

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

By "Scott"

If I were to describe the League of Nations in a few words, I would call it the "international equivalent of the policeman's club". Just as truly as we need a policeman's club, and just as truly as we need a policeman at all to enforce the local laws, just so much do we need a policeman who will enforce international laws. And this policeman needs a club, something with which to enforce these laws. What better club could there be than the covenant of the League of Nations?

Did you ever see a treaty or great literary work of any kind that was absolutely flawless? How many times do we hear criticism of the Declaration of Independence; and even the Constitution of the United States is to those who wish it for political reasons to be so, a weak article, the hobby and pet theme of those who drew it up.

Now, the greatest of all treaties, including the covenant of the League of Nations, is being assailed and attacked from all sides by those senators and public men who have persistently opposed the President in all his efforts to bring about a permanent and lasting peace; and this for political reasons wholly. I am willing to admit that the League of Nations as advocated by President Wilson will put his name in history along with Lincoln and Washington, but I would concede him that honor rather than oppose such a wonderful document because I was his political enemy.

If the League of Nations is worth the paper on which it is written, it is worthy of at least an unbiased consideration and study by those who know little or nothing about it. It is not claimed that the League would make a paradise of this old earth, but it is claimed that wars to a great extent would be eliminated. And I believe this is true. For in a way, all nations would be combined to force each individual nation to do the square thing by all those with which it comes in contact. This is the real "compelling moral obligation"; and where is there a single nation that would care to bump up against the League of Nations? It would think a good many times before attempting anything rash. And were this nation to bring up its troubles before this league, how could it receive anything but justice before such an impartial jury?

However, should a nation be foolish enough to try to "start something", the combined armies of the world very quickly teach them a lesson not soon forgotten. And with each similar up-rising the lesson taught would be more deeply impressed upon such other nations as may have had like tendencies. They would soon learn that it is better to settle your differences in "court" than to use force outside.

It is said that the League of Nations will prevent another war such as the one we have just witnessed. This is undoubtedly true, for had there been such a League, this war would never have begun. Had Germany known that England and the United States were to enter the war, there would have been no war. However, had there been a League of Nations, and should Germany have attempted to fight the whole world, the United States and other nations who entered the war after it had progressed upwards of two years, would have been in it from the start and there could have been no fifty-two

months of bloody warfare in which millions of men lost their lives.

What if we are to maintain a small army in Europe, or any other part of the world, for fifteen years? The same troops will not be there all that time; and if these men enlist of their own free will for a period of two or three years for foreign service and the extra pay, they will be just as satisfied as though they were at home. How about men who have many times re-enlisted for service in the Philippines, twice as far from the United States as France or Germany! As a rule, the man who selects the army as a profession is entirely satisfied with it. It is the man who enlists for a period of emergency who does not care to follow the army for life.

The Shantung clause in the peace treaty has been made to look like a mountain, whereas it is nothing more than a mole hill. This provision is a matter of individual opinion and is open for discussion. Naturally, President Wilson's political enemies have taken the side opposing him and are making political talk out of something of no more material value at this time than any other clause in the treaty. The nations of the world have Japan's verbal promise to return this territory, and the League of Nations has power to enforce this promise.

Why turn down the whole work of the greatest minds of the nations of the world because you do not agree with some minor paragraph or clause? Anything that does more good than harm should be treated accordingly. A church is harmful in that it takes up space that would make a good home or a garden, but think of its benefits. A town wouldn't be worth much without purchase. Schools also take up valuable land and make taxes higher, but who wants to live in a city without schools? "How far is it to school?" is the first question a farmer asks when buying a farm in a new locality.

Up until the time I left the Army of Occupation in June, I had run across but very few men who were opposed to the League of Nations, and they could give no logical reason for their opposition other than that they were opposed to Wilson. The reason that the men in the armies of the occupied territory in Germany are so nearly unanimous in their support and praise of the League of Nations is that they have had enough of war and are in favor of something that will prevent, as far as possible, their having to go through the same experiences again. For this one reason more than any other they are anxious that the League of Nations be given a trial. Of course, it will hurt munitions manufacturers and war profiteers, but they are a small percentage of the population of the world. Honestly, now, are you opposed to the League of Nations, or

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But, Alas, He Doesn't.
The golden rule is something which all believe the other fellow should observe.—Boston Transcript.

STOCKMEN BLAME THE RETAILERS FOR PRICES

Prominent Nebraska Stockmen Testified on Friday Before the Investigating Committee.

WASHINGTON—Interjecting some sharp advice and warning to city dwellers as to meat prices, western stock men Friday laid before the senate agricultural committee further protests against the Kenyon-Kendrick bills to regulate the packing industry.

"I am going home and tell my neighbors that we'll have to curtail production to the point where consumers will eat the whole beef carcass," said George T. Donaldson, president of the Kansas State Live Stock association. With J. H. Mercer, Seattle commissioners of that state, and others, he said he had been investigating the distribution of meats in all the larger cities.

"Right in your city of Washington," he told the committee, "I have found the forequarters of beef selling to the retailers for eight cents a pound and selling to the consumer at 32 cents. We learn there are 700 places here where meat is sold and we think that 100 would be ample and reduce the cost to consumers too."

Mr. Donaldson opposed the regulatory measures and Senator Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, asked him if he had read the federal trade commission report on the subject.

"I have," replied Donaldson, "and I regret to say I haven't as high a regard for the federal trade commission as an American citizen of my age ought to have."

Mr. Mercer, the opposing the bills, said packers ought to relinquish ownership of stockyards in favor of producers.

W. B. Tagg, Omaha, Neb., livestock broker, gave the committee several suggestions alternative to provisions of the bill. He said a commission to regulate the industry and administer licenses would be preferable to a single official. J. H. Bachelor, another Nebraska stockman, attacked the entire proposal, as did most of the witnesses heard, and said that the high price agitation was due largely to "people who want six hours' work and sixteen hours' pay."

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Senator Gronna, Republican, North Dakota, pointed out to E. P. Meyers of Hyannis, Neb., "and we are bearing a good deal about the possibility that the packers might have induced you all to come. Did anybody pay your expenses or do anything else to get you to come down here for them?"

"I am not in favor of the packers," Mr. Meyers retorted. "I'm speaking in my own interest. Cripple the packers business, license it and add to its cost of operation and you hit me, because the excess cost will have to come out of the producer."

A. E. Stryker, secretary of the Omaha Livestock Exchange, said that he met "hundreds of shippers every week and never heard one word in favor of any scheme of broadening governmental control over industry."

He estimated that independent packers bought 750,000 hogs out of 3,000,000 shipped to the yard last year.

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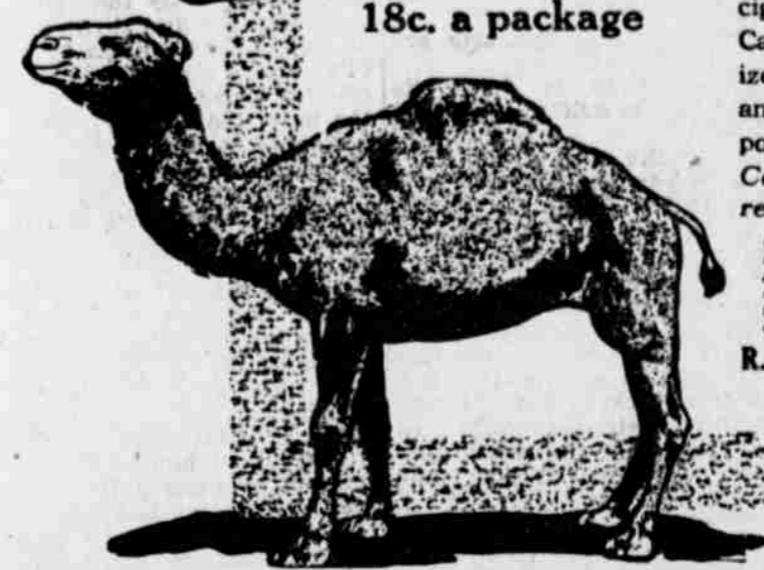
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If you get headaches, it's your liver. If you catch cold easily, it's your liver. If you wake up with a bad taste, furred tongue, nasty breath or stomach becomes rancid, it's your liver. Sallow skin, muddy complexion, watery eyes all denote liver uncleanness. Your liver is the most important, also the most abused and neglected organ of the body. Few know its function or how to release the dammed-up body waste, bile and toxins. Most folks resort to violent calomel, which is a dangerous, salivating chemical which can only be used occasionally because it accumulates in the tissues, also attacks the bones.

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