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PRESIDENT WILSON EXPLAINS COVENANT

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ordinary circumstances. "Article 21 is new. "The second paragraph of article 22 inserts the words with regard to mandatories, and who are willing to accept it, this explicitly introducing the principle that a mandate can not be forced upon a nation unwilling to accept it.

"Article 23 is a combination of several former articles and also contains the following:

"A clause providing for the just treatment of aborigines, a clause looking toward a prevention of the white slave traffic and the traffic in opium, and a clause looking toward progress in international prevention and control of disease.

"Article 25 specifically mentions the Red Cross as one of the international organizations which are to connect their work with the work of the league.

"Article 26 permits the amendment of the covenant by a majority of the states comprising the assembly, instead of three-fourths of the states, though it does not change the requirement in that matter with regard to the vote in the council.

"The second paragraph of article 26 is also new, and was added at the request of the Brazilian delegation in order to avoid certain constitutional difficulties. It permits any member of the league to dissent from an amendment, the effect of such dissent being withdrawal from the league."

"And the annex is added giving the names of the signatories of the treaty, who become members, and the names of the states invited to accede to the covenant. These are all the changes, I believe, which are of moment.

"Mr. President: I take the opportunity to move the following resolutions in order to carry out the provisions of the covenant. You will notice that the covenant provides that the first secretary-general shall be chosen by this conference. It also provides that the first choice of the four member states who are to be added to the five great powers on the council is left to this conference.

"I move, therefore, that the first secretary-general of the council shall be the Honorable Sir James Eric Drummond, and, second, that until such time as the assembly shall have selected the first four members of the league to be represented on the council in accordance with article 4 of the covenant, representatives of Belgium, Brazil, Greece and Spain shall be members; and, third, that the powers to be represented on the council of the league of nations are required to name representatives who shall form a committee of nine to prepare plans for the organization of the league and for the establishment of the seat of the league and to make arrangements and to prepare the agenda for the first meeting of the assembly, this committee to report both to the council and to the assembly of the league.

"I think it not necessary to call your attention to other matters we have previously discussed—the capital significance of this covenant; the hopes which are entertained as to the effect it will have upon steadying the affairs of the world and the obvious necessity that there should be a concert of the free nations of the world to maintain justice in international relations, the relations between people and between the nations of the world.

"If Baron Makino will pardon me for introducing a matter which I absent-mindedly overlooked, it is necessary for me to propose the alteration of several words in the first line of article 5. Let me say that in several parts of the treaty, of which this covenant will form a part certain duties are assigned to the council of the league of nations. In some instances it is provided that the action they shall take shall be by a majority vote. It is, therefore, necessary to make the covenant conform with the other portions of the treaty by adding these words. I will read the first line and add the words:

"Except where otherwise expressly provided in this covenant, or by the terms of this treaty, decisions at any meeting of the assembly or of the council shall require the agreement of all the members of the league represented at the meeting."

"Except where otherwise expressly provided in this covenant," is the present reading, and I move the addition "or by the terms of this treaty." With that addition, I move the adoption of the covenant."

THIS WOULD MAKE GOOD MOVING PICTURE STORY

Here is a Story That Reads Like a Novel But It Is Sent Out as the Truth.

High Point, N. C., May 1.—Following the receipt of a number of threatening "black hand" letters, Mrs. Charles W. Pratt, of 518 English street, was fired on Wednesday by a man riding a motorcycle past her home, the bullet penetrating several folds of her dress and inflicting a slight flesh wound. When it is considered that the motorcycle was traveling at an excessive rate of speed the fact that Mrs. Pratt was struck is all the more remarkable. The shooting followed some highly interesting and more or less myster-

ious happenings that started on April 1, according to county authorities, which had for their purpose the extortion of money from the husband of the woman, foreman in the plant of the Southern Mirror company, or her two very well-off uncles, who are engaged in the cotton manufacturing business.

Try as they can, officials cannot unearth any cause for the attempt on the life of Mrs. Pratt, forecasted in a number of letters received since the first of the month, other than that it was the natural result of exasperation caused by the inability of the three men who have been annoying her to get her in their possession. April 1 Mrs. Pratt received a typical black hand letter ordering her to go to the eastern part of the city. She sent her husband, the writer of this and subsequent let-

ters, all bearing the cancellation marks of the local postoffice, before the substitution of the husband and called it to Mrs. Pratt's attention.

The initial letter was at first thought to have been an "April fool" joke, but continued happenings soon dispelled this idea. At various times Mrs. Pratt was ordered to do this and that and just a few days ago finally recognized the three men, she informed the authorities, who had been annoying her by letter, spoken word and telephone. Deputy Sheriff J. E. Wagner was summoned to the family home a few days ago and left his automobile some distance away. A man had previously called and asked if Mr. Pratt was alone. She was and so informed the man. In the meantime the deputy sheriff arrived and the telephone rang again. Mrs.

Pratt was informed that the man doing the talking did not intend to be caught in a trap.

Last Saturday the final letter arrived. Mrs. Pratt was told to be in the parlor of a certain Greensboro Hotel Easter Monday morning, also "life will be short and death will be sure." She didn't go. Monday and Tuesday she noticed the three men pass her house frequently, riding in an automobile which bore no state license number. Wednesday they passed and one of them, noticing her on the porch, asked if she were alone. She answered in the affirmative and a few minutes later one of the men, described as being of slender build and having a moustache, passed on the motorcycle. He fired one shot. Motorman Brindle, on a passing street car, is said by the authorities to have been a wit-

ness to the happening.

Careful and continued search has failed to disclose any information as to the identity of the three men, said by Mrs. Pratt to be strangers. Investigation at garages and among automobile men has been fruitless and there is an air of mystery surrounding the entire case. Mrs. Pratt is said by officials to be about 32 years of age and is the mother of two children. She enjoys a good reputation and has made her home here for years.

Kidnaping for ransom is the present theory of the case held by sheriff's officers.

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