

LEAGUE IS SPLIT ON ADMISSION OF CENTRAL POWERS

South America Holds Balance of Power; United States' Entry Hoped for by Europeans.

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London, Sept. 18.—The question of admission to the League of Nations of those countries formerly at war with the allies is expected to arouse the bitterest debate ever held in the assembly, in its meeting at Geneva.

As a consequence of the extreme feeling of France and Belgium in the matter these two countries standing almost alone as opposed to the entrance of Germany and her associates—league officials have been carefully sounding out sentiment among the other members, especially the South American group.

LINE-UP SHOWS

The line-up of nations friendly and opposed to the proposal to grant the central empires admission is as follows:

Favorable — Scandinavia, Holland, Switzerland, Spain and Portugal.

Opposed—France and Belgium.

In the meantime, Great Britain appears to be indifferent, while Italy is wavering between admission and rejection of Germany's desires.

The whole issue is thus put straight up to the South American countries, and upon these nations all the strength of French and Belgian argument will be directed. This is particularly significant in view of the fact that South America holds the balance of power, with 14 votes to swing for or against the admission.

SPLIT IS PREDICTED

It is believed that South America's voting power will be split, however, few diplomats believing that either side will win the entire block of 14 votes. There is, it is well known, considerable jealousy over Brazil's leadership, and because of her position in the league council.

A singular situation has also arisen during the process of sounding out Poland. This country is anti-German but pro-Austrian. Similarly, Jugo-Slavia and Czechoslovakia are anti-Austro-Hungarian, but keenly pro-German. It is almost impossible to determine in advance of their action what stand these nations will take in the issue. South America, then, seems to hold the key to the situation.

BALANCE OF POWER

It is a ticklish question. If the allies' former enemies are admitted, that means that they, together with England, the Scandinavian countries and the neutrals, will dominate the league. If they are rejected the Franco-Belgian combination will control the destinies of the league.

In view of this European statement are praying for America's entrance to the league on the grounds that the old world is looking to the Western hemisphere for a new leadership.

The Echo de Paris is authority for the statement, thus far unconfirmed, that if Germany is admitted to the league, France will withdraw.

Two Naval Flyers Perish When Plane Is Caught in Storm

Washington, Sept. 18.—(U. P.)—Two naval flyers were killed when a seaplane was overturned in a sudden storm off the peninsula, Fla., navy station yesterday, the navy department was advised tonight.

The men were Percy McDonald Fuller, chief quartermaster, and Charles Bradford Arthur, chief machinist's mate, both enlisted men.

The navy department's advice indicated that the seaplane was flying over the water or right on the sea when overturned in a sudden squall.

Arthur's body has not been recovered, according to the navy department's dispatch, indicating that the body of Fuller was saved.

No further details were given of the death of the two men, and no report was made of any damage to other planes in the storm.

Unidentified Man Killed by Fall Off Bluff Near Goble

Rainier, Or., Sept. 18.—Killed as a result of a fall off the high bluff near Goble, late Saturday afternoon, the body of an unidentified man is lying at Rainier awaiting disposition by the coroner. The man, who was still alive, despite a broken neck, fractured jaws and knees, when picked up near the highway, was rushed to Rainier in an automobile operated by two chimney sweeps from Portland. The victim died before the machine reached this city.

The body is that of a man about 35 years old, with dark hair, and 20 days' growth of beard. The clothing is plain, and only a few cents were found in the pockets. A small rope, such as loggers use in tying up a roll of blankets, was carried by the victim.

The theory is that death was due to accident or suicide. A man answering his description is said to have been seen acting in a strange manner at Goble, Saturday afternoon. He said he had fled from Kalama because his life had been threatened.

Ousted Socialists Demand Seats When Legislature Meets

New York, Sept. 18.—Five Socialist assemblymen, ousted from office and re-elected on Thursday, announced today they would present themselves at the special session of the legislature Monday and demand their seats.

"We have won our right, not once but twice, and we propose to execute the will of the people," said Charles Solomon, one of the five assemblymen. A special meeting of legislators, foremost among whom is Speaker Sweet, will take place tomorrow. Leading the group which is content to see the Socialists take office in peace is former Judge Nathan Miller, Republican candidate for governor. He does not wish to fight the seating of the assemblymen lest it injure his chances for election.

Narcotic Smuggler Uses Auto to Head Off Police; He Is Trapped

Police and federal agents have been hounding narcotic smugglers so successfully that it is with considerable difficulty they make a sale. One wily Chinese, however, decided to outdistance the police in a footrace, at least, by bringing an automobile into service.

But Lieutenant W. E. Robson of the day relief, who knows almost every Chinese and his hovel in the North End, was not to be outdone by the Oriental. When Robson noticed a particular automobile was paying frequent and hurried visits to Chinatown, he called Patrolmen Henson and Calavan into service. Friday, according to their report, the policemen were quick enough to catch it. S. Neely, driver of the "mysterious" auto, in the act of giving a Chinaman \$5.25 for a supply of narcotics. Neely is charged with having a hypodermic needle in his possession, and Lee Fong is held on a vagrancy charge.

Former Portlander Shot and Captured After Robbing Bank

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 18.—Shot in the heel as he was running away from the Unity bank near here after he had robbed that institution of \$2000 when he helped up the cashier, H. W. Fingal, Thursday afternoon, John Malloy, aged 28, a veteran of three years' service in France in the Canadian army, has confessed his crime from a cot in the Citizens' general hospital at New Kensington, where he was taken.

"The job looked so easy to me I believed I could manage it myself," he boasted. He joked with the cashier when the latter identified him.

Malloy expressed appreciation that his short career of crime had ended. He stated that he wandered away from Portland six years ago, enlisting in the Canadian infantry and going to France, where he fought three years.

He is charged with robbery.

MACSWINEY SAYS HE WILL HOLD ON FOR FORTY DAYS

Despite Great Pain and Exhaustion, Lord Mayor Predicts He Will Survive Until Wednesday.

London, Sept. 19.—(2:50 a. m.)—(U. P.)—At this hour it is announced that Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, is in great pain and a condition of extreme exhaustion.

London, Sept. 18.—(U. P.)—With his mind firmly set on 40 days of fasting, Terence MacSwiney today predicted his death will not occur before next Wednesday.

The lord mayor of Cork, completing his thirty-seventh day of hunger striking, was so much weaker tonight, relatives and friends who visited him in Brixton prison said they feared he would not live over the week-end.

Mary MacSwiney, his wife, said the lord mayor was sleepless Friday night and in a state of almost exhaustion today. It was only by a great effort that he was able to keep his eyes open while he followed the conversation of visitors when they spoke.

MacSwiney expressed his belief that as "the Saviour had fasted 40 days," so would he. His strength had been supported in a supernatural manner, he said, and he believed there was divine purpose in sparing his life so long.

MacSwiney's relatives today requested authorities to allow them to summon their own physician when MacSwiney becomes unconscious.

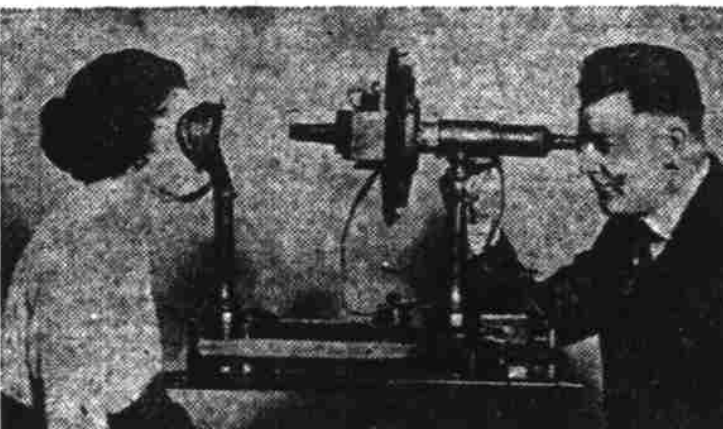
A message from MacSwiney, issued through Sinn Fein headquarters today, expressed his gratitude for the worldwide support he received in his strike. "I believe God has directly intervened to stay the tragedy for a while," he said. "There is some divine purpose and it is entirely for our sake. I think God is giving England a last chance to pause and consider."

"We forgive those compassing our death. This battle has been fought with a clean heart purposely for our country's sake. I believe God will crown our effort with victory."

A Sinn Fein bulletin tonight said MacSwiney was sinking rapidly.

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