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mittee. Several will not be reported at all, but the introducers of those resolutions of course have the right to bring them up on the floor if they do not like the judgment of the committee on the introduction of these resolutions which I shall read. All of them are reported favorably except one, which is a report without prejudice. There is another resolution now in the course of preparation by a member of the committee which I believe will be read before these are fully presented.

(Pledged Loyalty)

1. Whereas, two of the nations here represented, United States of America and Great Britain by its Dominion of Canada, are engaged in war with a common enemy, the Empire of Germany and her allied nations; be it resolved,

That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled in New York City, September 12 and 13, 1918 pledge our loyalty and support respectively to the President of the United States of America and the Governor General of the Dominion of Canada to a successful termination of the war. (Adopted.)

(Bird Treaty With Mexico)

2. Resolved, That the president of the United States be and is hereby memorialized to propose a convention or treaty with the republics of Mexico, Central and South America for the protection of birds that, in the course of their annual migrations, pass through or from the United States and temporarily so-journ in the counties of Mexico, Central and South America.

(Offered by J. H. Wallace, Alabama. Adopted. To be sent to congress and the president.)

The President, Mr. Alexander: You have heard the reading of the resolution, gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

Mr. Nevin: I move the adoption of the resolution.

(Whereupon the motion was duly put and unanimously carried.)

Mr. Burnham read the third resolution, as follows:

(Appropriation for Bird Treaty Act)

3. Resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners recommend that Congress appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the use of the Department of Agriculture in the enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Mr. Pratt, of New York, moved to reconsider and make the sum \$500,000.00. (Carried: To be sent to Congress and Agricultural Committees of Congress.)

The President, Mr. Alexander: You have heard the reading of the resolution, gentlemen; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Houser: I move its adoption.

(Whereupon the motion was duly put and unanimously carried.)

Mr. Burnham read the fourth resolution, as follows:

(Game Breeding)

4. Whereas, The business of Game Propagation is increasing and has become a matter of great importance in this country both for the furtherance of sport and also for furnishing an additional food supply, and

Whereas, Experience has proved that the commercialization of wild game can only result in its ultimate destruction and that in the propagation of game for sale for commercial purposes, the utmost care should be taken, now therefore be it resolved,

That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners recommend to all the states the adoption of model laws govern-

ing the industry, to be based upon the laws of those states having the longest experience with the question and that such laws should include:

1. The licensing of the game breeder.
2. The tagging of the game under the authority of the state.
3. The inspection of game farms, reports, etc.

The President, Mr. Alexander: Now, gentlemen, you have heard the reading of the resolution; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Leavens: I move the adoption of the resolution.

(Whereupon the motion was duly put and unanimously carried.)

Mr. Burnham read the fifth resolution as follows:

(Free Game Farms for Soldiers)

5. Resolved, That the International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners recommend to the National Government that suitable tracts of land in every state in the Union, to be acquired by purchase where necessary, be set aside and devoted to returned injured soldiers and sailors for operation by them as game farms, to the end that wild land in the future may be made to yield its maximum food supply and advantages of recreation and health to the nation.

The President, Mr. Alexander: Gentlemen, you have heard the reading of the resolution. What is the pleasure of the society with regard to it?

Mr. Woods: I move its adoption.

(Whereupon the motion was duly put and unanimously carried.)

Mr. Burnham read the sixth resolution, as follows:

(Plant Black Walnuts)

6. Whereas, The disappearance of the black walnut from the United States is now being very greatly accelerated by the demands of the United States Government, and a valuable timber asset is about to disappear, now be it

Resolved, That all conservers of wild life and forests are hereby called upon to take special measures to promote the planting of black walnut seed nuts during the present autumn and every year hereafter for a period of at least ten years, and be it further

Resolved, That all State Game Commissioners and wardens are especially urged to enter into this work immediately.

The President, Mr. Alexander: Gentlemen, you have heard the reading of the resolution; what is your pleasure?

A Member: I move its adoption.

Mr. Leavens: I second the motion.

(Whereupon the motion was duly put and unanimously carried.)

Mr. Burnham read the seventh resolution, as follows:

(Parmanent Fund)

7. Resolved, That the by-laws be amended so as to contain the following provision:

At the close of each fiscal year, the treasurer shall transfer to the Permanent Fund Committee one-half the balance remaining in his hands after the payment of all outstanding obligations of the Association. The Permanent Fund Committee shall hold all funds committed to its charge whether received from the Treasurer as aforesaid from life membership fees or from other sources, as an endowment fund and the same shall not be used for current expenses except upon the written approval of the Treasurer and a majority of the Permanent Fund Committee.