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United States May Be Represented at League of Nations
BRITAIN IS DENOUNCED IN EGYPT

AMERICANS MAY ASSIST OPIUM DRIVE

League of Nations Expresses Hope United States Will Aid. MEET IN NOVEMBER

Medical Men are Alarmed at Increasing Use of Narcotic Drugs.

(By Canadian Press.) Geneva, Feb. 29.—League of Nations officials today expressed hope that the U. S. would have a representative at the meetings, beginning March 5, of the special committee which is to prepare the programme for the international conferences on opium, to be held in November. Draft conventions will be drawn up for submission to the November conferences as the basis for their work.

The opium drive has been greatly encouraged by the recent decision of the Swiss Federal Council to back a bill for Swiss adherence to the Hague convention of 1912. The Hague convention provided for the limitation of the manufacture of alkaloids to medical and scientific requirements, but utterly failed to define what these requirements were.

Suppression of opium. It provided for the gradual and effective suppression of opium smoking but failed to establish what the rate of opium production should be. Each country was allowed to be the judge as to the amount of reduction. It produced paper laws but never touched the problem of enforcement.

Hence the necessity of the November conferences. One will consist of states having far Eastern possessions where opium smoking prevails. Having determined the actual world needs for opium, cocaine and morphine, for medical and scientific purposes the second and more general conference will endeavor to proportion and limit the production and lay down some acceptable regulations for the limitations of manufacture of all narcotic drugs, the increasing of which is alarming medical men in the world.

FIRPO SAYS HE WILL IGNORE WILLS Says His Next Great Battle Will Be With Dempsey.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 29.—Luis Firpo said last night that henceforth he would ignore Harry Wills, negro heavyweight fighter, as regards a fight with him. He declared that his next great battle would be with Jack Dempsey, although nothing definite in this direction had been arranged.

Officer Not a Sport; Prisoner Loses \$1,900

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—M. L. "Dixie" Esparro, employe of a New Orleans electrical construction company, is in hard luck. He visited the race track yesterday with a hot tip and \$250 and was making his way through the crowd in the betting ring toward the bookies' stand when he was intercepted by Deputy Sheriff Stokely, with a warrant charging forgery.

Will Not Weaken Empire Prestige Labor Gov. Sec. Speaks of Role in England—High Commissioners Lack Status.

London, Feb. 29.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at a Canadian Club dinner last night, referring to the Empire generally said he believed that when Labor eventually laid down the reins of office they would be able to do nothing to weaken the prestige of the great Empire to which they belonged.

Hungary Will Recognize Soviets Budapest, Feb. 29.—Hungary has decided to recognize the Russian Soviet Government. This recognition will follow closely that of Austria, Great Britain, Italy and Norway.

Wire Briefs London, Feb. 29.—The House of Commons today passed the second reading of the bill extending the franchise to all women at the age of 21. The vote was 288 to 72.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 29.—Governor Alfred Smith of New York entered the Illinois primaries yesterday as candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—To further organization of forest protection in Canada, a "Save the Forest Week" is proclaimed by order-in-council for April 27 to May 3, 1924.

Ottawa, Feb. 29.—The appointment of permanent returning officers to simplify the work of organization at election time, is recommended by the chief electoral officer for Canada in his report to Parliament.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 29.—Fire of undetermined origin, but supposed to have been caused by a lighted cigarette stub, started a fire which completely destroyed the Jack Hardy Arena early today.

Detroit, Feb. 29.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the four-story brick warehouse of the Commercial Milling Company today, resulting in loss estimated by company officials at \$250,000.

Columbus, O., Feb. 29.—Formal declaration of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President was filed with Secretary of State Brown yesterday by William Gibbs McAdoo.

NEW TROUBLE IS FACING MACDONALD

Proposal to Cut Reparations Duty 5 Per Cent. to Be Debated. CUSTOMS TARIFF

Second Reading of Bill to Extend Vote to Women of England. BY HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.)

Government is beginning to scent another difficulty which may arise as the result of the vote next week when the proposal to reduce the 28 per cent. reparations duty by five per cent. is debated in the House.

MADE GIFT OF PLAN TO GREAT BRITAIN Inventor of Long-Range Siege Gun Then Took Own Life.

New Bedford, Mass., Feb. 29.—Discouraged because of repeated rejections by the U. S., French and Argentine governments of his plans for a siege gun which he claimed would be capable of throwing a shell a distance of 103 miles, John G. Conception, found dead in his room here Tuesday night, mailed the plans as a gift to the British government three weeks before he died.

FRENCH FIGHT DUEL Surgeon and Physician Use Swords to Settle Private Quarrel.

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Quincy, Ill., Feb. 29.—One man is dead and four fatally injured and two are missing in an explosion here today at the North Star Egg Case Company's paper mill.

This Vessel Had Suggestive Name Havana, Feb. 29.—The British auxiliary schooner Wybadilly, the letters in the name of which, according to members of her crew, stood for "will you buy a drink if I tell you," was destroyed by fire in the harbor here late yesterday after an explosion on board that injured two members of the crew.

Silk-Hatted Fakers Sell Tut's "Pearls"

New York, Feb. 29.—Two suave men in silk hats and turban-like coverings drove through the Chelsea Hill district in Mount Vernon, N. Y., this evening, selling "artificial pearls" which they said had been discovered in the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Their business was interrupted by motorcycle policemen and they sped away toward the Bronx in a limousine.

WILL SELL ENTIRE MERCHANT FLEET United States Shipping Board Asks Bids on 1,335 Vessels.

Washington, Feb. 29.—Bids on the entire United States Shipping Board fleet of 1,383 vessels under slightly changed contract terms were asked for yesterday by the Shipping Board. The action was taken through the emergency fleet corporation.

WIFE IS KILLED FOR DEATH OF INFANT Alleged Husband, Maine College Student, is Also Under Arrest.

Portland, Maine, Feb. 29.—Nettie May MacLean, giving her address as 14 South Main street, was arrested yesterday by the body of her infant daughter in her arms. She was arrested on charges of manslaughter.

SAY S. O. S. SIGNAL IS BEING MISUSED Passenger Vessels Taken Off Course to Answer Trivial Requests.

Liverpool, Feb. 29.—Much controversy has recently been aroused among masters and mariners as to whether the S.O.S. distress signal is being used in foreign sea captain in a manner wholly unnecessary and unreasonable.

Edison's Son Takes Up Father's Work New York, Feb. 29.—Charles Edison, son of Thomas A. Edison, today assumes the responsibilities of financial director of the Edison Industries and companies.

London Husband Is Thrashed By Wife London, Feb. 29.—A wife charged her husband at a local police court with persistent cruelty and asked for separation.

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GERMAN PLAN FOR REVENGE IS PREDICTED

Military Expert Says Blow of Whistle Will Revive the Enemy. NATION ORGANIZING

Troops are Reported to be More Numerous Than Before the War. British United Press.

Washington, Feb. 29.—"Blow a whistle and the skeleton of Germany would immediately recover skin, muscles, blood and nerves, the name as in 1914," the Nolleit commission investigating military conditions in the Reich declared today in an interview with the British United Press.

WOMAN IS SHOT BY FORMER BOARDER 5-Year Old Daughter and Another Witnessed Tragedy is Report.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Ignatz Stesse was shot and killed in the apartments over her home on South Main street at 7 o'clock last evening. The police are holding Frank Holtz, about 35 years of age, on a murder charge. There were two eye-witnesses to the shooting.

JUSTICE IS SWIFT Jury Picked in 20 Minutes—Slayer Convicted in Half Hour.

Elizabeth, N. J., Feb. 29.—Jersey justice moved with proverbial swiftness yesterday when Felix Salasser was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment within a few hours for the slaying of 17-year-old Ellen Albers in a boarding house here in January.

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Found Still At Work In Garret Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 29.—License inspectors searched Stephen Trosky's house from cellar to garret yesterday and were almost prepared to give up in vain, when they went to the attic and there saw a mysterious rope dangling from the ceiling.

Steamer Had Rough Time on Passage Plymouth, Eng., Feb. 29.—The Royal Netherlands steamship Stuyvesant, from Central American and West Indian ports, arrived here yesterday badly battered by a hurricane which reached its height on Feb. 22. Her bows were smashed and the smoking room, saloon and cabins swamped.

To Wed Egyptian Royalty



Mrs. John Nash, daughter of an American millionaire, who eloped at the age of 17, now is engaged. It is reported, to Prince Ahmed Sahib Bey (shown with her), nephew to King Fuad of Egypt. One report is that Mrs. Nash will embrace the Mohammedan faith.

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Anti-British Students are Urged to Disperse in Cairo. AGAINST MACDONALD

Paris Believes Belgians Have Turned Against Her by Election. (British United Press.)

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Montreal Minister Called to Glasgow Montreal, Feb. 29.—Rev. Dr. George Duncan, Minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, this city, was unanimously elected to the vacant pastorate of the parish church of Govan, Glasgow, Scotland, at a meeting of the congregation of that church yesterday, according to a cablegram received by Dr. Duncan here.

U. S. Writes re Waterways Project Washington, Feb. 29.—The Washington Government yesterday returned to the latest Canadian note regarding engineering features of the proposed St. Lawrence to the Great Lakes waterway.

The Canadian proposal is regarded here in a favorable light but state department officials decline to reveal the exact character of the communication sent forward yesterday.

Weather Report

Table with 4 columns: Station, S, a.m., Yesterdays night, and Lowest. Lists weather conditions for various stations including Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, and New York.