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Apparently this is the first volume of the proceedings of the International Association. Reports of earlier meetings appeared in other publications, such as FOREST & STREAM MAGAZINE, the early publications of the American Game Association, RECREATION MAGAZINE, etc.

In this volume will be found:

- P. 53, condensed report of meeting Washington, Sept.30-Oct.3, 1914.
P. 51, " " " " San Francisco, Sept.7-9, 1915.
P. 49, " " " " New Orleans, Oct.12-14, 1916.

In the proceedings for the 28th Convention at Montreal Sept. 10-11, 1934, beginning on page 13, appears a condensed history by Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson.

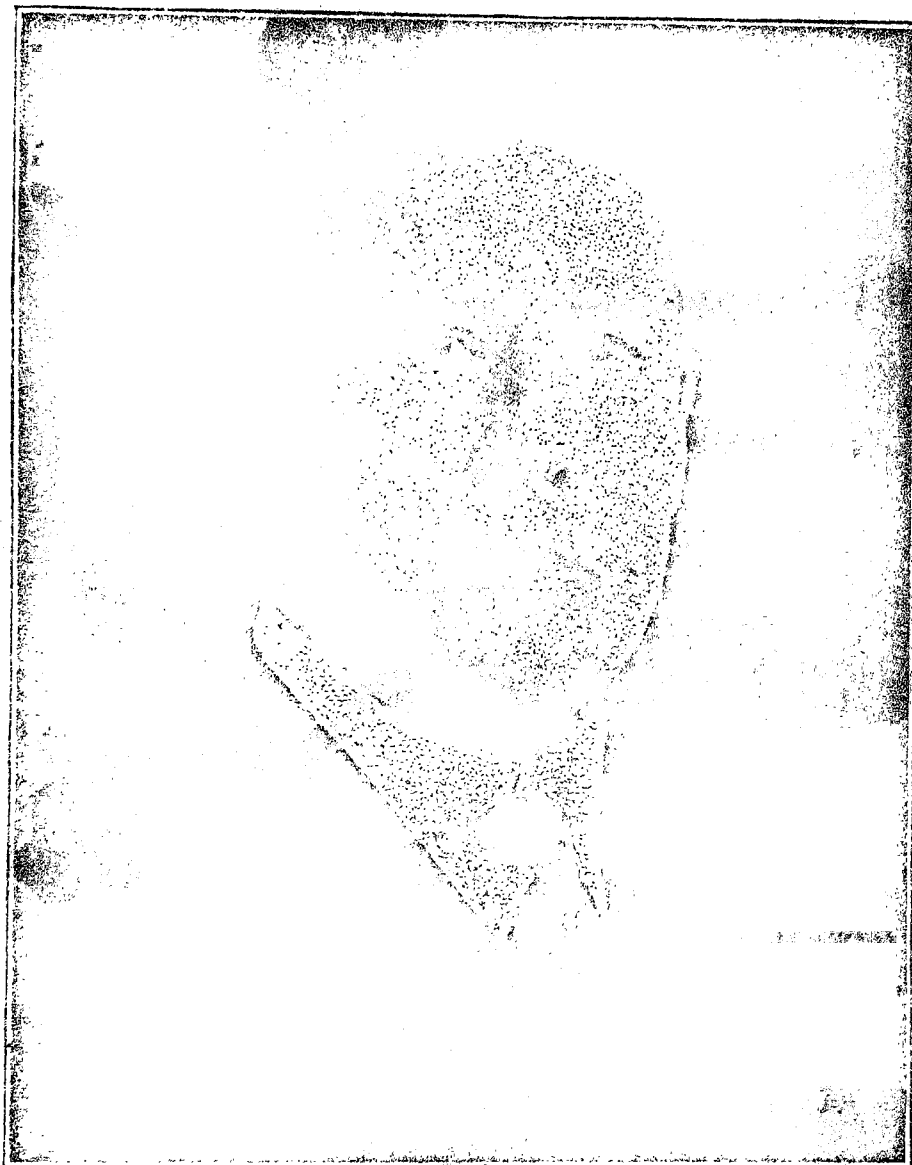
In the proceedings for the 51st Convention at Memphis Seth Gordon, beginning on page 166, gave a short history and a list of special accomplishments.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GAME, FISH AND CONSERVATION COMMISSIONERS AT SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, AUGUST 27, 28, 29, 1917.

Opening Session: Afternoon, August 27.

At the request of the President, the meeting was called to order by Carlos Avery, Game and Fish Commissioner of Minnesota, who outlined the program of the convention. The Governor of Minnesota, Hon. J. A. A. Burnquist, was present and was introduced by the chairman. The Governor spoke as follows:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY HONORABLE J. A. A. BURNQUIST, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: It is certainly a pleasure for me to have the privilege of being here this afternoon for the purpose of expressing a few words of welcome to those of you who are here gathered. I wish that it were possible for us in Minnesota to show you the state as we should like to show it to you while you are here. I wish it could be possible for us to take you over the ten thousand beautiful lakes within the borders of our commonwealth, have you see the beautiful forests here that have been named "Paradise" for hunters and fishermen. I wish it could be possible for us to show you our winding rivers and wooded hills, which I know you would all enjoy. But it is possible for us to show you a small part of what we have here.

Not only are you interested in game and fish conservation, but you are also interested in enterprises and industries which we have here in Minnesota, so I wish it were possible for us to show you the twenty-eight million acres of agricultural lands, upon which today are being raised immense crops, that are being harvested and sent to the markets of this State and to the markets of the world. I wish too, it would be possible for us to take you to the northeastern portion of Minnesota where you would find men digging down into the depths of the earth taking out of it mineral resources, out of which are being manufactured products that are being sent broadcast throughout the length and breadth of this country and throughout the civilized world, for we of Minnesota furnish between sixty and seventy per cent of the iron products that are used in this country.

We of Minnesota are pleased to speak of the natural resources which we have here, just as you of the states from which you have come are glad to speak of the things that you have. We take pride in these

tion being submitted and voted on separately. All were adopted except a resolution which sought to advocate a law in the several states making compulsory the appointment as commissioners, men recommended by State Game Protective Organizations. This resolution was favored by E. B. McCutcheon of North Dakota, W. E. Barber of Wisconsin, and Alfred Eastgate of North Dakota. It was opposed by M. L. Alexander of Louisiana, G. A. Smith of Oklahoma and George H. Graham of Massachusetts. The resolutions as finally adopted were as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

The following Resolutions were adopted by the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in session, August 27, 28 and 29, 1917:

WHEREAS, the United States of America is now in the great world struggle for democracy, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners in convention assembled at St. Paul, Minnesota, August 27 to 29, 1917, A. D., that we pledge our loyalty to the President and Government of the United States, in the problems which they have to solve, in this great crisis, and be it further

RESOLVED that we most severely condemn all utterances or acts in any way disloyal to the President and Government of this Country, and be it further

RESOLVED That the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, in convention August 29, 1917, heartily endorse the action of Hon. J. A. A. Burnquist, Governor of Minnesota, in refusing to allow a so-called "Peace Conference" to be held within the confines of the State, holding that his action is thoroughly American in every respect, and be it further

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this association, a copy sent to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a copy given to the public press.

RESOLVED That this Association in convention assembled endorse the principle of the non-sale of wild game except for propagation purposes, and that it pledges its support to all states which have not yet adopted the principle in the interest of preserving this most valuable food asset of wild life for the benefit of the people of this country.

WHEREAS, this Association has been informed that the Hotel and Restaurant Committee meeting in Washington, D. C., on August 1, 1917, passed a resolution recommending that the United States Government urge various states to lengthen their fish and game seasons, and that these seasons be made uniform throughout the country, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the existing supply of fish and game is now being drawn on to an extent which should not be exceeded, and that any further draft on the supply would be an irrevocable loss to the nation, and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Food Administrator.

WHEREAS, there is pending in the Congress of the United States, a bill known as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, for the purpose of giving effect to the Treaty ratified on December 6, 1916, between Great Britain and the United States, and