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George Wharton Pepper MEN AT FREE LIBRARY Head of Opponents in This Section

CHALLENGE TO DEBATE

Hitchcock Will Be Invited to Meet Speakers Disapproving Wilson Plan

George Wharton Pepper, national chairman of the League to Preserve American Independence, of which Colonel Henry Watterson is president, has also been made president of the eastern Pennsylvania section of that organizan, formed here to arouse sentiment this state against the proposed league of nations as it would be constituted under President Wilson's plan

Other branches of the Independence League will be formed in all states, said Mr. Pepper today, Efforts will be made to enroll thousands of members in Penn sylvania and in Philadelphia. At a early date a joint debate on the league of nations will be held in the Academy of Music, United States Senator Hitch-

fingham B. Morris, Judge John M. Pat-terson, Isaac A. Pennypacker, George W. Pepper, Ell Kirk Price, Thomas Robins, J. G. Rosengarten, Michael J. Ryan, William I. Schaffer, William B. Slegert, Edwin S. Stuart, M. Hampton Todd, William Jay Turner and Charlton Varnall

Chairman committee on finance, E. Lowber Stokes. Chairman committee on publicity, Wil-

Bam Jay Turner. committee on meetings, Samuel M. Clement, Jr. Chairman committee on members, William P. Slegert.

to the proposed league of nations in much the same terms.
"Our boys," she said, "should not be called upon to protect the countries of the world. We have paid an incredible price for our ideals. We can protect ourselves. But it seems to me an unthinkable thing to send American men to the corners of the world to take part in battles in which this country can in battles in which this country can have no interest. The aims of Euro-pean nations do not affect us. We should

Likewise Miss S. H. Robinson, of 7112 Greenway avenue, West Philadelphia, opposed the plan as "visionary" and "one that will cause untold trouble and suf-fering for America."

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Wants Referendum Vote
George Barton, an editorial writer,
was opposed to the plan until the prople
of this country should have had an opportunity to cast a referendum vote for
or against the plan.

Mrs John W. Coles, of 2114 Pine
street, was in favor of the league of
nations, because she considers it a step
forward in the civilization of the world,
"We began," she said, "with the family as the unit. Then we reached the
point where the clan was the unit, Next
came the city and next the nation. Now
we see the beginning of a plan to bring we see the beginning of a plan to bring the whole world together in harmony and peace—to teach the men of the earth to know each other better, and earth to know each other better, and so to batter down the ancient prejudices which exist today. The small objections to the league of nations cannot outweigh the great good for civilization that it will accomplish when it becomes affective. It means the welding together of the peoples of the certh."

Mrs. G. T. Tyler, of the same address, took a similar view. She thinks it one of the best steps toward the "civilization that it will be necessary to correct. For one thing, the United States has too much at stake to risk it all in the league with the little influence which is at present given box."

As it stands, European powers are

raised to it were largely of a political character."

R. A. Stockter, of 2500 Pine street, while favoring the plan for a league of nations, insisted that Congress should have a greater say in the matter, "The Senate is the treaty-making body equally with the President," he said, "And it seems to me unfair to ignore the rights of this legislative body at this time. So many holes have been knocked in the Constitution lately that the document seems to be regarded more or loss as a dead letter. But it is not. It is the cornerstone of our government."

Thinks British Inspired Plan

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John Mackin, a shipper, of 23 South
Nincicenth street, was opposed to the
league of nations because he regards it
as a "British-inspired plan."
"England realizes." he said, "that if
her dominance of Europe is to continue
she must have the support of the United
States. Her diplomats have deliberately
set out to entangle this country with
treaties so that we will hereafter be
compelled by agreement to help fight
her battles.

"Persuading other nations to do her
fighting for her is an old trick of Eng-

Says League Not Practical
D. G. Biack, of New York city, a metallurgical engineer, opposed the plan because of its "nonpracticality." He did not think that the plan could ever be reduced to terms where it would be free from misinterpretation. Endless disputes, some of them possibly leading to war, will be the result of such a pact between the nations, he thought, Mars Dawson, George H. Earle, Jr., John Marshall Gest, Representative George S. Graham, John McArthur Harris, S. F. Houston, William B. Kurtz, C. W. Macfarlane, Judge John M. Patterson, Isaac A. Pennypacker, George W. Pepper, Ell Kirk P. George W. Pepper, Ell Kirk P. George W. Pepper, Ell Kirk P. George R. Ge "If it will help to achieve peace," she said, "then we can afford to make any of the sacrifices which may be demanded of us. Surely we have seen enough of the horrible folly, the futility and the uselessness of war."

ment to prevent wars."

Some Kind of League Needed

Duncan Whelen, of Townsend; Whelen & Co., bankers, 505 Chestnut street, said:
"I really hardly feel capable of discussing the league. It takes on intermedicate."

"Let's have the league of nations,
"Our United States has been successful.

Give us freedom, victory, knock off in battles in which this country can have no interest. The aims of European nations do not affect us. We should leave Europe for Europeans and keep America for Americans."

J. W. M. Cardeza, of the Union League, registered himself emphatically in the negative of the proposed league of nations. "I am flatly against it," he said.

Likewise Miss S. H. Robinson, of 7112 Greenway avenue, West Philadelphia.

OPINIONS AT PENN WILL VARY, IS HINT

With the announcement that beginning at 9:30 o'clock today the Pennsylvanian will conduct a five-day poll of sentiment on the league of nations among the students and professors of the University of Pennsylvania, members of the faculty have issued statements indicating that there may be a wide difference of opinion in the university regarding the league.

The Pennsylvanian today carried an interview with Dr. William E. Lingelbach, of the history department, pointing out many defects in the league as it stands now, although admitting that, if amended, it is capable of bringing incontrovertible benefit" to the world.

"While I think it probable," Doctor incontrovertible benefit" to the world.

"While I think it probable," Doctor Lingelbach said, "that the league of nations plan, in substance, as it has been presented by President Wilson, will be a finally approved, nevertheless, there are many features in the present draft which it will be necessary to correct. For one thing, the United States has too much at stake to risk it all in the league with the little influence which is at present given ber.

tion of the world," since the advent of Christianity.

Edward A. Green, a retired merchant of 1910 Spruce street, said he was opposed to the league of nations as a "foolish vision," by which "we are giving up everything we possess and are getting nothing in return,

MEN AT FREE LIBRARY

HAVE MINDS MADE UP

Nearly all of the men interviewed at the Free Library had made up their minds definitely on the league of nations. Elmer E. Henderson, of 2128 Park avenue, favored the league of nations because he believes that it will make for a lasting peace. He thought that the objections which have thus far been raised to it were largely "of a political character."

R. A. Stockter, of 2500 Pine street, while favoring the plan for a league of mations, blocations, should be more foreign complications, should be more freely recognized under the league of nations plan will bring so incontrovertible a benefit to the world that there appears no doubt of its advisability of of the fact that it will be finally adopted. The league will serve in large measure to co-ordinate the various factors, such as the international postal agreement, the seamen's agreement and internationally controlled cables, which have been working for world-wide co-operation. There is a tremendous opportunity offered now, and, in spite of the quibbling and politics which have been too characteristic of the deliberations of ar, that opportunity may yet be offered.

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trom Paris. The war, with the sacrifice beyond comprehension which accompanied it, will have been fought in vain unless some covenant of free nations can be acceptable and effective. If the league of nations, as it now stands, had existed in 1914, this war would never have occurred. Moreover, unless some league is adopted embodying virtually the points as they have been already submitted, a similar conflict is in prospect at no distant time. pect at no distant time."

of Music, United States Senator Hitchcock, administration spokesman for the
peace league, will be challenged to meet
a representative of its opponents who
has not yet been chosen.

Purposes of New Body
The purpose of the new body was outlined by Mr. Pepper today as follows:
"To support the right of the United
States Senate under the constitution to
take a constructive part in framing a
constitution for the league of nations.
"To press upon the attention of the
Senate and the people the necessity of
such amendments to the constitution of
the league as now proposed as will make
it more effective to promote peace, and
as will enable the United States to enter
the league without sacrifice of American
ideals and principles of government and
American independence and sovereignty.
"It should be understood," Mr. Pepper
Democratic nor Republican, in the party
sense. Furthermore, it is not the prinments.

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lands of South America. Unless we can
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Maurice Apflebaum, of 2856 North
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AGREE ON LEAGUE
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uselessness of war.

A. E. Pharo, advertising manager, of 36 North Seventh street, was in favor of the league of nations on the same of the league of nations on the same where nations accepted arbitration as the logical way of settling misunder-standings. This, he said, would be the natural result of sentiment developed by the league of nations.

"I am satisfied that the league of nations is necessary and can accomplish with all the dangerous postions is necessary and can accomplish." Said A. W. Borst, a musician with a studio in the plant of the league of nations.

"I feel that the covenant should be plant of the league of nations." If you honestly want opinions worth the paper they are written on, why not question fully before the millions of the paper they are written on, why not question fully before taking even an exward and before taking even an exward and do you understand each article of the constitution freedom of speech and liberty of thought to have been a disposition to suppress freedom of speech and liberty of thought to have been a disposition to suppress freedom of speech and liberty of thought to have been and li

Readers Discuss League of Nations

on the same together with reasons.
First, Knowing what great hardships

then make them improbable. I feel as though the league of nations is the one and only means of this.

Declaring himself absolutely in favor of the plan for a league of nations, Dr. William E. Mikell, dean of the Law School, University of Pennsylvania, opened the debate which may extend to other members of the faculty. "It is absolutely essential." said Docfor Mikell, "that we have some sort of league; in substance, that which Prestdent Wilson presented on his return from Paris. The war, with the sacrifice beyond comprehension which accompagainst all progress, which is proof

For this opinion there are several rea-

Sons:
First. Because the country has not cult opportunity for mastering the meaning of this formid-able proposition. It is hardly a month since the proposed constitution has been revealed and published and, before that, there seemed to be a purpose to keep it a profound secret from the people and since that time the mass of the Lodge people have had little opportunity to analyze and comprehend the document. The contradictory statements in papers prove that.

pointed out, "that our body is neither Democratic nor Republican, in the party are not strong permanent from the property sense. Furthermore, it is not the principle of a league of nations to white head and unwise."

"We cannot give up any of the puscle plant is transported by the property of the United time there we object, but to the constitution of the league as it stands now, unqualified, unamended and unwise."

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"We cannot give up any of the puscle plant were seried for finations because he thinks it is "the one instrument which will make for the district."

"The following officers were elected for the district."

"President, George Wharton Pepper."

Vice presidents, Edwin S. Stuart, John M. Gest, Provost Edgar Prahs Smith, Michael J. Ryam, M. Hampton Todd, and George II. Edwin S. Hampton Todd. The provost Edgar Prahs Smith, John M. Gest, Provost Edgar Prahs Smith, John M. Gest, Provost Edgar Prahs Smith, John M. Gest, Provost Edgar Prahs Smith, John M. George, Washington was first pronounced a failure and later proved its success, world peace by the plant was first pronounced a failure and later proved its success, world peace by the plant was first pronounced a failure and later proved its success, world peace by the plant was first pronounced a failure and later proved its success, world peace by the part of the control of the district."

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nating from them. In addition, there is an intimation that from some source the league side has had a strong finanthe league side has had a strong man-cial backing and that there has been a large expenditure of money for the propaganda which has been mentioned, while on the other hand the other side

Sir—As I am a daily reader of the EVENING PURILE LEDGER and thought its columns have got a good insight to the league of nations, which I think greatly of, I wish to express my views on the same together with reasons.

Time to think the question through and it is too soon to take a "straw vote" or any other kind of a vote. That ought to be plain, especially when so far there have been secured only a few thousands of votes out of a couple of million of people. Under the circumstances the vote angular the league is not a bad

the world war brought upon the people showing and among those who have not in the way of sacrificing dearly loved to majority may yet be found.

Thet both sides have a chance to exupon those who fought. I think there should be some way of making future wars impossible and if not impossible.

THOMAS

You know, as so does the general public, that the critics of the league formed their opinions long before the Ledger: ings of wise men, I believe it fits in well think is obtaining a great many conhope you will also it is set in the league. I consider the league of nations, which I with regards to critics of the league. I consider from the other feat many conhope you will also it.

This principle is unreasonable prejudice prior to investigation."

J. E. LYONS, 198 Cooper avenue.

Woodlynne, N. J., March 21.

Too Soon, Says Bishop Neely To the Editor of the Evening Public

the thought that this is not the best time for taking a "straw vote" on the so-called league of nations.

Chairman committee on members, william it. Bases Bullotting, in favoring the present plant for the league of nations.

League Poll Here

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Finds Apt Quotation in Book
the Editor of the Evening Public
Ledger:

votes or mass-mactings, but should have
a fair opportunity to decide.
We plain people need a little more people. Under the circumstances the vote against the league is not a bad amine and think and comprehend and

THOMAS B. NEELY. Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, March 22.

To the Editor of the Evening Public

Ledger:
Sir—Inclosed please find my vote in hope you will give it space for the My one objection to amending the con-readers of your paper—the fairest in stitution is that I fear other nations Philadelphia. Here it is: will demand amendments also. For in-"There is a principle that is a bar stance. Japan may demand a Monroe against all progress, which is proof Doctrine regarding China and the Far against all erguments, and cannot fail East, when we would prefer to have the to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. cast, when we would prefer to have the open door there as in the past, and incapable of finding one single argument which the present constitution of the to justify the Senate, or the people, in

eague of nations still leaves open for us.
Our commissioners are doing wonderful work and treat partian selfah criticism of their efforts as disloyal to the yielding to the Wilson demand United States of America. I think the American people appreciate the broad-ness of ex-President Taft's attitude in this matter and, apparently, he is the only big broad man in the United States Sir-Pardon the writer for expressing today who is in the opposition party politically to the President.

JAMES H. SWEARINGEN. 56 Broadway, New York city, March 21,

"Pinhead Senators Opposing It" To the Edifor of the Evening Public

Sir-While you are taking a straw vote on the league of nations question, you may be interested to get the follow-ing which was received from a friend in Massachusetts, a constituent of Senator

"What do you think of the league of nations and the attitude of some of our pinhead senators who are opposing it? biggest set of hidebound reaction in the United States Senate that bidebound reactionarie

Every sensible man is in favor of a league which will tend to reduce war to while on the other hand the other side had hardly begun to exert itself until within the last few weeks, so more time is needed to get both sides of the question fully before the millions of people and before taking even an experimental vote.

we had better ally ourselves in the broadest way possible with the greatest number of countries possible in the innumber of countries possible in the terest of all. JOHN J. O'BRIEN,

Opposes "League Demands" the Editor of the Evening Public

Ledger:

424 Locust street.

Sir-I would not have sought, but mbrace the opportunity to east my straw vote, as I would my franchise, in unqualified opposition to the league of nations, as formulated by Lloyd George and demanded by Mr. Wilson. If Mr. Wilson has ever submitted concrete plan I have failed to see No man-bar none-is more desirous of peace, and, of course, permanent peace, and nobe is more prompt to help the needy in distress than I am, but I shall never feel it incumbent on me help another extinguish the fire absence, of the burning of my own. In the Congressional Record I have see and Knox, and have also read some o Taft's specches and his proposed amend-ments, the discussion between Lodge and Lowell, and what Bryan said and his proposed amendments. have very carefully, and as free from prejudice as I could purge myself, read the Boston and New York speeches of

If, as he says, Europe is expecting so much of us, it is because of promises made by him in the face of a crushing repudiation at the polis in November last. I may add in conclusion, that I am aware that the League to Enforce Peace is an old fad of Mr. Taff, lays.

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