

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE.**PROPOSAL TO JOIN BOARD TO
CONTROL OPIUM DECLINED.**

The United States has declined the invitation of the League of Nations to participate in the selection of a Permanent Central Board for the control of opium, according to a note forwarded to the Secretariat of the League of Nations by the Secretary of State, Frank B. Kellogg. "Reasons for the American declination are based upon the contention that the Geneva Convention for the control of opium does not provide for the limitation of the production of raw opium and coca leaves and the control and production of all coca leaf derivatives.

"The American Government believes that, until there can be devised some substitute for the Hague Convention more satisfactory than the Geneva Convention, the eradication of the abuse of narcotic drugs would be more likely to be achieved by strict observance of the provisions of the Hague Convention. However, the United States recognizes that the traffic in narcotic drugs can be controlled only by international coöperation and, in continuation of its efforts toward that end, will, in addition to observing its obligations under the Hague Convention, endeavor to furnish such information as the Permanent Central Board may request."

**COUNTERFEIT MONEY FOR MOR-
PHINE IN PRISON.**

According to press dispatches a rather unusual situation was uncovered at the Tennessee State prison in Nashville. The investigation involves a number of prisoners and at least one civilian. The investigation has been conducted with the coöperation of Federal State and prison authorities. Operative John C. Marsh, agent in charge of the district was one of the first Federal officers to work up information on the prison plot and it was largely through information furnished by him to Federal Agent Leo Williams. The civilian employee was tricked by a ruse of the latter. A message had been sent through devious prison channels to Will Craig—a prisoner who is declared to be the retailer of the "gang"—offering to trade an ounce of morphine for \$35 in legitimate cash and five counterfeit \$20 bills. The employee referred to appeared with the announcement that he had been unable to get any counterfeit money because

of the raid upon Howard Barr, a prisoner. He was followed and arrested. Barr was formerly a commercial artist.

**MEXICO AND BOLIVIA NOW REQUIRE
CERTIFICATION OF IMPORTS.**

Regulations governing the registration and certification of proprietary medicines, toilet, sanitary and beauty preparations under the Sanitary Code of Mexico, promulgated June 8, 1926, became effective September 16, 1928, with 60 days' additional grace for the fulfilment of the requirements. Registration and analysis of pharmaceutical preparations are required in Bolivia by a law effective this month. No entry of such preparations is permitted until registration is completed.

**MARYLAND PHARMACEUTICAL
ASSOCIATION.**

The officers and members of Maryland Pharmaceutical Association have been convinced of the value to be derived from sectional meetings—in bringing the Association to the members an interest is stimulated which makes for a larger attendance at the annual conventions. The meetings at Ocean City and Cumberland were a success, and the recent one in Salisbury was attended by 75; the druggists of that section were delighted and the visitors were pleased. Clyde L. Eddy was one of the speakers from outside of the state—he presented further Chain Store information.

**FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS'
ASSOCIATION.**

The Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association will hold its annual meeting in Philadelphia during the week of October 15th. The program provides for several important business sessions and the entertainments bring the convention to a close with a visit to Valley Forge during the afternoon, and a banquet at night.

OMITTED ITEMS.

Owing to the number of pages required for the Minutes—of the General Sessions and of the House of Delegates A. P. H. A. and abstracts of Minutes of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Conference of Pharmaceutical Secretaries, Plant Science Seminar, etc.—quite a number of news and related items had to be held over, and the publication of several papers was deferred for the same reason.