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TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

OIL DISCOVERED IN NICARAGUA.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 11.—Petroleum springs which produce considerable quantities of oil have been discovered in the department of Chinotega, on the northeastern shore of Lake Nicaragua. This adds new resources to the department which has been exploited for its gold deposits for several years.

DROPS DEAD AWAITING RETRIAL.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Ava K. Silverthorne, a wealthy lumberman's daughter, tried for extensive frauds against the government during the war, dropped dead today. The jury disagreed, and the federal attorney brought charges of jury tampering to date had been set for a retrial of Silverthorne.

LEAGUE MEETING SHIFTED.

Geneva, Feb. 11.—The council of the League of Nations, which was to have met in Geneva, February 21, has decided to meet in Paris. Numerous newspaper correspondents have either already arrived in Geneva for the council meeting or have made arrangements to come here.

GLASS FIRMS SEEK BELGIUM.

Brussels, Feb. 11.—Officials of large glass manufacturing concerns who were present at a meeting of the Association of Window Glass Manufacturers in this city last night, reported plans to carry out a strike in Belgium, and try to enter Belgium. High wages asked by American glass workers made it impossible to compete with Belgian glass manufacturers, it was said, and the only recourse was to establish plants in Belgium, where cheaper production costs would place the American maker on a parity with continental manufacturers.

DUTCH PATIENCE EXHAUSTED.

The Hague, Feb. 11.—In view of the fact that the Netherlands Government no longer considers the former German crown prince an interned army officer, a committee of the First Chamber of Parliament has suggested that the Government cease paying for his housing at Weier.

SEES PALESTINE AS REFUGE.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Nathan Sokoloff, president of the executive Zionist committee, in an interview given to the Matin suggested that the Jews of America and Europe organize a plan to transport to Palestine the oppressed Jews in the Ukraine as soon as feasible. He says this course would not only give asylum to the persecuted men and women and help Palestine progress, but solve for the United States the problem which will confront it when these hundreds of thousands of refugees seek to emigrate.

FRAUD OF \$50,000 CHARGED.

Toledo, Feb. 11.—Henry L. Doherty, Toledo, Ohio, is charged with defrauding \$50,000 in the purchase of oil and gas land, according to the United States attorney's office today, which announced the indictment of Jesse C. McDowell, 62 years old, of Pittsburgh. McDowell was arrested in Washington and held under \$50,000 pending his extradition before Federal Judge Killis. He was indicted several weeks ago by the federal grand jury in Toledo.

EXECUTE ELEVEN WOMEN.

Bakalava, Crimea, Feb. 11.—Mme. Rado, chief of a band in the women's military organization in the Crimea, known as the "Green Army," has been executed, together with ten other members of the band, it is announced here. They were accused by the Bolsheviks of organizing plundering expeditions and indulging in drunken orgies.

ACCUSES PHILIPPINE FORCE.

Manila, Feb. 11.—Constabulary soldiers fired a volley, instantly killing Augustus Jauman, American army field clerk, and Policeman James W. Driscoll, the American, in the riots here December 15, after these two victims had held up their hands. It was testified today by a Filipino street car conductor in the trial of seventy-seven constabulary soldiers accused of murder.

PUT RED ARMY AT 600,000.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—Half the total Bolshevik forces are grouping for military operations, according to latest information received here, with forty divisions of the Soviet army on the Polish front and twenty divisions on the Rumanian front. Those on the Polish front are assembling in the regions of Smolensk, Vitebsk and Orsha, reports say.

Of the general reserves, "Budyenny" First Cavalry corps is said to be near Gomel and the Second Cavalry Corps in the Ukraine.

The total Bolshevik forces are estimated to number 600,000 effective, of whom 400,000 are on the various frontiers of Russia.

LAND GRANT MADE TO BETHLEHEM.

Jerusalem, Feb. 11.—(Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—The Christian community of Bethlehem has received from the Government a free grant of approximately 6,200 acres of land, according to day.

UNION QUARTERS CLOSED.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 11.—Headquarters of the construction workers' union have been ordered closed for six months by the ministry of justice, which also prohibited further meetings of the union at any other place. This action was taken as a result of meetings in which alleged anarchists are said to have participated.

OUTLINES TWELVE IMPORTANT COGS IN LEAGUE MACHINERY

Member of League of Nations Staff Forecasts Work of That Body.

REALLY COMMISSIONS

Council of League Has Right To Designate Personnel For Commissions.

New York, Feb. 10.—Twelve important cogs in the machinery of the League of Nations, many of which are to be set in motion when the council convenes in Geneva, Switzerland, February 21, and the problems which await their action are defined in a forecast of the work of the league which has just been received here.

Arthur Sweetser, an officer of the American contingent to the peace conference at Versailles, and now attached to the League of Nations' secretariat staff, is the author of the forecast. He says the twelve cogs are really special commissions, the personnel of which will in some cases be designated by the council at its forthcoming meeting.

The subjects that will be handled by the commissions are enumerated by Mr. Sweetser as follows: Reduction of Armaments.—Technical examination into the present condition of world armaments, now under way by the permanent military, naval and air commission of the league, will be completed. In addition, a temporary commission of experts in the political, social and economic world will be asked to submit plans for a reduction of armaments. The aim of this commission will be to get members of the league to agree not to exceed their present scale of armaments, to agree to a proportionate and simultaneous reduction in military budgets, and to reduce the principle of scientific and comprehensive reduction of armaments to the least figure compatible with national security. Investigation of the arms trade in munitions, a subject of great importance, denouncing as "a source of danger to the world through an extended sale throughout the less civilized areas in Asia and Africa" will be undertaken.

Permanent Court of International Justice.—The court of eleven judges, chosen for a period of ten years, are to be made next summer, and the selections announced at the second assembly to be held in September next. The list of candidates will be prepared mainly by the Hague court of arbitral justice, the political and social committee, and the council. The assembly will be voted upon separately by the assembly and the council. So far 22 nations, including Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan have signed the protocol providing for the court, whose adoption by a unanimous vote of the assembly is held to be the greatest single advance the League of Nations has yet registered in international relations.

Two important problems which had to be decided before the court began to convene were: First, should the court have jurisdiction of compulsory adjudication? And, second, should it be organized by resolution of the assembly or submitted to ratification by individual nations? These questions were decided by the assembly, providing that those nations so desiring may "opt in" to the principle of compulsory adjudication, and that the organization of the court should be subject to ratification of individual nations. Action for or against the court will be taken in a number of parliaments which meet this year.

Mandates.—An international commission of nine members from non-mandatory powers is to be appointed by the council to examine the mandates agreement reached on November 23. The question of mandates for the Pacific islands, Turkey and Germany and Turkey during the war, opens one of the most active fields of the league's problems. Tentative drafts have been proposed by the Allied powers, so that the league is now in possession of the terms of proposed mandates.

These will be analyzed and, where necessary, possible changes recommended. International Economics and Finance.—A permanent, centralizing, economic and financial organization is to be formed within the league by the appointment of an advisory, economic and financial committee, the membership of which will be composed of experts world financiers and economists. This committee in a sense will be the successor of the supreme economic council. It grew out of the Brussels international conference, and will be charged with the duty of considering the immediate application of that body's recommendations.

Other subjects to be dealt with by commissions are proposed amendments to the covenant of the league, registration and publication of treaties between member nations, methods of applying the international economic blockade and means of providing funds for the secretariat and auditing its accounts.

Other commissions or organizations will take up methods of improving means of communication and transportation in Europe, and co-ordination of international health organizations in combating epidemics.

Under the head of humanitarian work come such subjects as the Armenian massacres and the white slave and opium traffic, which are to be handled by the co-operation of several of all governments in the league. The United States, Spain and Brazil, at the council's invitation, have agreed to use their influence to end the Armenian horrors, and the Allied powers, through their representatives at Constantinople, are now ascertaining the best methods of approach.

Fifteen nations, including Canada, Persia, Siam, Austria, Bulgaria and Germany, are giving financial aid to combat typhus, which has been raging in Eastern Europe more than a year. An international conference on the white slave traffic is to be held this summer. A commission of three qualified residents of Armenia and Asia Minor, one of them a woman, is to be appointed by the council to report on the traffic in women and children in that part of the world.

TOBACCO GROWERS WANT DUTY RAISED

Norfolk County Growers Will Present Petition To the Finance Minister.

Simcoe, Feb. 10.—A general meeting of the tobacco growers of Norfolk County was held this afternoon in the town hall, John Perrett, president, and E. W. Bancroft, the secretary. The meeting was called for the purpose of appointing two delegates to wait on the minister of finance, to present a petition signed by 2,000 tobacco growers of Norfolk asking that the duty on raw tobacco be raised a dollar per pound. The duty on raw leaf coming into Canada at the present time is much lower than that of raw leaf being sent from Canada to the States.

It was decided by ballot that John Perrett, president, and E. W. Bancroft, secretary of the Norfolk growers, wait on the minister.

A motion was made by D. T. McCall that the annual membership fee of the Norfolk Tobacco Growers' Association be \$2.

D. T. McCall claimed that Norfolk County could grow a better grade of tobacco than that at present grown in Essex and Kent. A big saving being that it can be planted at least ten days earlier than tobacco of those counties. Mr. McKenna, of Lyndoch, an experienced man in the tobacco game, addressed the meeting. Mr. McKenna, who has been growing tobacco for 37 years, said that all types of tobacco had been experimented with in Norfolk, and that the best was the "Kent" variety. He said that the damp climate, many varieties were unsuccessful, "I have grown at the present time in Lyndoch," stated Mr. McKenna, "in my opinion I think that the tobacco grown in Norfolk is superior in many respects to that grown in Essex and Kent, but it is a lighter colored leaf, and that is what the manufacturers want."

Mr. McKenna added that the tobacco grown here in Canada is a bright leaf, which is superior to that grown in the United States. The one great trouble in submitting samples to manufacturers of the British Isles is that they are extremely particular, and it is not a wise idea to submit a sample that has not been standing for two years.

The growers of tobacco in Norfolk are not impressed upon the growers of the product in this district that their only salvation against the growers of the States was to organize. The soil of Norfolk is not so good as that of the growing of the "Virginia." This grade of tobacco is extensively used for cigarettes and fine pipe tobacco. Every available inch of Essex is in tobacco, and the growers of Norfolk have other great advantage in the growing of tobacco, that is, it is a well, but there is plenty of gas throughout the county for use in the drying kilns.

Providing that tobacco was at its normal price it would be at least 30 cents per pound. The average crop in light sand would be about 1,000 pounds.

The growers of eleven counties during the product. Many growers in and throughout Essex and Kent hire curing experts from Norfolk, paying them around 80 per week and send them to the States to cure their tobacco.

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portion over the rugged heights. It was in the early months of 1918, as a development in the strife between north and south, that the soldiers appeared here under the name of the "pacifying nation troops" of Hupeh. These troops brought disaster. Recently by reason of differences these forces have had with the Szechuen troops the source of salt supply for the district has been cut. For weeks, say the reports, it was impossible to obtain salt at any price with the result that that plague appeared among soldiers and people alike. Here is a quotation from one letter to the American Church Mission at Hankow.

STEAMER ASHORE. Montreal, Feb. 10.—A telegram received here today from Vancouver at the head office of the Canadian Pacific Railway, stated that the company's coastwise passenger steamer Princess Beatrice went ashore last night at Chesley Island, B.C., and was afterwards refueled and made Tucker Bay, where she anchored. The passengers were landed at Jedidah Island.

EARTH SHOCKS REPORTED. Rome, Feb. 11.—Earthquake shocks are reported from Farenza, in the province of Ravenna, on the Asiatic Sea about 100 miles south of Venice.

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