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HAMILTON HOLT URGES A WORLD PEACE ASSEMBLY

TELLS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

PEACE THRU GENERAL ACCORD

Speaker One of the Best Ever Heard in This City on International Questions of the Day.

From Tuesday's Daily—

Despite the fact that the most wintry conditions were prevailing last evening over the city there was a very closely interested and appreciative audience present at the public library auditorium to hear Hamilton Holt, noted editor and lecturer, who had come to this city spreading the tidings of international peace and good will.

The meeting was presided over by Attorney D. O. Dwyer who introduced the speaker in a few well chosen words.

The speaker, Mr. Holt, arrived a few minutes after 8 o'clock, being accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Pfoutz, whose guest he was while in the city.

"What we need at the present hour is someone in control of the foreign affairs of the United States with the courage of Roosevelt, the humanity of Taft, or the vision of Wilson." This was the statement made by Hamilton Holt, vice chairman of the executive committee of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Association in his address. "The danger in Europe today is not so much revolution as dissolution," he continued. "Civilization is literally evaporating. Wise men told me in Europe last summer that Europe is turning to another 'Dark Ages.' If old England had not been standing in the breach while we have been playing on the side lines, I do not know where Europe would be today. Yet for every man we lost in the war England lost 20 and France lost 10."

Mr. Holt's lecture was a real treat to the United States enter the existing League of Nations and the permanent Court of International Justice, which he said was the best brief formulation he could offer, was this: "This league is a scheme whereby sovereign nations are acting in a more unanimously better than they otherwise could." The only two important words in the definition were "sovereign" and "unanimous." "How any nation could lose its sovereignty who joined the league was beyond the comprehension of every member of the assembly. I do not know," said Mr. Holt. "Indeed, if any United States senator had voted to bring the United States into a league that in any respect violated our constitution he could have been impeached for treason, for the only people who can impeach are the American people. No foreign people or league can do it and any senator who voted to permit it would have violated his oath of office.

"When the league acts it can only act unanimously in other words only as fast and as fast as nations can agree on ways and means. One would not think under the circumstances," said Mr. Holt, "the pace would be so dizzy as to cause many nations to swoon. The league therefore is not a supranational government, it cannot compel, inform or even legislate. In every instance its function is to recommend, to advise and to propose."

Mr. Holt then took up the two main functions of the league—the prevention of war and the promotion of progress. "Already since the establishment of the league on February 10, 1920, much has been done along both lines. There are two main organs of the league already functioning designed to compose international differences—the court to settle justiciable questions and the council to settle non-justiciable or political questions. Already the court has rendered seven opinions and one case is still on the docket. It will be remembered that when the United States supreme court was set up no contested case came before it for two and one-half years. But the world court is already going strong. The establishment of this court has been the aim of every American administration, both republican and democratic, for the past 30 years. And now it owes its being largely to the genius of our statesman, Elihu Root. The palace at the Hague in which it sits was given by another American—Andrew Carnegie. And one of its present judges is another great American, John B. Moore. In fact, this court fulfills the prophecy of our old Confucius philosopher, Elihu Burritt, who said three generations ago that when it came into existence it would be the highest court of appeals this side the bar of eternal justice."

"The council," declared Mr. Holt, "has already taken cognizance of six major cases, every one of which threatened war and every one of which has been settled by peaceful means. These were issue between Sweden and Finland over the jurisdiction of the Aaland Islands, the boundary dispute in Upper Silesia, between Germany and Poland, the attempted invasion of Albania by Serbia, the bombardment of a Persian port by the fleet of soviet Russia, the Lithuanian Poland dispute and last September the Italian-Greek dispute which threatened at one time a European war and even the breakdown of the league."

"There has been much confusion of thought on the position of the league in the Corfu dispute. Many people throughout the world seem to think the league is a sort of super-state which imposes or claims the right to impose itself as an arbitrator of all international disputes. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The primary duty of the league under Article X to XVI of the covenant is to bring about a peaceful settlement by the best available means in the circumstances. If the dispute can be settled through the ordinary channels of diplomacy, so much the better. If diplomacy fails, then comes conciliation, arbitration, or judicial settlement. Whether this takes place under the auspices of the league of nations or not is quite immaterial.

"It is evident, therefore, that the first duty of the league is to extend its good offices. The second is to make the settlement itself. The third duty—if it be a duty at all, as there is no specific declaration in the covenant on the matter—is to pronounce judgment and assess guilt. Yet it is the third function which the critics have in mind when they speak of the league as having 'side-stepped' the issue and 'lost its prestige.'"

"I could not help looking at the figuratively vacant seat at the table. I wondered if my fellow-countrymen were proud of the fact that we had no representative present at that critical hour to make our voice heard with brave little Belgium, with Sweden and with our own American neighbor Uruguay. Are the American people really satisfied to maintain silence in this struggle between the nations for the control of the world? I am sure that we could have at that council table without danger to our sovereignty and without any military or financial obligation, and yet have played the dominant role there."

Mr. Holt concluded his enumeration of the things accomplished by the league by reciting the story of how the league's experts set the little kingdom of Albania on her feet, and how the league had been working to mitigate the truly pitiful lot of the stricken nations in Europe, and how the league's efforts for financial and economic rehabilitation had resulted in much substantial progress along these lines. Nothing that Mr. Holt said showed off the league's activities to better advantage than a truly remarkable work undertaken by the league to save Austria from the fate of Russia by getting their bankers to loan Austria 650 million gold crowns to tide her over while the necessary fiscal and administrative reforms were being put in practice. As a result Austria is the only candle lit in the dark and murky gloom of Europe, as Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, the league's agent at Vienna, to supervise the rehabilitation of Austria, told Mr. Holt. Such was Mr. Holt's story in brief. He concluded with a plea for America to forget her partisanship and to play her part again in peace, as nobly as she did in the war.

"We are the nation that has the most," said Mr. Holt, "and we are literally doing the least. When our forefathers met at Independence Hall more than one hundred years ago, they took no counsel of cowardice, but mutually pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to the document they framed. And what happened? The United States of America happened."

"So if we, in this great world crisis, take no counsel of cowardice, but mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor to the great Declaration of Interdependence embodied in the covenant of the league of nations, then the United Nations of the world will happen. Co-operation will be substituted for competition on earth, peace will follow and our boys, whose blood reddens the fields of France, will not have died in vain."

ENJOY A FINE TIME

From Monday's Daily—
Last evening the country home of County Surveyor Fred Patterson was the scene of a pleasant gathering when their daughter, Miss Efa, entertained in honor of Mr. Joe Shera, who left this morning for Lincoln to enter the Lincoln auto and tractor school. The young folks enjoyed an old fashioned taffy pull as well as several musical numbers which were given by members of the party. At a late hour the guests departed homeward wishing Mr. Shera success in the new line of work that he is about to take up.
Mrs. Henry G. Soennichsen was in Omaha today for a few hours, attending to some matters of business and visiting with friends.

UNION MEETING ON 'Y' WORK VERY WELL ATTENDED

J. G. Masters, Superintendent Omaha High School is the Principal Speaker at Meeting.

From Monday's Daily—
The community union services of the churches of the city held last evening at the Christian church, was very largely attended and was taken up with the work of the Y. M. C. A., one of the great factors of the modern Christian life in the nation and which has performed for the youth of the land a great service in every way.

The service was participated in by Father Lee of the St. Luke's Episcopal church, who offered the invocation; Rev. H. Kottich, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical church, who read the scripture lesson, and Rev. H. G. McClusky of the Presbyterian church, who delivered the benediction.

The choir of the church and the congregation joined in a number of the well known hymns, "Jesus is All the World to Me," "Wonderful Peace," "Sweetest as the Years Go By," "Give Ear, O Shepherd of Israel" and "I Need Thee Every Hour." Rev. Walter R. Robb, pastor of the church presided and introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. G. Masters, principal of the Omaha high school, who spoke on the work of the Y. M. C. A. in general in his opening remarks, covering some of the high lights of their wonderful mission in the nation in looking after the needs of the men and boys of the land from the red triangle standard of moral, mental, physical and spiritual training and the good that has been accomplished in this line of work in cities where the "Y" have their activities. Mr. Masters touched on the "Hi-Y" work as he had found it having a live organization of 300 members in the Omaha high school and where the boys of the organization had been found a great aid to the faculty in raising the standards of the school both morally and physically, and the earnest study of better citizenship that had been made by the boys in their work in the "Y."

JUDGE BEGLEY TO SEEK RE-ELECTION

Able Presiding Judge of Second District Enters the Race Today—Good News to Voters.

This morning Judge James T. Begley, the distinguished and popular presiding judge of the second judicial district, composed of Cass, Otoe and Sarpy counties, filed in the office of County Clerk George R. Saylor for re-election to the office which he has so excellently filled. The filing of Judge Begley will be pleasing news to the host of friends over the district both among the members of the bar and the citizens in general who have found in the genial jurist a fearless and just judge at all times and under all circumstances.

The ability of Judge Begley has led many of the members of the bar over the state to urge him to file for a place on the state supreme court bench, but the insistence of the members of the bar and his friends here in the home district has been heeded and Judge Begley decided to again enter the race for the position that he has filled to the great satisfaction of everyone. There has been no more just or faithful member of the bench in the state than Judge Begley and his return to the office of district judge will bring assurance to all of the residents of the district that their liberties are safe in his hands and their rights safeguarded in matters of litigation that are tried in his court.

The general demand that has been made over the district for the filing of Judge Begley makes it very probable that he will be honored by a unanimous re-election to the bench.

WILL QUIT THE BENCH

From Tuesday's Daily—
County Judge Allen J. Beeson, who has since 1908 presided over the county court of Cass county, is preparing to retire from the office at the close of his present term on January 1, 1925. He stated this morning to the Journal reporter and will enjoy a rest from the duties that the position has imposed upon him in the years that he has served the people of the county.
The occupant of the county judge's office has a handicap in his professional work in that he is barred by law from a general practice of law and which confines his work solely to the duties of the office, and the salary of the office is not so large that the wearer of the judicial ermine can afford to do any coupon clipping or become a bloated bondholder. The fact that Judge Beeson feels

in justice to himself that he resume the active practice of law causes him to announce his withdrawal from the office in the future. The years that he has filled the office so acceptably to the people has not added to the financial well being of the genial judge and he feels that he owes it to himself to prepare to take up the practice of law where he was engaged when called to the office sixteen years ago.

W. C. T. U. HOLDS A VERY INTERESTING MEETING

Mrs. Thomas Wiles, Hostess, Assisted by Mrs. Walter R. Robb—Large Number Present.

From Tuesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the members of the W. C. T. U. society held a very pleasant observance of the anniversary of the birth of Frances E. Willard, organizer and lifelong leader of the W. C. T. U. work in the days when the task seemed superhuman to drive out the liquor traffic and who was called from her early activities ere the great goal of the W. C. T. U. had been attained—national prohibition.

The meeting was held at the pleasant home of Mrs. Thomas Wiles on west Locust street and who was assisted in the entertaining of the occasion by Mrs. Walter R. Robb.

The afternoon session was under the leadership of Mrs. John Gorder and a very interesting program was given, the chief feature of which was the address of Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the Methodist church and whose remarks were made especially enjoyable by his personal touch with the life of Miss Willard, and his visit to her home, and his story of her life and work was a great tribute to the brave lady who had battled for the cause of the temperance people in the days of the '80's and '90's.

JUDGE MORNING ONCE HERE.

From Tuesday's Daily—
The news of the death at the hands of an assassin of Judge W. M. Oring at Lincoln yesterday, recalled to the minds of many of the old time residents of the city, the fact that at one time the distinguished Lincoln jurist was a resident of Plattsmouth in the early eighties and recalled his first work in the study of law in this city. Judge Morning was a student in the office of S. P. Vanantone, one of the pioneer lawyers of this city and the office was in the building now occupied by the Bates stationary store 5th and Main streets. Judge Morning was also for a few years in his younger days engaged in teaching school in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and among his pupils was Henry A. Schneider, president of the Plattsmouth State Bank, who was then a mere lad, but recalls well the office first work in the study of law in Lincoln in the future to call on the old school master and to him the news of his death came as quite a shock.

ENTERS RACE FOR OFFICE OF CO. JUDGE

Attorney A. H. Duxbury to Become Candidate For County Judgeship at Fall Election.

From Monday's Daily—
The filing of Attorney A. H. Duxbury of this city for the office of county judge was made this morning at the court house and is the first entry for the position that has so long been filled by Judge Allen J. Beeson, but who has to his friends signified his desire to lay aside the judicial ermine and again engage in the active practice of law which he laid down when entering the office of county judge. Judge Beeson has been county judge since 1908 and has during that time been strictly confined to the work of the bench.

Mr. Duxbury is one of our most promising young attorneys and has had a great deal of work in the county, probate and justice courts that has made him familiar with the work of the office and will fit him for the position that he seeks at the hands of the people.
The office of county judge is non-political and Mr. Duxbury will seek the office purely on his merits and the desire to give the community and taxpayers the best possible service on the bench if he is called to the office and to see that justice is meted out to all comers.

TRITSCH-MEISINGER WEDDING TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Two of the Popular and Well Known Young People of Community Joined in Wedlock.

From Wednesday's Daily—
This afternoon at 3 o'clock at the St. Paul's Evangelical church occurred the marriage of two of the highly esteemed young people of this portion of Cass county, Miss Adelia Tritsch and Mr. Lester Meisinger. The wedding was very quiet and simple and the marriage lines were read by the Rev. H. Kottich, pastor of the church, of which the contracting parties have long been members. The beautiful and impressive double ring service was used in the uniting of the lives of these two happy young people and the service witnessed by only a few of the relatives.

The bride couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Meisinger, the former a brother of the groom. The beauty of the bride was enhanced by a most attractive wedding gown of blue and a shower of bride roses was carried by the charming bride. The matron of honor, Mrs. Edgar Meisinger, carried a very handsome bouquet of roses. The groom and best man were both attired in the conventional dark suits.

Following the marriage ceremony the members of the bridal party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a most enjoyable and delicious wedding luncheon was served to the newly weds and the relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Tritsch of west of this city and is a lady of the rarest charm of personality and one who has spent her girlhood in this community and received her education at the Plattsmouth schools and with the groom possesses a host of warm friends over this portion of the county. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Meisinger and is one of the industrious young farmers of a portion of the county and the friends are well pleased to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Meisinger will continue to make their home here. The groom will farm the Tritsch place the coming year and they will make their home there.

The contracting parties are members of two of the leading families of the county and among our most highly esteemed citizens and it is with pleasure that the Journal joins with many other friends in the well wishes for the future happiness of the couple.

STADIUM TO BE IN USE THIS SPRING

Will Hold Commencement Exercises Outdoors at University of Nebraska This Year.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Commencement exercises in June of the University of Nebraska will be held in the stadium, according to a plan endorsed at a recent meeting of the university senate at which Chancellor Avery presided. By the use of amplifiers, it is believed the exercises can be heard by at least 20,000 people. In the past, attendance at the ceremonies has been confined to a small part of those desirous of attending. By holding the exercises out of doors, friends of the university from all over the state can be invited.

Chancellor Avery recalls no commencement day on which rain fell in the morning. In case of rain, the exercises will either be transferred to Memorial hall, or some sort of protection may be provided for speakers and graduates.

SUFFERS SEVERE FALL

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening William Barclay, of the Main hotel, suffered a very severe fall on North Sixth street as he was coming from the Elks club house and which resulted in Mr. Barclay being bruised up a great deal and is stiff and sore as the result of the accident. Mr. Barclay had been home for dinner and on his way back to the hotel stopped at the Elks club house to look after some matters connected with his work as exalted ruler and completing his work started on over to the hotel and while descending the steps on the north side of the building fell, suffering the injuries noted above.

RETURNS FROM ROCHESTER

From Wednesday's Daily—
E. H. Schulhof, who has been spending a short time at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, taking treatment and undergoing a minor operation there, returned here Saturday night and is feeling very much improved from his course of treatment.

RECEIVES REMOVAL ORDER

From Wednesday's Daily—
Yesterday afternoon the office of County Clerk George R. Saylor received the formal notification from the clerk of the district court of the order entered in the court journal by Judge A. C. Troup, removing from the office of sheriff, C. D. Quinton, convicted in the district court of malfeasance in office and whose case is now being prepared to be appealed to the supreme court. Mr. Quinton was suspended in December by order of Governor Bryan and is now out of office so the next matter following the issuing of the court order will probably be the naming of a temporary sheriff by the board of county commissioners until the election or the passing on the case by the supreme court.

LOCAL DEMOLAYS PUT ON WORK AT OMAHA LAST NIGHT

Cass Chapter Initiates Ten Candidates For Omaha Chapter at Omaha Last Night.

From Wednesday's Daily—
Last evening the officers of Cass Chapter, Order of DeMolay, of this city, were at Omaha where they conducted the initiation ceremonies for ten candidates of the Omaha chapter, being invited to the metropolis to stage the work for the order. The visitors were royally treated, they state, and the work of the degrees exemplified in the most impressive manner.

On their arrival in Omaha the Plattsmouth delegation was received by the Omaha chapter and entertained at luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. prior to the adjournment to the Scottish Rite cathedral where the work of the initiation was conducted and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served to the members of the order before the visitors departed for their train back to this city.

Those attending the session at Omaha were: Fred and James Warren, Edward and William Mutschullat, Elmer and Herbert Johnson, George Ebersole, Richard Beverage, Fred and Walter Tritsch, Jack McCarty, Covert and James Jean, Glen Kruger, Herbert Meisinger, James Johnson, Fred Holland, Leonard Born, Edward Schlicks, Forest Shrader, Vern Hendricks and Raymond Cook, advisor of the local chapter.

WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

From Wednesday's Daily—
Uncle James Ervin of Union, who has been ill during a portion of the winter, has recovered and is feeling fairly well at this time and will celebrate his 87th birthday with the coming of the next Sunday. Uncle James was born in Ohio February 24, 1834, and came to Nebraska in 1858 and has lived here for the past sixty-five years, seeing many important changes come and go in Nebraska and Cass county. When the Civil war was fought he was then a young man. He has many friends in this portion of the county who are extending with the Journal congratulations at the passing of his birthday and who are wishing him many more years of good health, prosperity and happiness.

SLAYING OF JUDGE CAUSES MAYOR TO FLY GUN TOTING

Lincoln Executive Promises to Act if Hardware Men Fail to Regulate Sale of Arms.

Lincoln, Feb. 19.—The killing of District Judge Morning was a "direct attack against the very foundation of the law," Mayor F. C. Zehring said this afternoon and the mayor promised that if the Nebraska Hardware Dealers' association did not take action to regulate the sale of fire arms, he would formulate an ordinance for such action. The regulation should be statewide, he said, rather than by municipalities.

Lincoln, Feb. 19.—Funeral services for District Judge William M. Morning, who was shot and killed while on the bench yesterday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 at St. Paul church here. The body will lie in state from 12 noon, until the hour of the funeral.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. James W. MacDonald, pastor of All Souls Unitarian church, of which Judge Morning was a member, and Dr. Walter Aitken, pastor of St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church, where the funeral will be held.

IOWA PASSES ITS MARRIAGE BILL

Nebraskans Who Seek Quick Weddings Must Seek New Ground Green in Eastern Part.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 15.—In one of the longest debates of the special session, marked by acrimonious speeches the lower house of the Iowa legislature late yesterday passed the eugenics clause to the marriage and incest bill. The clause was adopted by a vote of 55 to 47 after six hours of debate.

The eugenics clause makes it compulsory that persons desiring to marry successfully pass physical examination showing that neither party is infected with venereal disease within ten days before the marriage license is granted.

Debate on the measure was tinged with personalities. Representative C. F. Clark, championing the clause urged its passage in the name of the state, the health of the state and the womanhood of the state. An impassioned plea was made by Representative J. P. Gallagher against the eugenics feature. He urged enforcement of the present laws regarding persons infected with venereal disease.

The house adopted another amendment providing that application for the license to wed to be made five days before it is granted.

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