

## GENERAL BLISS RIDDLES NEW LEAGUE PLAN

London Editor's Scheme  
Deemed Impractical by Army Man.

Wednesday The Times published a startling interview with Ralph Blumenfeld, editor of the London Express, now in this country. The interview which assailed the present League of Nations and suggested need on to take its place has stirred much discussion. Below are the views of General Tasker H. Monroe, 425 North Colorado avenue, member of the United States army, member of the supreme war council in France during the world war and a member of the American commission to negotiate peace.

By General Tasker Howard Bliss  
In an interview at Colorado Springs, given to the Scripps-Howard Press, Mr. Blumenfeld, editor of the London Express and head of the British journalistic delegation now in the United States, severely criticizes the present league of nations as being hopelessly ineffective and a danger to international relations.

He says, "the idea of the league of nations is beautiful, magnificent, and idealistic, but to achieve a real league of nations you first must eliminate the human factor, which implies human passions, jealousies, false pride, and ambitions."

By no possibility can the influence of the human factor, now or ever, be eliminated from any association of human beings. Of that fact the present league takes due note. In some respects it might be compared to a great financial institution in which many investors, large and small, have taken stock.

### Large Ones Decide Policy

The great powers are the large, the minor powers are the small investors. In the financial institution, just as Mr. Blumenfeld says is the case with the league, the small investors may "clutter up, encumber, balk, obstruct and defer the policies" which the large investors should decide, with "resultant discussion, argument, delay and lack of unanimity."

But in both cases we notice that in the long run it is the large investors who decide the questions of general policy. And in both cases this is accomplished by a frank recognition of the existence of the ineradicable human factor.

And it is accomplished not by refusing the smaller investors their proper share of influence but by giving them a free voice in discussion and argument and a vote proportioned to their amount of stock in the concern. Mr. Blumenfeld assumes great ignorance on the part of the American public when he says that in any matter of essential policy "the votes of Liberia, Nicaragua, etc., are just as potent as the votes of France or Great Britain."

But how does he propose to rid the League of Nations of the "human factor"—human passions, jealousies, false pride, ambitions, intrigues growing out of self-interest, long discussions, delay, etc.? He proposes a new league, to consist solely of six great powers now in the present one.

### Human Factor Prevails

Does he honestly believe that these six powers have not exhibited to the full the influence of the human factor in the functioning of the present league? Does he suppose that they will exhibit it any less in his new league than in the present one?

The marshals declaration and appeal are contained in a statement he issued following the latest episode in a hectic career as the town's police officer—firing of five shots at George Myers, Franklin college freshman, as he drove his car through Edinburg early Sunday. Bullets struck a fender of the car, but Myers was not hurt.

## Dahlia Rivals Beanstalk



This is not Jack's beanstalk. It is a 10-foot Dahlia at the home of Mrs. L. M. Woodward, 420 North Colorado avenue. The little girl, who looks as though she contemplates a climb to the moon, on the plant, is Alma Monroe, 4, of 425 Colorado avenue. Alma is 3 feet 10 inches tall. The gigantic plant has fifty blooms.

## OKLAHOMA MAN JOINS ROBINSON 'LAMPING' MARS

British Scientist Says He Can Go Home Now—Wife Isn't There.

By United Press  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Oct. 27.—Claiming he also has had closer-up visions of Mars, Dr. E. G. Ringland, millionaire physician and minister, has challenged Dr. Mansfield Robinson of London to a comparison of reports on psychic communication between the earth and the far-away planet.

"There will be many scoffers," Dr. Ringland told the United Press, "but I have proof of these visions which I will present in confidence to any fair-minded committee."

The Oklahoma doctor, who is 83 years old, said he first observed Mars by psychic vision early the morning of Feb. 10, 1897, and that since that vision he has made numerous observations.

### She'll Publish His Book

By United Press  
LONDON, Oct. 27.—Dr. Hugh Mansfield Robinson, who unsuccessfully attempted to send a message of love to his friends on the planet Mars early Tuesday morning has explained a few things in an interview.

Dr. Robinson's ability to explain things is remembered from his explanation of life on Mars, which his ethereal wife visited in company with a sweet-faced and big-eared Martian woman, Oomaruru, who explained to him that Martians could receive high-powered wireless messages from the earth.

### Explains Wife's Attitude

The experimenter was explaining his wife's attitude on Dr. Robinson's friendship for Oomaruru.

"My wife's opposition," said the man who learned about the women of Mars from Oomaruru, "is confined to our home, which she says must not be turned into a Martian experimental station."

He continued in a firm voice.

"As proof of this fact," he said, "she has agreed to pay \$1,000 toward the cost of publishing my book on Mars!"

This triumphal expression was followed by a rather significant silence.

"There is only one condition," Dr. Robinson continued at last. "That is that I will not mention Mars in the book."

### He Can Go Home Now

"My wife blames me," the experimenter went on, "for getting talked about in the newspapers. I think this is funny because it is her turn to get talked about now."

"She is annoyed by reporters," he said, "who awaken her at midnight to ask where I am listening in on Mars. No doubt, she lost her temper."

"A friend wired me that it is all right for me to return now," he continued. "He said I could return home tonight, but I understand that my wife is going to the continent to recuperate."

## AIDS U. S. 36 YEARS

Collector Has Long Record of Service.

Alfred H. Johnson, 77, of 644 East Thirteenth street, deputy customs collector, today completed thirty-six years of government service.

His first government service was as Indianapolis superintendent of the postoffice money order division, which position he held for three and a half years. He left government service. Four years later he became a clerk in the customs department, serving under Collectors George G. Tanner, Arch. A. H. Young, Baron Rothchild, Dr. T. E. Stuckey, John A. Roys and George M. Foland, the present collector.

Born in Hillsdale, Mich., he attended Hillsdale college. He graduated in 1873. For the last twelve years he has been a Delta Tau Delta alumni delegate to national conventions. He also is a charter member of the alumni association, and active member of the Mystic Tie lodge. He was University Club secretary ten years, and has been Indianapolis Country Club secretary-treasurer twenty-five years.

### FARM VALUES DROP

Stump Avers Billion Dollar Decrease in State During 1925.

BERNE, Ind., Oct. 27.—"A billion dollar drop in the value of Indiana farms in 1925 in comparison with the World war period, spells the critical condition of Hoosier agriculture," Albert Stump, Democratic nominee for United States senator, declared here Friday night.

"Farm prosperity is a myth," Stump asserted. "Twenty thousand farms have been abandoned in the last five years. The farmer is one of the best markets for manufactured products. When the farmer finds that he has little or no money to buy manufactured products, then employment in the cities suffer."

"It is a circle, and there must be equality of economic opportunity to assure prosperity to every one."

### PAVING JOBS AWARDED

Contracts Let for Widening of Capitol Avenue.

Indiana Asphalt Paving Company and Marion County Construction Company today were awarded contracts to widen Capitol Avenue to sixty feet between Washington and Sixteenth streets.

The Indiana firm received the contract for the work between Washington and New York streets for \$26,769 and the Marion County Company the other sections for \$64,000.

City Engineer A. M. Moore said work may be postponed until spring because of difficulties in laying asphalt in winter.

Two-Day Celebration

The Lively Corner Business Men's two-day celebration will end tonight at Beloit and Thirteenth streets.

Various contests were staged by business men in the association. Eugene D. Kirklin was in charge of ceremonies.

### SIXTY DIE IN WRECK

Toll of Crash in Rumania Tragedy Growing.

By United Press  
LONDON, Oct. 27.—The latest toll in the wreck of two passenger trains at Recea, Rumania, Friday was placed at sixty today in a dispatch to Daily News from Vienna.

The newspaper said forty-seven persons seriously were injured. Twenty-seven of the dead have been identified as Rumanians.

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