#### PROVIDENTIAL

Some years ago a so-called peace convention was held at the Hague. At the request of a certain great nation the Pope was excluded. The convention became a joke and a byword, and its provisions were torn to already in the first agricus, tast of its shreds in the first serious test of its stability—the late war.

Masonic Italy then bound three other subservient governments to a secret pact in virtue of which the Holy Father would be ignored in the conference which would decide the fate of so many millions of his children. dren. Secrets will out, however, and the ignoble powers that signed the infamous pact scurried to cover when their shame was exposed. The pact itself stood, and the Vatican was serenely but firmly kept away from the Paris Peace Conference. At other times the rulers of the earth have plotted together and their plans have come to naught. In this instance the conference and property of the conference for the conference for the conference for the conference finally agreed when a the confereres finally agreed upon a covenant which embodied some good points mixed with a few entirely neu-tralizing elements. Article Ten, for example, is sufficient to stultify every presence of all the parties concerned: for all agreed and maintained that they were fighting for the rights of small nationalities. At the same time, this article, if unamended, will nullify every effort of peoples in bondage to free themselves from a hated yoke.

Had the Holy See been consulted, at least, in the drawing up of the league covenant, the experience of centuries, gleaned by the Church in dealing with particular than the control of the dealing with nations, would doubt less have obviated the objectionable features of this so-called league. As it is, whether the league goes through or not the peace of the world will not be fully protected except at the cost of untold bloodshed in repressing the natural aspirations of peoples now held in servitude, as colonies or as

subject units.

Perhaps, after all, it is providential that the Holy Father was spared the humiliation of being associated with such a flimsy affair. — Catholic Bulletin

#### DIED

FILION.-At Trenton, on Tuesday Sept. 9th, Louise Parent, relict of the late Adolphus Filion. May her soul rest in peace.

O'CONNOR.—At La Salette, on Wednesday, Sept. 24th., 1919, John Albert O'Connor. May his soul rest in peace.

MULDOON.-At 13 Market Square, Brockville, Ont., on August 30, 1919, Miss Josephine Muldoon. May her soul rest in peace.

FLANNIGAN.—At 54 Bartholemew Street, Brockville, Ont., on August 26, 1919, Miss Sarah Flannigan. May her soul rest in peace.

#### MARRIAGE

McKenna-Kelly.-At the Church of the Annunciation, Enterprise, Ont., on Sept. 16, by Rev. Father McDonald, John E. McKenna, Smiths' Falls, to Miss Sadye Kelly, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kelly.

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Flamingly colored and sensational circulars have been sent broadcast over the Province in which it is claimed that—in the words of the advertising as shown in the copy here reproduced—"To vote 'Yes' in one column and 'No' in the others makes your ballot worthless.'

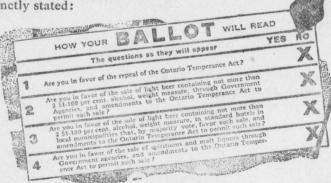
That statement by the Referendum Committee is an absolute untruth. And either the Referendum Committee knew it to be untrue when they wrote it, and used it to mislead the public-or, they must confess a childlike ignorance of the whole issue that would be laughable if it were not serious to all the people-who rightly accept the printed word as true and form their opinion accordingly.

Here is what Premier Hearst in his speech to the Ontario Legislature, April 7th, 1919, distinctly stated:

"To submit the one question set forth in the present Act (The Ontario Temperance Act) would settle nothing—would not, in my opinion, be in the best interests of temperance—because after a vote on that question we would know little more about what the real sentiment of the cople is on the subject than we do today. We would simply have to take another vote. . . . .

"Honourable gentlemen will note every question is separate.

". . . each question stands by itself.



"On each question the voter must make a deliberate decision and vote accordingly. The full force of public opinion will therefore be recorded for and against each question.

The Citizens' Liberty League conscientiously believes that the only true solution of Ontario's vexed temperance problem is the repeal of The Ontario Temperance Act and the enaction of new legislation that will permit the general sale of light non-intoxicating beer and light wine, and the sale of pure spirituous liquors through Government stores under restrictions which the Government may deem it wise to adopt.

But the Citizens' Liberty League will not stoop to misrepresentation-and it is not going to allow the Referendum Committee to do so unchallenged.

The temperance problem is one of the most vital issues ever faced by the people of this Province. It will never be solved by distortion, misrepresentation and villification-but only through a fair, just and honest presentation and the weighing of

The Citizens' Liberty League calls upon the Referendum Committee to deal squarely and honestly with the Electorate.

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