson's request that congressional debate on the League of Nations be withheld until he has talked it over with the foreign affairs committee was evidenced tonight by house and senate leaders.

They may not be able to forestall discussion entirely, but any effort to bring a general debate to a halt by administration leaders with the statement that the president has promised to go over the league constitution, article by article, with the full membership of the house and senate foreign affairs committees, and that, until he has had that opportunity, critical debate would manifestly be unfair.

The senate's silence today on the league was based largely upon one point made by the president in his cablegram to the two committees. This is the fact that if national representatives of the civilized people of the world, had agreed in formulating the league's charter.

To Give Masses a Chance

The unwisdom of prematurely settling upon senatorial opinions against the clearly expressed joint will of these people is apparent, senators said. Another reason was a desire to give the American people a chance, over Sunday, to read the proposal and express their opinions.

The president's invitation to dinner at the White House will undoubtedly be accepted when the members of the two committees meet in joint session next week. This meeting has already been called for Wednesday. It was called to discuss an invitation from the Inter-Parliamentary union that a delegation from the house and senate be sent to Paris to attend the union's March meeting.

House committee members favor sending the delegation to Paris. Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the senate committee, said tonight he sees no objection to it. A similar invitation, made a year ago, was declined when President Wilson objected. He took the view that during the war, the legislative body should stay here and attend to winning the war. That objection having been removed, members of the two committees explained today they can see no reason why the invitation should not now be accepted.

May Name Committee
If the joint meeting decides this should be done, a resolution will be introduced providing for the appointment of nine senators and 16 house members.

Members feel that this trip would prove valuable in creating an accord with European legislators. In view of the closer relations which America's participation in the league's activities will entail, England, France and Italy compose the union, which discusses legislation chiefly along international lines.

At Wednesday's meeting not only this invitation and that of President Wilson, but the league constitution itself, will be taken up. Committee members already have begun careful study of the constitution and that of President Wilson is prepared to ask President Wilson a

number of questions when they meet him. Much gratification was expressed at the president's invitation. It is the first time since the war began that he has called in committees of congress for counsel. Administration senators said the president's plan to lay before congress all he knows about the league plan will immeasurably aid them in obtaining its approval.

Monroe Doctrine Issue
From the hour in which first reading of the constitution left congressmen emerged today two clearly crystallized views of the league's effect on the American Monroe doctrine. The Republican view is that the league absolutely abrogates and destroys the Monroe doctrine. The Democratic view is that it does not even endanger it.

The Republican view was stated by a Republican leader who declined to allow his name to be used, but who speaks with the highest party authority. "The practically unanimous Republican view is," said this senator, "that the American people have got to begin considering the possibility of a league mandate sending Japan into Great Britain and overseeing and guarding, or Great Britain and the United States, the Monroe doctrine line will not exist under the league plan, the American people must realize they must begin thinking about this if they are willing it should be so."

Senator Hitchcock, for the Democrats, had no hesitation in being quoted to this effect: "Destruction of the Monroe doctrine does not necessarily follow the operation of the league. I do not believe that any nation except Germany takes exception to the Monroe doctrine, and it is not now to be a member of the league."

"The United States, through President Wilson, has declared emphatically against assuming responsibility across the sea for the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine. Our task is to look after affairs in this hemisphere, just as Europe will look after other states."

A few senators today expressed opinions on the league, but all were careful to state their conclusions were subject to revision after further study. No one may know before his return how the league plan stands.

Senator Hitchcock today agreed with Senator Lewis of Kentucky when that President Wilson probably will ask some action indicating the senate's position before he returns to Paris, so that the president may know how the league plan stands.

Instead of ratification of the league plan, as in the case of a treaty by a two-thirds vote, a resolution of approval may be proposed. A majority vote of the senate would pass this.

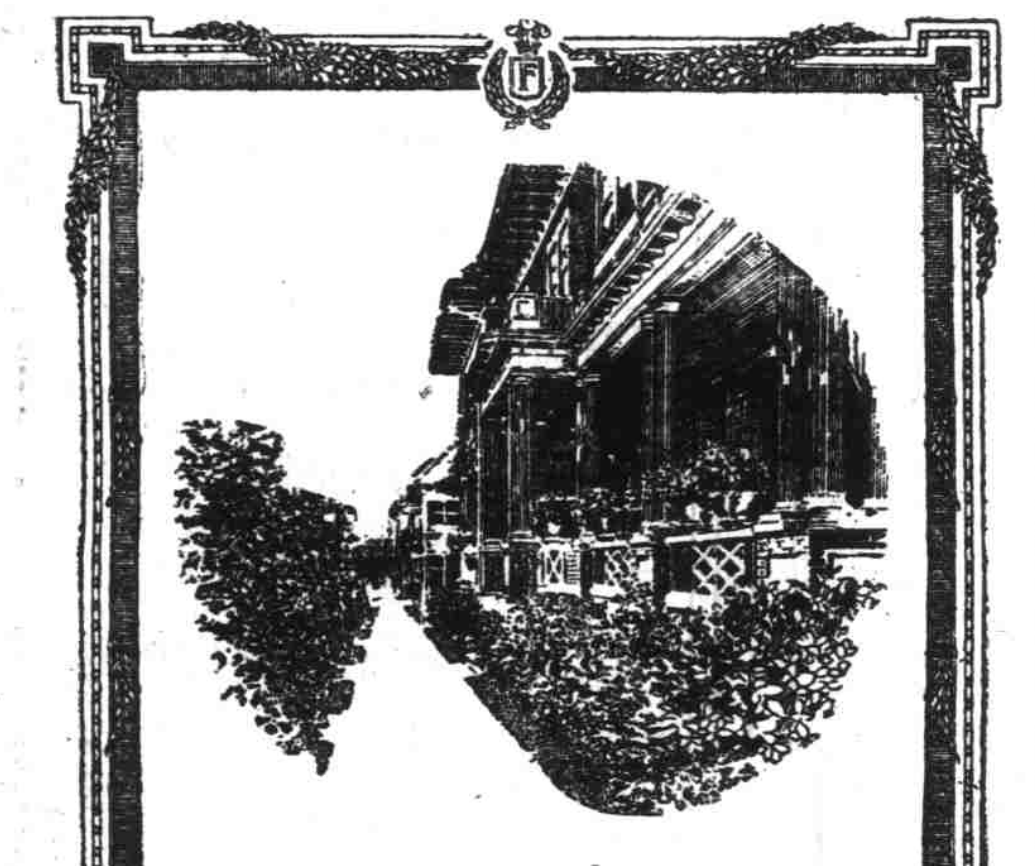
The president is expected to outline his wishes in this respect when he meets the two committees.

Lieut. Shaw Is Not Dead, as Reported

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 15.—Lieutenant James "Slick" Shaw, previously reported dead of pneumonia in France, is alive and well, according to his brother, Frank Shaw, who received a letter under date of January 25 from Lieutenant Shaw. The letter was written from Lucanard, France, where Lieutenant Shaw has been since January. Shaw is in the veterinary branch of the army. He was one of the stars on Aberdeen's undefeated championship football team and later was captain of the O. A. C. eleven.

Logging Road to Be Extended 7 Miles

Bend, Feb. 15.—That construction is to start within the next few days on a \$100,000 extension to the present logging railroad of the Shwin-Hixon company, was the announcement made today by J. H. Melster, logging superintendent for the company. The extension will be seven miles in length, tapping a rich pine belt near Bend. The contract, which has been awarded to a Spokane firm, will afford work for 150 men for half a year. The labor will be secured in Bend.



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LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT FULL TEXT OF DOCUMENT

FOLLOWING IS THE full draft of the league of nations which was read by President Woodrow Wilson Friday before a plenary session of the peace conference.

Preamble. In order to promote international cooperation and secure international peace and security by acceptance of obligations and respect for treaties, and direct the executive council to advise how the evil effect attendant upon such manufacture should be prevented, due regard being paid to the necessities of those countries which are not able to manufacture for themselves the munitions and implements of war necessary for their safety.

The high contracting parties agree that the manufacture by provincial enterprise of munitions and implements of war leads itself to grave objections, and direct the executive council to advise how the evil effect attendant upon such manufacture should be prevented, due regard being paid to the necessities of those countries which are not able to manufacture for themselves the munitions and implements of war necessary for their safety.

The high contracting parties undertake in no way to conceal from each other the extent of their production of munitions and implements of war, and to advise the executive council of their production, and to advise the executive council of their production, and to advise the executive council of their production.

Article I: Action of the high contracting parties, under the terms of this covenant, shall be effected through the instrumentalities of meetings of a body of delegates representing the high contracting parties, and of meetings of the executive council and a permanent international secretariat to be established at the seat of the League of Nations.

Regular Sessions Provided. Article II: Meetings of the body of delegates shall be held at stated intervals from time to time, as occasion may require, for the purpose of dealing with matters within the sphere of action of the league. The meeting of the delegates shall be held at the seat of the league, or at such other place as may be found convenient by the high contracting parties. Each of the high contracting parties shall have not more than three representatives.

Article III: The executive council shall consist of the representatives of the United States of America, the British empire, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other states members of the league. The selection of these four states shall be made by the body of delegates on such principles and in such manner as shall be determined by the high contracting parties. Meetings of the council shall be held from time to time, as occasion may require, and at least once a year, at whatever place may be decided upon, or failing to reach any set decision, at the seat of the league. Any matter within the sphere of action of the league or affecting the peace of the world may be dealt with at such meetings. Invitations to attend the meetings of the council at which matters directly affecting its interests are to be discussed, shall be sent to each of the high contracting parties, and such invitation shall be binding on such powers unless they are incited.

Wilson to Call First Meeting. Article IV: All matters of procedure in the meetings of the body of delegates or executive council, including the appointment of committees to investigate particular matters, shall be regulated by the body of delegates or the executive council. The first meeting of the body of delegates and executive council shall be convened by the president of the United States.

Article V: The permanent secretariat of the league shall be established at the seat of the league, which shall constitute the staff of the league. The secretariat shall comprise such secretaries and staff as may be required under the general direction and control of a secretary general of the league, who shall be chosen from among the high contracting parties. The secretary general shall be appointed by the executive council, subject to confirmation by the body of delegates. The secretary general shall act in that capacity at all meetings of the body of delegates or the executive council.

The expenses of the secretariat shall be borne by the states-members of the league—in accordance with the apportionment of the expenses of the international bureau of the universal postal union.

Article VI: Representatives of the high contracting parties, when engaged in the business of the league shall enjoy diplomatic privileges and immunities and the outgoing occupied by the league or its officials or by representative attending the meeting shall enjoy the benefits of extraterritoriality.

Qualifications for Membership. Article VII: Admission to the league of states not signatories to the covenant, and not named in the protocol hereto as stated in article 1, shall be subject to the consent of not less than two thirds of the states represented in the body of delegates, and shall be limited to fully self-governing countries, including dominions and colonies.

No state shall be admitted to the league unless it is able to give effective guarantees of its sincere intention to observe its international obligations and to accept as may be prescribed by the league in regard to its naval and military forces and armaments.

Article VIII: The high contracting parties recognize the principle that the maintenance of peace will require the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement by common action of international obligation, having special regard to the geographical situation and circumstances of each state; and the executive council shall formulate plans for effecting such reduction.

Would Limit Armament. The executive council shall also formulate for the consideration and action of the several governments what military equipment and armaments is fair and reasonable in proportion to the scale of forces laid down in the program of disarmament. The armaments which are adopted shall not be exceeded without the permission of the executive council.

Power to Declare Blockade. Article XVI: Should any of the high contracting parties break or disregard its covenant, the fact shall be declared to have committed an act of war against all the other members of the league, which hereby undertakes immediately to subject it to severance of all trade and financial relations, the prohibition of intercourse between its nationals and the nations of the covenant-breaking state, and the preventing and the prevention of all financial, commercial or personal intercourse between the nationals of the covenant-breaking state and the nationals of any other state, whether a member of the league or not.

It shall be the duty of the executive council in such cases to recommend what effective military or naval force should be employed by the league to enforce the observance of the covenant, and to advise the high contracting parties to support one another in the financial and other measures necessary to enforce the observance of the covenant, and to advise the high contracting parties to support one another in the financial and other measures necessary to enforce the observance of the covenant.

Secret Treaties Unlawful. Article XVIII: The high contracting parties agree that every treaty or international engagement entered into hereafter by any state member of the league shall be forthwith registered with the secretary general, and as soon as possible published by him, and that such treaties or international engagements shall be binding upon the members of the league only in so far as they are not inconsistent with the terms hereof.

Parties Blind Themselves. Article XXV: The high contracting parties severally agree that the present covenant is accepted as abrogating all obligations interse which are inconsistent with the terms hereof, and that no state which has not hereafter entered into any agreement inconsistent with the terms hereof, shall be bound by such agreement.

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Recognition Given Development. The character of the mandate should differ according to the state of the development of the people, the geographical position, the territory, its economic conditions and other similar circumstances.

Certain communities formerly belonging to the defeated states had reached a stage of development that their existence as independent nations can be provisionally recognized, subject to the consent of the advanced nations, and that their advancement should be fostered by a mandatory power until such time as they are able to stand alone. The wishes of these communities must be a principal condition in the selection of the mandatory power.

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Aberdeen League Approves Move to Deport Slackers

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 15.—Resolutions urging the enactment of a federal law that will result in the deportation of slackers who have gone to their citizenship in order to avoid the draft were unanimously adopted by the Soldiers' and Sailors' league. The resolutions are aimed particularly at 55 men in Grays Harbor county who had expressed their readiness to forfeit their citizenship to escape army service. Copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to the Washington delegation in congress.

Moore to Honor Johnson

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 15.—Members of the Aberdeen Moose lodge are arranging for a celebration in honor of Congressman Albert Johnson on his return to Grays Harbor in March. The entertainment will be an expression of the lodge for work which the congressman did in its behalf in Washington.

Woodburn Institute Has Big Attendance

Woodburn, Feb. 15.—The teachers' institute held today at Woodburn high school brought out 120 teachers. The speakers were President Ackerman of Monmouth Normal, County Superintendent W. M. Smith, Mrs. Curran, supervisor of the rural schools of Monmouth, and Mary Falkerson, county supervisor. Luncheon was served in the domestic science department by first year girls under their teacher, Evelyn Conklin. President Ackerman's address will be on Oregon schools for Oregon pupils. The Principals' association met here also.

All sentences imposed by general courtmartial for offenses committed during the war are to be revised by a board of officers in the adjutant general's office.

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Bailey, good action and tone (formerly priced at \$350), sale price	\$155
Singer, plain case (formerly priced at \$365), sale price	\$250
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Last Shipment Sent By Linn Red Cross

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