

LEAGUE MAY SHIFT SEAT TO BRUSSELS

Possibility of Other Decisions Before America Can Participate as Member.

WILSON IS EMBARRASSED

Forced to Call Meeting of Council, Yet Senate Has Not Given Assent.

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PARIS, Oct. 9.—Although it is not the idea of the American promoters of the League of Nations that anything should be done at the first council meeting here beyond handling of the Saar question, the French seem to be planning to bring up a number of important matters, including the question of moving the league headquarters from Geneva to Brussels.

Whether these questions will be settled or merely referred to a future meeting is as yet undetermined. The ratification of the peace treaty by royal Italian decree suddenly has focused attention upon this first effort of the league to function, the treaty making it obligatory for the league to meet in fifteen days after the ratification becomes effective.

Confronted by the anomalous situation of the league being obliged to attempt to function with but four or five members, and with the United States not participating, diplomatic circles here seem to be in a grand state of confusion as to just what to do with the infant which ratification by three powers automatically brings into being.

Effective in a Fortnight.

It was the hope of Col. E. M. House, who has been preparing for the league inauguration, that Italy would not ratify the peace treaty until the United States time to participate in the first council meeting. But Italy, under French pressure, now has ratified, and this means that the league probably will become effective through the deposit here of the process verbatim in about two weeks.

This also means that President Wilson, then must call the league council together in Paris immediately and that he also must issue a call for a general league meeting to be held later. Thus because of the treaty situation in the Senate, the league inauguration ceremony has operated in a matter to disappoint the American league promoters unless they can induce the Senate to accept the covenant in the next three weeks.

Senate Will Be Sworn by a Situation for Which the League Promoters Have Only Themselves to Blame.

How unfortunate the present situation is was emphasized by Col. House's efforts here to get Italy to withhold action so that America could be the third ratifying power. It now looks as if the council for the first meeting would be composed of representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Spain and possibly Japan and Brazil.

Geneva Appears Doomed.

The latest development in the situation is the movement started in French circles to have this meeting move the league seat to Brussels and French officials are endeavoring to persuade President Wilson alone who forced the selection of Geneva against the judgment of all his associates. The movement to change this decision at the first opportunity suddenly has derived new momentum through Switzerland's concern in postponing her decision as to whether she will enter the league. The French diplomats are now disputing Geneva out of the question as an immediate league seat. Unquestionably President Wilson's representatives here will make every effort to prevent this or any other important matter being settled at this meeting outside of the Saar commission and approval of the scheme of organization; but from the French point of view it seems to reveal that there is to be a general discussion of many matters of great interest.

MANY COMMISSIONS PROVIDED IN TREATY

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Vast Amount of Work Starts With Ratification.

PARIS, Oct. 9.—Ratification of the Versailles treaty by three allied powers and its consequent coming into effect will necessitate the appointment of a number of boundary and administrative commissions and various positive measures provided for in the treaty within a short time. Germany must immediately surrender all German surface war vessels outside German ports and demolish warships now under construction.

THE EXACERBATION OF THE PARTS OF SCHLESWIG, WHOSE FUTURE OWNERSHIP IS TO BE DETERMINED BY A PLEBISCITE OF THE INHABITANTS, MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TREATY AND THE ADMINISTRATION TURNED OVER TO AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION CREATED BY THE ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS, TOGETHER WITH NEUTRAL STATES.

The plebiscite in Schleswig will be held three weeks after the actual German evacuation, while the plebiscite to determine the future of Upper Silesia will be delayed much longer, taking place not earlier than six months nor later than eighteen months after the international commission assumes control there.

The German troops and such officials as may be designated by the commission are to evacuate the plebiscite area within fifteen days after the treaty comes into force, and the Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils constituted in this area must be dissolved within the same period.

The United States, along with France, the British Empire and Italy, will, according to the treaty, designate the members of this commission. Troops belonging to the allied and associated powers will move in to occupy Upper Silesia.

The definite date is set for the appointment of the all important permanent commission on Reparation, which is to regulate Germany's payment of indemnities during the next thirty years; but the provisions of the treaty regarding immediate delivery to the commission of the first issues of reparation bonds, etc., necessitate early appointment by the United States and its great power colleagues, Belgium and Yugoslavia of the seven members upon the commission.

Boundary commissions, which are to fix the new boundaries of Germany with Belgium, the Sarre Basin, Poland and Czechoslovakia, are to be appointed within fifteen days of the coming into force of the treaty, and the provisions regarding the Sarre district requires that the council of the League of Nations shall already be in existence before that time, since three members of this commission are to be selected, according to the treaty, by the council. Scores of other commissions provided for in the treaty to regulate and control international relations also will come into existence within a few weeks after the treaty becomes international law.

WALSH DENOUNCES LEAGUE IN SENATE

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Not an Honest Report.

"I have seen a copy of the arranged debate referred to in this clipping. It was not prepared honestly or with intent to convey the truth to the country. I would have no objection to it if it were done with intent to tell the truth; but this piece of work that is being distributed throughout the whole country has been done with deliberate dishonesty and the purpose to deceive the American people."

Shantung Clause Attacked.

"The Shantung provision of this treaty is indefensible. To consent to and advise the ratification of this provision is to consent to the sale of a portion of our territory to a foreign power. It is an act of national dishonor. The Chinese, who were our allies in the recent war, had the right to have their interests fully and impartially considered by the peace conference. To sanction the secret agreements entered into by nations, which were assumed to be believers in the principle of self-determination, designing to sell China to her conqueror, is an important part of her control of the population situated as a strategic area. Shantung is, cannot be defended on any basis of justice or international honesty."

The Irish Neglected.

"What think you must be the thoughts of American parents of Celtic blood whose sons' bodies lie in flanders fields when they learn that their supreme sacrifice helped to bring independence and freedom to many races and peoples of whose existence they had never known while the empire with whose soldiers their sons fought side by side continues to deny their kindred across the sea the same measure of independence America and her allies have bestowed on the races who were our enemies in the war."

Reverses U. S. Doctrine.

"The keynote of the doctrine incorporated in Article X of the covenant is an open and complete reversal of the traditions of this republic. It means, in my opinion, a denial of the great principle upon which America was founded and which the American people have long and tenaciously cherished. It means that the United States is to be a colony of Great Britain and that the League of Nations with Article X, inserted existed previous to our revolution."

Cannot Gain Hearing.

"Let us not deceive ourselves. Let no Senator vote for this covenant and justify his independence or assist directly or indirectly in crushing out the legitimate aspirations of any people. As I understand the position of the people of Irish blood in America, they are American citizens and they have a right to be heard in any league or make any agreement with other nations which may hinder or forever bar oppressed peoples from obtaining independence."

League Was Promised.

"We made another pledge. We have repeatedly assured the American people that they were fighting to make the world safe for democracy; that we entered the war to protect the rights of small nations; but important as these aims were we promised them above everything else to do our utmost in bringing about, after the overthrow of the German military power, an organization or union of the civilized nations and peoples of the world in one great concerted movement to end wars and establish permanent peace."

Asked Only a League.

"For our sacrifices, for the financial obligations assumed for our allies, for the burdens of taxation that we must levy for you upon our people, for the heartaches and pains and suffering and the physically weakened manhood and womanhood of our nation we asked only for the institution of a permanent league of nations founded upon the principles of universal justice."

The Second Sentence.

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JOHNSON SEES AID TO THEFT IN LEAGUE

Senator Analyzes Shantung Provision to Show Robbery of China.

SPEECH WINS APPLAUSE

Quotes Wilson as Saying Shameful, Abominable, Then Justifiable.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

SPokane, Wash., Oct. 9.—The concluding speech of Senator Hiram Johnson's tour through Washington State was made here to-night before a large and enthusiastic audience, which repeatedly interrupted the address with applause. The Senator devoted himself to an analysis of the Shantung provisions of the peace treaty now before the Senate.

China Looked to Friend.

"But he missed the point entirely. China has been robbed in the past, it is true, but whenever a robbery occurred, whenever territory was taken from China, she looked to one friend for ultimate consolation and hope, and that friend was the United States of America. And the United States never participated in but always protested against the despoiling of China in the past. The difference now is that for the first time in the history of our country, for the first time in the history of China, that country is robbed with the consent and connivance, ay, indeed, with the consummating final vote of the United States of America. That is the difference between the past actions and the present unanimity you have heard so much about in the voting machinery of the League of Nations."

Peace Document to Be Most Artistic in Binding.

LONDON, Oct. 9.—The "King's copy" of the German peace treaty probably will be signed by King George tomorrow and forwarded to Paris. It was learned to-day by the Associated Press. It is expected that the signing by the King will be followed by his peace proclamation. The young prince of Great Britain's ratification of the peace treaty.

Senator Sees Opposition.

The success of the Senator's meetings here and in Seattle and Tacoma have convinced him, he said this evening, that a majority of the people of Washington are emphatically opposed to the treaty and the covenant in their original form.

At Seattle yesterday Senator Johnson spoke first at the Arena, where 7,000 people were seated and about 1,000 were standing. The Hon. President Suzzallo of the University of Washington presided. An overflow of almost 3,000 waited outside until the first speech was over, and the Senator was obliged to make a second address, starting at 10 o'clock in the Metropolitan Theatre.

Senator Johnson left to-night for Utah, where on Saturday at noon he will address a mass meeting in Ogden, and that night will appear in Salt Lake.

SWEDEN WOULD JOIN LEAGUE.

Parliament Stays Action Until Peace Treaty is Ratified.

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 9.—The extraordinary session of the Swedish Parliament is being continued while the ratification of the German peace treaty by a sufficient number of the Great Powers to put it into effect is being awaited. When this occurs the question of Sweden joining the League of Nations will be immediately discussed by the parliamentary body.

Dean of Williams Resigns.

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., Oct. 9.—Prof. Carroll Lewis Maxcy