BEST TO ABANDON IDEA OF LEAGUE

Professor Hobbs Thinks Covenant Will Not Insure Eternal Peace in The World.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Quoting from President Wilson, General Wood and Theodore Roosevelt, Professor William H. Hobbs of the University of Michigan told the American Association for the Advancement of Science today that it was time to determine "whether we had not better abandon the idea of the league of nations before it was entered

President Wilson has admitted of the scheme for which he stands sponsor before the world that with its adoption we would embark upon 'uncharted seas,," said Professor Hobbs. "We need then the advice of those best qualified to forecast the storms we are likely to encounter and to determine whether we had not better abandon the adventure before it is entered upon. The real question before the American people has from the start been one of the reliability of judgment of its political prophets.

In quoting President Wilson Professor Hobbs said: "Standing in the presence of the assembled delegates to the peace conference at the formal presentation of the covenant of the league of nations, Woodrow Wilson declared of this instrument: 'It is definite as a guarantee of peace. It is definite as a guarantee against aggression.

Cannot Prevent War.

'On the other hand, Gen. Leonard Wood has made the statement that the claim that any covenant will protect the world from future wars idle twaddle and a dream of mollycoddles. The pacifists; moreover, tell you lies when they say war as an institution is dead. Don't listen to the mollycoddles. Be a citizen

common sense. "Which guide are we to follow? Each has been a leader in the recent past when the issue was, as both national security and world idealism. Woodrow Wilson declared we could not become involved in the war and that the affairs of Europe were not our concern, so he'advocated non-preparedness as the remedy. Leonard Wood declared that we were very likely to become involved in the war, that our only safety was in making preparations for any contingency, that the world struggle was our war and he risked all that he had to save the country and his country's honor.

The pacifists' solution did not then avail to keep us out of war, despite Mr. Wilson's consoling promises, and the internationalists' solution which he now no less confidently offers to charm away future wars has an equal chance of suc-

Reosevelt's Advice.

"Theodore Roosevelt tells us: 'It is well at this time for sober and resolute men and women to apply loquially known as "horse sense" to the problems of nationalism and internationalism. Nations are made, defended and preserved, not by the illusionists, but by the men and women who practice the homely virtues in time of peace and who time of righteous war are ready to die or to send those they love best to die, for a shining ideal.'

Community Service Plans To Carry on Spirit of Work

At a meeting at the University manently organized to take over the activities of War Camp Community service and to carry on the work of developing community spirit. The following chairmen were elected: S. S. Caldwell, executive committee,

and Dr. E. C. Henry, program committee. C. B. Root was elected contassistant organizer. Under the patronage of the presi-dent of Uruguay the first Pan-Amer-

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incan congress of architects will be

held at Montevideo in March.

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SCIENTISTS TOLD French Lad Arrives In Great West of Dreams IN CONVENTION

Young Boy Appears in Omaha Unheralded-Maltreated by Germans in Brussels-Adopted by Yank Aero Squadron-Smuggled Into United

Ferdinand Provst, 17-year-old French war veteran, with 10 dead Germans to his credit, arrived in Omaha Monday night, unheralded, and spent the night searching for a place to sleep. He appealed to the Chamber of Commerce, employment bureau for a job yesterday morning, supperless and breakfastless.

After devouring a large quantity of wholesome American food in si lence, he told a group of interested listeners his tale of adventure.

Maltreated by Germans.

Ferdinand was in Brussels, Belgium, when the German army advanced and took the city. After experiencing much brutality at the nands of German soldiers he sucreeded in escaping to his home at almont Vendree, France, only to find that it was occupied by the Germans. After searching in vain to find his family he fled to Paris, where he remained until American roops began to arrive.

He made friends with members f the 594th motor transport corps, 52nd division, and followed them to a section of the battle front near Verdun. He became a mascot for he organization, succeeded in obtaining a rifle, and participated in some of the hottest fighting, accordwhen the armistice was signed he

found that his four brothers had been killed, that his mother was in the hands of the Germans, probably dead, and that his home was completely destroyed.

Smuggled to America.

He was smuggled on board ship y American soldters and arrived in America seven months ago, landing at Newport News, Va. He remained with his soldier friends autil they were discharged from the service, and then started out to make his

He had read of the great west in French novels, he sai!, so he crawled into a box car and went to sleep. After what seemed to be months of jolting travel someone opened the car door and oulled him out, dirty, torn, and hall starved.



"The German's-they are ver' bad with anger. "They kill my brothers, an' burn my home, an' steal my mother, but some day I get even."

He clenched his thin hands and ears trickled down his cheeks. "You Americans are ver' kind," he said. will work until I get-what you call it?-rich, then I pay you back.' kota ranch, but soon tired of the drudgery and deserted. His next stopping place was Sioux City, but week, jobs seemed scarce there, he said, so he came to Omaha so he came to Omaha.

"You Are Very Kind."

When he had finished his narrative he displayed several scars which he But he had arrived in the great west, said he had received at the hands of He found work on a South Dathhe Germans in Brussels.

Commercial Pupils Give Quarterly Play To Large Audience

The quarterly play given by the

The play consisted of a prologue being transferred to Washington a day. was left at their door on Christmas. The next act shows the child grown up and in the midst of three other children that had been adopted. After a period of 12 years the children are shown happy and content-

The main characters of the play were Elly Jensen, Virginia Hamil-ton, Sheldon Colgrove, Lillian a wide acquaintance throughout the Dubnoff, Edith Siegel and Mable state. Nerness. The play was coached by Miss Elizabeth Wallace of Commerce high school.

Contractors "Pool" Workmen To Expedite Building Here

At the annual meeting of the General Contractors and Builders' association held in the Swedish audin regard to the delay in securing munity organizer and E. C. Thomas building material from the mills in

> employment bureau for men working for contractors was also discussed and it was decided to place the secretary in charge of handling the men, so that when one contractor is not using his force he can send them to work on another job officers elected for the coming year were. F. E. Kurtz, president: H. Flesher, vice president: Erick Skogman, secretary; Carl A. Carlson, assistant secretary; Emil Holfstrom, treasurer. Members of the board of directors elected were; John H. Skogman, J. F. Peterson, Afton A. Carlson, H. G. Flesher and

Discharges Negro Waiters.

Thirty negro waiters employed at

Fort Omaha Shocked At Sudden Death of

A telegram was received at Fort The quarterly play given by the A telegram was received at Fort bonus according to their length of graduating class of the High School Omaha last night announcing the service and present salaries, it is of Commerce was presented last sudden death at Washington, D. C., stated. night at the Central high school Monday night of Maj. Eugene Wirt stood, will range from \$50 for men auditorium, before a house filled to Crockett. His death came without who have been in the company's capacity. The sketch was of Yuletide nature and the auditorium was
beautifully decorated for the occawarning to his family and friends.

During the war Major Crockett
and who earn the minimum daily
salary of \$6, to \$270 for workers of

with credit. For many years he was stationed yearly salary of the employe, in the Philippine island and saw active service against the Moros. He was well known in Omaha and had

He is survived by his wife and one son. Robert, who were with him at the time of his death. Burial will be in San Francisco.

250 Odd Fellows Attend

jubilee celebration of a successful year was held last evening by Beason lodge No. 20, I. O. O. F., in torium questions were brought up the Odd Fellows hall at Fourteenth and Dodge streets About 250 memhers attended. The lodge has initiated 150 new members during the ext month.

An entertainment program, presented. Vocal and instrumental with another contractor thereby giv- tortionist exhibition were features

> Improving at Hospital The condition of J. W. Elwood, president of the Northwestern was stricken with an attack, apparently of appendicitis, Sunday nigh

Let's All Help Show the World How Big Omaha Is

be absent from the city between January 2 and 17, when the federal census will be taken, please fill out and mail this blank promptly, so that Omaha may have credit for them. It is estimated that over 5,000 citizens will be missed unless this is done. Help show the world how big Omaha

To John H. Hopkins, Supervisor of Census,

The following persons will be absent from Omaha between January 2 and 17, but should be listed as citizens

Omaha Home Address Write plainly.

Major Crockett was an officer well liked by al! who knew him and was considered one of the most efficient men in the air service, having passed from their wages and with bonuses the test as an observer and pilot received. Investments, it is stated,

Jubilee of Beacon Lodge

The question of having a central

luding features by Douglas Isitt, Mock Sad Ali, Charlotte Huntley, La Reno and Le Roy Francis, was music, magician stunts and a condinner followed the program. Dr. S. Patton presided.

Condition of J. W. Elwood

school of taxidermy, was said to be improved at the Methodist Episcopal hospital last night. Mr. Elwood and was removed to the hospital. the Henshaw hotel cafe have been discharged by George Petros, the that an operation was considered impossible. Attending physicians now believe that his chances for resources are the second to the s

TO FRIENDS OF OUT-OF-TOWN CITIZENS:

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Chinese Missionary 5,000 STUDENTS Launches Revival at Grace Baptist Church DES MOINES Rev. Earle D. Sims of New York ity, a returned missionary from

ture on "My trip around the world in the United States navy." In

toms, and the missionary work of

sing, talk and write in the Chinese

language, exhibit a number of idols

and curiosities from China, and tell

of the people and their customs and

the missionary work. Mr. Sims will

also describe the Boxer war and the massacre of the missionaries

and tell of his escape with his family from the doors of death.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Many of the important sections of the Cummins

railroad bill now in conference com-

mittee in congress were indorsed in resolutions adopted by about 200

representatives' of shippers' organ-

The resolutions while calling for legislation that "would effectually

prevent" a railroad strike and deal

fairly with all interested parties,

opposed a transportation board,

rate-making groups, guaranteed re-

turns and appropriation of excess

Indorsed by Shippers

Cummins Railroad Bill

all denominations.

North American Colleges Send Representatives to Annual Meeting - Many Aliens In Delegations.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec, 30.-Wednesday noon 5,000 students Wednesday noon 5,000 students from colleges and universities in all parts of the United States and Canada will have arrived in Des School pupils of the church their Moines, registered as delegates to Christmas treat, as the church did the Student Volunteer convention, not have a Christmas entertainment

and been assigned to quarters for the next five days of meeting.

Tuesday afternoon and night special and scheduled trains from all corners of North America were Tomorrow evening Mr. and Mrs. pulling into the Rock Island, North-Sims will appear dressed in Chinese western and Union stations with costumes, and Mr. Sims will lecture on "My six years 1,000 miles in the interior of China." He will

loads of delegates. The convention will be opened by John R. Mott, who will preside at all the general sessions. Several speakers will be on the program, but following the custom of the student volunteers no announcement will be made of the program from

Chief among the arrivals were the Canadian and California delegations, the first including 417 students from the colleges of the Dominion, and the second being made up of 130 students from the University of California—the largest delegation from any one institution in the country-and 20 others from colleges in the northern half of the

The Canadian delegation included many former soldiers and was headcople," he muttered in his quaint ed by Captain Trivett, who saw sev English, and his gray eyes flashed eral years' service in Flanders. A feature of the California group i the presence of a number of Chinese

and Japanese men and women, The foreign students' circles will be large and varied. Several are already in the city, representing Siam, Korea, India, Hawaii, South American and European countries An exclusively foreign group will hold a special session later in the

Ford Provides for Employes to Obtain Stock by Bonuses

Detroit, Dec. 30.-Provision for the purchase of stock in the Ford Motor company by its employes as well as a distribution of bonuses to the workers will be announced

Maj. E. W. Crockett by the company wednesday, cording to the Detroit Free Press.

Approximately 90,000 Ford employes will participate in the new Fort Crook as commanding officer, five years' service who receive \$10.80

Privilege of investing earnings in be restricted to employes in active service, payment to be made will be limited to one-third of the

The two workers' benefit plans announced, it is understood, are forerunners of other changes in the policy of the company contemplated y Henry Ford and his son, Edsel, since the two recently came into full control of the huge organization. In addition, it was stated, the profit-sharing plan, inaugurated in 1914 will be continued.

Iowa City Selected As Supply Station on Omaha Air Mail Route

Jowa City, Ia., Dec. 30 .- (Special - Establishment of Telegram.) government flying field at Iowa City for use by the aerial mail service upon its extension from Chicago to Omaha is assured following receipt here of a message from the Post office department saying that an officer from the Air Service with me hanics and helpers would reach the city early next week to arrange for use of the local field just southwest of the city. Gasoline and oil supplies for the postal aviators will be cept at the Iowa City field.

Iowa City is almost exactly half vay between Chicago and Omaha. It is expected that the first planes over the Chicago-Omaha route wil make the trip about January 8.

Slain Man's Widow Refuses

To Give Evidence at Inquest Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 30 .irs. Ruth Provost Brown, the oung widow of J. Stanley Brown, who was shot to death in his automobile on a country road near here week ago, refused to testify at the inquest. Lloyd Prevost, Mrs. Brown's cousin and a close friend to the slain man, also claimed con stitutional immunity and the two witnesses were excused.

Several physicians who performed a post-mortem upon Brown's body agreed that the shots which caused his death were fired from within the automobile, not more than six inches

rom the head. The inquest was adjourned until next Friday. Meantime officials expect to have in custody here Cecile Beatrice Vester, for whom a warrant has been issued, charging murder.

Missouri Crops Grow.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 30.—Missouri's crops in 1919 brought \$505,-408,000, or \$42,552,000 more than in 1918. The total area of corn, wheat and oats for the year was 11,469,000 acres. Total production for these three crops was 251,557,000 bushels. The grand total of Missouri acreage in farm crops was 14,850,360 acres.



HEARINGS OVER MINERS' WAGES TO START JAN. 12

Operators' and Men's Repre-China, will begin a series of revival meetings at 7:30 tonight in the sentatives Advised of Date Grace Baptist church, Tenth and Arbor streets. Mr. Sims will lec-By Commissioners.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Hearings relating to wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry will be started January 12 in Washington president of the United Mine Workers of America, advising them that the first hearing was "for the purpose of having the miners' and operators' scale committees of the Bee Want-Ads Prothis lecture he will speak on his visit to 20 foreign countries de-scribing the people and their cus-

by the commission of three, representative of the miners, operators and public, appointed by President Wilson under the recent coal strike

The commission in announcing its decision to conduct hearings, said that telegrams had been sent to Thomas T. Brewster of St. Louis, chairman of the scale committee of chairman of the scale committee of the central competitive field operators, representing the states of Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania, and to John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Work-

central competitive their respective posi-Opening of the he to permit the miners

work of the special co O., beginning Januar,

Late Street Car Service New Year's Eve

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