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COVENANT IS REJECTED BY PRESIDENT

U. S. Has No Part in Exist-
ing League of Nations,
Says New Chief Execu-
tive.

SANCTION IS REFUSED TO VERSAILLES TREATY

Tariff Gets Greatest Attention
Among Domestic
Questions

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Final rejection of the Versailles league of nations by the American government was proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policies of his administration.

Speaking before the new congress, the president declared acceptance of the league would be nothing short of a betrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked a congressional declaration of peace and for reaffirmation of those portions of the Versailles treaty which protect American rights and interests in the war settlement.

"In the existing league of nations, world governing with its super-powers, this republic will have no part," he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general and to our associates in war in particular that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

A tremendous demonstration followed this declaration. Republican senators and representatives leading, while most of their Democratic colleagues sat silent. After weighing the words of the president, the senate irreconcilables tonight were claiming complete victory, predicting that even the portions of the treaty endorsed by Mr. Harding never would receive senate approval.

The president reserved his discussion of foreign relations for the concluding portion of his address.

He took up first the restriction of national expenditures to the limits of national income, which he said must be considered in connection with measurably lifting the burdens of war taxation. By striking resolutely at expenditure, he said, a solution would be hastened and he warned congress that to continue a course of unlimited expenditure would mean "inevitable disaster." Economy in government, he said, would find its reflex in economy and thrift among the people themselves.

WOMEN PLAN FOR CLEANUP CONFERENCE

National League Recommends
That Each State League
Study Government

CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—Recommendation that each state league of women voters call a "cleanup" conference to study efficient government and how to secure it was made at today's session of the second annual convention of the National League of Women Voters by the committee on election laws and methods.

The report recommended the study by each state conference of state election laws and how they may be improved; election officers; election booths; ballots and voting machines; the primary law and how it may be improved; the elimination of corruption and trickery; campaign funds; corrupt practices acts.

The committee recommended that efficiency in government be made the chief department of the national league. The committee urged that the league oppose any attempted repeal of state primary laws.

The American citizenship committee recommended that the Towns-House bill for the federal standardization of schools be endorsed.

The committee also recommended a separate bill for the independent citizenship of women and the appointment of a committee to study and present recommendations to congress for the general revision of the naturalization laws.

The women in industry committee returned a resolution approving the eight-hour day for working women through state action.

The social hygiene committee proposed a resolution demanding strict prohibition enforcement.

The convention sent to President Harding a telegram thanking him for his endorsement of the Sheppard-Towner maternity and infancy bill in his message.

Henry C. Fletcher, widely known retired farmer of Marion county died last night at his home 1188 North Fourth street, after an illness of about six years. He would have been 72 years old next Sunday.

Mr. Fletcher was born in Illinois. He came to Oregon in 1864 and had lived in this vicinity most of the time since. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Zella Fletcher, prominent state grange worker; a daughter, Miss Ethel Fletcher, who is president of the state Rebekah assembly, and a son, Lewis H. Fletcher, member of the firm of Fletcher & Byrd of Salem. Other relatives who survive him are a sister, Mrs. Lois Whealdon of Plainview, Or., who has been at his bedside, and several cousins living in Oregon and Washington. The latter are E. B. Fletcher of Salem; Mrs. Emmeline Hobart of Salem; Mrs. E. H. Stone of Thornton, Wash., and Mrs. Laura Woodward of Walla Walla.

MARION SENDS FRUIT STOCKS TO ALL PARTS

Four Million Berry Plants
Are Sent From This Dis-
trict to California During
Recent Season.

PRUNE TREES SENT TO SOUTHERN OREGON

State of Washington Gets
Two Million Loganberry
Vines From Here

Marion county is the home of the loganberry, strawberry and the prune when it comes to supplying stock for other districts in the west.

According to estimates of S. H. Van Trump, county fruit inspector, there has been shipped to southern California the past season, fully 4,000,000 strawberry plants from Marion county.

Based on a planting of 21 by 42 inches apart, it would require pretty close to 10,000 plants to the acre. Thus it is that Marion county has fostered the strawberry industry of southern California by 400 acres this past year. It is that section of the state that ships annually about 50 cars of ripe strawberries to Oregon and Washington.

Southern Oregon Supplied. To the Roseburg and Riddle district, the great prune section of southern Oregon, there has been shipped from Marion county this past winter about 50,000 prune trees. Based on planting trees 20 feet apart, there would be required 108 to the acre and the shipment of 50,000 trees would provide for the planting of about 468 acres. According to the census of 1920, Douglas county had 3,045 acres of prunes in bearing and 2,918 acres non-bearing.

The state of Washington is challenging Oregon in its supremacy as a loganberry state. Mr. Van Trump says that about 2,000,000 plants have been shipped out of Marion county alone this past season, with the greater part of all shipments going to northern Washington.

On a basis of planting 660 to the acre, this would mean that the acreage in Washington would be increased more than 3000 acres from plants shipped from Marion county alone, regardless of other shipping points. This 3000 acres will be in commercial bearing in two years.

Federal Estimate Beaten. The department of agriculture placed, in its estimate of Oregon's crops for 1920, an estimate of 5,447 acres of loganberries in the state, of which Marion county had about 3,500 acres.

In looking forward a few years for the need of cooperation among fruit and berry growers, and the need of co-operative marketing, the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association estimates that within a few years the loganberry acreage in the Willamette valley will be fully 10,000.

The government places 3000 pounds an average production per acre from loganberries, although many districts near Salem greatly exceed this average. But with 3000 pounds to an acre, the 10,000 acres of growing logans in this valley would mean an annual crop of 30,000,000 pounds.

MANNIX MAY
SUCCEED WALSH

Australian Archbishop May
Follow Former Dublin
Churchman

DUBLIN, April 12.—The possibility of Archbishop Mannix of Australia being nominated to succeed Archbishop Walsh of Dublin, who died Friday, is being discussed.

FRANCE SAID TO APPROVE U. S. OPINION

Agrees That This Country
Has Not Surrendered Its
Foreign Rights

WASHINGTON, April 12.—France, in reply to Secretary Hughes' notes regarding mandates, is understood to have agreed with the American government's contention that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the former German overseas possessions.

The reply was received yesterday. It was described today as a formal response from the French foreign office.

The reply from Great Britain, also received yesterday, was no more than an acknowledgment of the receipt of the American communication. It was learned today. This serves to strengthen opinion in some circles that Great Britain would exchange views with Japan before making a final response.

France is understood to have reiterated its expression of the hope that the Yap mandate question may be settled by direct negotiation between the United States and Japan without involving her as a principal.

Building Trades Show
Marked Improvement

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Marked improvement in conditions in the building trades, Attorney General Daugherty said today, has been evidenced since his "modest but emphatic warning" of last week against illegal practices.

There might be some prosecutions and some civil suits, however, he said.

ARIZONA MINES CLOSE

BISBEE, Ariz., April 12.—Production of copper from its mines here and reduction of ore in its smelters at Douglas, Ariz., will be suspended within the next week or ten days by the Calumet and Arizona mining company, according to an announcement posted today after a meeting of the board of directors.

Week Awards Statesman Classified Ad Contest

Each week the Statesman will give three cash awards for the best "stories" about Statesman Classified Ads. The awards will be announced each Tuesday morning: 1st award, \$2.50; 2nd award, \$1.50; 3rd award, \$1.

Contestants must see that their "stories" reach the Statesman office before Monday morning of each week in order to be considered.

A number of very interesting "stories" were received last week, and the judges have decided upon the following as the winners:

1st award, \$2.50, Wayne H. Hare, route 2, Turner, Or.
2nd award, Mrs. Frank Koschneider, 295 S. Twenty-first street, Salem.

3rd award, Hale Mickey, 823 South Twelfth street, Salem.

The story winning second award is published in full below; the others will be published in future issues of the Statesman. Watch for them.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

The Statesman's Classified Rhyme

I'm not tell this just for fun,
Spring is here and nothing done.
So one day I felt rather sad,
Then, my husband suggested the Statesman Ad.

BILLS BEFORE CONGRESS ARE WIDE IN RANGE

Legislative Proposals in Sen-
ate Number Less Than
500 — House Measures
Reach 2500 Mark.

SUBSTITUTE FOR EXCESS PROFITS TAX OFFERED

"Five Fold" Plan for Veter-
ans' Compensation Is
Suggested

WASHINGTON, April 12.—While old and new legislative proposals in the senate today numbered less than 500, as compared with 2500 odd yesterday in the house, they ranged from tax plans through anti-strike legislation to adjustment of international debts.

Senator Smoot, Republican of Utah, offered his bill establishing a sale tax in lieu of excess profits taxing methods, and also an embargo measure against wool importation. Senator King, Democrat, Utah, proposed to make conferences to assist price fixing criminal, and also to make conspiracies to hamper movement of freight and persons in interstate commerce illegal.

Senator Poindexter, Republican Washington, presented a bill to prohibit strikes in interstate commerce.

Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, reintroducing a resolution suggesting that the president ask Great Britain whether her West Indian possessions could not be ceded to the United States in part payment of indebtedness, added a suggestion for similar inquiry of France as to the French antilles. Senator LaFollette, Republican Wisconsin, proposed recognition of the "Irish republic."

Interest Charge Limit Urged. Senator Owen, Democrat, Oklahoma, offered measures to limit federal reserve bank interest charges to 6 per cent; to create a federal marketing department for farmers, and for publication of a national bulletin on government and politics.

Senator France, Republican, Maryland, suggested amnesty for all persons imprisoned for violations of war time laws and Senator McLean put in a bill for minting a 2-cent coin with Theodore Roosevelt's effigy on it.

Senator Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, again declared for the purchase of lower California from Mexico, and Senator Vadsworth put in the war department's request for authority to sell surplus footstuffs abroad and Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, proposed prohibition of "futures" sales in grain and cotton.

Senator Sterling, Republican, South Dakota, introduced a bill re-classifying all government employees, but Senator Smoot, Republican, Utah, blocked its reference to committee, saying he would propose a measure involving less expense.

Bill Protects Pure Food Law. A bill embodying the "five-fold" plan for veterans' compensation was introduced by Senator McCumber, North Dakota.

In the house, Representative Fisher, Republican, New York, announced he would introduce tomorrow a resolution providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Europe. A bill to prohibit publication of foreign language newspapers or magazines without publication of an English translation, was introduced.

A bill was offered to instruct the attorney general to institute proceedings against the Standard Oil and United States Steel corporation enjoining them from distributing surplus war profits, and to direct the ways and means committee to draft a bill taxing all such surplus profits.

Another bill offered was that to prohibit the misbranding of manufactured articles by amending provisions of the pure food law.

Rainier Forest Will Be Replanted

PORTLAND, Or., April 12.—J. F. Kummel of the Portland office of the forest service, will leave tomorrow for Rainier to supervise the replanting of 5000 acres on the Rainier national forest, on what is known as the Cispus burn. This is a large burn covering about 80,000 acres. The forest service will plant 25,000 or 30,000 trees by the time the project is completed. Trees will be planted soon by the service on the Sautin national forest. Mr. Kummel returned recently from Wind River nursery, where 700,000 little trees have been placed in the transplant beds.

ROY HARRIS, who is held by the Buffalo police authorities after confessing that he was an accomplice in the murder of Joseph Bowne Elwell, wealthy whist and bridge expert, who was slain in his apartments in New York City last June. Harris attributes the actual slaying to William Duncan whom the police cannot find.



HUG AGAIN TO HEAD SCHOOLS

City Superintendent Is Re-
Elected at Meeting
Of Board

HOPPE ALSO RETAINED

Committee Finds Schools of
City in Exceedingly Un-
sanitary Condition

George W. Hug was re-elected superintendent of the Salem schools last night at the regular meeting of the school board. The action was unanimous on the part of the board, and was taken after many expressions of complimentary to the work of Mr. Hug during the school year.

W. C. Hoppes, whose work as assistant superintendent or supervisor of schools, has met with decided approval on the part of the board, was also retained for the ensuing year at the same salary, which is \$200 a month on a 12-month basis. The election of other teachers for the Salem public schools will occupy the attention of the board at its next meeting in two weeks.

Teacher Resigns. The resignation of Lillian Tschanner as teacher, was received and accepted by the board to take effect immediately.

During the past few days members of the school board have made the rounds of the city schools investigating health conditions. Indignant, the committee reported its findings to the board. Lack of funds with which to meet many of the much needed repairs and improvements was declared to be largely responsible for the

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BAN PUT ON SECRET CLUBS

Salem School Board Gives
Societies Until May 15
To Improve

INITIATIONS MODIFIED

Action Caused Last Night by
Petition of A. N.
Bush

Various organizations in the Salem public schools will be given until May 15 to clarify the atmosphere surrounding them of everything of a secret nature and on that date a copy of their by-laws and constitution, together with any oaths or pledges required by its members must be admitted to the school board. Secret societies will be prohibited. This action was taken by the school board last night, after a general discussion of the situation as it has been brought to the attention of the board.

Societies Not Discredited. In the discussion of the subject, George W. Hug was called upon to furnish information regarding so-called secret societies within the schools. Mr. Hug said there are many societies in the school, a few of a semi-secret nature, mentioning especially as of the latter the Julius Caesars and the T. A. orders. It was found the enrollment of the former numbers 83; of which 17 are now members of the high school, 12 of whom will graduate this year. Of the T. A. society 15 are in the high school with six or seven as seniors. It was said that so far the societies had never been considered a discredit

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FEDERAL LOAN BOARD TARGET OF LOCAL MEN

Removal of Judge Lobdel
And Followers Demanded
By Committee of Inquiry
Meeting Here.

BOHRNSTEDT CLEARED AFTER CAREFUL PROBE

Policy of Washington Offi-
cials Threatens Suffering
For Farmers

A serious situation confronts the farmers of the Willamette valley who need loans and who have been depending on the farm loan board taking up their loans in the near future. The supreme court of the United States rendered a decision declaring the farm loan act constitutional and the farm loan bonds valid. The board at once announced that it would sell bonds and begin loaning money, but by dilatory tactics has postponed the date until now it looks as if no money would be available until the middle of the summer.

There are two local associations, the Horticultural and Hoskins, A. C. Bohrnstedt being secretary treasurer of both. Mr. Bohrnstedt has consistently opposed the policies of the federal board, and the board has been trying to get rid of him. The board has now instructed the Federal Land Bank at Spokane that no loans will be approved in either association so long as Bohrnstedt remains as secretary, and until the association has revised resolutions which they have adopted and withdrawn from the National Farm Loan association.

Half Million Pending. There is \$140,000 in loans that have been applied for and approved in these two associations and \$250,000 in applications pending in the two associations. The banks have been carrying these borrowers until they could get their loans, but the banks now need their money for other purposes, and loans are coming due, and unless the farm loans can be secured great monetary loss will result to the farmers and a crisis threatens the banks.

On account of the seriousness of the situation and the large number of farmers interested, a committee met in Salem yesterday, consisting of C. E. Spence, master of the state grange, R. H. Shumway, president of the Farmers' union, F. O. Powell, secretary of the state Farm Bureau, and Carl Abrams, editor of the Pacific Homestead and Paul Mehl of the cooperative marketing department of Oregon Agricultural college.

Word Sent Washington. A thorough investigation of Mr. Bohrnstedt's books and of all correspondence with the federal farm loan board was made, with the result that Mr. Bohrnstedt was completely exonerated, and a manifesto was sent to George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, who is now in Washington, urging that the influence of the National Farm Bureau federation, the National Grange and Oregon representatives in congress, be exerted to secure the reversal of the announced plan of the farm loan board.

"Federal farm loan board has refused to approve loans to local farm loan associations in Oregon on account of their having joined national union farm loan associations and paying dues therefrom from their undivided profits which was held legal by McAdoo, Lyman and Flannagan. Unless this action farm loan board is at once rescinded great suffering and monetary loss will result to applicants for loans and a crisis caused to banks which have advanced money pending completion of federal loans. In case of Horticultural and Hoskins associations half million dollars is pending in loans. Federal board has made charges against Secretary Bohrnstedt. Representing State Farm Bureau federation and state grange we have thoroughly investigated Bohrnstedt's accounts and find them straight and that action of board in refusing further loans to local associations is due to spleen of board members because of activity of Bohrnstedt in behalf of policies disapproved by board. The national board has gone outside its legal rights and proved itself unfriendly to the farm loan act. Urge immediate action by our congressmen to rescind ruling of board and approval of loans to farmers. Situation acute. See Lyman and Flannagan for detailed information. We advise your remaining in Washington for organization meeting of national union to be held April 20th."

Federal Board Accused. The committee also ordered extensive resolutions drafted finding the farm loan board at Washing-

APPEAL FOR ALASKA INDIAN MADE TO FRIENDS IN SALEM BY WOMAN AT COPPER CENTER

Suffering of Destitute People Described in Letter to Red
Cross From Mrs. William C. Donaldson, Former Teacher
in Garfield School—Donations of Clothing Asked

Salem friends of Mrs. William C. Donaldson, are in receipt of letters dated March 19, from Copper Center, Alaska, which reveal great concern for the destitute Indians of that section, where she has been for the past year. In the letters she is making an appeal to local folk to send relief in the form of clothing.

Mrs. Donaldson is widely known. Before her marriage last September, she was Miss Dollie Smith, for several years an instructor in the Garfield school. She left shortly after the wedding for Alaska, where as the wife of an Indian agent Mrs. Donaldson was first at Juneau, later removing to Copper Center.

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Several babies coming and not a stitch of clothing. I am here with just the fewest clothes as we expect to leave in June. This is a large, cold country—everywhere frozen below zero at night, though the sun shines in the day time. We have a cozy warm living room, but it certainly is a great change for me as I am the only white woman here at present, within 25 miles, but another comes soon. The poverty here is awful; so many little children cold, hungry and dirty.

To the local Red Cross chapter Mrs. Donaldson addresses the following appeal:

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"In behalf of the destitute Indians of Alaska at Copper Center, I am asking you for aid of clothing. These natives are deserving."

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