

WELLS CALLS THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONTEMPTIBLE

Blind Alley for Good Intentions

Heterogenous Nature of Member States Makes Surrender of Nationalism Impossible, Briton Says.

Power Unjustly Divided

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Special Cable Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
London, Oct. 20.—I opened this series of articles with an attack on the existing league of nations at Geneva. This attack provoked a very considerable correspondence in reply. Hardly anyone was disposed to defend the league as perfect or satisfactory, but it was urged that it was a beginning, a germ, a young thing

A NEW THRILL FOR TIRED MEN

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Many a tired business man would give all he possesses to learn the secret of marvelous vitality apparently possessed by many native African tribes. Scientists exploring the jungles and observing the native customs found that before festive occasions and ceremonial requiring great vigor the natives invariably ate of the bark of a certain tree. This seemingly was responsible for the unusual vigor displayed by even the oldest of the tribe.

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that might accumulate power and prestige, that its intentions were admirable, that it embodied and sustained an ideal and that if it were destroyed there would be nothing to stand between the nations at all. I was reproached because—after an advocacy of world unity for a quarter of a century—I refused to recognize this poor diplomatic changeling as the birth of my desires.

It is perhaps desirable that I should answer these criticisms and state a little more explicitly why I think this affair at Geneva is worse than no league of mankind at all. I do not think it can ever develop into a serviceable organ for world civilization because I think that it was planned from the outset upon the wrong lines and that it is as reasonable to support it in the hope of its growing to meet the world's needs as it would be to buy a broken-down perambulator in the hope that it would presently develop into a much needed automobile.

League Malformed.
The Geneva league of nations is a start, I admit, but it is a start in the wrong direction and before we can get upon the way to any real collective organization of world affairs we have to retrace our steps to the starting point before there was any league. The league is malformed in such a way that it can never hope to grow straight and strong.

One primary fault in the structure of this existing league is its complete abandonment to the idea of national sovereignty in its interest and most mischievous form. Any little bundle of human beings, however small, illiterate and unimportant, provided only that it was a law unto itself and waved a flag about and insisted upon a cantankerous independence, was regarded as a possible unit by the pedants who devised the league.

Any body of people, however numerous, intelligent and significant in human affairs, provided it had grouped itself into any other larger political aggregation, ceased on the other hand to be anything but a merged participant in the league's affairs.

Injustice to Scotland.
So, Abyssinia, in which there are probably not 200 people capable of understanding the rudiments of world politics, could be considered seriously as a member of this absurd association, while Scotland, the best educated country in Europe, was not to appear except as a button or collar stud so to speak, upon the figure of the British representative.

The manifest consequences of such a preposterous recognition of separatism, the inevitable feebleness and disingenuousness of a league based upon such ideas, were pointed out as early as May, 1918, in a memorandum issued by the official propaganda organization of the British government at Crewe House. Crewe House was rather a thorn in the side of the dear old British foreign office; in 1918 it was asking for a definition of allied war aims and all sorts of inconvenient, honest questions.

The memorandum was treated according to the best diplomatic precedents. Although we were making it the basis of extravagant promises to Germany it was never communicated as it should have been to the French and Italians. At the end of

the war the promises of Crewe House dropped out of the victorious picture. The reasoning and the warnings of this memorandum were entirely ignored by the hasty gentlemen at Versailles who threw together the Geneva league of nations.

States Loss Sovereignty.
These gentlemen seem to have been profoundly influenced by an infantile analogy between a sovereign state and an individual man. This is the age of democracy; and the league, most marvelous formula!—was "to make the world safe for democracy."

Modern democracy is taken to mean so much political equality between adult and adult as may be achieved by giving each individual a vote. What more easy—or if you think it out—more fallacious, than to transfer this idea to sovereign states and give each of them a vote in a wonderful congress of mankind?

But one sovereign state is not like another sovereign state as one individual man is like another; the difference between this sovereign state and that is far profounder, profounder even than the difference between animals of different classes. The difference in structure, complexity, function and destiny for example between the organization known as the United States of America and that known as Nicaragua is as differences as wide as that between the whole plant of a great industrial district and a small domestic district. In the original covenant of league both were treated as individuals differing only a little in size and importance.

Held in Contempt.
It is like treating a jar of pickles, an opera house, a battleship, a bundle of sugar cane and a small traveling bag as equivalent things. Any old thing with a flag in it—that is the rule. Can you expect the debates and divisions of a body so constituted to have any restraining influence upon the policies and practices of the great powers? It is treated with open contempt in France and Italy and there is a sort of support for it in Great Britain it is largely because there is a feeling that with Lord Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil to the fore and with its British foreign office secretary and so forth its procedure can be manipulated in the interests of the—I won't say British, for that is too good a word to use—the "Anglican" empire.

Now my case is that this constitution of the league is, for the reasons I have stated, bad beyond all patching. There is, I hold, no need at all to base the thing we need upon a sham parliament of a miscellany of sovereign states big or little, civilized or savage. What civilization needs are open, efficient and authoritative controls of certain universal interests, controls representing the great masses of civilized people and their common world interests. For all practical ends it would be infinitely better to let Liberia, Haiti, the Hejaz and the like go hang. Such little, such parochial states ought to learn to combine up with kindred organizations—or hold their peace in world-affairs.

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people educated up to ideas of world policy as—let us say, any outlying suburb of Amsterdam. If half a dozen of the bigger political systems of the world, or even two or three, could get together to sustain a common monetary standard, a common transport control, a common law court, a tariff union, a mutual defence system and a common guarantee of disarmament, they would achieve something beyond the uttermost possibilities of this Geneva affair.

So much political coalescence on the part—to take an example boldly—of the United States, the British system, Holland and the Scandinavian countries would form a nucleus so large and influential that upon it, the rest of the world, however fiercely nationalist at heart, would in the end be obliged to crystallize.

I believe all these countries I have named and Latin America and Spain and Portugal to boot, could pool their foreign policies—for that is what any genuine league of nations means—without encountering insuperable difficulties. The world barrier would be tariffs, but I do not believe that would be an inviolable barrier. Such a club of civilized people would very speedily have all the rest of the world on its waiting list. And I do not see why its achievement should be any more difficult than or indeed nearly as difficult as bolstering up this ineffective pretence, the present league of nations.

World Court Easier.
I contend that instead of there being no alternative to the league of nations, the way would open quite naturally to such alternatives, directly it was cleared out of the way. It would for instance—if only on account of the United States—be much easier to set up a great international court of justice with proper sanctions, without the league than with it.

It is not as though the present league had accumulated any honor or prestige during its four years of life in Geneva. In the case of the Polish attack on Russia, in the case of the Greek aggressions on Turkey, in regard to the occupation of the Ruhr, the murderous bombardment of Corfu and the stealing of the Greek deposit by the council of ambassadors to bribe the Italians to evacuate Corfu, it has shown itself trivial, useless and ridiculous.

It is either silent before such outrages or it speaks with a quavering voice and nobody listens. It is a blind alley for good intentions, it is a weedy dump for all the weaknesses of European liberalism. Its past is contemptible and the briefer its future the better for mankind.

Widow of Pastor Dies.
Franklin, Neb., Oct. 20.—Mrs. Carrie D. Knapp, 81, widow of the late Rev. George W. Knapp of this place, died at Jennings, La. She came to Nebraska 23 years ago with her husband, who later held pastorates at Aurora, Salem, Grant, Ogallala, Hay Springs, Riverton and Franklin. She is survived by a son, George, of Verdun, and two daughters, Mrs. Cheney C. Jones, Brookline, Mass., and Mrs. Frederick W. Leavitt, Jennings, La. Funeral services were held here yesterday.

Like Father, Like Son; Old Cafe Reopened by Second Generation

Gastronomic Landmark at Hotel Loyal Is Now Modern Coffee Shop.

Years ago, when Herman Cohn operated the old Hotel Loyal cafe, it was a gastronomic landmark of Omaha. Now his son, Loyal Cohn, has opened the Hotel Loyal coffee shop, with several members of the old Loyal cafe staff.

Gustave Wieland, chef, famous in the olden days for his cookery, has complete charge of the kitchen and bakery.

Three of his original cooks are with him again in the coffee shop. The establishment has been completely refurbished at a cost of about \$10,000. The kitchen equipment is of the finest, with huge coal ranges, steamers, jacketed kettles, and a built-in oven. Chairs and tables in the coffee room proper are finished in silver gray. The shop makes a specialty of its rolls and pastry. It uses a special blend of coffee, put up in individual packages for its exclusive use. The shop is open from 7 in the morning until 8 at night, and is at-



Loyal Cohn

tracting many of the customers who formerly patronized the old Hotel Loyal cafe in the days of Mr. Cohn's father.

Tourist Has Close Call

When Train Strikes Auto
Columbus, Neb., Oct. 20.—J. H. Sterling, Dixon, Ill., tourist, had a narrow escape from death here when a Union Pacific switch engine crossing the Lincoln highway on a siding caught the rear of his car just as the driver swung suddenly up the track in an effort to escape the locomotive.

The front end of the automobile was crushed against a telephone pole, the rear end partially demolished and the running board on the front of the locomotive and several steel rods were broken. Sterling was unhurt.

Hog Cholera Is Reported

near West Point, eNb.
West Point, Neb., Oct. 20.—Hog cholera has been doing considerable devastation among the herds of many farmers over the county during the last few weeks. Most every farmer in the county has vaccinated or is planning to do so. One farmer near Wisner is reported to have lost 85 head. There are also heavy losses west of the river. The southwest parts of the county are the hardest hit.

Sol Hess directs "The Nebbs," an exclusive feature in The Evening Bee.

Total of 39 Cases Listed for Trial at Pawnee City

Pawnee City, Neb., Oct. 20.—District court opens in Pawnee City Monday with 35 civil cases and four criminal cases on the docket. The jury has been summoned to appear Tuesday morning. Judge Raper will be in charge of the session. Among

the civil cases are 14 foreclosures, five suits on promissory notes, two divorce cases and one breach of promise suit.

There is a perpetual Sabbath day upon the earth. The Greeks observe Mondays; the Persians, Tuesday; the Assyrians, Wednesday; the Egyptians, Thursday; the Turks, Friday; the Jews, Saturday; and the Christians, Sunday.



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