News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

Politics

A direct issue of ratifying or rejecting the League of Nations was accepted by Senator Harding in a speech at Des Moines, Ia., brushing aside the prevalent discussion of reservations and declaring he would "favor staying out" of the covenant written at Versailles.

Personal

Auguste Pinance, seventy-six, noted French aviator, is the mayor of Tours, France of Mlle. Emma La Prestrie.

Camille Flammarion, the astronomer, announced to his friends in Paris his marriage of Mlle. Gabrielle Renaudot, Mr. Flammarion is seventy-six years old.

Washington

The Supreme court at Washington refused to reconsider its decision at the last June 7, sustaining validity of the prohibition amendment and provisions of the enforcement act.

Prosecution of authentic oil companies for profiteering was ordered discontinued upon by Attorney General Palmer and Washington, who ordered that evidence be gathered against nine companies in the Federal Pennsylvania group.

A "corn crop of 2,800,000,000 bushels, or 78,000,000 bushels greater than the record crop of 1917, was forecast by the department of agriculture in Washington from a condition of 86.8 October 1.

President Wilson at Washington declared that on Sunday, November 11, the American flag be displayed at half mast on all public buildings and naval and military posts "as a tribute to the heroic dead who have fallen in the memorial services held for the benefit of their comrades, soldiers and sailors and others who gave their lives in the great war for the World war."

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Miss Eleker Rogers, the daughter of Samuel Rogers, director of the United States census bureau, died in a Philadelphia hospital. It is believed she took some kind of poison.

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The enrollment at Harvard university for the fall term is 5,501, says announcement from the registrar's office at Cambridge, Mass. This represents a gain of 450 students over last year.

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Loss estimated at $1,000,000 was the toll taken by fire which destroyed the 500 bales of cotton and the compress and warehouses of the Farmers Cotton Press company at Cameron, Tex.

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The entire force of state law enforcement officers as well as the militia, will be used to stop the burning of cotton gins in the northern part of the state according to Governor Kilby at Montgomery, Ala.

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August Pasquale, "the crank," has confessed to Roy Lyon in Adams, superintendent of the Pennsylvania state police at Harrisburg, that he stole Blakely Coughlin from his home in Philadelphia and smothered the child under his coat.

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Closely following declaration of martial law, with its home runners and the whisky ring by Maj. A. V. Dalrymple, regional prohibition director, federal field agents in the Chicago district killed Alfred Lingle, first victim, John Chiapasis, near Hurley, Wis.

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A New York dispatch says that the long arm of the law in New York state will reach out for taxes due from about 125 bad players starting in the receipts of the world's series.

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Maj. Gen. Charles V. K. Townsend, who commanded British forces which surrendered to the Turks at Kut-El-Amara in 1915, is going to join Gen. Baron Wrangel on the Crimean front, the London Daily Sketch.

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A gift of $15,000 to the Rockefeller Foundation to the American Hospital Association was announced, and $5,000 is obtained from other sources was announced at the association's convention at Montreal.

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Delbert Heiby, twenty-six, was shot and killed at Cowden, Wyo., as his wife and eight-year-old son looked on. The slayer, who ordered their departure, surrendered to the sheriff at Cowden, who gave their lives to the bullets of soldiers, sailors, marines and others who gave their lives to the cause of liberty in the World war.

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Jazz Kings of the Atlantic Fleet

These members of the band of the battleship Delaware have made a reputation as the "jazz kings" of the Atlantic fleet.

English 'Drunks' Double In 1919

Statistics Just Announced Reveal Startling Reaction From Dry Wave.

BEGAN BEFORE WAR'S END

Women Keep Step With Men Returning to Old Era of Drinking Days —Number of Registered Clubs Increased Some 900.

London.—The licensing statistics for 1919 show that during that year there occurred a strong reaction from the temperance wave. The convictions for drunkenness which began in the latter months of the year 1914 and persisted through the years 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918. The total number of convictions for drunkenness in England and Wales in 1919 was nearly double the figure for 1918, viz., 87,948, as compared with 29,075—an increase of 28,873 or 99.3 per cent.

The increase is in point of fact, the gain in the middle of the year 1918, and was at first gentle and leisurely. It gathered force early in the year 1919, and from March onward the figures for every month, with the exception of October, exceeded those for the preceding month by percentages which were never less than five and rose to 34 as between December and January, and 48 as between March and February. As compared with the corresponding months of 1918, the figures for every month in 1919 from March to December showed increases very far from 5 to 318 per cent. In September, 1919, the increase was nearly 200 per cent, in November more than three times, and in December more than four times as many as in the same months in the year 1918. On the other hand, December is the only month in 1919 which shows figured exceeding one-half of those for the corresponding month of 1913, the year in which the convictions reached the maximum recorded (189,872); and the months range in relation to 1913, from less than one-half to less than one-fifth.

Some of the Reasons.

In some police general comments on the statistics of drunkenness the report says:

There is in these records of convictions for drunkenness and the conclusions drawn therein a great wealth of material for research into the problems of public drunkenness and its causes, correspondences and cure. But the enterprise is long and difficult, and, to be successful, calls for much time, for patient and elaborate investigation and expert. More or less superficial examination of the figures and facts on which they are based is worse than useless, and can only be rendered effective by the most careful and exhaustive study.

The position of Ireland is returned to in further fuel conditions. The general tendency is to which we have drawn attention. It is almost impossible and would be misleading to base this upon that one or this or that group, but the figures as a whole may be under consideration. Some of the most remarkable increases are recorded at different times. In different ways, and in different degrees in different districts—may be stated as follows: There were more or less increases in the number of drunkenness convictions in the police districts of the Central Control Board's revenue, in the Metropolitan police district, in the counties north of the Thames, in the counties south of the Severn to the Wash. Together, Greater London and Northern England and Southern England, i. e., the counties north of a line drawn from the mouth