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THE LEAGUE.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, the league of nations is not a burning question in these parts. As yet we have heard of no domestic quarrels over the subject, not yet any mild altercation. No one has been before the police judge because of too great vehemence in assailing or defending that concomitant of the peace treaty, Article X is less in folks' minds than whether New York or Cincinnati will come out on top. We do not much care whether the United States takes, or is, or is made the mandatory over some backward spot if only someone will assume a mandatory over the state highway commission and get some action on The Dalles-California highway.

In short, we find very little discussion of the subject. It is not in people's minds. And yet we believe that there was a poll taken there would be found an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the peace treaty as negotiated at Versailles, including the league of nations pact, unamended. Fine spun technicalities, arguments over the meaning of phrases, do not interest us much. What we want to know is simply this: Will the league of nations plan mean a step toward universal peace? Will it mean that it will be harder for any Germany of the future to make war? Will the small state be freer from aggression than in the past? In the full belief that the answer to these questions is "Yes," we favor the league as proposed.

Standpat Republicans and Republicans who are trying to gather to themselves presidential nomination support stand out against peace. In so doing they help our country not at all. What the country wants is peace and a congress devoted to some of the domestic problems which are crying for solution.

Perhaps the league does take us out of our traditional isolation. What war can be waged in this world that does not affect us? How can we remain isolated? When Germany started off in 1914 we sat back and thanked God that we were on the other side of the Atlantic and would batten on the thing, that we were isolated except for the trade we would get out of it. Then, slowly and slowly and slowly we began to get nearer, to get interested, to get in, and finally we joined up because we could not decently keep out any longer and because we wanted to do what we could to help end all wars. The league is the next step toward that end.

As we have said before, perhaps we do lose some sovereignty. So does everyone who comes in and submits to the police authority. It is one of the marks of civilization. Perhaps we may have to play police in Armenia or Liberia. Very well. Let's do it if it will mean an end to war and the sort of thing that, even without war, goes on in the play ground of the Turk. We once assumed a mandatory for Cuba and for the Philippines. The world is better because of what we did.

If it will be still better, if war will be put further off by our association in the league of nations, let us join and join quickly.

New Oil Substitute.

A factory has been started in Sweden for extracting oil from schist, thus adding one more to the number of substitutes already on the market. Large quantities of alum schist are found in the district, yielding benzene and crude oils.

No Need for Flag to Sag.

A device that prevents a flag displayed on a horizontal pole from becoming tangled is described in the Popular Science Magazine. It is a wire rod that extends along part of the lower edge of the flag, to which it is held in place by a clip at each end. For large flags a hook passes through one of the eyelets of the flag.

NOT MERELY FISH STORIES

Showers of Sea Food From Sky Are Authenticated, According to Magazine Writer.

Next time some one tells you of its raining fish and frogs, don't laugh; the story may be true. There is, for instance, record of a fish rain in 1690 that showered smelts all over Stantstead parish in merry England, says Popular Science Magazine.

In Baton Rouge, in 1896, it rained ducks, catbirds and woodpeckers. We pause right here to say that scientists explain these showers by the lifting power of the wind and the ancient principle that what goes up must come down; and you never can be sure what is up.

Getting down to 1917, John Lewis of Aberdale, Wales, reports: "I was startled by something falling all over me. . . . On putting my hand down my neck I was surprised to find they were little fish."
No less a person than Alexander von Humboldt writes of a downpour of fishes in the Andes which seemed to be aided and abetted by a very active volcano. The natives said they rather counted on fish showers to reduce the H. C. L., usually having several a season.

Singapore, as might be expected, holds the shower record, with a rain of five-inch catfish, which the Chinese gathered by the basketful.
Nine native witnesses urged by a canny Scot. made depositions before a magistrate attesting the truth of their tales of a shower in Bengal during which at least five kinds of fish fell from the heavens.

Boston, in the days of the "plug" hat, had what is called (being Boston) "a piscatorial deluge." But in Connecticut the same year it rained fish and ice together, which we call thoughtful.

GOES BACK TO ANCIENT DAYS

Expression Concerning Fires of Faith and the Torch of Religion Traced to Fire Worshipers.

"My faith is like a burning flame," says a martyr has said when he was being sorely tried. "I may carry the torch of the true religion forward" is an expression so often used that it seems almost trite. Is it an accident that many of the most fervent religious phrases are connected in one way or another with the fire-image?

One of the curious customs of Lithuania gives a clue to the answer to this question. Religion and faith are expressed in fiery terms because most of our ancestors were fire worshippers. The tradition has outlived paganism, has come into Christianity itself, and remains most plainly evident in the language we use when talking of religion.

In Lithuania family councils are held only in front of the hearth. All important gatherings are connected with the fireplace. The fire is never allowed to die out. It is the duty of the oldest woman in the family to tend to the fire, to cover it with ashes at night and to revive it in the morning.
Why the oldest woman rather than the oldest man? Because in pagan days the attendants of the sacred fires were always women, the vestal virgins, whose lives were devoted to that one task.

When we speak of the fires of faith, therefore, or of the torch of religion, we are harking back to the ancient days, the days when fire was faith and religion a torch.

Bulldogs Made Ferocious.

Bull-baiting at times ranked as the national pastime of England and countless scores of dogs met their death to provide a diversion for the British public. Even royalty favored the "sport," although during the last 100 years of its existence patrons of the bullring comprised exclusively the "lower classes." The bravery of the bulldog, cultivated during centuries of active service in the bullring, naturally became deeply inherited. Owing to the dog's occupation and surroundings he acquired a savageness of disposition which prompted one authority, as recently as fifty years ago, when bull-baiting, which had long been made illegal, was long since over, to state that the bulldog had an intractable temper and that he would turn on his master, if offended, as readily as on a stranger.

Right Standard of Living.

Byron, after a mispent youth, desired "a soldier's grave" in "the land of honorable death." Far better would it have been if he had, like Tolstol, resolved to live down the errors of his early life, and to build up a future which would have redeemed the follies of the past.

When our own evil deeds have not soured our existence and when we have faith in that eternal justice which sees in the soul of man something greater than nature that will outlive her transitory laws, we shall welcome old age as the portal through which we must pass to live the life everlasting.—Lucian in Rochester Post Express.

Thought Grandpa Has "Snap."

Grandpa, who was visiting us, was made much of by every member of the family. Harry noticed that everybody tried to make him comfortable, and that grandpa's wishes seemed to be the law of the household. One day the teacher was asking her class what they would all like to be when they grew up. When it came Harry's turn he answered without any hesitation: "When I grow up I'd like to be a grandpa."—Chicago Tribune.

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CLOVERDALE PEOPLE AT SISTERS DANCE

CLOVERDALE, Aug. 19.—The Wheeler Amusement Co. of California played in Sisters on Friday and Saturday nights. Those attending the show and dance from here were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hodson and daughters, Sam Kline, Mrs. W. T. E. Wilson, Miss Gladys Parberry, Earle Miller and Verne Skelton.
H. H. Kilgore was a caller at the Parberry ranch on Sunday.
D. H. Long and family attended the show at Sisters on Friday night. Mrs. Frank Burling and Mrs. Robert Burling were Redmond shoppers Saturday.
Miss Ellen Disbrow, who recently arrived after a year's service overseas in the signal corps, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Burling of this place. She arrived from Tacoma, Washington, on Monday, and expects to spend some little time here.
F. J. and R. A. Burling have accepted positions at the Duckett mill in Sisters.
D. H. Long and son Lavine are helping J. L. Parberry haul hay.
Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. H. K. Allen and Gladys Par-

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berry were callers at the Billy Wilson ranch on Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kline and S. E. Kline were Sisters callers one evening last week.
Mrs. Lantz entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bougher at dinner on Sunday afternoon.
F. J. and Robert Burling were Sisters shoppers on Friday.

PLAINVIEW CLUB MEETING IS HELD

PLAINVIEW, Aug. 19.—The O. D. O. club will meet with Mrs. Prentice Van Tassel on Thursday afternoon, August 21. No special work is laid out for the afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burgess and family, of the Pine Tree mill, spent Sunday at the J. A. W. Scoggin home.

Roy Heartt has been helping Mr. Andrus of Cloverdale with his haying the past week.
Jim Pulliam has secured a Maxwell car recently from J. O. McKinney of Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hoss and Mrs. E. Patterson attended the big Woods sale, near Redmond, last week.

Miss Katherine Hartley returned home Monday after spending two weeks at the Hartley ranch.
Mrs. A. W. and Mrs. Hubert Armstrong spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. James Dawson.

The regular church services were held in the school house on Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Williams in charge. Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Riegel and Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Terrebonne accompanied Rev. Williams. Services will be held again Sunday afternoon, September 7.

Nellie Scoggin left recently for Aurora, Oregon, where she will remain for several weeks.
Newell Van Tassel and Miss Blakesley were callers in Sisters Sunday.

Wilma Bennett spent several days the past week at the Box A ranch visiting with her young cousin, Worsen Bennett of Silver Lake.

Jim Pulliam was a guest on Sunday at the Hartley home.
Ida Hoss enjoyed a pleasant day Wednesday with Mrs. John Staehli, G. C. McCallister, Ray Armstrong, A. E. Hoss and Mrs. Patterson were business callers in Bend Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hartley, Mrs. Hartley, sr., and daughter Katherine were guests for dinner at the McKinney home.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scoggin and

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nephew, Woodson Bennett, were guests for dinner at the J. A. W. Scoggin home Sunday.
John McKinney was a caller at Sisters Sunday.
P. A. Scoggin made a business trip to Bend Wednesday.
Mrs. Louzetta Pulliam, Jim Pulliam and Mr. and Mrs. John McKinney spent Sunday evening in Bend.

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