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you are doing.

Philadelphia, March 20.

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President.

Has Confidence in President

To the Editor of the Evening Public

"Best Thing Yet Suggested"

Sir-We are in favor of a league of

#### POLL ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS REVEALS VARIED VIEWS our individualism as a nation. However, the underlying principle for

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away with dominant power by any one of the great nations of the earth." He thinks the United States is powerful shough, with the support of such a feague, to prevent any alliance of ustions from repeating the attempts at aggression made by the Central European powers.

Among those women who favored th league was Mrs. William R. Baundell, of 523 South Forty-eighth street.

"There seems to be no question on either side as to the clear purpose of the covenant establishing a league of nations," she said. "The objections which have been made against the league, in my opinion, fail to take into consideration the great single purpose of the league, which is to unite the world in advocacy of peace. I believe the league of nations will help to prevent war."

At the Ritz-Carlton Hotel forty eight men and seventeen women-a total of sixty-five-were in favor of the es tablishment of the league-of-nations covenant as outlined at Paris, which thirty-three men and eleven women-a

total of forty-four-opposed. W. M. Butler, who is connected with a firm in Market street near Thirteenth, favored the league because he thought the United State alone was capable of preventing the nations of Europe from attacking each other in the future The 'old sores" of Europe, he said. not be healed for generations. But the peoples of Europe would refrain from war, he believed, if they knew that the strength of this country' would be used against the aggressor.

J. J. Fanning, a jeweiry manufacturer, favored the lengue of untions because "believes in the President." President Wilson, he thought, had shown nimself the great leader in the movement for world peace.

Fears for Monroe Doctrine

J. A. Goewey, another manufacturer of jewelry, opposed the league because he thought such a covenant would di-rectly affect immigration to this coun-try. He also thought the Monroe Doctrine would be affected when a preponderance of the international powers voted to oppose the United States. European nations were called "grasp-ing" and "grafters" by W. B. Sharp, formerly second lieutenant in the 101st Machine-gun Battalion of the Twentysixth Division, who served eighteen months on the battlefields of France. For this reason, he said, he opposed more that the league of nations.

avenue, West Philadelphia, and daughter, Miss May Keene, opposed the plan for a league on the ground that LEAGUE PLAN GOOD. such a covenant has no place in a peace "It seems to me," said Mrs. K

"that the first duty of the United States is to establish a permanent peace with Germany. Then, with all the nations of the world entering, the question of The world entering, to preserve peace international league to preserve peace said Lieutenant James A. Cuozzo, who of 1502 Sanson street. should be taken up."

given by Joseph E. Milburn, of New York city, a former clergyradn, who said : think this is the first grear step toward world."

## HOLDS LEAGUE RIGHT

**Provisions of Covenant** to Prevent Future Wars

The league of nations will be ad ministered by an executive council and a permanent secretariat. The executive council shall consist of representatives of the United

States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, with four representatives of other states. Nonmembership nations upon

giving guarantees of their intention to observe the league's laws shall be admitted. Members are required to submit disputes to the executive council

which may refer the problems to an International court of justice If a disputant fails to accept the award the executive council shall decide on measures necessary to enforce it. These may take the follows

form of a severatice of diplomatic relations, an economic blockade or use of armed forces under direction of the executive council. The executive council shall for mulate plans for reduction of ar-

maments to the lowest point consistent with national safety. Private manufacture of war materials will be prohibited.

position as follows:

German colonies in the Pacific and Africa shall be placed under protectorates of nations best suited politically and geographically to administer them. Certain former Turkish territories shall be given the impefit of profectorates on the basis of self-determination. The league shall secure and main-

tain freedom of transit and equitable treatment for the commerce of all member nations. All previous obligations entered into by member nations inconsistent with the laws of the league

## are abrogated.

of being a Republican or a Democrat. We have re-It is a time to say whether you're for or against world beace. I am for it." orld peace. 1 am for it." John L. Balley, who has been (aptain John L Balley, who made for master of ships in mastwise trade for more than twenty years and who has more than twenty years and who has way. There a in this league, that in any co of the earth, Ir は京瀬 the league of nations. "France today," he said, "is trying to grab the west bank of the Bhme. Eng-iand proposes to dominate the world peace councils by giving each of her colonial possessions a vote. The whole My boys feel as 1 do. 1 think," he give

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## MAKE TREATY FIRST. LIEUTENANT THINKS

At the Hotel Vendig twenty-two ner-

A. F. MacArthur, of MacArthur served in France with the medical corps, Brothers Company, favored the league of mations is not when we are because he considered it is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speaking races can come to an agreement we should actle our neace treaty is a step in the speak form, or as it may is it is in its present form, or as it may be effective throughout the civilized first and independently of anything else.

also favored the league. "It will be a preventative for future tions, wars," he said, "and, once established,

BECAUSE WILSON DOES it can be changed as the constitution tion of the league of nations has been matter what its defect, I believe that of God, and the brotherhood of man of the United States has been changed." urged too precipitately. We are asked we should give the proposed league a Right worthy welcome!

SALESMAN ADVISES



Ballots Pour Into Evening Public Ledger Office by Mail, Messenger and in Person-Varied Opinions Given in Support and

### **Opposition of World Covenant**

By mail, by messenger and in person, this inspiration which may, or may not Philadelphians yesterday responded to have influenced him in his vote:

The first bailot published by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, casting more than 200 Yotes. Of these 125 were brought per-sonally into offices of this newspaper. Two of the voters, in a burst of en-Two of the voters, in a burst of en-

husiasm, drifted into poetry while

Ihusiasm, drifted into poetry while registering their ballots.
In addition to the voice cast - 168 for and 48 against the league of ng-lions there were numerous letters which will be printed from time to time
My Grandpa ate no lobster stews. Nor rode to work in auto cars. Nor smoked the good Havan cigars. Nor smoked the good Havan cigars. What's good enough for Grandpep is good. Why bother the Bolshevik, he does not bother me?

as the straw vote progresses. The prize experience thus far by an Evenino Public LEDGER canvasser oc-curred yesterday, when he was accosted by a mysterious stranger at the corner of Lawrence and Norris streets. The ing.

tions plan because I believe it will im-main the sourceignty of our country, while at the same time making it im-results for the limited States to avoid possible for the United States to avoid neck, clutched the reporter's sleeve and ecoming embroiled in all the European said huskily and its treatment of Reed!

"Give this poem to the league of naontroversies of the future. Another opponent of the plan, A. W. tions." Hayes, of Wayne, Pa., recorded his op-Then he disappeared. The reporter

sition as follows: opened the crumpled paper which had "I should like to record my vote un-been handed him, and this is what he comisingly against the league of read;

ations. If amendments are made they Schale and not by the President." On the other hand. Henry Williams, 518 thestnut street went on record in favor of the league as follows. Sin Please resister and by Conference Why, I.'' said the hare. 'You're a liar, twas me!'' Chorise Load the hitle mapple with self-sufficient glee. Not the favor of the league as rormed by Conference the difference in the sense that an analysis of certain sections and the hare. 'You're a liar, Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the sense that an analysis of the whole. Sin Please resister and the sense that an analysis of the sense that a Sir-Flease register in the soulirel: "No, 1:" buzzed league of nations program as it will be To the Editor of the Evening Public favor of the league, as follows-· No.-"Yes, i favor the league of nations, ith or without the proposed agree-Came eche.

Then up creaked the builtrog ablinkin' in must have the league now or never, and no body of men could ever draw up a plan which would suit every one. So let us have what is decided upon by Walter Sonnebert, 147 West Durham Penta, Pa., in sending in his vote favoring the league of nations, added

the obstacles which are seen now may be smoothed away after the league has been formed.

been formed. J. D. Lewis, a mining superintendent of Shenandoah, Pa., said he opposed the league because he believed it would from us too much money" and because the nations of Europe "arent's thinking of our interests. We have reached the point today." said Mr. Lewis, "where we are an abso-said Mr. Lewis, "where we are an abso-said Mr. Lewis, "where we are an abso-tion of the matter for the average

r Lewis "where we are an abso-independent mation-independent plicated a matter for the average ry way. There are many insin-American citizen to take over in addi-in this lengue. For example, I tion to his other burdens. I am in

In this league, For example, I then to his other burdens. I am in favor of staying at home and attending to our own business and letting the need as an independent nation-statistic earth, tream should be to our own business and letting the favor of staying at home and attending to our own business and letting the need as an independent nation-statistic earth, the statistic earth of the of other nations to drag us into war

LEAGUE GIVES HOPE.

## PHYSICIAN DECLARES

sons were in favor of the establishment tions should be made independently of Samaritan Hospital, was strongly in fa-That any covenant of a league of ngthe treaty of peace with Germany is vor of the league of nations because he March 21. "I think the league should be adopted," the view of W. G. t'ulbert, a salesman. Vor of the league of nations because the believes that it is a step toward peace.

ragged ends of the covenant seem to lose as it is in its present form, or as it may first and independently of anything else. Then, when we have ample time for its consideration, we should take up the peace which is practicable. Sight of the greater aim, which is the establishment of a system for universal peace which is practicable. Max Eck, head walter of the Vendig, consideration, we should take up the peace which is practicable.

"I believe that in the league of na- How fortunate we mortals be, to have question of a covenant of a league of nations this dream of universal amity clear minded soul as President Wilson.

"It seems to me that the whole ques-may, in part, be realized. Therefore, no Hall to the dawn of the fatherhood

which the league covenant is merely a governing power, is highly esteemed by me and am certain that the revised covenant will be the prestage of uni-H. W. Klinedinst. versal peace. LEAGUE OF NATIONS U. of P. Dorms, Phila., March 21,

Back "Big Mr. Taft"

Ledger: Sir-Say "yes" for me. I hold exactly

nations, having entire confidence in our THOMAS A. HILLIER, BLANCHE A. HILLIER. dence for this emergency, as truly as the homefolks, To the Editor of the Evening Public Washington and Lincoln in their day and age. What a splendid attitude the two

Sir-I surely sympathize with Mr. "Ledgers" take! Wilson in his effort to get peace on a REV. CARLOS T. CHESTER. firmer basis. The league of nations Wyncote, March 20. seems the best thing yet suggested. It

is not perfect, of course. Still, it is an **One Little Point Explained** earnest effort at a definite understandthe Editor of the Evening Public

Ledger: Sir-Kindly record my vote against the league of nations. This is a national question, not a political one. If you I am decidedly in favor of it until something better is suggested. The obstructive tactics of certain so-called are taking an accurate polling, may I statesmen seem ill-advised and untimely. Ask why three members of this house-hold—who were in the centre of the city all day-saw no Ledger representa-M. A. POST. Wayne, Pa. Congratulations for the good work

(Ledger representatives spent certain set times in populous places. No at-tempt has been made to cover every corner. The polling is not "accurate" in the sense that an election is accurate But, we think, it is accurate in the sense that an analysis of certain sections Favors League as Formed by Conference

Pardon the introduction, I

Ledger: Sir-I have read and reread an "Guess again" from the drawn by the Peace Conference. We

CARL T. MATTESON.

article in the Evening Ledger of even date signed by a person calling himself Milan E. Hawkins, 104 East Twentyninth street, New York, and I fail to the able men in Paris who are giving find where he has answered your questheir best efforts to this great work, and let us demand it be accepted withtion as to how he stands on the league of nations. I may be duil of compre-hension, but I take his remarks as be-ing centered on the Prohibition question. out any delay. F. C. LITTLEHALES. 1339 Pine street, March 21.

All Must Back the Law

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger am for the league of nations Sir if it is made the way all international ers or boose makers cabarets; neither I am in laws are made. And when the trouble am I a night prowler, rounder or an come let every one that signs it live up idler. My ancestry was Scotch, so I

Thomas Barnes. to it Carbon, Pa., March 20. Warns Against Haphazard Action

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I cannot help but feel that to

> hibitionist, a radical whose mind to say hibitionist, a radical whose links to any the least, is very narrow. Where he has talked to scores of people of the thought

the use of his beloved tobacco, tea. coffee or milk, all of which can be JOHN C. BAILEY, 1702 Green street. abused and are abused the same as liquor? What does restraint do to a man? Are we to be dressed up in kimonos and given knitting to do o Hail to the Dawn

help M. E. Hawkins in building blocks article written by Harry C. Cope as a HARRY G. LARISH.

Philadelphia, March 20.

Wants U. S. to Have Five Votes To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-I did not meet a single reporter

vote no on league of nations. First.

# NEW SPRING BOOKS

#### THE MARINES' OWN BOOK A PIQUANT HEROINE

"Dear Folks at Home" Tells an Interest. Desiree Shares "A Beloved Sinner" ing Story in Fighters' Letters

With Some Other Interesting Folk Desiree Hasard is as piquant and lov-

At last there is published "The To the Editor of the Evening Public Marines' Own Book." Newspaper dis- able a heroine as reviewers have met patches have sung the glory of the in many a novel. Jeremy Vyse and heroic Leathernecks who lived up to Leander Wing both idolize and idealthe position of big Mr. Taft-every way every tradition of the service at Chateau- ize her, see her without fault or flaw. big. The fate of the world is hanging Thiery. Solssons and Belleau Wood. They insist, despite her candor of asseron this league of peace. I deeply feel, But it remains for the fighting men tion that she is a fallible, very human and all my intuitions make me sure that themselves to give the intimate picture girl. For the matter of that her father, Mr. Wilson has been raised up by provi- of life at the front in their letters to Noll Hasard, the ascetic Anglican clergyman, absorbed in the restoration of

liancy.

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It is a portrait of intense realism that St. Osyth's historic church beauties, also the marines have painted in the letters finds her faultiess, as does Lord Garry, collected in "Dear Folks at Home," by Corporal Kemper F. Cowing. The book for profusely illustrated by Private mother, the gracious Lady Brigid. de-Morgan Dennis.

Many months ago, marine headquar- lightful in her distinction and charm. Many months ago, marine headquar-ters asked the relatives of the boys in the service to send in interesting letters received from the front. It is of the best of these letters that "Dear Folks at Home" is made up. The story covers the time from their training and yoyage overstas to the immortal fight at Belleau Wood and Chateau-Thiery, when a little debt while Line has an abhorrence of Wood and Chateau-Thierry, when a little band of U. S. marines, turned the tide of the great German offensive. The book complication debt while Jeremy considers it a vio-"Thou shalt not steal." her complication is grave enough. Both forgive their beloved sinner in "The Beloved Sinner." It is the latest concludes with the story of the triumphant parade of the victorious marines

through Paris. "Dear Folks at Home" is filled with "Dear Folks at Home" is filled with whose "Torch of Life" and "Fringe of thrilling experiences. It is a simple, unthe Desert" won much commendation from the critics. Miss Macnamara has affected account of valor and tragic sacrifices all the more telling because of lack of literary pretense. No more a keen insight into the foibles and vaniles of human nature, but her comment priceless souvenir of the great war, for is never soured or embittered. Rather the marines themselves or for their is she sympathetic in her characteriza relatives, could be written. tions. So the folk assembled in her new novel are well worth meeting and the story of their affairs well worth

DEAR FOLKS AT HOME. Letters from Marines at the Front. Boston; Houghton Miffiln Company. eading. Her style has ease and bril-

### Doyle's Versatility

If an unknown writer were to produce a volume of short stories as varied as those in Conan Doyle's latest book, he would be welcomed for his versatility It should be said at the beginning that Sherlock Holmes does not appear in it. "Danger," the tale which gives the title to the volume, is the story of the block-ading of England by a small fleet of submarines, which is said to have sug-gested the submarine campaign of the am an American in politics, an independent Republican. I never tasted liquor or Germans. But if Conan Doyle could have thought of the use of submarines (using M. E. Hawkin's terms) neither to destroy grain ships, the German naval authorities, who are experts, certainly could have thought of it without any suggestions from a man of letters. The am I in any way connected or derive any profit from any hop growers, brewmost remarkable and fantastic story in the collection is "The Horror of the Heights," which purports to be the ream in no way related to a Hun. don't belong to any labor union. I production of the diary of an aviator just a plain man with a grain of com-mon sense and liberal in my views. I air through an attack by the monsters don't back up the Republican or Demo-cratic senators who are against the league of nations. I am for the league with great beaks and tentacles like those of the devil fish. It is a gruesome of nations. M. E. Hawkins' words show very plainly that he is an ardent prothos tale that will give several thrills to the

emotional. DANGER, AND OTHER STORIES. By A. Conan Doyle, New York; George H. Doran



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Varied stories full of mean-

many of the returns you have received on the attitude of American citizens in should be given considerable

regard to a league of nations are hap-

hazard decisions. It is a subject which and when this is done, surely the mind could come to no other conclusion than that America's signature should not be

placed on a document which can be so easily misinterpreted. Our honor is at stake, and once we have obligated ourselves in this manner, we must live up There is no way out,

Two olds rather than the opinion of the President." TWO OLD REPUBLICANS SAY WILSON IS RIGHT At the Continental Hotel fifty-two were in favor of the league of nations, as proposed at the Paris Peace Conter-ence, while thirty-three persons were opposed to it. Those favoring the league contended that it was the best means of guaran-teeing the peace of the world. Those opposed to the league asserted that therefore it would be compe-tent to solve its own troubles in the tuture. At the Continental Hotel fifty-two as proposed at the Paris Peace Conter-ence, while thirty-three persons were opposed to it. Those favoring the league of nations.

Clark Smith, a farmer of Cedarbrook, N. J. opposes the league of nations be-cause President Wilson failed to take "the proper advisers" with him when he formed his American peace commission. "I think." said Mr. Smith, "that Pres-ident Wilson should have taken former President Taft with him when he went abroad. Mr. Taft had been a member of the League to Enforce Peace for years, and he was deeply interested in world peace—as much so as President Wilson was. Instead of picking Mr. Taft the President took advisers who, as far as I am able to learn from read-ing, had no experience in International matters. A poil of the members of the Poor Richard Club. in South Camac street, at a regular luncheon. revealed that two-and-a-half times as many members fa-vored the league as opposed it. The members expressing an opinion did so as individuals and not as men express-ing the sentiment of the club.

Tail the President and to learn from read-ing, had no experience in international matters. 'Now it looks to me as though the President was determined to have his own way. The criticism made by Sen-ators recently have weight with me. I think they ought to have weight with the President—at least he ought to reply to them

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OF a young American ing, dealing with human love and faith, with dreams and millionaire and two plucky girls at odds with realities, with things that will an Eastern secret agent. last when the war is ended possessor of the Sacred but not forgotten. Stone of Mecca-a tale of "It is so full of variety that almost every reader will find in it something of interest, preckless heroism as spirited as "The Yellow Dove." while all of it is well, and some of it very exquisitely, and some of it very forcibly, THE written in a smooth and gra-cious style." **BLACK** -New York Times. "Shows the pleasant, easy style, the high idealism, the **STONE** gentleness and sanity of spirit that are characteristic of Dr. van Dyke."-New York Sun. At all booksellers, \$1.50 net Illustrated, \$1.50. THIS IS AN APPLETON BOOK CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS FIFTH AVE AT 48"ST. NEW YORK D. Appleton & Co., Publishers, N. Y.



my opinion on the league of nations. The league covenant, as presented to the American people by our President, is not acceptable by them. First, the

general outline of action is vague and indiscrete, for several articles are loose and non-binding in character and acceptance would lead America into un-tried paths. Secondly, the form must be amended to correspond with an inerent principles for several features

found in the covenant are destructive to

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