

DISARMAMENT PROGRAM TO BE PUT UP TO U. S.

British and Japanese League Members Desire Approval of This Country.

GENEVA, Nov. 23.—The United States will be asked to confirm the League of Nations disarmament program when it is completed, whether America is a member of the league or not, it was stated today from an authoritative source. The present indications, however, are that it will be some time before the league has any definite arrangement for world disarmament.

The proposal for American confirmation is said to have emanated from Japanese and British members of the committee on disarmament, but it apparently meets the approval of a majority of the delegations to the League of Nations assembly meeting as seen in the only solution of the difficulty presented by the fact that the United States is still outside the league.

Delegates expressed the opinion that America, not being a member and not being bound by the resolutions of the assembly and council, would continue to increase her navy and military establishment, thus threwing a military balance for the League members to disarm.

Leading delegates believe that, whatever America's eventual position toward the league may be, public opinion in the United States will force her to forge any program for an extra big navy if the other great powers of the world agree to reduce their navies.

In finding a drawing up a disarmament program may not be completed for a year owing to the complexity of the problem. It is considered certain in some circles, however, that Great Britain and Japan may be especially favored owing to their geographical positions, both being island Empires.

It is probable that the league will yield this up to Germany's army program, because the superb system of German railways permits the speedy removal of troops from one part of the German nation to another for attack.

The league goes further in its recommendations to non-members. The United States will be handicapped on the ground that her great natural and industrial resources would enable her to strike a powerful blow if she developed a militarist spirit.

SCHOOL BERTH TO BE VACANT 30 DAYS LONGER

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The State Board of Education, Mr. Hines submitted the name of Mr. Wredt, REASONS ADVANCED BY SOME.

O. Williams, superintendent of the Indianapolis schools, who could not vote on the appointee today, because he wished to confer with the superintendents of four large Indiana cities' schools regarding the appointment. E. U. Graff, superintendent of the Indianapolis schools, also said he did not desire to vote on the appointee today because only eight of the thirteen members of the board were present.

W. W. Parsons, president of the State Normal School, said he was of the same opinion as Mr. Williams, but stated that of two members not present, Mr. Parsons withdrew his objection. W. E. Stoney, president of Purdue University, said he had confidence in the selection of Mr. Hines and believed the matter should not be held over another forty days as material for the press and a football for politics. He declared the matter should be settled dually at the meeting today.

A motion was made to hold over the appointment until the next meeting of the board. Mr. Graff, Mr. Williams, Archibald M. Hall and Mrs. E. E. Olcott, of North Vernon, voted to hold over the appointment with Mr. Stoney, Mr. Parsons and Clifford Fundenberg, of Huntington, opposing. Mr. Hines was not permitted to vote.

STONE DENOUNCES ACTION OF BOARD.

Vigorous denunciation of the action of the board was voiced by President Stone. He declared the appointment was a matter of vital importance, and should not be delayed.

Superintendent Hines declared he had acted in the best faith in the appointment of a vocational director and had done so only after political pressure had been brought on him for the appointment of certain men in Indiana.

"This is my appointment," he said. "Mr. Hines indicated he would not change his selection, and he was supported by Mr. Stoney and Mr. Parsons.

"I will stick to you until the last button is pulled off my coat," said President Parsons.

Considerable discussion was had over the salary and term of office of the new public school director, his nomination by Mr. Hines. A question arose as to whether the term of office of the vocational director should be one year, or during good behavior. It was pointed out the office should not be made one of political spoils with a change every time there is a change in the State administration.

The matter was finally settled by the statement of Superintendent Hines that he had made the selection for an indefinite term, with a salary of \$5,000 a year.

WREDT ACTING FOR ILLINOIS.

Mr. Wredt, Mr. Hines' selection, is State director of industrial education in Illinois. He holds an A. B. degree from Chicago University and has been connected with vocational work for years. Mr. Hines said he had utmost confidence in Mr. Wredt's ability to hold the office.

Mr. Hines withdrew from the record the four names submitted to the board in the last meeting for the appointment in order to make the record clear. He then presented the name of Mr. Wredt.

For an increase in the State levy for vocational work which was cut down from one-half of a cent to one-fifth of a cent by the State Tax Board, was expressed in the report of the acting vocational director. He said a levy of approximately two-fifths of a cent was needed to carry on the work. His report covered the condition and work of the vocational education department of the State, the report said.

TO ASK MORE OF NEXT ASSEMBLY.

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TWO GIRLS, LURED TO CITY, GO HOME

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CITY COUNCIL MAY REJECT GAS CONTRACT PLAN

Move for New Franchise May Be Called Off in Light of Developments.

alleged to have assisted Lawson, were continued until Dec. 28, as were the charges of drunkenness and operating a business without a permit, against Harry Fletcher, who lives at 16th Avenue and who was waiting in the taxi while the driver went to the rooming house to get the young women.

It was at 3 o'clock Sunday morning that the taxi stopped on the east side of Illinois street and Lawson ran across the street to the rooming house. It was about seven o'clock when Miss Borchers from the rooming house that night, the police allege, the first time being when Lawson took both the Livingston and Belcher girls from the place and put them in a taxicab with two drunken men. The taxi was driven to Riverside Park, according to the police. Liquor was said to have been in the automobile and there was a fight, after which the two girls were brought back to the rooming house.

When Lieutenant McMurry and Sergeant Dunn saw the girls being led from the rooming house to the taxi, they leaped on to the running board of the car and the arrest of Lawson and Fletcher followed. The story told by Miss Borchers was that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sparks, and Lawson had registered as "Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lawson." While his real name is Tharel Lawson, he is better known as Jack.

They had remained at the rooming house three weeks, but immediately after living there girls to whom they are related have engaged two rooms at 3857 West Morris street, but the people living there address became suspicious and ordered the two couples to move.

Lawson has confessed that he wrote the letters which lured the girls to Indianapolis, the police say, but Wright denied that he wrote a letter signed "Harry Sparks," assuring the girls that the statements in Lawson's letters were true. He said that Lawson wrote both letters and wrote the second in a different handwriting so it would fool the girls.

The Federal authorities are holding the taxicab driven by Lawson, as he is alleged to have transported the liquor. Some idea of the type of men into whose power the young women were turned by the promises of wealth and advancement given in Wright's police record, while a divorce needs of Superior Court, Room 2, show something of Lawson's past history.

Wright admitted he had been arrested twice, one time on a charge of breaking into a building at a park and the other for driving a car without a license. The councilman pointed out, however, that a contract specifying the improvements does not include an ironclad agreement that the improvements actually will be made by Dec. 31, 1921, since the whole program is made subject to the ability of the department to keep Indianapolis in the front rank of the morally decent cities of the country, and the new plans should assist in their effort.

There is one thing to which I wish to particularly call the attention of your board at this time. It is the necessity for co-operation of all law-enforcement agencies. This department is anxious to co-operate with the public, upon whom much depends in law-enforcement, and welcomes complaints and information from individuals.

The chief, the lieutenants responsible to the captain, the sergeants responsible to the lieutenants and the patrolmen responsible to the sergeants, a spirit of watchfulness for vice conditions on the part of every member of the department will be engendered, the chief said.

He declined to comment upon the reduction of the heads of two squads, further than to state that there had been some criticism.

SPECIFICATIONS SIGNED BY CHIEF KINNEY.

Charges of conduct unbecoming an officer were filed against Patrolman William B. Bright. Bright was suspended by Chief Kinney. His trial was set for Dec. 10.

Specifications in the charge against Patrolman Bright are as follows:

"In this, that he, the said William B. Bright, on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 20, 1920, after attracting the attention of Mrs. Traub, 40 North Gladstone avenue, the first door south of the residence of said Bright, appeared at a window with his automobile thrown open and shouting to persons inside," said Mrs. Traub.

She was greatly alarmed and said: "I am also reliably informed that this procedure has occurred on other occasions to other persons."

They were signed by Chief Kinney.

Alva T. Lee, Ray C. Standley and Burl Nicholson were appointed patrolmen, Fred Coombs appointed substitute fireman, and the resignation of Substitute Fireman William B. Bright was accepted.

The report of Building Commissioner Walter B. Storn for the week ending Nov. 20, showed ninety-five building permits issued for construction work valued at \$111,000.

MADISON CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

ANDERSON, Ind., Nov. 23.—Reports of the finances of the two leading parties during the last campaign in Madison County show that the Republicans spent \$42,150, as compared with \$1,982 for the Democrats. The Republicans have a balance on hand of \$48.

COUNCIL FEARS BEING MADE GOAT.

Bolded down, the council fears it would be made the goat for poor gas service until such time as the company sees fit to make the proposed plant extensions, which would be in effect, but gives the board no guarantee of a market for a higher gas rate by approving the contract with the provisions that the improvements are to be made subject to the company's ability to finance them.

A definite stand will be taken by the council before the end of this week, Mr. Wilson, who is chairman of the council committee of the whole considering the contract, predicted.

FIGURE HARDING LEAD AT 185,006

James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for President of the United States, lost Indiana to Senator Warren G. Harding, his successful Republican opponent, by a margin of 185,000 votes, according to complete official returns, tabulated in the Secretary of State's office. Official tabulation of the vote for presidential electors at large in Indiana was completed late Monday afternoon.

John Barbasette, Terre Haute, Republican, the first presidential elector at large, and Mrs. E. Landers of Indianapolis, the Democratic first elector at large, by a plurality of 185,000, Mr. Barbasette receiving a total vote of 696,370, while Miss Landers received a total vote of 511,394.

Louis C. Huesmann, the second Republi-

cian elector at large, received a total vote of 606,572, to 505,575 for Paul V. McNutt, the second Democratic elector at large, a plurality of 185,002 for Mr. Huesmann.

Senator Harding led Ed Jackson, candidate for secretary of State of Indiana, who received the highest vote of any candidate on the State ticket, by 9,806.

The total official vote for electors at large follows:

FIRST ELECTOR AT LARGE.

Barbasette (Republican) 696,370
Landers (Democrat) 511,394
Kaiser (Socialist) 24,703
Hollister (Prohibition) 13,462
Korte (Farmer-Labor) 16,296
Bowles (Single Tax) 562

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SECOND ELECTOR AT LARGE.

Huesmann (Republican) 606,572
McNutt (Democrat) 505,575

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THIRTY-EIGHT OF CHRISTMAS GIFT.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 23.—A man of 29 did not prove an acceptable Christmas present for Josephine B. Ley, a bride, 18, who has just obtained a divorce here from her Christmas eve husband, Girlish giggles from the witness stand ended the dignity of the courtroom when the little wife told the story of her short married life and the sudden freezing of her husband's heart.

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PEP MARKS PUSH FOR RED CROSS

Red Cross campaign workers redoubled their efforts today in the canvas for 1921 memberships, and at headquarters it was declared this is expected to be the most popular year ever for the Red Cross in the Indianapolis organization or the alert, the workers stated, and every section of the city that has not already been covered will be visited this week.

The corps of women stationed in the downtown area under the direction of Mrs. Wolf Sussman are continuing at their posts in the public buildings, stores and hotels and their sales have been divided among eight in the last few days, Mrs. Sussman said.

School children from a number of Catholic and public schools applied today for additional supplies, Miss Agnes Cruse, secretary of the local chapter, said. In some schools the pupils are planning to devote the most of their Thanksgiving holiday to Red Cross solicitation.

Miss Cruse said she believes the schools will exceed the 1920 record.

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