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ASHLAND TO CUT "CANNED" TALENT 1921 CHAUTAUQUA

ASHLAND, March 25.—Instead of abandoning Chautauqua this approaching assembly season, the term will be extended to cover six weeks, but will be a reversion to individuality features which characterized gatherings of former days. In other words, "canned" talent will not be impressed into service along stereotyped program lines. Printers would be apt to term the change an elimination of "plate matter," in favor of the substitution of more original ideas and methods. Chautauqua will merge its activities with those of summer schools, conferences, and perhaps camp meetings, as all of these attractions have been mentioned in connection with an intellectual and social observance of the summer vacation season. If local talent cannot meet all of the demand, there is in the valley and state to draw upon for exponents of the best in music, art, literature and oratory. Community sages, writers, musicians, university clubs, lecturers and poets are available in local and adjacent fields, not to mention numerous speakers in the "stump" classification. At all events the formal cut and dried schedules of the lyceum era are to be discarded in favor of a new departure, or rather a return to the old informal sings, discussions, and social visits. This decision has been arrived at after an expression of opinion not only from the Chautauqua organization and its patrons, but also from the public in general at a meeting called to consider the matter. Eminent talent from abroad will continue to be a factor on the local circuit at intervals. The assembly season of 1921 will witness a merger of the Chautauqua summer school activities exemplifying its highest ideals, under control of a specific board of directors to be nominated by a committee representing the Southern Oregon assembly and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce on the basis of a mutual co-operative boost.

Music being indispensable as an adjunct to the entertainment season, the band, as reorganized, is planning a wide scope of lively accompaniments. O. F. Carson is president; C. F. Tjorn, vice president; G. H. Yeo, secretary treasurer; Prof. Carl Loveland, leader. The adult organization will be augmented by a boys' band. Loveland is an ex-service man, lately returned here from Ppgent Sound naval centers. In a business may he is manager of the music department in Enders' store. Both vocalist and instrumentalist, his services cover the range of an efficient concertmeister. A score of prospective members have already lined up for the men's and boys' organizations respectively, and a lot of new instruments are already on the way for the boys' unit to launch a concert movement to supplement the main aggregation's efforts in a series of midsummer entertainments.

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letter he pointed to the menace to the Monroe Doctrine contained in such a plan.

Alarmed at the complications of war and foreign entanglements in the guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence of members of the League, a guarantee that finally was embodied in Article X of the Covenant. Mr. Lansing says that at Paris he tried to have substituted a negative pledge that the members would not infringe upon each others territorial integrity or political independence. He became convinced that Colonel Edward M. House, then President Wilson's closest adviser, was completely converted with regard to this question.

Break on Shantung. It is in relation to Shantung Mr. Lansing discloses the sharpest differences between himself and President Wilson. Mr. Lansing gives as his opinion that blackmail and bluff by Japan impelled the president to agree to surrender that country such rights in Shantung as before the war were held by Germany and automatically annulled when China declared hostilities. In his opinion only secret diplomacy made it possible for Japan to threaten to leave the peace conference unless its demands were granted, a threat Mr. Lansing believed would not have been executed because of the appreciation by Japan that the benefits of a new and powerful world position could be retained only by membership in the League of Nations.

That other members of the American commission shared his view that the Shantung decision as rendered by the Council of Four was a flagrant wrong and were prevented from resigning only by the critical conditions in the world situation is clearly implied by Mr. Lansing. He describes the indignation felt by himself and by Henry White and General Tasker H. Bliss and in this connection publishes the letter written by General Bliss to the president, in which Mr. Lansing and Mr. White concurred, stating that to support the Japanese claim would be to abandon Chinese democracy to domination of Japan's Prussianized militarism.

Drafted in 11 Days It was impossible, in Mr. Lansing's

opinion, to make the League of Nations' Covenant the greatest international compact ever written, as was intended, in the 11 days given to the drafting. This is established by the document itself, he says, which provides for an oligarchy of the Great Powers and a continuance of the policy of the balance of power against which the president spoke in England but which he in effect subscribed to in approving the covenant.

Relating the difficulties and embarrassments to which three of the American commissioners were subjected by failure of the president to hold a single conference with the American commission on the League of Nations from its first meeting until its report was printed, Mr. Lansing says the office force of Colonel House knew more about the proceedings than the three American commissioners who were not present. Additional difficulties were caused by lack of an American program, the fourteen points of the president being entirely insufficient for such a purpose. Mr. Lansing found the president indisposed to consider the subject of having a program. He asked the American legal advisers to prepare a "skeleton treaty," but was told emphatically by the president that the latter did not intend to have lawyers draft the treaty of peace.

Mr. Lansing's idea was to secure adoption of a resolution declaring the purposes and nature of the League of Nations, providing for later negotiation of a detailed plan, and in the meantime to make peace at the earliest possible moment. This he thought could be done by April 1, 1919. Delay of peace for the purpose of completing the league he considered an unwarranted risk. The president, however, thought otherwise and Mr. Lansing found it possible to infer that the president was disposed to employ the world desire for a peace as a means to compel other governments to accept his plan for a league.

Loaded with Dynamite Self determination was a phrase of the president's that Mr. Lansing considered loaded with dynamite; bound to cause impossible demands, and to stir up trouble in many countries. This principle, he said was discredited when Germany was refused permission to join with Austria, and it was ignored in the president's policy toward Russia. That the proposed defensive treaty with France was bad; that it would certainly be rejected by the American senate, and that it discredited Article X, which Mr. Wilson considered vital to the treaty, was the opinion of Mr. Lansing during the peace conference. He indicates his belief that Clemenceau insisted on the defensive treaty as the price of support of the league.

Secretary Lansing finds the mandate system of administering conquered territories a selfish device benefiting material interests of the mandate holding powers under cover of apparent altruism. It was sought to take advantage of the unselfishness of the American people to impose burdensome mandates on the United States while giving profitable ones to European powers.

Opposed Mandate System Mr. Lansing opposed the mandate system in talking with Colonel House, but never knew whether his objections were conveyed to the president. In connection with other problems his communications sent directly to the president were never acknowledged, according to Mr. Lansing, who found Mr. Wilson intolerant of suggestions; irritated by opposition, and seemingly suspicious of the secretary's views after November 12, 1918, when Mr. Lansing incurred his displeasure by urging him not to go to Paris personally.

Mr. Lansing discusses the testimony of William C. Bullitt before the senate foreign relations committee. Mr. Bullitt quoted Mr. Lansing as saying that if the American people understood what the treaty let them in for they would defeat it. Mr. Bullitt entirely changed the meaning of what had been said to him in Paris, Mr. Lansing declares. The president at this time was campaigning for the League of Nations in the west, and Mr. Lansing telegraphed to him offering to explain the interview with Bullitt, but, he says, the president never answered his telegram.

Because of the pressing need of peace, Secretary Lansing, despite his differences with Mr. Wilson, continued to favor ratification of the treaty covenant without reservations. This he did as long as there was a chance to secure an early peace by this method.

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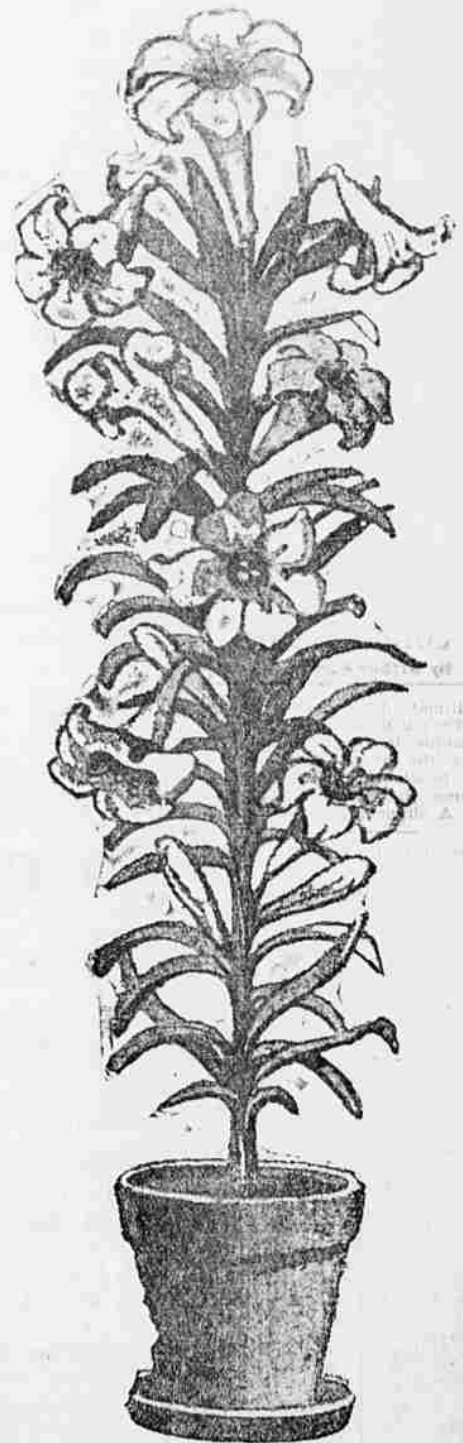
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