

SECRECY ABOUT LEAGUE SESSIONS WARMLY OPPOSED

By Henry Wood

Geneva, Nov. 17.—(U. P.)—Secret discussion of the League of Nations affairs was believed far from assured when the assembly opened today's meeting.

Yesterday's decision that the six commissions which will thresh all questions submitted to the assembly may hold secret or public sessions as the members please, was expected to meet renewed opposition today.

The business today included reports before the assembly was called. Those decisions included the Malmady-Eupen plebiscites and the Polish-Lithuanian agreement, which later was shattered. Many delegates arrived here primed for attacks on the work of the council.

SIR ROBERT CECIL FIRM FOR WIDE OPEN DEBATE

By A. E. Johnson

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Geneva, Nov. 17.—History is repeating itself at Geneva. With an alignment of forces exactly similar to the division of opinion that existed during the peace conference at Paris, the battle for complete publicity of all debates and decisions of the League of Nations and its various committees is reaching a critical stage.

Determined to force through the principle of open discussions, Sir Robert Cecil, representing South Africa, is meeting the strong opposition of former Premier Viviani of France and former Minister Tittoni of Italy.

TAKES SMUTS PLACE
It is pertinent to the situation that Sir Robert, whose appointment as spokes-

man for General Smuts of South Africa lacked the approval of his own government, is continuing the same campaign for publicity that characterized General Smuts' course of action during the Paris conference. General Smuts, although he signed the peace treaty, was the only allied signatory who expressed at the same time his disapproval of the agreement. He failed to force through his point at Paris, but through Robert Cecil he is continuing the fight at Geneva.

Cecil and Viviani hold widely divergent views as to the meaning of the "register" and the "process verbal" about which the debate centered Tuesday.

UPHOLDS PUBLIC'S RIGHT
To the United News Cecil declared he understood that the assembly meant that the public was entitled to accept report of all debates taking place in committee sessions. He will demand the clearest understanding on this point before accepting the program as it now stands.

Viviani, on the other hand, declared to the United News that the "register" was intended as a complete report for the archives of the league only, while the "process verbal" was to be a complete similar to that issued at the peace conference for the public.

The "process verbal" published at the end of each day's session in Paris was usually a brief document, announcing in a very general way the subjects discussed by the "big four," but adding very little light on the progress of events.

BARNES AGAINST TITTONI
It is accordingly evident that the Latin group of diplomats, centering in the daily report all evidences of factional fights in committee sessions.

The Cecil adherents are determined, however, that important meetings, such as that having to do with the admission of the allies' former enemies, shall be open to the public. Journalists in attendance at the conference have been asked to prepare a protest for presentation to the assembly.

George N. Barnes, former cabinet minister of Great Britain, hotly opposed a suggestion by Tittoni during the afternoon session that the various commissions begin their work without preliminary instructions by the assembly. He insisted that the assembly give each com-

mission instructions upon each subject it was to handle, and cited the importance of the work of the committee on admittance to the league as showing the necessity of this action. The assembly, however, adopted Tittoni's suggestion after an eloquent plea by Viviani in support of the motion.

DOCTRINE TO STAND
The disinclination of the league to interfere with the Monroe doctrine, or to infringe on its principles at the risk of displacing both North and South America, was shown in its action suggesting the withdrawal of the Tacna-Arica difficulty from the province of league action.

It was declared here that Downing street authorities have knowledge that the leaders are anxious to be relieved of any responsibility in the matter, and Lloyd George is understood to have conveyed unofficially the hint that it would draw the question and attempt a private settlement. Otherwise it was felt that the league's prestige might be jeopardized. The possible opposition of the American

republics and their almost certain disapproval would thus be obtained.

JOKER DISCOVERED

Those chiefly concerned in the dispute hope that a settlement may be reached by private negotiations, which would in reality constitute a victory for the league.

Returning, however, to the question of open discussions, which is the biggest issue before the assembly, Lord Robert Cecil has at least won a partial victory. The assembly has decided to publish immediately the reports of the six commissions. The commissions themselves will, under this ruling, decide for themselves when they are willing to throw their sessions open to the public. Lord Robert, however, is under the impression that there was a joker in the decision—the joker having to do with the so-called "process verbal"—a.C. he wants the joker removed. The assembly accepts the Latin group's desire for secret sessions.

Bank clearings in Yakima made a gain of over 50 per cent in the fiscal year ending Saturday.

POLITICAL POWER IN MASSACHUSETTS AND OHIO SEEN

Washington, Nov. 17.—(WASH-INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Ohio and Massachusetts are the two states which will be most distinctly in the saddle after March 4. Between them they will have the presidency, vice presidency, speaker of the house, leader in the senate, chairmanship of the foreign relations committee in the senate,

chairmanship of merchant marine and interstate and foreign commerce in the house, and three justices of the supreme court, leaving out of the count the cabinet positions, diplomatic berths and other high offices they seem likely to capture.

GRIP IS POSITIVE

There is a little restiveness in congress because of the Massachusetts shadows under which the Republicans will rest. Probably no state has ever had a larger grip on affairs at both ends of the capitol.

Vice-President Coolidge will preside in the senate, always a possible president, and Henry Cabot Lodge is the Republican leader in that body, as well as chairman of the foreign relations committee. On the house side the Bay state influence flourishes to almost the same degree, for Gillet is speaker, and when he was away for a time last session the house elected another Massachusetts member, Joseph Walsh, as speaker pro-

tem. Winslow, a wealthy roller skate manufacturer, will become chairman of the important interstate and foreign commerce committee because of the retirement of the only two men who outranked him, each of Wisconsin and Hamilton of Michigan.

CHAIRMANSHIP HELD

Greene of the same state is already chairman of the merchant marine committee.

It is the general belief that former Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts will be a member of the Harding cabinet, either as secretary of the treasury or the navy, and that whatever position he takes, he will be one of the most influential men under the new dispensation. This layout gives Massachusetts a position no other state can hope to equal.

Ohio has only one important house chairmanship and presumably will have none in the senate, as the only Republican senator will be the newly-elected Frank B. Willis, and Senator Pomeroy, a Democrat, will not be in line for a chairmanship. But in the Ohio house delegation are three Republicans of in-

fluence, Nicholas Longworth, Simon D. Fess and Theodore E. Burton.

OTHERS ARE NAMED

Longworth is well up on the ways and means committee and aspires to ultimate leadership; Fess is chairman of the congressional campaign committee and heads the house committee on education, while Burton, a former senator, former candidate for president and former chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, is expected to take a prominent part in the debates.

Ohio has two members of the supreme court, Day and Clarke, and Massachusetts has one, Holmes. It has been reported that Justice Day wishes to retire, and many have assumed that he is waiting for the coming of a Republican administration before doing so.

Mrs. Kimsey Is 96

Astoria, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Mary A. Kimsey, Astoria's oldest citizen, reached her ninety-sixth birthday Monday. During the day she went for an automobile ride and later received a large number of friends at her home.

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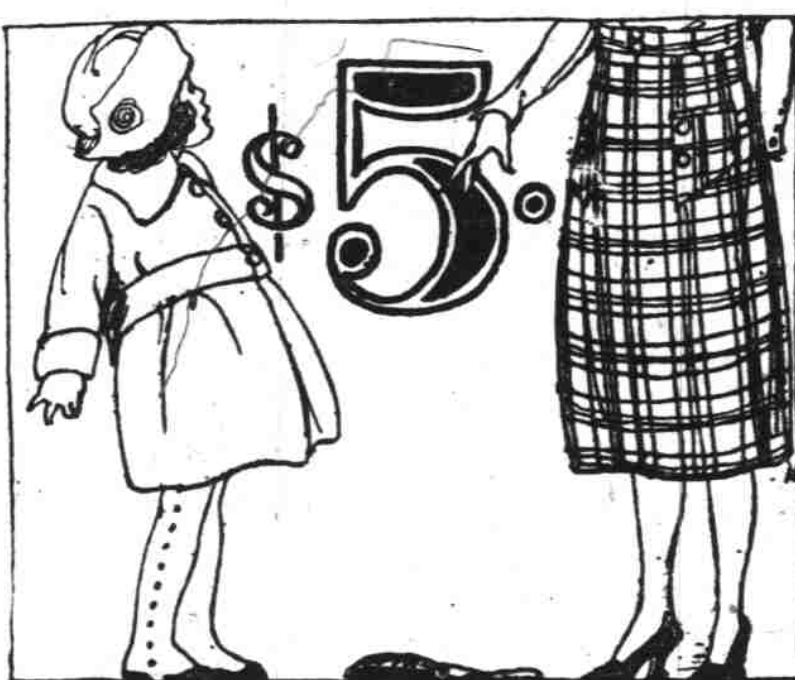
Mr. & Mrs. Lower Price Store

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Great Annual "Downstairs Apparel" Clearaway

Every year about this time the Downstairs Store holds a great clearaway of broken lines and odds and ends of desirable fall and winter coats, dresses, skirts, etc., at \$5, \$10 and \$15. This year is no exception to the rule only

that values are greater than ever offered before and the variety is larger. Mostly one of a kind and size. About 700 garments to be sold out regardless of cost, former selling price or present worth.



Women's Skirts \$5

Women's skirts made of durable navy serge and plaid effects. Full gathered back styles with wide belts in 25 to 30-inch waist measures.



Children's Coats \$10

A large assortment of children's coats of heather mixtures, velveteen, pom-pom and novelty plushes. Made with large collars, novelty pockets, belts and yokes. Dark red, gray, tan, navy and black; other colors. Sizes 7 to 14.



Women's Dresses \$15

Women's and misses' all-wool dresses of jersey, serge and tricotine in navy, reindeer, taupe, brown and black. Over-skirt, belted and straight line models. Trimmed with silk embroidery, braid and buttons. Sizes 16 to 44.

Children's Coats \$5

Coats of zibeline, matalamb, velveteen and beaver plush. Loose back and belted styles with large velvet, plush beaver and self material collars. All the wanted colors. Lined and unlined. Sizes 3 to 14 years.

Women's Coats \$10

Made of kersey, wool mixed melton cloth, velveteen and polo cloth. Unusually large collars of the material or trimmed with velveteen and matalamb. Some are lined throughout. Sport or full length. Women's and juniors' sizes 13 to 36.

Women's Coats \$15

Women's and misses' nutria, beaver plush and matalamb coats in short length styles. Also full length coats in velour and heather mixtures. Fully lined garments with large collars and cuffs of the material. Belted-styles with tailored and patch pockets. Sizes 16 to 44.

Kerr's Best Patent Flour 49-Lb. Sack \$2.79

Made from quality wheat into flour that the home baker can depend on for uniform results.

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Pastry Flour, made from high grade wheat, 9-lb. sack **65c**

New Currants, cleaned ready to use, in bulk, 3 lbs. **85c**, lb. **30c**; the 15 oz. **30c**

New Raisins, seedless, unbleached, stems removed, 3 lbs. **95c**, lb. **33c**

Seedless Raisins, Del Monte new crop, No. 15 pkgs., 3 pkgs. **89c**, pkg. **30c**

Seeded Raisins, large size, new crop, No. 15 pkgs., 3 pkgs. **89c**, pkg. **30c**

Dried Apricots, rich golden fruit, lb. **45c**

Dried Apples, natural flavor, 3 lbs. **65c**, lb. **23c**

White Figs, new California, for cakes, 3 lbs. **39c**, lb. **14c**

Citron Peel, fancy candied, lb. **65c**, ½ lb. **35c**

New Peel, candied orange or lemon, lb. **45c**, ½ lb. **25c**

Cut Peel, some of each variety, lb. net boxes **45c**

Cake Spices, 3 cans ginger **25c**, 2 cans nutmeg **25c**

Boiled Cider, extra heavy, large bottles **45c**, medium bottles **23c**

Bakery Bulletin

Meier & Frank Jelly Rolls are becoming more popular daily, each. **25c**

Angel Food Cakes, choice of 2 styles, ea. **70c**

French Pastry, almond fruit souffles, 6 for **80c**, each **15c**

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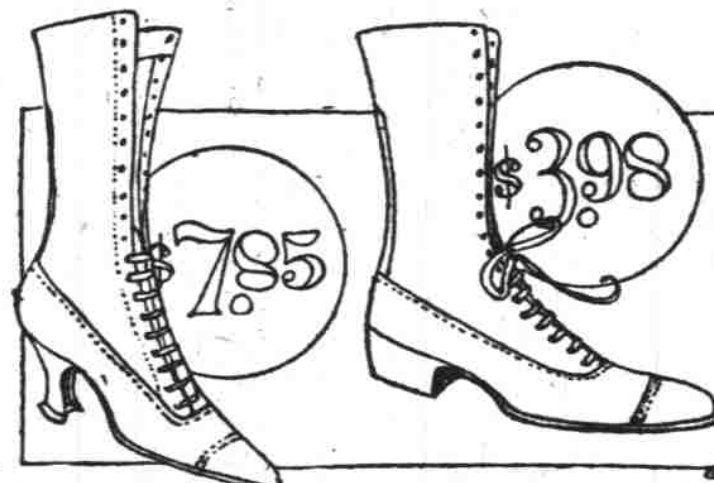
Serve some of this prize winning Tillamook cheese at your Thanksgiving dinner. Order your cut now.

—Meier & Frank's: Grocery, Ninth Floor.

5000 Pairs of Shoes at "Normal" Prices

The Lower Price Downstairs Shoe Store will hold a sale tomorrow, Friday and Saturday that every member of the family can share. 5000 pairs of good shoes for men, women and children will be placed on sale at "old time" prices. In many instances for less than the cost of the production of the shoes involved.

Now is the time to buy shoes for the winter. In fact it would pay to buy a year's supply in this sale. Choose many of the eight following groups and save on every pair you buy.



Men's Shoes

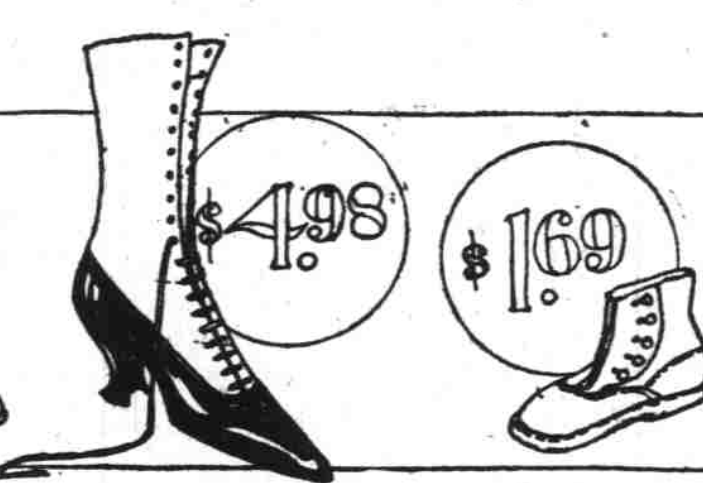
\$7.85

Men's double constructed work shoes with heavy brown calf uppers and two full leather soles, sewed and nailed. Made double at tips and at other points where the strain is greatest. Sizes 6 to 11.

Men's Shoes

\$5.69

Men's good looking brown calf dress shoes with Goodyear welt sewed soles of white oak leather, also in black calf. Sizes 6 to 11.



Women's Shoes

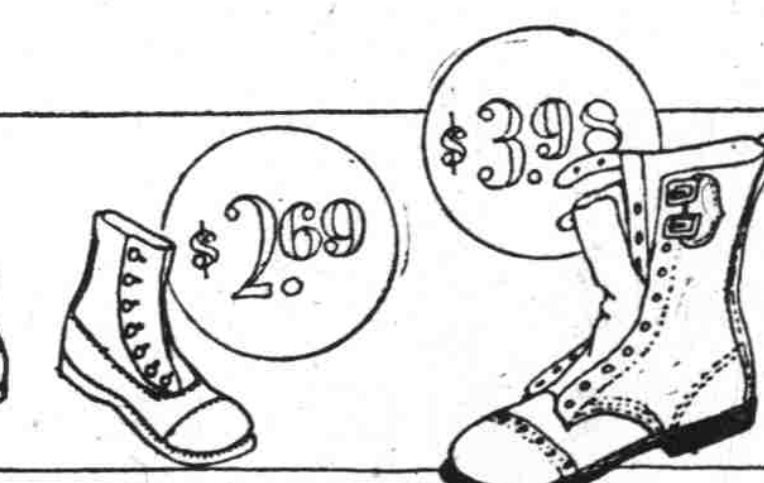
\$7.85

Women's genuine kid shoes in a new dark brown shade. Goodyear welt sewed soles. Sizes 2½ to 8.

Women's Shoes

\$4.98

Women's dress shoes with black patent colt vamps and 9-inch brown kid tops. Goodyear welt sewed soles. Sizes 2½ to 8.



Women's Shoes

\$3.98

About half price for women's and big girls' shoes in black calf and patent colt. Button and lace styles. Mostly low heels. Sizes 2½ to 8. Odd lots from regular stock.

Boys' Shoes

\$4.98

Boys' sturdy high top shoes with 8-inch black calf uppers and solid oak tanned double soles, both nailed and sewed. Sizes 9 to 13½, pair \$3.98. Sizes 1 to 6, pair \$4.98.



Child's Shoes

\$1.69

Children's brown, black and white shoes or leather scuffs with good leather soles. Sizes 1 to 5½.

Child's Shoes

\$2.69

Most of these shoes have dull calf uppers. The very best grade of oak soles. Button style in sizes 8½ to 11, pair \$2.69. Lace style in sizes 11½ to 2, pair \$3.69.

—Meier & Frank's: Lower Price Store, Basement Balcony.