

# LEAGUE OF NATIONS COUNCIL HAS FIRST FORMAL GATHERING

### Meeting Occurred in Historic Picture Gallery in St. James Palace—Arthur J. Balfour Assumes Chair—Comments on Eight Nations Present Instead of Nine.

London, Feb. 11.—The council of the League of Nations formally opened its meeting here at noon today. Arthur J. Balfour, representing Great Britain, assumed the chair on the suggestion of Leon Bourgeois, representative of France. In his speech of welcome to the delegates Mr. Balfour said there was only one blot on the meeting, and that was that eight nations were represented instead of nine. He said it was not desirable to touch on the absence of the United States, but he referred to it as marking the symmetry of the original plan of the league.

M. Bourgeois, in reply added a word of regret that the nations represented were only eight in number. The meeting occurred today in the historic picture gallery of St. James' Palace, which was built by Henry VIII. Immediately below the portrait of this monarch a large table has been placed for the accommodation of the members of the council before whom Leon Bourgeois, the French delegate, delivered the opening address. The remainder of the gallery was apportioned to seats for the 160 invited guests, including all the ambassadors and ministers of the allied, associated and neutral powers, together with other distinguished public men and the representatives of the press.

# LEXINGTON IS STILL UNDER ARMED GUARD

### Lockett Spirited Out of Town on a Special Train

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 11.—Although William Lockett, convicted murderer of ten year old Geneva Hardman, was safe today in Eddyville prison where he is to pay the death penalty for his crime on March 11, 600 troops were held today in Lexington, which remains nominally under martial law. Military officers spirited Lockett out of town on a special train late last night. Four hundred of the special ordered here Monday to suppress mob rioting, in which five persons were killed and many wounded in an unsuccessful attempt to lynch Lockett, accompanied the train. In view of the fact that there appears to be no further need for presence of soldiers here it was believed the order invoking martial law would be revoked today and the remaining federal troops returned to Camp Taylor.

# CITY ASSUMES GALA ATTIRE FOR EDISON

Orange, N. J., Feb. 11.—Municipal buildings, places of business and private homes here were decorated with flags and bunting today in honor of the 73rd birthday of Thomas A. Edison. Mayor William A. Lord, in a public proclamation, extended to Mr. Edison the city's congratulations and expressed the hope that he would celebrate many more birthdays and continue "in good health and further unexampled usefulness to mankind." The number "73" which played a prominent part in the day's proceedings, was promptly recognized as the telegraph code for "good wishes" by Mr. Edison, was an operator in his youth.

# SAYS NICHOLS FAILED TO KEEP HIS AGREEMENT

Charging that Andrew P. Nichols, the local inventor who caused the arrest of Attorney Badesch, Greenstein and Mesard for alleged conspiracy, failed to live up to agreements stipulated in a contract with the Bridgeport Machine Tool Co., Attorney Francis J. Breen, in a lengthy statement issued last night, gave this alleged failure on the part of Nichols as the reason why the inventor was not paid his \$10,000. The attorney explained in detail all of the steps which led up to the friendly suit in the civil court, and also charged that Nichols used the Geyser Patent Holding Company as a "dummy" for his transactions. Mr. Breen concluded his statement with the opinion that he and his three fellow lawyers will be exonerated from the charges now entered against them, when the true facts of the case are aired before the court.

# 2 LOCAL MEN ARE APPOINTED BY STREMLAU

### McGuinness for Fairfield and Shay for New Haven County

Julius Stremlau, the Connecticut agent of the United States Internal Revenue office charged with the enforcement of the 18th Amendment, has appointed two men as enforcement agents who are well known in this city. Mr. McGuinness, of 209 Farrott avenue, this city, has been appointed for Fairfield county, and James H. Shay of Derby has been appointed for New Haven county. Mr. McGuinness is a young man who has a host of friends throughout the city, who are pleased to hear of his appointment to this important position. He had been offered a position in the Department of Justice which he declined in order to accept the position under Superintendent Stremlau. James Holliday Shay, the appointee for New Haven county, is a well known newspaper man who had been attached to the editorial force of the Bridgeport Telegram for more than a year.

# ODESSA FELL TO BOLSHEVIKI ON FEBRUARY 7

### Fire On Allied Warships By Reds Was Heavy

Constantinople, Feb. 9.—Advices received here show that the city of Odessa fell into the hands of the Bolsheviks at three o'clock in the afternoon of February 7. The local Bolsheviks were in control of Odessa when the last dispatch reaching here was sent, but the Red army had not yet arrived. Heavy machine-gun fire was in evidence all day on the seventh. The fire of the Bolsheviks upon the allied warships was heavy, and the vessels moved into the outer harbor. Rear Admiral N. A. McCully, commanding the United States naval forces operating in Russian waters, is reported in the advices to have arrived from Novo Rossick on the American destroyer Biddle, and as senior naval officer is now in command, it is stated.

# GITLOW GETS A SENTENCE OF 5 TO 10 YEARS

New York, Feb. 11.—Five to ten years in state prison was the sentence imposed in the supreme court today on Benjamin Gitlow, former Bronx assemblyman, who was convicted of violating the state's criminal anarchy statute. The charges were preferred as the result of articles advocating the forcible overthrow of government which were published in the Revolutionary Age of which Gitlow was business manager. Gitlow's sentence is the maximum which could be imposed for the offense of which he was convicted. He was taken to Sing Sing prison to begin his sentence.

# ALL SCHOOLS TO CLOSE IN HONOR OF HOLIDAY

All schools and some shops and stores in the city will be closed tomorrow in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday while the day will be further observed by a big Americanization meeting in the Lincoln school in the evening. Speakers at this meeting will be Dr. Walter H. Brown and Rev. Archibald Campbell. Moving pictures and a musical program will also be presented. This evening there is an Americanization meeting at Sokol hall.

# BROWN CONFESSES KILLING.

Oaspee, N. H., Feb. 11.—George E. Brown, a farmer, who was arrested at Tamworth last night for the murder of Richard Dunn there on Monday, confessed today to the killing, according to county officials. Returning home Monday evening, Brown said he found Dunn talking with his wife. The sight enraged him, he said, and he walked down the road to a clump of bushes and shot Dunn as he passed.

# NO TAXIS IN LONDON.

London, Feb. 11.—This city is without taxicabs today, owners of these vehicles having withdrawn them from service for 24 hours, beginning at midnight, as a protest against the increase in the price of gasoline.

# VIOLATED GAME LAW.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 11.—In sending President Wilson a wild turkey S. B. McMaster, a local sportsman, violated a state game law and was fined ten dollars.

# INFLUENZA NOW BEGINNING TO WANE

Influenza is evidently beginning to wane in the city since only 22 new cases were reported at the Health department up until noon today. The total number of cases is now 1314. There was a slight jump during the past 24 hours, but it does not represent an abnormal condition according to Dr. Brown. Three deaths from "flu" represents yesterday's toll of fatalities. Dr. Brown believes that the disease is subsiding and expects to see the worst over by the end of the week.

# JOHNSON IS SELECTED FOR AMBASSADOR

### President Expected to Send In Nomination Soon

Washington, Feb. 11.—Robert Underwood Johnson of New York, author and editor, and one of the founders of the League to Enforce Peace, has been selected by President Wilson as ambassador to Rome to succeed Thomas Nelson Page of Virginia, who resigned several months ago. The President is expected to send the nomination to the Senate within a few days.

Mr. Johnson was originator of the memorial to Keats and Shelley in Rome, originator and chairman of the American Poets' Ambulance in Italy in 1917, and author of Italian Rhapsody and other poems of Italian subjects published in 1917. He was decorated by the Italian government in 1895 and was made cavaliere of the Crown of Italy.

He was born in Washington 67 years ago and was editor of the Century Magazine from November 1909 to May 1913. He induced General Grant to write his memoirs and set on foot the library which resulted in the creation of the Yosemite national park.

# BURNS' DEATH DUE WHOLLY TO ACCIDENT

### Coroner Finds Car Crew Exercised All Diligence

The death of Michael Burns, who was crushed between two trolley cars last week, was due to accidental causes, Coroner Phelan declared in a finding made today. He stated that Patrick Nolan, motorman of the car on which Burns was riding, and Frank Pinto, the conductor, had acted with all reasonable diligence in the case.

# CLOSE COLLEGE SO MANY ILL WITH COLDS

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 11.—Owing to the fact that so many members of the faculty and students at Holy Cross College are ill with colds that it is impracticable to continue classes for the present, the college suspended classes today until next Monday.

# DUNNING IS RECIPIENT OF PROMOTION

E. W. Dunning, 1131 Noble avenue, superintendent of Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency in the Connecticut Bank building, has been placed in charge of the New Haven branch of the concern, succeeding P. C. Howland who has had charge of the New Haven branch for many years. In addition, Mr. Dunning will shortly open an office in Waterbury, making him probably the largest mercantile credit man in the state.

# FLETCHER RESIGNS.

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson today accepted the resignation of Henry F. Fletcher as ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Fletcher wrote the President sending his resignation several weeks ago, but his letter has not been made public.

# DENMARK GETS 72,700 VOTES.

Copenhagen, Feb. 11.—Latest reports as to the result of the plebiscite held yesterday in Schleswig show that Denmark secured 72,700 votes against 24,800. Only a few districts have not been heard from.

# 3 KILLED; NINE INJURED.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 11.—District Fire Chief Clarence G. Hemmery and another fireman were killed today and nine other were badly injured when they were buried under a falling wall that collapsed while they were fighting a blaze in the Royal Woolen Company store house here.

# REMINGTON-YOST PLANT IS TO MOVE

### Definite Announcement Is Made By Management.

# NEW PLANT AT FLUSHING, L. I.

The Remington-Yost Type-writer factory will move to Flushing, Long Island, it was definitely announced by the management today. The plant of the Nathan Company on Flushing Creek has been purchased at an outlay of \$1,500,000. The new plant consists of a number of modern factory buildings with about 50 acres of land. This gives the concern abundant space in which to enlarge their manufacturing facilities.

The Yost factory has become a landmark in this city where it has employed the highest class of mechanics for the past 30 years.

The present site and buildings were purchased by the Columbia Graphophone company some time ago and the new owners will take possession the first of next year.

The Yost company will begin to move immediately and expect to be thoroughly established in their new plant in April.

All of their present employees, who are willing to go, will be taken to Flushing with them. The company has offered to pay moving expenses for all who will go to the new plant. Some years ago the Remington Typewriter company bought up the entire Yost properties together with the machinery and patents. The corporation has since been known as the Remington-Yost plant.

They manufacture the Yost typewriter at the local plant and employ about 800 hands.

# LUCAS CLAIMS HE SIGNED A BLANK PAPER

### Company Says He Did Not Pay Up Series of Notes

That he signed a blank piece of paper when he bought a motor truck from the Columbus Motor Car Co. of this city was the claim of Laurence Lucas of this city, who appeared in the Common Pleas court today to testify in the suit brought against him by the Motor Car Co. for \$490 damages. It is claimed by the company that Lucas did not pay a series of notes which he gave in payment for the truck but Lucas declared the notes were paid.

# ACUTE SHORTAGE OF SOFT COAL IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Feb. 11.—An acute shortage of bituminous coal was reported in many New England cities and towns today as a result of the freight steep that followed the storm of last week. Schools and industries have been closed in some places and many hospitals and public buildings have only a few days' supply. Governor Coolidge and Mayor Peters have telegraphed Director General Hines of the railroad administration, asking for priority deliveries to this state.

# NO CITY COURT SESSION.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 11.—For the first time in seventeen years there were no cases to be brought before the Hartford Police court today. The police made no arrests over night and there were no adjourned cases.

# JANUARY 10 DATE ENDING WAR.

London, Feb. 10.—Announcement was made today that January 10 was the official date upon which the war with Germany terminated. This date was fixed by a royal order.

# 212 LOST LIVES IN WAR.

Bridgeport gave up 212 of her native sons on the altar of sacrifice in the world war according to the revised list on the honor roll which is to be placed in the city hall.

# HUNGARY'S PEACE DELEGATION IN PARIS

Paris, Feb. 11.—Hungary's peace delegation, headed by Count Apponyi, arrived here this morning. Brigadier General H. H. Bandholtz, American representative on the inter-allied military commission in Budapest, accompanied the Hungarian representatives.

Budapest, Feb. 11.—Hungary cannot carry out the financial clauses of the treaty with the allies, according to Roland Hegeles, financial expert of the Hungarian peace delegation, today.

# NEW THEATRE FOR CITY NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

### Negotiations For \$500,000 Playhouse Practically Completed

Negotiations for the erection of the new \$500,000 palatial theatre for Shubert and other Broadway productions have been practically completed. Albert Hyde Donahue, a New York financial promoter and representative of the Shubert interests was in the city this morning conferring with the capital that is being organized to protect the scheme. Options have been secured on several large pieces of realty within the center of the city, but possibilities point to Broad and State streets as the probable location. The new playhouse will be similar to the Shubert's Majestic theatre in New Haven and will be built to accommodate 3,000 persons. According to present plans the Shubert's is not only to put on their own productions, but many other hits and runs that have gained popularity on Broadway.

It was learned today that Promoter Donahue has been a constant visitor to the city since last October, when the Chamber of Commerce first started active work to secure a house of high class dramatic productions. Most of his time has been devoted to interviewing financiers and manufacturers and in selecting possible sites for the theatre.

Mr. Donahue admitted this morning when interviewed by a Times reporter that the object of his pilgrimage to Bridgeport was to arrange a conference between the local financiers and the Shubert's next week. The promoters' enterprise in giving the city a long felt want has aroused many other interests, and it has been rumored that Mr. Donahue may be asked to put across a million dollar hotel. He intends to stay in the city for the next six months and has purchased a Dutch Colonial home in Southport for residential purposes.

# APPLICANTS REPRESENT 26 COUNTRIES

### U. S. Army Shown To Be Very Cosmopolitan Body

That Uncle Sam's army which sailed across the sea to make the Kaiser eat humble pie was a cosmopolitan affair is indicated by the fact that 26 countries were represented in the number of former service men who present when Lucas signed the paper which Lucas characterized as blank was in reality a bill of sale and he said it was filled out as usual in such cases. He said he had a witness in addition to the notes Lucas turned over some personal property to the company in the deal for the truck. Judge Walsh reserved decision in this case.

# LABOR WOULD NOT SUPPORT LABOR PARTY

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 11.—"Labor is not ready for concerted action as a separate party and I therefore believe that the state body of organized labor will support the program of the National Federation of Labor in support of the party which shall insert in its platform the plank that affiliated labor desires," said P. F. O'Meara of New Haven, president of the Connecticut State Federation of Labor, today in commenting on the announcement recently by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that the federation would ask that its program be inserted in a party platform. "I do not believe," he said, "that labor can endorse the labor party or that the majority of wage earners will support such a party. The wage earners of this country are not yet in such a position that they can best obtain the result they desire through a separate party and I think that they should support either one of the established parties or some new party that may be organized in the interval between this time and the presidential elections."

# DIRECTORS FILE REPORT.

The directors of the Stanley Court Realty Co. of Stamford filed a report in the Superior court today in which they stated that the company has been dissolved. Assets amounting to \$5,352.33 have been distributed among the stockholders. In their report the directors stated that there are no creditors of the company at present and no claims have been filed against the concern.

# IMPERSONATED REVENUE OFFICER

Alleged to have attempted to secure liquor by representing himself as a United States Revenue officer, Joseph G. DeGuttola, a Stamford Italian, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Federal agents, and is now confined at police headquarters. Bonds have been fixed at \$1,000 and the man will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery, today. DeGuttola is said to have confined his activities to Stamford and vicinity.

# PRESIDENT NOT TO PASS ON DECISION GIVEN TO UNIONS

# MAY RESEAT FIVE SOCIALIST ASSEMBLYMEN

### Discussion Noted Among Members of Judiciary Committee

Albany, Feb. 11.—Another discussion among members of the assembly judiciary committee trying the five suspended socialist assemblymen charged with disloyalty was noted at the opening of today's session. Assemblyman Louis A. Cuyler took exception to a statement issued last night by Assemblyman Maurice Bloch and William S. Evans, after the prosecution had closed its case, in which the two members of the tribunal declared it would not surprise them "to see a majority report recommending the reseating of the five men on trial." Before today's session opened with reading by the defense of excerpts from documentary evidence already introduced by the prosecution, Seymour Stedman, directing the socialists' case, stated he would ask for an adjournment this afternoon until next Tuesday, before the formal opening for his side. Chairman Martin indicated he probably would grant this request.

# ENACTMENT OF OIL LEASE BILL IS COMPLETED

### Provides Development of 75,000,000 Acres of Land

Washington, Feb. 11.—Enactment of the oil leasing bill was completed today with the adoption of the conference report by the Senate. The bill now goes to the president. The Senate's action terminated a two years' fight, a similar bill being agreed upon at the last session, but the Senate failing to adopt the conference report of legislation in the closing hours.

# PORTCHESTER INN SUFFERS BIG FIRE LOSS

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 11.—A fire which followed the breaking of a gas pipe in the cellar, destroyed much of the interior of the Portchester Inn, on the Boston Post Road, in Portchester, N. Y., today. Two women, who were guests at the inn and several of the servants were assisted from the building, either by means of ladders or through windows, by the firemen.

# FIX OUTLINE OF PEACE TERMS FOR SOVIETS

Warsaw, Feb. 10.—Work of framing the outline of peace conditions to be communicated to the Russian Soviet government has been begun by the Polish cabinet, which plans to present them to the diet early next week. If Poland replies to the Bolsheviks within ten days, as expected, discussions in the diet will necessarily be short.

# SUIT RESULT OF FALL.

Notice has been served on the city through Fallon and Greenstein, attorneys for Marie Lyon, that their client would claim damages for injuries received in a fall on the sidewalk in front of City hall. An eyewitness is alleged to have been responsible for the fall.

# No Reason Assigned For Departure From Usual Procedure—Officials Regard Situation As Extremely Grave—Director Confers With Tumulty.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Director General Hines will make answer to the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad workers on his own responsibility and from the standpoint of the railroad administration and will then report to the President, it was said today at the White House. Mr. Wilson then will approve or disapprove the decision. Heretofore the President generally has passed upon wage decisions before the railroad administration's answer was given to the union representatives. No reason was assigned for the departure from the usual custom in this case.

In the light of the urgent demands of the trainmen and the strike call issued by officers of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, both railroad administration and White House officials regard the situation as extremely grave. Mr. Hines has held a long conference with Secretary Tumulty who has submitted a memorandum on the subject to the President. Mr. Wilson still has this memorandum before him.

Conferences between Mr. Hines and the Brotherhood officers were to have been resumed this morning, but the appointed hour neither side was ready to go ahead and the meeting was postponed until 3:30 this afternoon.

# KAISER MIGHT ENJOY LIVING IN PALEMBANG

### Proposed Exile Described As East Indian Venice.

"An East Indian Venice—gay, dirty, swarming with life and luminous with sunlight," is how a traveller describes Palembang in the Dutch East Indian Island of Sumatra, where the Allies propose to exile the Kaiser. The encyclopedia comments laconically: "Thunder storms and water spouts occur frequently, and earthquakes now and then." The Royal Packet Line's guide to the island solemnly advises the prospective "gentleman visitor" to take along "at least twenty-four shirts of very thin flannel material." It is not cool in Palembang, only 2 degrees south of the equator.

Palembang is the name of a province and city on the south coast of Sumatra. The province has 796,354 inhabitants and the city has 69,935, of which scarcely more than 500 are Europeans. The distant St. Helena—or is it to be an Elba only?—to which a Dutch battleship is said to be ready to bear off William II, the moment the Allies show the prospect of a "gentlemanly visitor" to take along "at least twenty-four shirts of very thin flannel material." It is not cool in Palembang, only 2 degrees south of the equator.

The inn was a widely known place and long had been regarded as a landmark on the highway. It is owned by John F. McCarthy. The fire loss is \$25,000.

Three principal points are being considered by the cabinet as the basis for peace conversations. The first is occupying much attention from the cabinet and relates to the recognition of the independence of border states between Russia and Poland. The second would discuss proposed plebiscites, and the third is devoted to consideration of indemnities.

Perhaps William II. will gather together the proceeds of what property is saved to him from the crash and take a flight in one of the oil concessions in Palembang yield about 75,000,000 gallons annually. Being an oil king is something, after all, and one always can collect royalties even if one cannot hennob with them.