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**An End to Secret Diplomacy**

In the despatch to-day it is stated that the thousandth treaty has been registered with the League of Nations with the filing by Sweden and Norway of documents relating to certain arbitration questions.

Under Article XVIII of the Covenant of the League every treaty or international engagement entered into by any member of the League must be at once registered with the Secretary, and as soon as possible, published by it. Further, no such treaty or international engagement is binding until it has been so registered.

One of the most fruitful sources of mistrust and even of open quarrels in the past has been secret diplomacy, and at the conferences held to draft the Treaty of Versailles the late President Wilson was most emphatic in his condemnation of such methods. So far as the members of the League are concerned, this evil has been discarded, and documents referring to any agreements may be inspected and studied by all interested parties.

At present the membership consists of fifty-five nations including the dominions of the British Empire. Germany is about to be admitted, Russia still stands aloof, but the United States, whose President was largely instrumental in establishing the League, and who was one of the three original signatories to the Covenant, prefers to do nothing more for the moment than hold a watching brief. Treaties made with the United States are registered, but those made between the Republic and the few countries which still remain outside are not.

Referring to this matter recently in an article in the New York Times, Dr. Nicholas Butler, President of Columbia University, remarked:—

"So important is this single and authoritative depository of all treaties that it would be an act of decent courtesy for the Department of State, of its own motion, to register with the League every treaty to which the Government of the United States may be a party.

"It is deplorable that the people of the United States do not hear more of this patient, constructive and always humanitarian work, and less of the technical political discussions that are carried on from time to time.

"Few things could appeal more strongly or more directly to American public opinion than the work which the League is actually doing, and if the American people understood what that work was they would not be content at having no part in it.

"This act would mark our Government's formal approval of the steps taken to put an end to secret diplomacy, as well as to establish one certain and complete bureau of registration for all valid treaties."

The functions of the League are international in character, and as such may not attract much local interest excepting in specific instances, but the methods that are being followed and the spirit which inspires the work have a deep significance, and they might well be noted and applied by individual parliaments however small.

If we take our politics, for example, it can hardly be said that the atmosphere created by an election contest is best suited to

the calm consideration on the part of the electorate of the public questions at issue. If a matter of particular moment to the country is under consideration, considerable of the criticism is aimed to obstruct the administrators or to reveal them in a false light, rather than to bring out the real points of the case. The desire too often is to create suspicion and distrust, even when the intentions of the legislators are sincere and the effects of their proposals would be beneficial.

If the bills that have been passed through our Legislature are considered, it will be admitted that many of the evils arising therefrom have been due to the secrecy that has been preserved with regard to their contents, so far as the public are concerned. They are often unheard of until the session opens, and frequently not until the session is well advanced or on the eve of closing. Consequently there is no opportunity for intelligent discussion in the House, or for the general public to be made aware of their import. Sometimes they are introduced as private measures without due observance having been given to the rules of the House, and at other times, the country is so far committed to the stipulations of the Bills under Orders in Council, that the powers of the Legislature are made of secondary consideration. In fact, so carefully guarded are some of these secrets, that it has occurred on more than one occasion that the public has only learnt the particulars years after the bills have been ratified.

**Kyle Returns From North**

S. S. Kyle, Capt. B. Tavernor, returned from the Cook's Hr. service route at 5.30 p.m. yesterday after a round trip passage of 13 days. The Kyle brought a small freight and the following passengers:—H. Rendell, R. George, K. Walters, P. L. Banfield, Ensign Keen, S. A.; W. Hewitt, Mrs. E. Parsons, Miss P. Cobb, E. Paddock, Miss M. Gillette, Constable Tulk, S. Loveridge, J. W. Mitty, Mrs. M. Rideout, Miss L. Warner, Miss G. Kearley, G. C. Chalker, J. Kearley, Mrs. A. Layte, Mrs. J. Loder, T. and Mrs. Humphries, P. Hann, A. McDonald, S. Harbour, R. Wright, Miss Payton, F. Bailey, R. Pearce, E. and Mrs. Parsons, Miss C. Norris and S. Green.

Going north the ship was delayed at Grique and other ports owing to heavy seas and a succession of snow squalls, and at several other ports by gales. On the run south the weather was more moderate, and since Sunday the conditions were very good. Capt. J. Field, formerly of the steamer Prospero, is engaged as navigator on the ship.

**Hospital Patients and Orphan's Treat**

AT THE CIRCUS FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

So that their less fortunate comrades may have the privilege of witnessing the Circus in comfort, the G. W. V. A. are presenting on Friday afternoon a special performance for the disabled soldiers who are inmates at the various city hospitals, and to any who are receiving home treatment and who might care to attend. The crippled children who are under the protecting and guiding wings of the Rotarians have also been invited, as well as the children in the various city orphanages.

The War Vets are indebted to Mr. W. R. Neal of Geo. Neal Ltd., for his kindness in supplying fruit for the orphans; to Mr. Leo O'Dea of the Nrd. Brewery, Ltd., for supplies of soda pop, and to Mr. T. V. Hartnett of the Imperial Tobacco Co., for smokes for the soldier guests.

The performance on Friday afternoon will be open to the public as usual, but in future full fare will be charged at night time for children.

**Star Ladies Will be Tendered Dinner To-Night**

To-night at the Star of the Sea Society club rooms, a dinner will be tendered the Ladies' Association by members of the Society, as an appreciation of their good work during the past year. Covers will be laid for one hundred and fifty. The programme arranged is a very attractive one, and a real enjoyable evening is assured all. The catering will be attended by Mr. John Robinson. This dinner was set down to take place last week but was postponed owing to unforeseen circumstances.

**100,000 Perish in a Flood in Greece**

**Tombs and Mummies of Unknown Epoch Disclosed.—Bandits Hold Up and Rob a Bank in Indiana.—Intense Fighting Between the Soviets and the Druses.**

**ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERISH IN FLOODS IN GREECE.**  
 LONDON, Nov. 25.

More than one hundred thousand persons are believed to have perished in floods following the torrential rain of an hour and twenty minutes on Tuesday, says a despatch to the Daily Express from Athens. Many houses in the refugees' settlements collapsed. The inmates were buried in the ruins and many were swept away and drowned. Flood waters from Mount Lykabettos washed up thirty-eight tombs in Anagnostopoul Street here. Five mummies and numerous gold ornaments and vases were uncovered. It is not known to what epoch the tombs and mummies belonged.

**BANDITS HOLD UP A BANK.**  
 MEDANVILLE, Ind., Nov. 25.

Three bandits obtained four thousand dollars in a hold-up of the Medanville State Bank here to-day. They forced the employees into the vault, scooped up all cash in sight, and escaped in an automobile.

**PUTTING AN END TO SECRET DIPLOMACY.**  
 GENEVA, Nov. 25.

The number of treaties registered with the League of Nations reached one thousand to-day with the filing by Sweden and Norway of the documents exchanged relative to the interpretation of their arbitration convention of the 19th.

**SEVERE FIGHTING IN SYRIA.**  
 BEIRUT, Syria, Nov. 25.

To-day there was severe fighting in the Bika Valley where insurgents attacked two columns of French reinforcements. The French forces comprised 2500 cavalry and infantry. Later advices show they defeated the Druses with severe losses.

**WILL MOVE WANT OF CONFIDENCE VOTE.**  
 BERLIN, Nov. 25.

Count Frederick Von Westarp, leader of the Conservative wing of the Nationalists, announced in the Reichstag to-day that his party would submit a motion of non-confidence in the Government in connection with the Locarno treaties, and another motion insisting upon the passage of a special law to sanction Germany's entry into the League of Nations.

**THE LORDS CONSIDER DOMINIONS SHOULD ENDORSE BRITAIN'S ACTION.**  
 LONDON, Nov. 25.

The attitude of the British dominions to the Locarno Pact was a subject for lengthy debate in the House of Lords to-day, and the trend of the speeches was that the overseas Governments should support the action of Britain.

**SHIPPING. LOCAL and FOREIGN**

S.S. Silvia is due to-morrow.  
 S.S. Rosalind is leaving New York on December 2nd for here.

S.S. Hitherwood is due to-morrow from Montreal and Charlottetown. She is bringing 41 head of cattle and a number of horses, sheep and pigs.

S.S. Sachem arrived at Halifax at 7 a.m. to-day from Boston and sails from Halifax for St. John's on Friday.

S.S. Newfoundland in port.  
 S.S. Peruvia leaves Montreal to-morrow for here via Charlottetown.

S.S. Airelate leaves Montreal on Friday for here direct.

S.S. Roa is now en route to this port from Swansea.

S.S. Emperor of Halifax is now presumed to be en route to this port from Montreal.

S.S. Newton Bay is now due at Halifax from this port.

Sch. Dorothy Melita has arrived at Grand Bank with a cargo of produce consigned to J. B. Patton.

Sch. Audrey P. Brown, which arrived here yesterday from Lunenburg, will load a cargo of fish for Bahia from Bain's Johnston & Co.

**PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES**

Nov. 24th.—Minded to rise early this day, but the foot of a maid falling to call me, did cause me to greatly oversleep. But Lord, when at last I did come to breakfast, and do rate her for her carelessness, she has the temerity to explain that she did call me three times but I would not wake. Methinks I must buy me an alarm clock that I may be sure in future that I shall wake when I wish. No news anywhere this day save of the Council, being that there do seem to be more candidates even than I did know of, since while quenching my thirst at McMurdo's, I am given a card seeking a vote for one, Patrick Terahin. But Lord, if there are candidates that have not advertised in the press, as in this case, God knows how many there may be, and the thing has gone beyond a joke. I shall indeed, look forward to the announcement of nominations, and am mighty surprised that I have not yet been asked to nominate one of the candidates, being that there can be barely enough now to nominate all of them. Do learn this day how the business places will close on Friday morning from 11 of the clock, being a token of respect to the late Queen, since 'tis the morning of her burial. Listening in on the radio last night, and among other things, hear how "Ma" Ferguson, the woman governor of the United States, do refuse to call her Parliament together, and the Speaker compelled to announce that if she will maintain this stand, needs must he call it on his own responsibility. And so it seems, that wherever there is a woman, so must there be trouble also.

**Supreme Court**

(Before Chief Justice Horwood.)  
**Jas. P. Blackwood vs. Mabel B. Miller.**  
 This is an application of the plaintiff that an account may be taken of what is due the plaintiff in relation to the following mortgage dated 16th day February, 1922, and made between the defendant on the one part and the plaintiff of the other part, the same being a mortgage of the parcel of land situated on LeMarchant Road together with buildings and erections thereon and for costs of the action, and that the said mortgage may be enforced by foreclosure and that defendant may be ordered to deliver possession of the premises to the plaintiff.

J. A. Winter for plaintiff is heard and moves for an order nisi. It is ordered accordingly.

**Stores to Close**

At the request of the Colonial Secretary, the Importers' Association have decided to close the stores on Friday from 11 o'clock until 1 p.m. as a mark of respect to Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra, and it is suggested that so far as possible work should cease during the hours of the funeral service.

**Wedding Bells**

**BOWDEN—SOPER.**  
 Gower Street United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding this afternoon when, at 3.30 o'clock, the marriage of Miss Agnes Moore Soper, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Soper, to Mr. Herbert George Bowden, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bowden, both of this city, was solemnized by Rev. Hammond Johnson.

The bride's dress of Chinese Canton crepe, being handsomely hand-embroidered with pearls and crystal beads, was very effective. A bridal veil and coronet of orange blossoms with a delightful bouquet of chrysanthemums, carnations and fern completed her costume. Her attendant was her sister Isabel, who wore an apricot colored georgette dress ornamented with mauve flowers, and a black French hat. She carried a bouquet of mauve chrysanthemums and sweet peas. Little Jossie Gear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gear, train-bearer, looked daintily in a mauve crepe de chine dress and hat. The costume of the bride's mother was of gray with a black hat and a sable fur.

The groom was supported by Mr. J. M. Barbour. Mrs. Bowden, mother of the groom, wore a dress of black silk, trimmed with gold lace, and a black hat. The guests were ushered by Messrs. S. G. Soper, R. H. Votsey, E. G. Ewing and E. Hancock. During the ceremony Miss Effie Tait presided at the organ and Mr. S. R. Steele was the soloist.

At four o'clock the guests gathered at the home of the bride's parents, 34 Cook Street, where the reception was held and the customary toasts honored. Many beautiful and useful gifts were displayed.

After the reception the bride and groom motored to Upper Gullies where their honeymoon will be spent.

Would you like \$20.00 for 10 minutes thought, see O'Leary's ad.—nov25.27

**Record Attendance at the Circus**

If Monday night's audience at the Circus broke all records for attendances at the Prince's Rink, then last night's attendance was fully twenty-five per cent. greater. Long before the vaudeville commenced the galleries were crowded while the main floor was thronged. The artistes were in better form than on the opening night, but unfortunately Mr. Keller, who on Monday afternoon fell from the ceiling in doing his star cloud act, was forbidden to perform by Dr. Knight as it was found that one of the ligaments in his right foot had been torn. Mrs. Keller had therefore to sustain their whole act, which she did with brilliancy. The Pattersons, Fausta and the Ringlins evoked great applause in their acts. Mademoiselle Marie, the singing girl on the web, and Margaret New on the swing ladder won new laurels and are at once great favourites. Professor Wilson's comedy circus and clowns were very good indeed, but "Blighty", who is billed as the world's worst tempered and most stubborn mule, was successfully ridden by two city teamsters after a hard struggle and amidst much applause. Altreno on the tight wire changed his act slightly and it was thrilling in the extreme. His walk while blindfolded held the vast audience breathless and when completed was the signal for an outburst of loud and prolonged applause.

The various booths and merry-go-round did good business, especially Joe McKinlay's "bucket of groceries for only 10 cents." The G. W. Y. A. canteen in charge of Comrades Jack Dooley and Jim Taylor had a busy evening and their introduction of "hot dogs" gave not only a real "circus" touch to the show but furnished a delightful and "satisfying" lunch as well.

Undoubtedly the G. W. V. A. are presenting a splendid performance and deserve every support.

**Hasty Desertion of an Old Friend Regretted**

A lady whose umbrella was turned inside out by a squall as she was crossing Water Street this morning, flung it away in disgust. Another squall, however, caught the discarded gamp as it remained leaning crumpled and forlorn against a wall, straightened its crooked ribs, and sent it skidding along the pavement after its mistress. Regretting her hasty action and touched, no doubt, by the apparent desire of an old friend to make up for its moment of weakness, the lady restored it to its place of honour and passed on with every indication that she was glad to make up and once more be under its sheltering wing.

**From Cape Race**

Special Evening Telegram.  
**CAPE RACE, To-Day.**  
 Wind west, strong. Weather dull preceded by a heavy southeast gale with rain; a heavy sea racing, nothing in sight. Bar. 29.42; Ther. 42.

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**MARRIED.**  
 On Monday, Nov. 23rd, at the R. C. Cathedral, by Rev. P. J. Kennedy, Bridie Moesdas to Patrick J. Dillon, both of this city.

**DIED.**  
 On the 24th, after a long illness, Elizabeth, relict of the late Maurice Fitzgerald, aged 76 years, leaving to mourn their sad loss one son and one daughter. Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 78 Barnes Road. Friends accept this, the only intimation.

**General Post Office.**  
 BRITISH MAILS.  
 Mails per S.S. SACHEM for Great Britain and European Countries will close at the G.P.O., on Monday evening next, the 30th inst., at 6 o'clock.  
 W. J. WOODFORD,  
 Minister Posts & Telegraphs.  
 General Post Office, Nov. 25, '25.

Fashioners allow great freedom with the skirt. It may flare, be perfectly straight, even or uneven at the bottom, trimmed or untrimmed, but it must be short.

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