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President Adams: And the Governors of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. Leach: I suggest also that copies be sent to the various sporting magazines, such as the Fishing Gazette, the Pacific Fisherman, Field and Stream, the publication of the Isaak Walton League, and so on.

Mr. Avery: The next resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, The construction of dams for the development of hydro-electric power or for the conserving of surplus water during the spring, thereby preventing floods, results in the creation of lakes which may be kept open to the public at all times during the open seasons for hunting, fishing or trapping, and also for boating, and which likewise furnish some of our best egg-collecting fields, thereby providing a means of perpetuating and conserving fishing for future generations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners, in session assembled, at St. Louis, September 20, 1923, that such projects are approved as being the means for conserving surplus waters, affording refuge for birds and fish, and providing recreational pleasures for the American public.

The next resolution is in support of Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson's work on International protection:

The members of the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at St. Louis, September 20, 1923, desire to express their appreciation of the significance of the work abroad of Mr. T. Gilbert Pearson for the protection of the birds of southern and central Europe, and to offer such co-operation as it is in their power to extend in connection with the distribution of leaflets and other work the purpose of which is to drive home the facts as to the cruelty and reckless waste so graphically described by Mr. Pearson to the immigrants to this country from southern Europe.

The last resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, The members of this Association are deeply appreciative of the many acts of courtesy extended to them during this convention.

THEREFORE, We do hereby extend our thanks and express our gratitude to His Honor, Mayor Henry W. Kiel for the courteous greetings extended through his able and brilliant secretary, Mr. Findly; to the St. Louis Convention and Publicity Bureau for numerous courtesies extended; to the management of the Statler Hotel for the use of convention halls and other conveniences, and especially to our honored and respected member, Mr. John P. Woods, of St. Louis, for his efficient management of the details of the convention and for the manner in which he has superintended all the arrangements which have resulted in so satisfactory and enjoyable a meeting.

Mr. Baskett: I move, sir, with the permission of the delegates here who, in large part, are the same as those in attendance at the meetings of the American Fisheries Society, that the following resolution, similar in terms to that adopted by the American Fisheries Society, be adopted by this Association with reference to the Izaak Walton League of America.

WHEREAS, The activities of the Izaak Walton League of America, its purposes, ideals and policies have been brought so prominently before the public within the past few months, and

WHEREAS, The saving of the fish, game, forests, and streams of the United States and Canada is imperative at this time, the conditions of wastefulness and indifference having become almost a crime, and their correction an emergency, and

WHEREAS, The rapid growth of the Izaak Walton League of America is almost phenomenal, spreading as the organization has to almost all states of the Union, and

WHEREAS, The efforts of the Izaak Walton League of America are pledged to save and protect the fishes that this society is known to foster and many of its members are engaged in producing, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International Association of Fish, Game, and Conservation Commissioners endorse the work of the Izaak Walton League of America, and that it hereby pledges its support and co-operation in so far as it is able to do, believing that the Izaak Walton League of America will be a sustaining aid in the accomplishments of this society.

I may say that it had been intended that this resolution should be introduced at tomorrow morning's session.

Mr. Avery: I am sure that the Resolutions Committee would have been glad to approve of this resolution and to have recommended its adoption.

President Adams: Gentlemen, what is your pleasure with regard to these resolutions as a whole? I will entertain a motion for their adoption.

Mr. Middleton: I move that the resolutions as a whole be adopted.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

President Adams: Is there any unfinished business to come before the meeting? Is there any new business? If not, we will hear the report of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Gordon: Mr. President, your Committee on Nominations beg to report the following nominations:

For president, Judge Lee Miles, Little Rock, Ark.

Vice president, Mr. J. B. Harkin, Ottawa, Canada.

Second vice president, John M. Phillips, Pittsburgh.

Secretary-treasurer, R. P. Holland, New York City.

General counsel, Col. Joseph H. Acklen, Nashville, Tenn.

Executive Committee: Messrs. Avery, Walcott, Berwick, Quinn.

I move the adoption of the report.

Mr. Woods: I second the motion, to include an instruction to the secretary to cast a ballot for the names mentioned.

President Adams: Are there any other nominations?

The motion was carried unanimously and the secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the persons named, who were duly declared elected to the respective offices for the ensuing year.

At the request of retiring President Adams, Mr. Titcomb, Mr. Avery, and Mr. Gordon acted as a committee to escort the president-elect to the chair.

President-elect Miles: I appreciate this distinction more than I am able to express to you. May I just say this word: a number of good states which have a great deal of game and fish to protect and in which there are many splendid sportsmen are not represented here. I suggest to you that many of you are neighbors of those states; do some missionary work and let us get their representatives here for the next meeting. This Association has accomplished a great deal since its organization. You must bear in mind that we are few in number, but out of the encouragement and inspira-