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COUNCILMEN KILL SUNDAY CONCERTS BY DENYING CASH

Finance Committee Defeats Bill-Hire Hydrant Inspectors Instead

2 IN FAVOR; 15 OPPOSE

Ministers' Argument That Performances Desecrate Sabbath Sustained

There will be no free Sunday aftersoon concerts by the Philadelphia Or-

Opposition of several ministerial associations caused the defeat in Councils' Finance Committee this afternoon of a favorable report on a bill appropriating \$10,000 to the orchestra for such concerts.

The vote was fifteen against the proposal to two for it.

And where do you suppose the money

To put back on the city payroll ten hydrant inspectors, one of whom is deaf, another lame, and a third too old to be of use, according to Chief Davis of the

"I didn't want the men," he said. "They had been laid off as part of my economy plan."

Representatives of both the orchestra and the ministers attended the meeting and voiced their views. Opposition of the clergymen to the orchestra approwas expressed by the Rev. Thomas T. Mutchler, president of the Sabbath Association.

He contended that the proposed free concerts would lead later to other performances, for which admission would be charged, and to breach of the Sabbath. plutions passed by ministerial associations objecting to the appropriation were read by the Rev. A. P. Hodgson, representing the Methodists, and the Rev. George S. Young, representing the Bap-

Answering the argument of Dr. Charles S. Hart, who 'urged that free concerts be provided for the music lovers among the working classes, who cannot attend affairs of the kind during the week 'and others who are not able to pay for seats, Mr. Mutchler said "the working teen buy to prove to buy

working people are not too poor to buy thair seats nor too busy to attend concerts on weekdays."

Others who appeared on behalf of the Orchestra were Alexander Van Rensselaer and Arthur Judson, manager.

Motion for K favorable report on the Motion for a favorable report on the bill was made by Common Councilman Alarris E. Conn. Eighth ward. Chairman Gaffney and Mr. Conn were the only two who cast their votes for it.
The Presbyterian and the Baptist minimizers at their weekly meetings yesterday opposed the Sunday concert plan.

CABLES PLAY JOKE ON WILSON

Spell Punctuation and Call Him "Great European Interrogation" New York, Dec. 17 .- (By A. P.)laugh at the expense of President Wil-son, was started yesterday by faulty rendition in some newspapers of a dispatch quoting the eulogistic utterances wris Municipal Council, at the recep on in the Hotel de Ville (city hall).

on in the Hotel de Ville (city hall).

The speaker said the day would be instructed in the annals of the Hotel de Ville "on which it was permitted to receive the emirent statesman of the Union, the citizen of the world—dare we say the great European?"

The dispatch as wired spelled out the comma, the dash and the interrogation, and so the inexperienced foreign editors made M. Mithouard ask if he might dare refer to President Wilson as "the great European interrogation."

PAY FOR MUSTERED OUT MEN Soldiers Not to Be Discharged

and Sent Home Penniless and Sent Home Penniless
Soldiers will not be sent home penniless when they are mustered out of the service. The Government will give them a month's pay and allowance for transportation from the camp to their homes at the rate of 3½ cents a mile, as soon as they are discharged.

Announcement to this effect was made by the Pennsylvania council of national defense, under orders from the head-quarters of the council in Washington.

Each unit will be sent to the camp nearest the district or city in which the majority of its members live to be mustered out. Their railroad fare from that point will cost the men two cents a mile, but three and one-half cents is allowed in order to cover other expenses of the trip, and take them to their homes with \$30 to tide them over fintil they receive any back pay that may be due them.

\$31,600 FOR MOTHERS' FUND

Councils Finance Committee Approves of Providing for Needy proves of Providing for Needy
Six hundred mothers in Philadelphia
re in med of assistance, and to provide
or them Councils' Finance Committee
is afternoon approved an ordinance
riving an appropriation of \$31,500 for
the mothers' assistance fund.
Miss Evelyn Caven, one of the commissioners appointed by the city and
late to dispense this fund, said that
wring the last eighteen months the
teste had given \$83,623,39 and the city
ity \$53,148,92. By today's appropriatou the committee will be able to aid
50 more mothers on the walting list.

WAR RISK PROBE MOVED

Congressman McFadden Seeks In quiry Into Allotment Delay.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A resolution to vestigate the bureau of war risk introduced in the House to-topy by Representative McFadden, of masylvania.

The resolution called for appointment an investigating committee of nine to ok into resent charges that hundreds allotments made by soldiers were developed and that the bureau has been gligent in caring for claims.

THE WEATHER VANE News to fill our hearts with sorrou

As through theistores we range:

Sunday Concert Action "Outrageous and Absurd"

The fallure of Councils' Finance Committee this afternoon to sanction a \$10,000 appropriation toward free Sunday afternoon concerts by the Philadelphia Orchestra was acnounced by orchestra directors,

"Outrageous and absurd," was the term applied to the committee's action by John Ingham, "I am quite sure the committee's action means there will be no Sunday concerts which would have been a source of inspiration to the city."

"The poor have just as much right to good music as the rich." said Dr. Charles S. Hart. "The proposed Sunday afternoon concerts would have given them the opportunity, which they now lack, of hearing the country's premier musical organization."

ONE MAN DEAD. THREE BURNED, AT NAVY YARD

Flames Trap Victims in Engine tion which provides for reduction of Room of Transport Bath

navy yard, is dead and three sallors Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, Reare in the Pennsylvania Hospital suf- publican, gave notice that he would offer fering from severe burns as the result later a substitute for, or move for reof a flareup in the engine room of the transport Bath at League Island,

old, an oiler, 1232 Hamilton street, rose urged early passage of the bill Michael R. Jones, third-class seaman,

One of the injured men threw a bucket of oily water into the furnace of the Bath. The resulting flareup of steam threw live coals to all parts of the engine room and soon that compartment, thirty-five net below the main deck, was a mass of flames.

ships, summoned by the fire gong, made their way into the engine room and car-

DAIX FOR TEACHERS' PAY RISE

crease, Says State Senator

"When Senator Vare made the assertion that he did not favor the proposed salary increase for school teachers in the higher grades and implied that he reflected the attitude of other Philadelphia members of the Legislature, he did not speak for me. I do not agree with him and want that understood."

This statement was made today by State Senator Augustus F. Daix, of the Seventh Senatorial District.

"School teachers," said Senator Daix," ask for a 25 per cent salary increase, I am with them and if an increase is granted it should be made general. Senator Vare in statements made in the newspapers save he favors a salary increase for teachers, but expresses the desire to confine the increase to teachers in the lower grades. I believe that teachers, regardless of grade, should receive the proposed salary increase."

The bill's rates, Senator Penrose said, reach the "limit of endurance" and only are entitled to support as war emergency. He added that tax reductions, as Government requirements shrink during demobilization and geconstruction.

SUSPECT SHOOTS POLICEMAN

Millbourne Patrolman, Hit in Head Twice, Fires After Man Frank Stinson, a Millbourné police-man, was shot twice in the head early today by a burglary suspect and despite

his wounds fired four times after the man, who escaped. Stinson, whose home it at 513 South Salford street, is in the West Philadel-

Delaware County, just west of Sixty-

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—Serious rioting occurred in Dressden Sunday right, it is reported. Two persons were killed and six wounded.

One of the victims was a soldfer shot by a worhan who concealed a revolver in her muff.

Hopes for New Tariff System

Speaking of the tariff, Senator Penrous said that, under existing unsettled economic conditions, it is impossible to make the tariff an important factor in

PENROSE WANTS PROMPT ACTION ON WAR TAX BILL

Senator Says, However, He Doesn't Approve of the Provisions for 1920

BEST NOW POSSIBLE

Praise for Work of War Boards, Which "Saved Country From Inefficiency"

By the Associated Press Washington, Dec. 17.

Prompt parsage of the war revenue bill was urged in the Senate today by Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, senfor Republican member of the Finance Committee. Senator Penrose gave his views when

the Senate reached the income tax seerates in 1920. Chairman Simmons of the Finance Committee, in charge of the bill, had formally anounced that every J. J. Lafferty, 2550 Richmond street, effort would be made to reach a final civilian employe at the Philadelphia vote on the measure before the holidays, consideration of the income tax section.

Although strongly dissenting from the E. P. McDermitt, twenty-four years provision for 1920 taxes, Senator Penwith a view to revision later. He fa- for more than the restoration of the damaged areas. vored abolishing war excess profits taxes Francis D. McLaughlin, twenty-one and substitution of a new system of flat years old, fireman. Oakdale, Pa. Income taxes.

a mass of flames.

Raffery was siding the sailors to make received more careful thought by far from the special 1920 provisions. It has repairs. He and the injured men were trapped in the flaming engine room.

Other sallors from the Bath and nearby ned by the fire gong, made clearly and consistently drafted and supplied with wiser administrative provisions than any other measure.

"I cannot disguise the fact that I feel anxious as to the effect upon the public of the attempt to apply such higher All Should Share in Salary In- rates of income and profits taxes as are provided. I am also convinced that the great body of intelligent and patriout the land are willing to accept these unnescessary.

Reasons for Opposing 1920 Rates

Opposing the proposed 1920 rates, Senator Penrose said it is impossible now to forecast the Government's needs and industrial conditions in 1920, and declared that "as a continuing levy any-thing like the present rates would operate strongly to repress and dis-courage American initiative and enter-

man, who escaped:
Stinson, whose home it at 513 South
Salford street, is in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital in a critical
condition.

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prise."

He suggested that the bill's plan of
raising one-third of the Government's
revenue requirements by taxes and twothirds by bonds is excessive. Pointing our that England has raised during the war but twenty-two per cent by taxes and France only fourteen per cent, a

Delaware County, just west of the property of third and Market streets.

Stinson saw a man acting suspiciously on the porch of Frank Horn, 12 Millistates is over one-third greater as compourne ovenue. Stinson leaped up on bourne ovenue. Stinson leaped up on bourne ovenue, with two rethe porch, only to be met with two revolver shots.

The suspect then fled, with Stinson's bullets flying about him.

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German Soviets Reject Radicals Amidst Uproar

National Congress Refuses to Accept Liebknecht as Adviser-Moderates Control Meeting-7000 Strikers Gather

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Dec. 16 .- (Delayed.) The central congress of delegates from Soldiers and Workmen's Councils from many parts of Germany opened today in the building formerly used by the Prussian Diet. Phere were three women among the 450 delegates.

During the organization of the congress it became evident that the Independent Socialists and the Spartacus to submit a communication. group were greatly outnumbered. A

a great tumuit throughout the hail. The followers of Doctor Liebknecht and spectators in the gallery joined in the uproar which lasted twenty minutes and threatened to result in various fist fights. A contest is expected Tuesday when the question of summoning a national assembly comes up for discussion.

Later while Herr Mueller, chairman of the workmen's section of the executive committee, was speaking the chairman of the congress interrupted to say: "There is a comrade present who wishes to submit a communication."

Red Arouses Protests

significant development was that none of important posts in the songress was given to delegates from Berlin.

Reject Spariacides' Pica

The Spartacus group made a futile attempt to letimidate the congress. Early in the session a resolution was submitted that Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, leaders of the Spartacus group, be invited to attend the congress as guests with advisory powers. Less than 15 per cent of the delegates voted for the resolution.

The newcomer announced that he represented 250,000 workmen who, were then assembled outside the Diet building. He read a list of demands identical with the Spartacus program, including retention of all power by the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils, no national assembly and the formation of a red guard. This aroused a sidm of national assembly and the formation of a red guard. This aroused a sidm of national assembly and the formation of a red guard. This aroused a sidm of national assemble outside the Diet building. He resad a list of demands identical with the Spartacus program, including retention of all power by the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils, no national assembly and the formation of a red guard. This aroused a sidm of the spartacus program, including retention of all power by the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils, no national assembly and the formation of a red guard. This aroused a sidm of the building program in the sension a resolution was submitted that Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. The newcomer announced that he represented 250,000 workmen who, were submitted.

PRESIDENT CONVINCES ANXIOUS PARIS: LEAGUE OF NATIONS BECOMES CERTAIN Executive Answers Nation's

Demand for Guarantees

of Peace—Germany

Must Pay to Limit U. S., England, France and Italy Will Dictate Peace of World Under International Pact. Freedom of Seas Depends on Practicability of League to Be Formed

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in France By Special Cable

Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Co. Paris, Dec. 17. Paris is pleased with the President's words at the Hotel de Ville yesterday, that America had been an eye-witness of the shameful wicked-

ness wrought by Germany and of the cruel sufferings brought upon France. His words are construed as the answer to the report that he would prove too considerate toward Germany. Part of France, at least, looks

The phrase he used in his speech makes clear one prevalent idea, namely, that there must be material guarantees of peace. Men are pointing out that, with German territory unravished, unless mulcted heavily, Germany will start with an advantage over the Allies and may soon reach a position again, from which to threaten European peace. Hence, they ask material guarantees that she cannot again break peace.

Demand for Buffer States

An extreme view of material guarantees is that French influence should extend to the Rhine. Men recall Poincare's position when Austria approached France through Prince Sixtus-that buffer states west of the Rhine must be created. It is impossible to say that this is the French Government view. It is rather the view of conservative opinion and of French business interests, which fear that Germany will get the start on

These demands for material guarantees, like the demand that the English control the seas in war, spring from a distrust of the capacity of any league of nations to assure continuous peace. It is also felt here that if the league of nations were workable, material gustantees would be

Germans Not Suffering

Regarding Germany's attitude and her capacity to recover quickly, word comes from sections, like Coblenz, which is occupied by American troops, that food is found to be plentiful and that the Germans do not believe their army has been beaten, but assert that the Kaiser surrendered under revolutionary pressure. Some wooden and paper shoes have been seen in shop windows, but none on the feet of German people. The people are well clothed. Food is cheap. The American army is being welcomed into occupied territory. Germany either expects greater consideration from Wilson or wishes to make the Allies distrustful by such ostentation of friendliness. All these things are consistent with the Teuton policy of turning to Wilson rather than elsewhere when seeking an armistice. Germany's confidence in him adds to Wilson's difficulties, but the situation is wholly unformed. His success in the conference will depend upon himself, upon how practical his ideas prove and how much force he puts behind them. Resolutions Ask Peace Con-There is nothing inflexible in his path.

To Visit Ruined Districts

President Wilson will be taken at an early date to visit the ruined districts of France and Belgium. France wants him to understand thoroughly the European view of Germany's crimes. The demand is strong here that Germany be made to pay all she can, not merely damages caused. but the costs of the war itself. The fear here that President Wilson wants to make a soft peace with Germany is based on the fact that Colonel House, their delegates at the first American many plant at Eddystone, the biggest morning that comes along and on which in the conferences which preceded the signing of the armistice, was not prepared to go as far as the Allies on the question of reparation and President Wilson agreed only after receiving a message from Colonel House stating the points of difference,

Europe does not want to take issue with President Wilson, but prefers to compromise wherever possible, believing that when he understands the pressed in a resolution which, while con-Allied point of view agreement will be possible.

President Wilson is free to compromise as he did on Russia, because he has not been wholly explicit in stating his views heretofore. Some people talk of the President's defeat in the Pcace Conference, but this is un-likely. His power as a leader of world opinion is too great and America's can Jewish Congress demands through friendship and aid with food and other resources too vital. the United States representatives that the Peace Conference surround the fu-

as at home. People no longer follow him blindly, but with discrimination. Still he is the only international figure at the Peace Conference. Clemenceau and Lloyd George are only national leaders.

The freedom of the seas rests somewhat on the practicality of the The freedom of the seas reputation of the sea the ocean, which has proved just and beneficent, until shown a substitute

Big Four Must Control

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"The congress further demands that the laws of naturalization be in theory

Big Four Must Control

No one knows just how the Peace Conference or league of nations will be organized. If it be on the basis of population, Asia, with China's millions, might control. If the basis be statehood, little States would have disproportionate power.

No league is likely to be accepted which does not put control in the hands of the great nations representing western civilization. The great civilized powers will have to get under the name of a league or nations, what, in finance, would be called the voting trust of the world. The real power will have to center where it is now.

The four men settling the destinies of the world will be President

Wilson and Premiers Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando. They will say how the league is to be organized and the rest of the world can only lightly and that the Jews in Rumania be granted title fullest political, civil, religious and national rights. The order to close the plant was not unexpected, had it came with no advance warning. First news of the impending sluidown reached here from Now York. Charles H. Schlaches, general manager of the plant, confirmed it. Ground was broken for the Eddystone plant on May 11, 1915, and so rapidly and in fact the same for the Jews as for other inhabitants."

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As in finance, would be called the voting trust of the survey of the control of the few world can only accept or reject, with little real option. Those four men, or their successors, with two or three others, will dominate the future international great in the special of the Romanian reports the special of the special of the Romanian reports the special of the special of the Romanian reports the special of the special of the special of the Romanian reports the special of the spec

PRESIDENT MEETS GENERAL FOCH

TEUTON WAR POWER WILL BE CRUSHED,

Paris, Dec. 17.-(By A. P.)-President Wilson's last engagement for the day was with Marshal Foch, giving the President the opportunity to see for the first time the man who led the Allied armies to victory, Tonight's program held only one event, a dinner and reception at the American Embassy, with the President and Mrs. Wilson as guests. A limited but distinguished company had been invited.

AUSTRALIA FAVORS EXPULSION OF GERMANS MELBOURNE, Dec. 17 .- Acting Premier Watt declared in

the House of Representatives today that the Commonwealth of Australia would act in close co-operation with the imperial government regarding the expulsion of Germans.

KILLED BY AIRPLANE AFTER LANDING

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 17 .- Lieutenant R. L. Campbell. of New York, an army aviator stationed at March Field, near here, was instantly killed today just after making a forced landing. Lieutenant Campbell was under the wing of his airplane and in crawling out he was struck in the head by the propeller. which had not come to rest.

Y. M. C. A. DENIES AID TO FORMER SOLDIERS

Men discharged from the army and navy but still wearing uniforms will not be admitted to free entertainments provided by the Y. M. C. A. here for service men, it was announced this afternoon at a meeting of welfare workers among soldiers and

AMBASSADOR DAVIS MAKES FIRST OFFICIAL CALL

LONDON, Dec. 17 .- John W. Davis, the new American Ambassador at London, made his first official call today when he went to the Foreign Office to see A. J. Balfour, the Foreign Secretary. Mr. Davis was introduced by Irwin B. Laughlin, secretary of the Embassy. The new Ambassador will present his credentials to King George within a few days.

VILLISTAS RAID AMERICAN RANCH IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 .- Villista bandits raided the anch of an American, John B. Hibler, of Galena, in Northern fexico, December 9, according to a report today to the State Department. No one was killed.

TODAY'S BASKETBALL SCORE

LANSD'E H. GIRLS 30 20-50 WOODE'Y H. GRLS 1 1- 2

JEWISH CONGRESS | BIG RIFLE PLANT **DEMANDS JUSTICE**

vale Concern at Eddy-

stone Shut Down

ference for Full Rights in Rumania

WANT UNIFORM STATUS NEW JOBS FOR WORKERS

Jewish Congress in session here at Lu rifle-making plant in the world, will he is not too busily engaged with his Lu Temple, this afternoon raised a close down January 11 by Government stenographers. He is keeping in the united voice for the Jews of Rumania and other countries where they have suffered oppression.

The sense of the congress was excerned with the Jews of Rumania, was announced today.

Built by the Baldwin Locomotive accurate information.

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protective measures and adequate guar antees that their rights be hereafter made as secure as possible. ."The executive agency selected by the

instructed to use its best The congress demands that all di-rect and implied anti-Jewish restric

PRESIDENT LAYS FRAMEWORK OF WORLD'S PEACE

Help Clear Way for January Sessions

KING VICTOR TO VISIT

Conferences and Visits

EXECUTIVE FRIDAY Papal Secretary Will Call Today to Arrange Visit to

the Vatican McADOO MAY HOLD OVER

Nation's Chief Will Meet Premiers of Entente This Week

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 17 King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, who will reach Paris Thursday, will visit President Wilson the following afternoon, according to the present arrange-

It was originally intended by the Italian embassy to have King Victor Emmanuel and President Wilson at dinner together on Friday, but, for ceremonial reasons, it has been decided that this will not be practicable, as the dinner is to be in the King's honor and it is not customary to have two heads of state at a

dinner when one is the guest of honor. Clear Decks for Meetings President Wilson's visit to the Amer

ican troops at the front and his review of them in Paris that is planned will be entirely out of the way by the first o the year. Meanwhile the informal co ferences, which mean so much and de cide so much in laying the groundwester auch a task as is before the feet Conference, will continue to make pro ress. The President is seeking to get acquainted with the men with whom he is to deal, so that he may discuss with the greatest freedom the problems arising and develop the value of the pe

sonal countion. While things are shaping up for the great gathering. President Wilson is evidently working out his own plans and for the most part, keeping his own coun sel. He was exceedingly gratified with was largely a personal affair. The President told the Premier some of his best Government Orders Mid- anecdotes and it is said the French minister formed a very high idea of the

President's sense of humor. President Wilson's health continue good. He has completely shaken of the cold which followed him to Europe With Mrs. Wilson and Rear Admiral he probably will take a turn on the golf The M dvale Steel and Ordnance Com-, links at Versailles the first pleasant order.

The working force of between 8000 closest touch with affairs in the United and 10,000 men and women will be provided with other places in industrial plants by the Federal employment services from members of the cabinet and the heads of some of the special war bureaus upon whom he is depending fo

McAdoe May Hold Over

the Midvale company for operation the Eddystone plant turned out 600,600 rifles of the standard Enfield pattern for the So far as is known the President has not yet selected a director general of British Government before the United railroads, and Director General Meadoe States declared war on Germany may hold, over until the President's re-

When this country entered the war the War lepartment assumed a directorship over the big riffe plant and in September, 1917, the first Springfield retary of State, who is in Paris on his Enfield riffe, the American army standand, was completed at the factory.

Production was speeded up materially and when the first year's report was made in September of this year, it was House today to make arrangements to found that 1,000,000 rifles had been be received by President Wilson. He completed and delivered to the Gov-will present the President with an au-The order to close the plant was not tograph letter from Pope Benedict and