

WATSON ATTACKS LEAGUE PLAN IN BOSTON ADDRESS

Sections of Covenant Flayed by Indiana Senator—Urges Private Rail Ownership.

BOSTON, Mass., March 29.—Nearly 400 members of the New England Street Railway Club gathered last night in the Copely Plaza for their nineteenth annual banquet, cheered Senator James E. Watson of Indiana to the echo as he set forth the grounds of his opposition to the terms of the league of nations covenant as originally formulated, and in a review of the railroad situation came out emphatically as the champion of private ownership against government ownership.

Senator Watson began his address by outlining the railroad situation from the time when conditions made it necessary for the government to take over the roads. "It has cost this country \$1,600,000,000 more to run the railroads under government operation," he said, "than it did under private operation. Where did we get the money? We not only voted an appropriation of \$500,000,000 for the revolving fund, but Mr. McAdoo increased all freight rates 25 per cent. Interstate rates in many cases were increased as much as 600 per cent on short hauls. A tremendous wrong was done by that horizontal increase. Passenger rates were also increased 50 per cent. Yet in January there was a deficit of \$75,000,000.

Fears Political Control. "I am opposed to any extension of government operation. I believe when the twenty-one months have expired the railroads should go back to private ownership and private management, because government operation always means less efficiency and greater cost. I have always looked upon this as a round-about scheme to bring in government ownership, which means political ownership and would bring on other kinds of ownership, including land ownership."

Turning to the league of nations issue, Senator Watson said: "I am against this constitution because, while ostensibly formulated to preserve peace, eight of its articles legalize war and four of them compel it; because it confers upon the executive council the literal domination of the world and gives England control of the council, because it makes no provision for the election by the people or by the people's congress for the selection of our one representative in that council, but leaves him to executive choice only."

"Because it permits a foreign body to suggest the size of our army, and if that suggestion be adopted, to prevent the increase of our military force no matter how great the emergency that confronts us."

Opposes Use of Troops. "Because it enables the executive council arbitrarily to fix the number of troops we shall furnish in any difficulty that may occur anywhere on earth, place them wherever it pleases, keep them there as long as it likes and compel us to pay all the expenses incident to the enterprise."

"Because it places our troops under the command of any person it sees fit to elect."

"Because it empowers the council to levy an assessment upon us for any sum it may be necessary to exact to defray the expense of any military expedition upon which it may determine to embark."

"Because it makes immigration, taxation and tariff international and domestic questions."

"Because it transfers at least a portion of our sovereignty to foreign control, strikes down a number of the provisions of our constitution, abrogates the Monroe Doctrine and undermines to that extent the independence of the government of the United States."

"Because it immediately thrusts us into all the quarrels of all the nations of the earth and invites them to participate in settling all our difficulties; it means that the wages of our laboring people shall be reduced in order to 'equalize' them with the wages paid our competitors abroad."

"I am opposed to it because under two of its sections Japan would be enabled to force her people upon us or else compel us to go to war with all the other members of the league."

Whitewater to Entertain Returned Service Men

Whitewater service men will be honored at a reception to be held there Friday night, April 4. All men who are home from service overseas or in camps are to be guests. Big preparations are being made for the affair. Frank T. Strayer of Richmond, who served in France for several months, will speak on his experiences.

The Christian church and Christian Sunday school are in charge of the affair. Fred Wallace is chairman of the church board, and chairman of committee.

A musical program will be given and several returned soldiers will speak.

All returned soldiers, their families and friends are invited.

INDIANA Briefs

INDIANAPOLIS—A young woman, believed to be Elva Dickinson, of Rushville, committed suicide by drinking poison in the basement of the traction terminal station. She left a note saying she was tired of life.

HUNTINGTON—What became of a 20-foot cement bridge south of Roanoke, during the high water last week? The county road superintendent and the commissioners are wondering. Nothing is left, but a large hole where the bridge stood. It is thought it was swallowed by quicksand.

TERRE HAUTE—Mrs. John Manion, wife of the secretary of Deep Vein Coal Company, was killed, Manion was seriously injured, and five other persons were hurt when Manion's touring car ran into a streetcar.

MARION—Twenty cents in conscience money has been received by the Union Traction company from a woman in Fairmount, who wrote that she had defrauded the company, and did not want to keep the money to keep her out of heaven.

SHELBYVILLE—Letters received from members of the 15th Field Artillery, an Indiana outfit, now on duty in Germany, say that several deaths have occurred in the regiment from influenza recently.

COLUMBUS—Odo Boyer, plowing on the site of the old fair grounds east of Columbus, uncovered a wallet containing about \$200 in gold and a big roll of greenbacks.

EVANSVILLE—George Steiner, wealthy farmer, living near here, was seized with an attack of heart disease and fell in front of an interurban car he had flagged. He was instantly killed.

EVANSVILLE—Seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of draperies from the imperial palace in Peking, China, stored in the court house have disappeared. At the same time, the butterfly collection of H. G. Evans, valued at \$5,000, is also missing. The draperies were a gift from the Emperor of China to the late Charles Denby of this city, who for twelve years was American ambassador to China.

Masonic Calendar

Monday, March 31—Richmond Commandery No. 8 K. T. rehearsal.
Tuesday, April 1—Richmond Lodge No. 196 F. & A. M., stated meeting.
Wednesday, April 2—Webb Lodge No. 24 F. & A. M., called meeting. Work in Master Mason degree, commencing at 6 o'clock.
Thursday, April 3—Loyal Chapter No. 49 O. E. S., stated meeting. Initiation of candidates.

Cincinnati Man in Charge G. O. P. "Listening Post"

CHICAGO, March 29.—Captain Victor Heintz of Cincinnati, named by Chairman Will Hays of the Republican national committee to take charge of the "listening post" for the middle west, opened headquarters here today. Captain Heintz was a member of congress from the Second Ohio district when the war broke out. He resigned and entered the army.

Bethel, Ind.

Protracted meetings are being held here by the Rev. Roy L. Brown. Herschel Little who has been in the navy for the last seven years, is home on a ten days' furlough. Lowell Little, the brother of Herschel and a son of O. H. Little of Richmond, spent Tuesday with Corp. Forest C. Boren, who just returned from France. Lowell Little was in the navy. . . . Manfred White, who is ill, went to Richmond Wednesday, to spend a few days with Perry Williams. Mr. and Mrs. George Fromholt of Newark, Ohio, spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Horn. . . . Mrs. C. E. Anderson is spending a day in Richmond with relatives. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Spencer spent Thursday with Mrs. Spencer's mother, Mrs. Young, of New Paris, Ohio. . . . Forest Boren spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Lafa White. . . . Berl Hyde and family and Miss Wyvona Hyde and Dale Roberts were guests Sunday of Mr. Jehu Boren and family. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hyde and C. C. Hyde and son Harold of Richmond called in the afternoon. . . . Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Thompson and Mrs. Sarah Anderson were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lafa White. . . . Miss Crystal Gibbs of near Arba, spent Wednesday with Miss Wyvona Hyde. . . . Raymond Knoll who is home from France, and Nina Love and Florence Boren were entertained at supper Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Everett White. . . . Mrs. Clem Moore spent Saturday and Sunday with Joe Harlan and family in Richmond. . . . Mrs. John Money and Mrs. Grant Moore spent from Friday until Monday with Mrs. Money's sister at Sidney, Ohio. . . . Mrs. Jerry Evans, Mrs. Charles Patterson, Mrs. Jerry Miller and son Omar Miller spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Thompson. Mr. Miller is home from Camp Shelby on a furlough. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Spencer and H. L. Welch and family were entertained Sunday at the home of K. D. Coffield.

Ohio News in Flashes

CLEVELAND—A boatman who struck a match at the Cleveland Yacht club near a barrel of gasoline started a fire which caused \$50,000 loss. At the same time a fire which burned four buildings, with a loss of \$100,000, was raging downtown.

WARREN—Arrest of Albert Hunter, 18, and Lawrence Harkelrode, 20 years old, both Warren boys who saw service in the world war has cleared up a mysterious series of robberies in this city, say police.

COLUMBUS—Senator Howell Wright, of Cleveland, testified before the bribery investigation committee that Senator Frank Delehanty of Cleveland had approached him with \$2,000 not to speak against the bill regulating chiropractors.

ELYRIA—Several thousand dollars' worth of jewelry and watches were stolen at noon today when thieves broke into the Harry S. Burr jewelry store while Burr was at lunch.

SPRINGFIELD—Five persons were injured, none seriously, in a head-on collision of an interurban passenger and freight car near Springfield.

CINCINNATI—J. W. Ingalls, 50 years old, of Indianapolis, was found dead in an elevator shaft pit here. The elevator had descended on him several times, and his skull was crushed and his right leg broken.

REPORT INDIAN UPRISING

BUENOS AIRES, Friday, March 28.—A general Indian uprising in Formosa province is reported and it is said that one tribe has sacked the fort at Yunka, killing the garrison of two non-commissioned officers and fifteen soldiers. The Indians escaped taking horses, munitions and supplies from the fort, according to report.

House Praises Norway For Attitude in War

PARIS, March 29.—Norway was praised as a friend of the entente by Col. E. M. House, when the Norwegian delegation on the league of nations was presented to him today by Leon bourgeois, French member of the league of nations commission. "No neutral nation gave the entente more help than Norway," Col. House told the delegation. "Were Christians not so remote from the center of European activities," Col. House added, "that city would have been suggested as the seat of the league of nations."

WITH THOSE IN ARMY AND NAVY

This column, containing news of Richmond and Wayne county soldiers and sailors, will appear daily in the Palladium. Contributions will be welcomed.

Ivan Ohmit, of Cambridge City, has notified his family that he arrived at Newport News last Saturday on the battleship, Connecticut.

Delmar Lancy, of this city, has arrived in New York following several months' service overseas.

Howard Putnam has telegraphed to relatives in Richmond that he has landed at New London, Conn.

"Tow" Ashinger, who has seen active service with 37th Division, is expected to arrive in Richmond today. Another brother returned this week from Toller Field, where he has been stationed for several months.

J. C. Hampton is spending a short furlough in the city. Hampton is stationed on a U. S. battleship.

Martin Harrison has written relatives here that he is now in Coblenz,

Germany, with the American Army of Occupation.

Willard Nearon, who as a member of the 148th Infantry band, played during the re-entry of King Albert of Belgium into Brussels, has landed in New York according to word received by Mrs. Nearon, 2225 North F street.

Nearon saw active service at the front in the Argonne, at Barracat, St. Mihiel, the Meuse and in Franders.

Mrs. Nearon says her grandmother has a service flag with sixteen stars in it representing her sixteen grandsons in the service. One grandson died enroute to France; the others are reported in good health.

"We don't have to get up in the morning here until we get ready, and we're here for seven days of that pleasure," writes Noble Ashcraft from a summer resort in the Alps in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Anna Moore, 806 North I street.

"It is warm around the hotels and grounds, but we can see the snow capped mountains everywhere," he writes. "It is sure a beautiful place and we come and go as we like. When we want to sleep we sleep, and when we want to eat, we eat. We are going to climb tomorrow. They have efficient guides to help you around and show you everything."

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Himes, of 1203 Northwest Fifth street, have received word from their son, Private Howard L. Himes, who is stationed with Ambulance Co. 158 at Mars-LaTour, in France, stating that he is well. He believes that it probably will be several months before he gets back to the United States. Himes went over last September, and received his first letter January 17.

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Boy Scouts of World Will Celebrate Signing of Peace

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Mar. 29.—The suggestion of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, head of the British Boy Scouts, that the millions of Boy Scouts throughout the world celebrate the signing of peace by a world-wide chain of bon-fires, has been adopted by the Boy Scouts of America, it was announced here today by the national headquarters of the organization. The 267,093 Boy Scouts

in the United States will light great fires in all sections of the country on the night the treaty is signed and hold appropriate ceremonies.

Fire will be taken beforehand from the statue of Liberty in New York Harbor and the flame will be carried as far as possible in starting the "liberty beacons," the announcement said.

The use of electrical goods in Brazil is steadily growing.

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