

THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

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In the following article Mr. Bice analyses the epoch-making address delivered by President Wilson in introducing the resolution favoring the formation of a League of Nations.

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Are we to be lifted from our original mooring over night and set down in a strange quarter to take chances with the buffeting of international winds?

One of those unique addresses, which the stylist will model after in years to come, was delivered by the American president at the Paris Conference, at the close of the week when decision was made to go ahead with the charter formation of a League of Nations.

The tenor of the whole address was along these lines, that this country entered the war to "make the world safe for democracy."

Are these things true? Was it the ingrained national belief when we took the steps and since then that we should become international instead of national, and share the responsibility of keeping Europe and Asia on the track of peace?

County and District

Capt. P. Wiser Home.

Brockville, Feb. 6.—Captain Henry Wiser, D.F.C., distinguished member of the naval wing of the Royal Air Force, has arrived at his home in Prescott.

Mrs. Neelands Dies

Lindsay, Feb. 6.—One of Lindsay's oldest families suffered its first bereavement when Katharine Simpson Langton, wife of Dr. Neelands, passed away after a long period of suffering.

Nurse Mentioned

Nursing Sister Charlotte Ross, a graduate of the Brockville General Hospital, was one of those mentioned in Field Marshal Haig's last despatch for gallant conduct while the hospital to which she was attached was bombed by hostile aircraft.

Wedded 61 Years

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Blanchard, of Napanee, parents of Mrs. George W. Bishop, Brockville, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary at the home of their son-in-law, F. W. Coates, Kingston, on Sunday.

Is Awarded the D. C. M.

Monday after the performance of the deed for which the medal was granted, Corporal Robert Lynch, a former ward of Fairknowe Home of Brockville, now in Queen's Military Hospital at Kingston, has received official notice that he has been granted the Distinguished Conduct Medal for valor in the field.

The last November election, for the people effectually sat down upon Mr. Wilson's League of Nations in no uncertain manner.

On that same day on which the president delivered his keynote address on the league, a set of resolutions were submitted, drawn in accord with his fourteen-point program of peace, to the effect that a committee be appointed to inquire into the condition of employment from the international aspect, and to consider the international means necessary to secure common action on matters affecting conditions of employment and to recommend the form of a permanent agency to continue such inquiry and consideration in cooperation with and under the direction of the League of Nations.

Others resolutions had to do with the internationalization of ports and waterways and common carriers, all part of the league's requirements.

When the U. S. made its decision to undo German militarism, which was threatening the independence of this republic, did the people understand that when militarism had been overthrown in the battlefield, there should follow in the train of allied victory, the first movement to bring international free trade?

A League of Nations with all that it implies—free trade, international police reduced armaments, the aid of the American republic to keep the world peace—might very readily be accepted by the whole of Europe and still it would be for us the most altruistic venture ever undertaken by any nation.

Before he commits his country to the full program, the American executive should be well aware that the people whom he serves know what he is going to commit the nation for generations to come and that they are in hearty accord with him.

A referendum vote should be taken to indicate the people's stand on such a momentous question before committing the nation to any such Utopian scheme.

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CAPTAIN WHO LET GERMANS DROWN IS DEAD FROM FEAR

Belief He Had Smoked Poisoned Cigarettes—Analysis of Tobacco Proved His Fears Were Unfounded But He Never Recovered.

London, Feb. 6.—Captain William Martin, of the British trawler King Stephen, who from fear of treachery refused to take off the crew of the disabled Zeppelin L-19, in the North Sea, in February, 1916, died eleven months later of a nervous collapse caused by the mistaken belief that he had been poisoned.

The action of Captain Martin evoked denunciation of alleged "inhumanity" in the German press, which compared the affair to the celebrated Baralong case. It is said here public opinion upheld Captain Martin in his position that if he had taken the Germans on board the trawler they would have captured the vessel and unarmed his crew of ten men.

Life Repeatedly Threatened—Because of his action Captain Martin, it is learned, received a number of letters threatening his life. About eleven months after the North Sea incident he became ill after smoking a cigarette from a package sent him by mail and he was convinced that the cigarette contained poison.

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WEDDING BELLS

MACDONALD — COLLINS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Collins on Herchimer Ave. was the scene of a very happy event on Wednesday, Feb. 5th at high noon when their only daughter, Mabel Irene, was united in marriage to Mr. Cameron MacDonald, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George MacDonald, of Thurlow.

The bride was given away by her father looked very pretty in a gown of white silk and carried a handsome bouquet of roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. J. Anderson of Belleville in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

On Wednesday morning, Jan. 29, at 9:30 o'clock, St. Charles' Church, Read, was the scene of a very interesting event when Anna B., youngest daughter of Mrs. B. McDermott, of Read, became the bride of James P. Hawkins, of Centerville.

The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of navy with hat to match and black fox fur. Miss Katherine Gaffney attended the bride, while Mr. Edward Brady assisted the groom. Miss Mary Bennett, niece of the bride ably rendered the wedding music.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother to about fifty friends and relatives. In the evening a large reception was given, the bride wearing a lovely gown of brown satin and georgette. The popularity of the bride was eloquently displayed by the numerous gifts she received.

Pleasing Event in Belleville Home

Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh and Family Hold Tea and Social Evening in Their Home on Hillcrest Ave.

The Women's Union Knitting Circle held a most enjoyable evening at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh, Hillcrest Ave.

A delightful little programme had been arranged and was carried out in fine style. Pleasing vocal solos were well-rendered by Mrs. Allan Singer, Mrs. Duff, Miss Eva Davis and Mr. W. S. Rathman, who all selected songs especially appropriate to a house function.

Mr. John McIntosh also sang several very fine Scotch songs, which were enthusiastically applauded. Mrs. Duff and Miss Florence Davis supported the vocalists in well balanced and artistic accompaniments and Miss Davis also rendered a piano solo in a musicianly way, denoting fine technique and good interpretation.

A fine reading was given by Mr. W. D. Reid who, it will be recalled by many, won a medal in an elocution contest some time ago. Mr. Reid's selection was a heavy one and was handled in a masterly manner, yet with the restraint of a finished reader.

A special feature of the evening which delighted all present was a song by little Miss Alice McIntosh, the tiny daughter of the host and hostess, and showed a very promising future for the bright little lady. Absolutely free of self-consciousness, her deportment before her audience would have done credit to a professional and with her ability she could easily win a name for herself in musical circles.

After a beautiful lunch was served an hour was spent in social chat while those who wished, gathered around the piano and sang popular and patriotic songs, after which their guests bid Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh a reluctant good night, sincerely thanking them for a lovely evening's entertainment.

Chinaman Ask Damages

Four Chinese residents of Lindsay, who had been conducting business in the northern town and who were raided Friday night last, left via C.P.R. for Toronto Saturday afternoon. But they returned on Monday with their solicitors and now Lindsay is confronted with action for damages.

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Belleville the Winner

Curiers Defeat Cobourg in Group Finals for Tankard

The tankard group honors were won today by Belleville at the local rink, when Cobourg was defeated by 35 to 23 by Belleville. Mr. W. J. Wray's rink was up 17 points over his opponent.

In the tankard games in this group five clubs competed, Campbellford, Cobourg, Oshawa, Picton and Belleville. Campbellford was eliminated from the race by Cobourg in the afternoon games, and Belleville won from Oshawa, Picton which drew the bye, was pitted against Belleville last night, but was defeated by 35 to 23 by Belleville.

The tankard was played on pretty fair ice and the games were watched by large numbers of spectators on Wednesday afternoon and evening. This morning the interest was a little less, owing to the departure of outside clubs.

Preliminaries: Cobourg S J Moore E C Gullett, Robt Dunk T J Turpin, D A Haig C McCallum, D E Tait E W Hargroff

Skip 14 Skip 16 G Hawry W Tiford, M Mulhern W L Allen, T J Smith John Henderson

Skip 14 Skip 18 Campbellford 28, Cobourg 34, majority for Cobourg 6

Oshawa Belleville T H McMarty F D Diamond, C R Bales C H Vermilyea, F J Bales A P Allen, L O Clifford W N Belair

Skip 12 Skip 15 J A Cooper J G Galloway, Ed Hare S Robertson, D M Hall Rev. D. C. Ramsay, A G Lambert R J Wray

Skip 12 Skip 28 Majority for Belleville 19

Semi-Finals: Belleville F D Diamond G Johnson, C H Vermilyea Bert Burns, A P Allen Dr. Currie, W N Belair M E Knox

Skip 9 Skip 14 J G Galloway G M Farrington, S Robertson K Hepburn, Rev D C Ramsay S Smith, R J Wray Fred Knight

Skip 26 Skip 9 Majority for Belleville 12

Finals: Belleville F D Diamond W Tiford, C H Vermilyea F W Baker, A P Allen W L Allen, W N Belair John Henderson

Skip 26 Skip 11 J G Galloway E C Gullett, S Robertson T J Turpin, Rev. D. C. Ramsay C McCallum, R J Wray E W Hargroff

Skip 14 Skip 11 Majority for Belleville 18.

A BAD FIRE

Dr. B. J. Hazlewood's handsome residence on Wellington Street was badly damaged Monday morning when a fire was discovered about 7:30 a.m. Fire had made such headway when noticed that the family had only time to escape in their night apparel.

The interior of the house was considerably damaged and the contents is almost a total wreck from fire, smoke and water. The cause of the fire is a mystery, although it is thought to have started from furniture. The Doctor's loss will be considerable, as the insurance will not begin to cover the damage done to house and contents.

Daring Burglary at Orono

Percy Patterson's home, at Orono, was looted while he was away one night last week. Mrs. Patterson and three little ones were home, but were too frightened to do anything. She lit a lamp but the burglar worked away in the cellar for nearly two hours, afterwards carrying up the canned fruit and other valuables.

A man keeps his wife in hot water when she is forced to take in washing to feed him.

Charge Against Mrs. R. Moore

Of Obtaining Money by False Pretenses.

Mrs. Ruby Moore, a former Belleville resident, has been arrested, charged with obtaining \$503.00 at Deseronto under false pretenses from Isaac D. Williams and thereby committing theft. Magistrate Masson enlarged the case this morning for a week.

Souvenirs From the War Zone

Corp. Belcher, Moira St., Has Valuable Collection.

Corp. George Belcher, formerly of the 155th Battalion, showed The Ontario, this morning, a valuable and interesting lot of souvenirs gathered in the war zone.

Most interesting of all is a parade helmet of the Prussian Guard. The groundwork is of gleaming black and the spike and other metal decorations brightly gilded.

The Guard's helmet was forwarded by Corp. Edward Lowe, a stepson of Corp. Belcher, who went with the 76th Batt. from Barrie. He is now with Canadian Army of Occupation, just released from service at the German frontier.

Six Months in Reformatory

Youths Who Broke Into Distillery Warehouse Sentenced

Six months in the Ontario Reformatory was the sentence meted out in police court this morning by Magistrate Masson to each of A. E. Dunk, Arthur Palmer and Charles Wellman, who on Monday last pleaded guilty to breaking into and entering a bonded warehouse of the H. Corby Distillery Co., Corbyville, and stealing several cases of liquor.

Instead of being six months in the reformatory, it should have been six years in the penitentiary," declared the court. Only the youth of the offenders and their previous good conduct saved them from a heavier sentence, the magistrate said. The sentences date from Feb. 3rd and run concurrent with sentences imposed on the trio for having liquor in places other than their usual place of abode.

Mr. E. B. Fraleck made a strong plea for Dunk, a returned soldier, who served three years in France and was invalided home suffering with shellshock. His previous civilian and military record was good.

For Wellman Mr. E. J. Butler pleaded the fact that he was only 20 years of age and was the sole support of his mother on a farm, his father having been killed at the Cannifton Road Crossing of the G.T.R. several years ago. His character was exemplary.

Palmer is one of the "Original Firsts," having enlisted a few days after the outbreak of war. He served at the front for a long period, and only returned about a month ago.

In passing sentence, the magistrate said: "The offence to which you have pleaded guilty is one of the most serious in the whole calendar. If merchants, manufacturers and railroadmen cannot leave their goods in this country, under simple lock and key, the business of the country will be brought to a standstill."

That was why the law permitted a heavy penalty for such offences. All the boys had references as to previous good character. "I don't take into consideration the question of two of you being returned soldiers." This was not a case of anything which their service overseas would give them license to commit. They had been fighting for liberty and order and safety, but this did not give the right to break into property at home. To give this consideration would give the incentive to others to break the laws.

Miller's Worm Powders never fail. They immediately attack the worms and expel them from the system. They are complete themselves, not only as a worm destroyer, but as a highly beneficial medicine for children, correcting weak digestion and restoring the debilitated system to healthfulness, without which the growth of the child will be retarded and its constitution weakened.

O. T. A. Cases in Madoc Court

Prosecutions for Alleged Over-Strength Beer—Magistrate Reserves Decision

Two interesting prosecutions under the Ontario Temperance Act took place in Madoc yesterday before Magistrate Casement. Mr. A. Moon, of the St. Lawrence Hotel was charged with having beer on his premises over the allowed 2 1/2% in strength. His contention was that he had recently purchased the business and that the bottle of local option beer taken for a test by the detective was some that had been in the house under the old management, that it and other bottles had been thrown aside as useless and frozen and that they were not with the stock of local option drinks he was selling.

Provincial Inspector Sivert, prosecuted, Mr. E. J. Butler of this city defended the proprietors of both houses.

Salvation Army Red Shield Contributions

(CONTINUED.)

\$98 donation employees Steel Co. of Canada, Belleville shops (pledges paid)

\$30 Moira Chapter No 7

\$25 Belleville Lodge No. 123 A. and A.M.

\$10 donations, Judge Willis, O'Phant and Son, E. J. Butler, Mr. Spry.

\$5 donations, W. W. Knight, The F. S. Anderson Co., R. E. Lazier, Miss Herchimer, G. A. Reid

\$4 donations, Mrs. A. V. Huff, Rossmore.

\$3 donations, Mrs. Potter, G. R. Strachan

\$2 donations, R. Milne, Jr., J. W. Wardner, Mrs. R. Bull, J. Hurey, Mrs. Ruby Millburn, J. E. Ash, Mrs. H. Hill, Mrs. Hoskins, Mrs. P. E. Hudson, G. H. French, J. Wickins

\$1 donations, Mrs. Booth, A. Drummond, T. J. Hurley, Mrs. Esmond, J. McQueen, E. H. Strung, J. Welsh, N. Woodcock, H. Ransom, Mrs. A. Cole, Mrs. Hannah, W. I. Cole, Mrs. Hudson, R. L. Easton, Mrs. E. Yateman, Miss E. Yateman, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Lamb, Miss Bell, Mrs. Faker, Mr. Hubert.

15 Planes for Canada

Sir Edward Kemp Receives Machines Subscribed by Overseas Club

LONDON, Feb. 6.—At the Hendon Airshow Sir Edward Kemp received from Lord Londonderry, representing the air industry, fifteen airplanes, subscribed by Canadian and overseas British residents through the Overseas Club. Seven of these were presented by friends of the club living in Canada. The club during the war has given the Government a total of 172 machines.

Sir Edward Kemp, in accepting the machines, assured the donors that Canada could be depended upon to develop the air services, both commercially and in a military sense, to as great an extent as any other part of the Empire. He mentioned that the Imperial Air Service had received over 8,000 officers from Canada, 1,200 being seconded from the Canadian forces, 4,280 recruited directly in Canada, and 3,000 privates transferred from the Canadian to the Imperial Air Force.

The speech making was occasionally drowned by the noise of planes overhead doing exhibition stunts. Several officers of the two Canadian squadrons now awaiting despatch to Canada as complete units flew from Oxford to Hendon for the ceremony.

Murders by Hundreds

New York City's Appalling Totals for Year

New York, Feb. 8.—Two hundred and eighty-two persons were murdered in New York city in 1918, according to the annual report of Dr. Ches. Norris, Chief Medical Examiner. The murder figures show a decrease over the 1917 record by 17. Of those who were killed, 165 were shot to death, 39 were stabbed, 45 were victims of assault, one was burned, two were poisoned and nine were killed by illuminating gas. Strangulation accounted for two, infanticide for 17, and the other was dragged under a train. In the highway accidents motor vehicles accounted for 643 deaths.