

TAFT WOULD DEBATE LEAGUE'S OPPONENTS

Former President Criticizes Senators Who Speak Against Constitution; Says They Are Blind.

JUDGE AMES DEFENDS PACT

Oklahoma Is Speaker at Mid-Continent Session of League to Enforce Peace, in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.—Challenging to a debate opponents of the proposed league of nations, former President Taft in several addresses to more than 2,000 delegates to the Mid-Continent congress for a league of nations and other gatherings, predicted the United States would be drawn into another world war if the covenant of permanent peace is rejected.

The former president denounced Senators Reed, Borah and Poindexter as "reactionaries" for the arguments they propounded in opposition to the league, and declared their arguments "utterly blind."

He reiterated his enjoin of President Wilson for his trip abroad and said as a result of the criticism the presidential journey elicited nothing "except what ought to have happened."

He declared Germany has so abused her colonies that she has forfeited her rights to administer them. Arguments against entangling alliances were branded as "silly and foolish" by the speaker.

He emphasized that the purpose of the league was to maintain the Monroe doctrine and not destroy it.

Discussing the blessings the league would bring to the small nations of the earth, Mr. Taft was interrupted by sympathizers with Ireland's claim for self-determination and was prevented from continuing his speech until the Irish sympathizers were led from the hall by police.

Henry Morgenthau, former American ambassador to Turkey, said if the league were accepted it would act as the good Samaritan to the world.

In the afternoon session C. B. Ames of Oklahoma City, formerly judge of the supreme court commission of Oklahoma, defended the covenant of the proposed league as an extension of the Monroe doctrine.

The world has been so long organized on the basis of force, he said, "that thoughtless people are afraid it with right. The result of this system is a shattered and bleeding world. A draft of the constitution of the league of nations clearly shows the benefits to the small nations of the world."

Mr. Ames warned that "Germany still remains a compact and united people giving no proof of repentance," and said that if the peace treaty taken the United States entirely out of European affairs, an independent Germany might renew the struggle in less than a generation with a different result.

"Every portion of the globe today is adjacent to the United States," he added. "Constantinople and Tokio are closer than Rio Janeiro was in Monroe's day. No war can take place in Europe which does not affect our vital interests."

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Four Abandoned Children Are Found in a Shack at Delray

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Ray Thorp, who has been looking after his little sisters and who was found playing with them in the woods near the waterworks when the humane officer went after them Tuesday said that his mother left them three weeks ago, saying that she was going to Grove, Okla. The father, he said, left a week ago to look for work at Chelsea, where the family formerly lived. He said he would return in a few days and left a supply of food in the house, but this lasted only four days. Since then the neighbors have been supplying them with food and some one has remained with them at night.

The case was reported to the humane officer Tuesday and he took the children in charge at once. They are all bright youngsters and, despite their neglect, were clean and in good health. Ruby, 13 years old, is an especially attractive child and showed a motherly interest in her two little sisters, Goldie, 9 years old, and Elsie, 7.

The boy says that their mother is an Indian and that formerly, owned land near Chelsea. His father is a native of Kansas.

Another deluge of divorce cases was filed in the superior court Tuesday afternoon, in which two husbands are seeking freedom from their marriage ties upon the complaint that their wives failed to perform her household duties; and two wives are seeking to be freed on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

W. B. Walker charges that Lucille Walker has refused to live with him since 1911 and has neglected to perform the duties of a housewife. Curtis H. Barnes charges the same with regard to the performance of duties against Willie Barnes. He also says that she frequently became enraged at him and told him that she would no longer live with him, and that she finally did leave him some time in January and went to her mother at Jefferson, Texas.

Martha Cox says that she is competent of taking care of their five children and asks the court to grant her a divorce from Albert Cox on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Matie Pitt says that Glen Pitt has failed to provide her with the necessary shoes and clothing and has failed to support her in the proper manner.

WHITTIER SCHOOL PUPILS ENTERTAIN THEIR PARENTS

Children of the Whittier school Tuesday night entertained their parents and friends with an interesting program, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the Teachers-Patron association.

The features were: "Cherry Pie," Patton Malone; "The Mocking Bird," Bernice Thomas; vocal solo, Mildred Stanford; recitation, Margaret Merrill; "Who Won the War," by Virginia Reed, Harriet Tarr, Birdie White, Kathleen Wooten and Opal Kennedy; recitation, Kathleen Wooten; quartet by the 8-B grade; girls' chorus, 7-A grade; debate, "Resolved that Germany should have a representative at the peace conference," affirmative, Harold Johnson and Ella Erwin; negative, Elmore Snow and Bernice Thomas.

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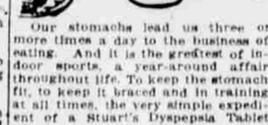
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