

The existing controversy between Poland and Lithuania was among the first matters to which the publicity resolution was applied.

The recommendations of the six committees as adopted by the Assembly, which with the debates and adoption of resolutions connected therewith, comprised the sum total of the proceedings of the First Assembly, are summarized as follows:

First Committee on General Organization (Chairman, Mr. A. J. Balfour).—The Assembly was defined as the sovereign but intermittent power of the League, the Council as the permanent power and the Secretariat-General as its permanent executive organ. The Assembly, which is to meet by right once a year on the first Monday of September, shall be able to designate place of meeting and choose its president and vice-presidents; it alone is competent to verify the credentials of its representatives and shall draw its agenda as it wishes. The Council carries out the Assembly's functions while the Assembly is not in session, may convene and summon the Assembly, approves the agenda prepared by the Secretariat-General, presents its reports to the Assembly and may intervene in the debates of the latter through one of its members in order to make an explanatory statement. The Secretary-General has to collect the opinions of the Members of the League regarding the summoning of extraordinary sessions of the Assembly and communicate the order to the different members; prepare the agenda, register the names of representatives and substitutes, present his report to the Assembly and execute the decisions taken either by the Assembly or Council. The two official languages of the Assembly are to be English and French, but each member may publish documents of the League in any language it thinks fit, but at its own expense. A General Committee of the Assembly is formed by the president and vice-presidents. The Council and Assembly are each invested with particular powers and duties; neither body has jurisdiction to render a decision in a matter expressly committed by the Covenant to the other, but either body may discuss and examine any matter within the competence of the League. Representatives render their decisions as representatives of their State and have no other standing. The Council, which is to report its work yearly to the Assembly, is composed of the permanent members decided upon by the Covenant; viz., the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan and four non-permanent members selected by the Assembly from time to time for a period of two years, two selected each year. Experimentally the first Assembly selected three European and American members, and one Asiatic Member by secret ballot for a period of one year, namely Spain, Brazil, Belgium and China. The First Committee declined to recommend amendments to the Covenant but submitted Scandinavian, Portuguese and other amendments to a committee of the Council to be considered before the Assembly Session of 1921 (owing to the postponement of amendments, the Argentine representatives withdrew).