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DENIES LEAGUE IS DEAD ISSUE

Non-Partisan Association
Slaps Back at Harding's
St. Louis Speech—Urges
Him Not to Put Party
First.

New York, June 28.—The League of Nations Non-Partisan Association has addressed a telegram to President Harding, challenging the President's statement in his St. Louis speech "That the League of Nations is as dead as a doornail." The message was signed by George W. Wickersham, president of the organization's council; Everett C. Kelly, chairman of the executive committee, and William H. Scott, executive director.

"There are millions of people in the United States who differ from you," the message read, "Some of these are now members of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association and more are joining every day."

"In the few weeks that have passed since our president former Justice John H. Clarke, made his notable New York speech in favor of joining the League of Nations, those who believe the matter of American membership to be still an issue have created organizations in 36 states and a large number of additional branches in cities, counties and towns."

The support given to American membership in the league, the message states, makes the issue very much alive.

"You declared on Oct. 2, 1920," the telegram continues, "that the League of Nations was 'already scrapped' and not worth paying any attention to, and your administration began by trying to ignore its existence. But the logic of events has led our Government, step by step, to take part in the great humanitarian work that the League of Nations is doing and we are now proposing to go into the permanent court of international justice which the league alone was able to bring into existence after successive administrations had vainly tried ever since 1897 to do so."

"We applaud you for your enlightened attitude on these questions and feel certain that the manifest impossibility of the United States standing aloof from the rest of the world, to which you have lately so feelingly referred, will finally lead our country into full association with the league."

START WORK SOON ON NEGRO POINT BREAKWATER

Alexander Gray, resident engineer of the Federal Department of Public Works here said last evening that plans and specifications for the work of extending the Negro Point breakwater had been completed. The work, he said, would be done by tender. So soon as the Senate approved of the appropriation tenders would be invited and work begun at once. A stone filling would be used to block the channel which is about 1,500 feet wide.

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Dozens of Scotland Yard Detectives Kept Watch Over
King and Queen.

London, June 1.—(By the Associated Press.—(By Mail).—Americans who were privileged to see King George and Queen Mary off for Italy were struck by the number of secret service men and guards who accompanied the British sovereigns. In England the King and Queen are relatively safe from the hands of assassins and evildoers, but when they are traveling on the Continent they are much more carefully protected than the President of the United States when he leaves the White House.

Dozens of picked detectives from Scotland Yard kept a vigilant eye on the British rulers while they were in Italy. While the police of each country through which the royal party travels are nominally responsible for the protection of their visitors, the British authorities are not satisfied with this protection and insist upon a big retinue of their own trained sleuths. They recall that it was on the Continent that an assassin attempted the life of the late King Edward. Only the prompt intervention of one of the King's guards saved the monarch. Since Premier Mussolini came into power the Italian police have managed to keep the anarchists well in hand. Next to Britain, France is probably the safest country in which kings and queens travel. The French police, like Scotland Yard, have most anarchists marked and watched whenever a foreign potentate is on a visit. Queen Victoria declared she felt safer in France than anywhere else, even in England. She perhaps had in mind the fact that she was threatened several times in her own country, once by a madman with a stick, and on another occasion in Buckingham Palace by a

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CLERGYMEN AND BUTCHERS STUDENTS IN SAME CLASSES

Report Shows Great Value of Village
Clubs in English Communities.

London, June 7.—(By Mail).—Some interesting conclusions have been drawn by the committee of inquiry set up a year ago by the University College of Nottingham to report on the educational possibilities of village clubs. The demand for education is increasing in the villages, summarizes "The London Daily News." It is keenest in the mainly industrial villages. In the mainly agricultural villages it is beginning to be expressed, especially among the women. It is almost impossible to exaggerate the influence of the village school teacher. Wherever a desire for continuing education has been evinced the influence of the teacher has been acknowledged. There are patches of the North Midland Division (the area chosen for investigation) where communities are almost as completely isolated as they were in the days of the stage coach, and these are the districts which present the most difficult problem from the point of view of educational work or social activities. Among the students attending three-year classes from seven villages are a butcher, a baker, a plaster-pattern maker, a solicitor, a plumber, a tailor, a blacksmith, three clergymen, two

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