

THE LATIN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Written for The Ontario by
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Salvador, the smallest republic of Central America, has inaugurated a movement for a league of Latin American nations on the plan of the Versailles league. The Salvador league is called a court of arbitration in the despatches, but it goes much further than that, as one of its provisions is to aid in the construction of ships for nations, to be embraced in the league, that do not now possess them, these ships to be used in peace time for commerce, in war time for coastwise defense. The farmers of the new court, or league, build on the proposition that economic determination has much to do with keeping the peace. If one nation has ships and another nation has none, and the two are on the seaboard, peace cannot be long maintained.

The proposal is for all the republics of Central and South America to come together for offensive and defensive purposes, to arbitrate their disputes and compel recalcitrant nations to accept the decision of the court by boycott and armed force when necessary. Signatory nations are pledged to stand together against an outside enemy. Immediately following the installation of the new court the Pan-American union with headquarters at Washington shall cease to function.

This movement it is explained, is the result of the agitation in this country, in the Senate and in the press and among the politicians, of the Monroe Doctrine, and a certain amount of jingoism included therein. Salvador is evidently not acting alone. Other republics feel that they are old enough and strong enough to walk without aid. The manliness of the Monroe Doctrine is made too much of by the non-Latin nation.

Already South and Central American republics are joining the greater union, the League of Nations provided in the major peace treaty of Versailles. That covenant gives recognition to the Monroe Doctrine, but if the United States remains but of the League the other republics to the south are likely to ask a revision of the clause dealing with the Monroe Doctrine, which would place Washington in a peculiar position.

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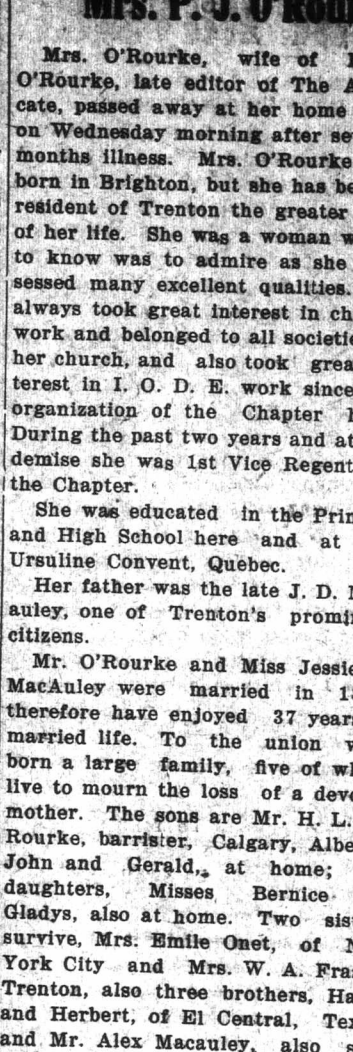
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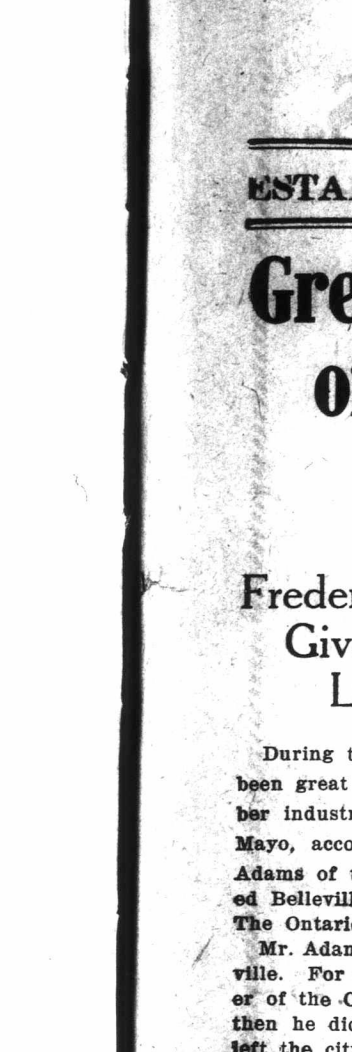
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Never were local players given a better reception and rarely do amateurs merit such praise as was accorded these artists. Mr. Harold Barrett in the dual role of Shaun Rhue and Larry Donovan had excellent scope for his vocal powers in four songs "Dear Little Shamrock," "Handful of Earth," "How the Fairies Came to Ireland" and "Girl of My Dreams." His fine baritone voice gave a very sympathetic rendering of these songs. In the speaking parts he seemed equally at home and his interpretation of the Irish character left nothing for improvement. Mr. John Falvey played the part of the misguided father with an excellent appreciation of the character. Mr. George Lees as Lawyer Waddy and Terry Phatia was in his best form. Mr. Ed. Brown played Peter Callaghan and succeeded in spite of the undesirable elements in the character. Mr. Thomas Barrett had a similar role to fill and gave a good account of himself in this unsympathetic type of person. Mr. L. Howe as Patrick Kavanagh and Felix Blanehard as Tim made good.

The part of the heroine, Kate Donovan, was played by Miss Priscilla Doran with rare skill, while Miss Hilda Foltz as Dora Kavanagh acted up to the requirements of the part.

The whole presentation was a well-rounded one and reflects great credit on the society.

G. W. V. A. Notes

The regular meeting of the Belleville branch of the Great War Veterans' Association was held in the Conservatory Club Rooms, 224 Front street, on Wednesday evening, April 21st, with the president, Comrade C. F. Wallbridge in the chair. A large number of veterans were present and several applications for membership were received and accepted as members of the Belleville branch.

A very important case, in regards to a comrade who has been in the Belleville General Hospital for the last 12 months was brought up, the association have been trying for months past to get this comrade on the strength of the S. C. R. and now have been successful and his dependents will receive allowances.

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New High Figure for Tubers Reached Today

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A few farmers were offering maple syrup today at 75c per quart. The demand for syrup was not as great as at previous markets. Meats are a little firmer. Veal is quoted today at 20c wholesale, lamb 50c; mutton 25c, pork 26c, beef, hind quarters 22c and 22c for the carcass 18c.

A considerable amount of baled hay is being shipped to the west from Belleville and district. Hay today is quoted at \$25 baled. Loose hay brings \$24 and upwards. Today's market was not as largely attended as some of the recent markets.

OLD FOLKS CONCERT

Splendid Concert Given by the Tabernacle Augmented Choir Last Night in the Tabernacle Church Parlor.

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The "Old Folks" Concert was gotten up under the able direction of Mrs. Grant and the work done reflects much credit on herself. The voices blended beautifully in the choruses of the old