

AMERICA NOT REPRESENTED AT SESSION

Geneva Meeting of League of Nations Has No U. S. Observer.

HOOSIER MAY GET POST

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger. WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—America is neither officially nor unofficially represented at the League of Nations assembly meeting now in session at Geneva. Supposedly, current affairs there are being handled by the American ambassador, Dr. H. C. Carter, who is a resident of Switzerland, even after ending his career as United States Minister to Berlin, for he and Mrs. Hill owned a chateau near Lake Geneva. It is more than probable that the former ambassador to Germany will communicate his impressions of the assembly to highly-placed friends in Washington, but if he does so it will be wholly of his own volition and in a strictly informal and private capacity. The State Department, of course, is keenly interested in league developments at Geneva, but purely by way of keeping abreast of international events.

All West Point cadets are now athletes. For the first time in the history of the military academy athletes have been officially introduced into the regular prescribed curriculum. Addition of athletics to the academy course is the direct result of the World War and discovery that Europe's men of letters bred a race of physically perfect sons. Henceforward, West Point graduates not only will be trained athletes, but equipped to act as physical trainers when they leave the academy for the Army.

It has been intimated in official quarters that a new chain of diplomatic appointments may be expected soon. One of the former members of the service who may be re-drafted is Henry Lane Wilson, of Indiana, who was ambassador to Mexico from 1900 to 1903. Mr. Wilson was appointed ambassador to Turkey by President Taft, but was transferred to Mexico before taking charge at the Golden Horn. He is said to aspire now to be sent to Constantinople.

One of the first bills likely to be introduced in Congress when the session is resumed is the foreign service reorganization act, sponsored by Representative John Jacob Rogers of Massachusetts. The bill was drafted to a considerable extent by Robert Peet Skinner, the veteran American consul general at London. Its principal feature is one providing for an amalgamation of the diplomatic and consular services. Under that provision consular officers would become eligible for transfer to the diplomatic branch, as in nearly every other foreign service in the world.

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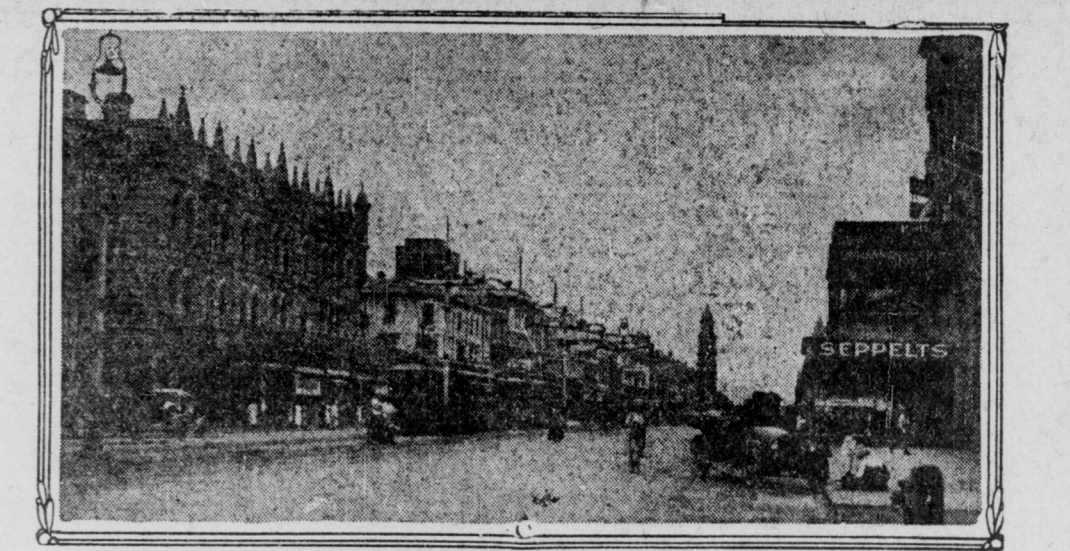
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ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Australia.—When first you step off the train in Adelaide, capital of the state of South Australia, you are struck with the idea that here is a modern city. Its streets are broad, exceedingly so, and down many of them runs a parkway of trees. World travelers assert that Adelaide is laid out in almost duplicate of Turin, Italy.

It is somewhat of a surprise to discover that Adelaide was not laid out within the last few years, that its broad streets and squares are fulfillments of the plan made in 1837 by Col. William Light, who was sent out from England as the first surveyor general. There was a great deal of objection when Light chose the site for the future capital, but he appears to have been a firm man who was convinced the beautiful, rising ground was an ideal spot, even though it was six miles from the best port in the neighborhood.

Residents of Adelaide today are inclined to blame the forethought of Colonel Light. He laid out a tract of land a mile square, and all around it he reserved a strip of woodlands for park reserves, which now are splendid breathing spots for the population of 50,000 in the city proper and four times as many in the suburbs. These park lands total 1,900 acres, while the area of the land enclosed by them is 1,042 acres. Through the center of the city runs a pleasant little stream, the River Torrens, which effectively divides the business part of Adelaide, south of the river, from the residential section.

HERMETER SHOW 110 IN THE SHADE.

Adelaide is 35 degrees south of the equator, about the same distance as Memphis, Tenn., is north of it. It is six miles from the Gulf of St. Vincent and hemmed in by the mountains of the Mt. Lofty range. So it was no surprise to find it very warm there, even in March, which is the beginning of the fall season in Australia. But we were not prepared for the excessive humidity. The average temperature of Adelaide in summer over a period of sixty years has been only 71 degrees. The average winter temperature is 50 degrees. It was somewhat staggering to find the thermometer at 110 degrees in the shade and 20 degrees hotter in the sun. Residents assured us this was unusual; that the summer was rainy, perhaps—such heat would not be out of the ordinary (this is their little joke). However, the official figures revealed that on one day in the city's history the shade temperature was 116 degrees, and that once upon a time, in 1882, the

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torial square, one of the principal squares, one finds most of the buildings in which the offices of the state government are housed. Several blocks north, at the end of King William street, is the governor's city home, surrounded by a neat park. Nearby are the libraries, museum, art buildings and other structures, which have given Adelaide its nickname of the Athens of Australia.

It is hard to realize that in the early days the city was divided into acres which sold at the price of \$3 each, each purchaser being limited to an acre. The site on which the town hall now stands was bought for that price in 1840. Today it is worth \$200,000. The original price was regarded as high in those early days but it was fixed by law as the price of all land, good or bad, in the then colony.

DIVERSIFIED PEOPLE MET ON THE STREETS.

The people that you meet on the streets of Adelaide are a diversified lot, and an ancient "sundowner" or tramp, from the bush and desert districts, is not uncommon enough to attract attention. He comes into town with his "swag," or bundle of clothing, on his back and a tin of food, and he is not averse to a trip to the city, even though it involves many weary miles of trudging on foot.

At certain seasons, just before the beginning of winter, when the tribes of blackfellows, or aborigines, visit Adelaide to get the blankets which the government gives out. They might just as well receive these blankets on the reserves, for the original inhabitants still live in the wild places from choice and prefer a trip to the city, even though it involves many weary miles of trudging on foot.

I saw one of these aborigines, an old man who must have been 70, and who said his white name was Archie Blackmore. He tried to tell me his native name and even made a brave attempt to spell it in English, but we never could get it. He was ragged and unkempt, and his whiskers were flourishing when he first appeared, shrewdly sized up those of us who were sitting on the hotel veranda and then walked on. He passed around his hat. He had made a good collection before the porter spied him and booted him off the steps.

He's got enough now for a good one," said the porter. "In about two hours he'll be back, drunker than a lord, and

boasts both past and present State champion milk cows and the best cow in the State.

Following a stretch of broad asphalt road six miles brings you to Port Adelaide, on the Gulf of St. Vincent, the place through which South Australia ships the bulk of its exports of \$20,000,000 a year and receives its imports of \$23,000,000.

It was in 1852 that the first shipping of any consequence came to Port Adelaide from England by way of Cape of Good Hope.

In those early days Adelaide was the place from which most of the mails for England and the Continent were dispatched and the incoming mails for Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia received. Today the same condition prevails to a large extent, for one of the largest steamship companies which handle the mails make Adelaide a stopping point from which the cherished letters and parcels are dispatched overseas.

Until 1908 the facilities at Port Adelaide were quite inadequate. Big ships were forced to anchor and unload their cargoes to lighter boats. Today they can come right up to wharves, with a total length of 2,300 feet, built on what is known as the Outer Harbor, with an entrance 400 feet wide. The smaller vessels come into the inner harbor, which is really a mouth of a river which some of the early settlers characterized as a miserable little creek. Since those days it has been dredged out until it can be used by fair-sized vessels. The site of Adelaide was chosen more because it was a good place for a city than because of its harbor facilities.

To Port Adelaide and to a half a dozen other suburbs there is maintained a rapid street car and suburban train service. The street cars are modern affairs which only a few years ago replaced the horse-drawn cars which were the first to give a service of this kind in all Australia. Power is obtained from the plant at Port Adelaide, which supplies voltage through two stations which can be operated together or separately if one is put out of commission. The suburban train service is frequent and runs out of the union station at Adelaide over well-ballasted roads. It is said that a few of the 30,000 persons in the metropolitan area of Adelaide and its suburbs need walk more than a mile before they can get a ride into the city. The street car service is operated by the Tram Trust, as it is called, and is governed by a board of eight members, two of whom represent the state government and the others the city and the suburbs.

MANY CHILDREN AND OLD PERSONS NOTICED.

Adelaide's city government is headed by a lord mayor, six aldermen and a dozen councilors from the six wards of the city.

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