

United States Wins Fight Over Mandate Issue

Council of League of Nations Agree to Allied View—America Blamed for Extensive Armament.

By HENRY WALES. Chicago Tribune Cable, Copyright, 1921. Geneva, Sept. 11.—The United States has won its fight for consultation and participation in drafting the mandate constitutions. The allied powers will reply to the State department's last note immediately, assuring the United States of equal rights with the members of the league of nations in all mandated territory and adopting Washington suggestions regarding the terms of the mandates. The council of the league has acquiesced to the allied view and it will send a note to Washington covering the matter.

Mr. A. J. Balfour of Great Britain, assured the assembly that a new agreement had been reached and the mandate problem will be rapidly solved. The blame for competitive and extensive armament was placed on the United States by Mr. Balfour, who stated frankly that his government and the other great powers would do nothing to limit or reduce armaments unless the United States participated in the scheme.

Frankly abandoning the league's idealistic principles on disarmament, Mr. Balfour admitted that the plain business interests would prevent the British government from steps in this direction, as they resented the control of sales of munitions by private and other concerns as long as the American armament makers were permitted free activity.

So long as the big American munition workers, which were developed early in the war in time to supply shells and other materials to the allies, are allowed to operate freely Mr. Balfour claims the same right for the British armament makers, arsenals and naval ship yards, regardless of the fact that the league, to which the government had adhered, was founded on diametrically opposite principles.

Jack and Jill

JILL was reading with more than usual intensity when Jack came home from the office. The book was jacketed in violent crimson covers, the title was brief and stamped in gilt letters. Jill curiously lifted her face for the usual kiss.

Then she resumed her reading. "What is it—a love story?" he asked lightly. She lifted her eyes to take a slow and rather puzzling scrutiny of her husband's face.

"You know, Jack, we really are not truly mated," was her astonishing statement. She said it in a soft, low tone, as if breaking the seal of a secret. "Why?" he grunted.

"Long before we ever met it was ordained that we should touch hands and then pass on," went on Jill. "Somewhere there is another soul, the twin soul to mine, and it was only propinquity, that opportunity, or circumstances, that caused us to meet and marry. Of course, dear, I don't blame you for it."

"Say," drawled Jack, "What is this stuff? You talk like a—"

"Hush, dear, we poor mortals cannot understand the workings of a mysterious and omnipotent Fate." She marked the place in the book by turning a leaf and placed it on the center table.

"Our evening meal is ready, dear," she said in a compassionate voice. At that Jack, who had been, then puzzled, but finally he laughed. "What is it?" said Jill quietly. "Oh, nothing," said Jack. "I was just thinking about coincidence."

"Coincidence?" Jill thought upon it. "Yes, Jack, isn't it odd how coincidence plays so great and yet so intangible a part in our lives?" "It sure is," admitted her husband with scant regard to grammar. "I happened to run into Delcine MacDonald tonight just as I left the office and she rode on uptown with me."

Jill colored. "I don't see any astonishing coincidence in that," she said briskly, dropping the soft, mysterious manner. "Well, the coincidence was that Delcine had a copy of that same book you are reading, under her arm. And, say hon', she threw me a couple of those vampish glances that some silly girls cultivate, and started in to tell me that I was misunderstood and that you were not really my mate. Can you beat that?"

Dog Hill Paragrafts

By George Bingham. A large crowd was observed hovering around the front of the store at Bounding Billows this morning. The Dipty Constable, being always



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Late Queen Lilioukalanani's Furniture Is Auctioned Off

Honolulu, Sept. 10.—Pathos mingled with comedy as the furniture and household fittings of the late Queen Lilioukalanani, deposed monarch of Hawaii, went "on the block" and were "knocked down" by the auctioneer to the top bidder here recently.

A large crowd representative of many nationalities, gathered to witness the auction, and many a Hawaiian eye was moist with tears as some particular piece of furniture brought back memories of the old day's and the vanished glory of a kingdom. Three of the late queen's bathtubs went for \$37.50 apiece to a Chinese contractor.

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U. S. Short of Dentists, National President Says

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 11.—A shortage of 1,500 dentists exists in the United States and there is an increasing demand for better dentistry on the part of an educated public. Dr. H. E. Friesell, Pittsburgh, president of the National Dental association told the twenty-fifth annual convention.

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Psychology and Prosperity

By JACK LEE

Did you ever consider a much needed operation as a luxury?

During the recent business stringency, when money was hard to get and loans were difficult to negotiate, along with other activities that felt a slump were those of the surgeons who perform the greater share of operations in Omaha hospitals.

A certain well-known physician and surgeon who performs operations daily in two Omaha hospitals declared recently that during the "money slump" his "business" fell off to almost nothing.

"Of course, I performed operations, but in nearly every instance it was a case that required immediate action," he says.

"But I noticed that in many cases where I made medical examinations of patients, where I found defects that should be corrected by surgery, invariably I was answered with: 'We'll have to wait until better times. Money's too scarce now to spend on operations.'"

"Tonsil operations and those of a minor nature where the patient was in no immediate danger were passed up for the time.

"I have noticed lately that 'business' has begun to pick up and that I am performing more minor operations now than I did several months ago. I know that the business world is beginning to right itself and that conditions in all lines are becoming more normal," the surgeon said.

To those who have never considered surgery as a business barometer this statement might sound strange. A simple analysis of conditions will prove that such might be the case. By carrying frugality to an extreme, people make things worse and endanger themselves. When money is tight nothing is contracted or paid for unless the need is immediate. That is why some men who can afford better are wearing last year's suits to business and why some society matrons were "making last year's clothing do." But when better times are here to his office resplendent in new garb and the society matron will blossom as the rose.

The first thought any sane person has in "hard times" is retrenchment.

From the biggest corporations down to the smallest, the rich to the poor, everything is conducted on a more saving basis.

It is a psychological condition that inspires an effort to ward off hardships that may be in store. It is the same mental process that causes a man living in a country where cyclones are common to seek shelter in his cyclone cellar when storm clouds appear in the offing.

Recently a man known nationally in business and politics declared that "hard times" were nothing but "psychological" conditions—dreams, so to speak.

The man spoke part truth, but no substantial business man is going into psychological panic and allow his subsequent fears to carry him off unless there is some tangible cause for his mental condition.

"Hard times" naturally bring about a psychological condition. In some men it engenders panic and he goes to pieces. In others it results in a retrenchment program which causes him to proceed ahead under a full head of steam, but minus any surplus cargo.

The careful skipper at the helm of any business will find, while the sailing may not all be smooth, that his craft will weather the gale. The panicky skipper who has neglected to unload a portion of his unnecessary cargo will, at the end of his voyage, find his ship badly battered, perhaps wrecked beyond repair or salvage.

To get back to the operations, the surgeon was not the only man who suffered.

The clothier, grocer, butcher, baker, candlestick maker and everyone in any way identified with production and selling felt the same blow. Only necessities were considered. Things that were not necessary were considered luxuries. Hence luxuries were a part of the surplus cargoes which were thrown overboard.

This psychological condition is a good frame of mind in which to be in, especially if it brings about exacting and careful transactions. The man who cries "Boo" and refuses to be warned is to be pitied, as much as the man who recognized them and went into ruin through panicky transactions.

This week from all parts of the country, except the south, come more optimistic reports. The psychological condition of the business men of the nation is changing. Gradually they are coming out of their storm cellars and, being greeted with fair weather, are proceeding sanely and carefully to better business.

The psychology of Nebraskans has changed to a more rosy hue. Last Saturday in Norfolk 17,000 persons paid their way into a circus which was playing there. Almost the same number visited the show when it played Omaha Monday.

Recently the Merchants' Market Week association enjoyed one if not the most successful session of its career. More buying and downright good business was transacted than in any previous market week.

Truly "hard times" are about over in Nebraska if these be criterions. Things that were done without a while ago are being bought. Buying is picking up; loans are not so difficult to make; money is easier and the whole trend of business is upward.

With the coming of better business conditions will come a more optimistic psychological condition which will result in more stable business.

Needless to say that the recent "hard times" has left many valuable lessons that will not be forgotten in this generation. Coming as they nearly always do on the crest of an abnormal wave of prosperity, the blow was all the more severe for the unprepared. When the next wave hits us, it will find us prepared.

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