cross it at several points. At each point the local Soldiers' Council turned him back. According to a Breslau telegram.

however, Joffe succeeded last night in crossing into German territory, having

There is danger of a general strike in the coal mines of the Ruhr district unless

the Government finds a way to pre

triking.
Instead of an eight-hour day,

Russian Prisoners Strike

Reports from Hamburg tell of a coun-cil of seamen formed there for the pro-

miners demanded a seven-hour

bribed members of one local co a large sum of money and, disguised and aided by Liebknecht's adherents, is now

on his way to Berlin.

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WILSON HEEDING VIEWS OF ALLIES

Not Pressing Own Ideas of Terms, but Seeking Those of Cobelligerents

UNDECIDED ON BOYCOTT

Likely to Modify League of Nations Scheme in Preliminary Organization

By RICHARD V. OULAHAN

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Paris, Dec. 17.

The President has been in Paris since Saturday without indicating in any authoritative way the attitude he will assume in dealing with the Allied representatives on the problems relating to the negotiation of the peace treaty.

It is becoming apparent, however, from what is said by those in a position to know his mind, that he has not come to France with a hard-and-fast formula for the adjustment of these

formula for the adjustment of these problems. On the contrary, his notion Paris Convinced appears to be that no single nation will be able to determine what is best Insure future world peace.

It is no secret that fear has existed Continued from Page One

in Europe, and to some extent in America, that the President had for-mulated views which would not admit

and there is reason to believe that the representatives of the Allied Governments will find him ready to understand and appreciate the considerations brought forward by them, which seemingly conflict with the popular s of American governmental

Wants Frank Exchange of Views the purpose of having a frank ex-change of views with the Allied pleni-potentiaries—this exchange to be preinary to any actual determination of the American program.

example-and this cannot be too ible in his views as to the organization of the league of nations for the preservation of peace. His heart is set on the league project, but it is understood that he is impressed by the fact that.

After the conferences he has had in that he is impressed by the fact that.
with a divergence of opinion among Paris and the personal examination he it may be impossible to effect an agree-ment which will go to the extent that

und by terms which pledge its memof the league.

He is expected to be willing to conede that it is not feasible-certainly at this time-to organize the league as a world government, with executive heads and judicial tribunals with a determine what the member power to determine what the member nations shall do to obviate war in the event of serious disputes between

It is understood that the views of President do not contemplate would amount to an offensive and defensive alliance. It is felt by the American delegation that the

for the continuance of close relations between the Allies in spite of the rumors

ject of dividing up Europe to gratify
selfish desires not in accord with the
rights of the peoples involved. Mr. Wilthis time with President Wilson, and the sen on frequent occasions has shown deferred relief project again will come up that he was opposed to this mode of set-flowent. It is understood, however, that the President and his associates are in agreement with Senator Lodge in the agreement with Senator Lodge in the latest the president and his associates are in agreement with Senator Lodge in the latest the will be project again will come up for discussion and decision.

of the national committee of patriotic

No Set Program Drafted

One gathers since the arrival of the presidential party that a set program for the formation of a league of nations has not been drafted by the American delegation. The members of that dele-gation, including the President, desire to hear the ideas of the Allied repre-

is American people should underit that the situation was compliit to the free circulation of gossipy
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resentment animated them, but, on the contrary, that they were willing and anxious to make America understand their complete confidence in the unselfish attitude of their President.

That the President is here to carry out the desires of his fellow-citizens was shown by his references in the Hotel de Ville speech to his intention to follow their wishes in bringing about a satisfactory settlement of the war.

He was evidently pleased over the expressions of appreciation in the Hotel de Ville speeches regarding America's generosity in relieving the sufferings of

generosity in relieving the sufferings of Altogether the day's events, following hose of Saturday, have served to cleon the political atmosphere and create a good impression that is expected to have an excellent effect when the Allied representatives get down to business.

RAIN STOPS WILSON'S TRIP TO MARNE FIELD

of Stern Terms

assurances are declared to have come to him from what was regarded as a Quite the opposite seems to be true, ple, as a whole, are sincere in their dependable source that the French peohold them. It is not necessary to assume, according to the view of American official circles, that the French people would go to the point of taking issue with their own Government, if it were necessary, to support President Wilson. The President has come to Paris, for it is the belief of the American repre-ecording to reliable information, with sentatives that no issue of that kind can for it is the belief of the American repre-

Clemenceau Agrees

This view seems to have gained trength, following the first interview strength, between President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau. There was no lack of warmth in the French statesman's appreciation of the American position, it was declared, it being indicated, on the other hand, that his attitude was thor-

he associated nations on this subject, has made into the situation here, President Wilson has come to understand fully why the Peace Conference cannot some hope for it—ex-President Taft, for example.

In this spirit of accommodation the President may be expected to take the position that the league at the outset should be lookely formed—that is, not pared to the task of shifting the compared to the task of shifting th tents of a building housing one of the ters to use armed force to discipline great emergency war organizations in ther members which violate the prin. America and setting it up in a new

Economic questions are coming prominently to the front in the discussions now going on behind the scenes. The main point hinges on the appointment of Herbert C. Hooyer, the American food administrator, as director general of relief for all the Allies and the United President Wilson conferred today with

Edward N. Hurley, the shipping de-rector, one of the subjects under discussion being that of shipping for the homeward movement of troops. During the last few days the foreign govern-

U. S. Relief Plan

The American plan for relief was pre-

reater number of the twenty-one prin-ciples suggested for a peace settlement.

More detailed information is desired rector general of relief, particularly the here before the American delegation can use of merchant shipping now in Gersay just how far they are willing to accept the principles stated by him which and also the prompt movement of American General of the conflict with the views of the seem to conflict with the views of the lean troops back to the United States. first time since the beginning of the war.

SEES NO RISK OF RIFT

has not been drafted by the American delegation. The members of that delegation including the President, desire to hear the ideas of the Allied representatives on the subject before reaching a determination on the course of the United States.

The matter of arrangements for the employment of an economic boycott to discipline offending members of the league is a case in point. The President and his American associates are believed not to have made up their minds as to the feasibility of such preventive means and to be more than willing to discuss the question freely with the representatives of the Allies.

It may be taken for granted that he expects to meet the heads of the Allied peace delegates in the friendliest spirit. Taken all in all, his position, when set forth, is likely to create a favorable impression and justify hope for the continuance of a close relationship between the Allied nations which will work for parmassit peace.

Paris Appreciates U. S. in War

The people of Paris are evidently determined to leave nothing undone to show their appreciation of American's effort in the war and Wilson's personal part in it. Yesterday the special was virtually a repetition of saturday's great demonstration in his honor.

Considerable curiosity was shown here before the President's coming as to the character of the reception he mould receive from the population of Paris.

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GERMAN SO VIETS REJECT RADICALS NOT PRO-GERMAN,

the Liebknecht agents had induced to go on strike temporarily. In the mean-time Dr. Liebknecht succeeded in en-tering the building and made a speech to the crowd from a window.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)— Herr Mueller, in presenting the report of the executive committee to the con-gress of Soldiers and Workmen's Councils, according to a report from Berlin, announced that Carl Kautsky had examined the documents in the German Foreign Office and had been unable to find that any had been destroyed. He confirmed the report that the resignation of Doctor Solf, the Foreign Minister, had been accepted by the Govern-

The elections to the National Assem-ply in the former Grand Duchy of Meck-Berlin and are as follows: Socialists, 2 "handleraftmen," 3, and peasant party, 1.

A general meeting of the Independent Socialist party has decided that the Socialist party has decided that the party shall vote in favor of a national assembly. The Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Tidene of Copenhager says this is a great defeat of the Spartacus group.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—(Delayed)—The scene in the Parliament chamber was a striking one when the national Soldiers soldiers in field gray uniforms. Mingling workers in shabby And this room formerly was tenanted only by legislators in the most formal ungovernable, and correct dress,

There was one woman delegate and the chamber. Half a dozen officers sat on the rostrum, which was draped with the red banners of socialism.

The first business transacted was There have been a great many cases

the election of officers. Major Leinert, of Hanover, a former member of the Reichstag and a supporter of Schelde mann. was chosen to preside. Three alternates were selected. The session got under way with military precision.

TEUTONS ADOPT QUEER METHODS

Extremists Have Definitely Lost Their Hold on Capital

By JOSEPH HERRINGS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

a common executive committee in prevent it. place of the present one and to vote mendous job. It might almost be com-pared to the task of shifting the con-on the question when the national convention is to be assembled.

In Berlin the election of delegates resulted in an overwhelming victory for the majority Socialists, who elected four, against the Independent Socialists' two, meaning that the latter and their alites, the Spartacides, have definitely lost their hold on the German capital. This, however, does not preclude the possibility of some strange manifestations that may prove at tomorrow's convention that Liebknecht, Luxemburg and company are

Delegations from most of the other districts will, according to all indications, be even more anti-Spartacus than Berlin's, and most probably the hard for a very much earlier here were declared to be unable to keep here were declared to be unable to have too, has can Senate would decline to ratify a treaty of that character.

It is obvious that differences will dement. Each nation involved has different been trieved on certain subjects. But there seems to be a cordial desire on all sides for the continuance of close relations between the Allies in subject is named and that the American and the United States in transporting troops, so that the vesting through that fixed by the Government, too, has and that his army was marching through thus far. If one considers that on the convocation of the national convention than that fixed by the Government, too, has and that his army was marching through thus far. If one considers that on the convocation of the national convention than that fixed by the Government, too, has an entile the put back in trade.

A amendment to this has now been thus far. If one considers that on the convocation of the national convention than that fixed by the Government, too, has and that his army was marching through the form the soldiers convocation of the national convention than that fixed by the Government, too, has and that his army was marching through decided to junker officers by the convocation of the national convention than that fixed by the Government, too, has and that his army was marching through decider to junker officers by the convocation of the national convention than that fixed by the Government, too, has an entile the put of the wind that his army was marching through authority of the warrier officers.

A dispatch from Berlin, November 24, here were declared to be unable to keep or der.

The anti-Semetic movement, too, has and that his army was marching through the form of the national convention of the national

The agitation in nearly the whole It is inconceivable that the American delegates will not take issue with any leffort to turn the conference into another Congress of Vienna, with the object of dividing up Europe to gratify will sea in him these premiers despend on Paris next Thursday is accord with the left of this spirit. Doubtless will sea in him the part of the sentence of the American plan for relet was presented in writing to the recent meeting press, with the exception of the Spartacides' organizations, against the Soldiers and Workers' Councils is to a large extent responsible for this spirit. Doubtless will sea in him the spirit was presented in writing to the recent meeting press, with the exception of that of the sented in writing to the recent meeting press, with the exception of that of the sented in writing to the recent meeting press, with the exception of that of the sented in writing to the recent meeting press, with the exception of that of the sented in writing to the recent meeting of the Supreme War Council in London, and the Spartacides' organizations, against the Soldiers and Workers' Councils is to a large extent responsible for this spirit. Doubtless most of the councils have the best intentions, but their activity in many cases has assumed not only a grotesque but even a lawless aspect, especially so in certain suburbs of Berlin and other large cities such as Bremen, Hamburg, Dresden, Dusseldorf and

Bolshevik Methods Introduced

can troops back to the United States.

A dispatch from Geneva says that the duced Bolshevik methods, dealing was dancing on a large scale for the ments of all three suburbs have been discharged by ukase of the Soldiers and Workers' Council, which disputed

and Workers' Councils are dividing the and workers Councils are dividing the patronage and other spoils among themselves and their friends in true Tammany Hall fashion. Some of these new-fangled bosses delight in playing Raroun Al Raschid in most

nexpected ways. A number of soldiers who have re-turned from the war found their hearts changed and wanted divorces, but either could not find any court to pronounce decrees against their wives or would decrees against their wives or would not even take the trouble of proceeding against them. So they called on the all mighty chief of the soldiers' coun-cil, who, without ceremony, cut the knots that neither priest nor judge could

But what these chiefs like best, be-cause it increases their popularity with the people, is to descend upon the house of some unsuspecting rich hoarder and despoil his storerooms of his jams, coffee, butter, cheese and other good things, which are then publicly sold at prices fixed by the Government, much below those of legitimate trade. In many cases, too, the spoils of such raids are simply appropriated by the raiders them-

Create Great Confusion

These council bosses are very jealous of each other, and delight in undoing each other's orders, creating an incredi ble confusion, which works havoc with industry and public affairs.

These Soldiers and Workers' Councils, and Workmen's meeting was called to however, have some points to their order, today. The room was filled with credit, which accounts for the Government having tolerated them so far. They exert a certain authority over elements that otherwise, in these revolutionary times, would probably prove absolutely Besides, they are the only effective agency for propagating the revolution in regiments returning there were several women in the au-dience. They were the first ever to enter of the old military spirit, and, what is

There have been a great many cases recently in which officers have tried to build their men into the old state of nothing in common with discipline, and they might have succeeded if the Sol-diers' Councils had not been interested. officers who have recently returned have been unable to realize the change that has taken place, and re-fuse to take the consequences. They avidently still cherish the fond hope that OF GOVERNMENT things will change again, and they would gladly help them change, to which end they wish to preserve the old relations tween officers and men.

Such cases are too numerous to re-count here, but the officers figuring in them invariably bear the names of now hated junker families. Yesterday one attempted to imitate the example of Martin. Hatuschka and Rheinbaden, which led to the bloody riots December An officer of a detachment quartered university was called late last Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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Berlin, Dec. 15.—Via Copenhagen,
Dec. 17.—Delegates from the Soldiers
and Workers' Councils of all Germany
will meet in Berlin tomorrow to elect
a community executive committee in unless its demands are granted.

The Berliner-Tageblatt and the Vossische Zeitung appeared again this morning and Wertheim's department store reopened. in all cases the strikers at these establishments got what they asked. The employes of the Tietz, Jandorff and other department stores threaten to strike unless similar concerning are granted to them.

Telephoned Orders False

Investigation proved that the officer in the university had supposedly ceived his orders by telephone from headquarters of the chief commander the Berlin garrisons. The commander declared that no such orders had been issued from his headquarters. Thanks to an untiring search by the Soldiers' Council, the culprit seems already to have been discovered in the person of a young officer, a supposed friend or Mutuschka.

The researches of the Soldiers Council, too, led to the discovery of a plot by young aristocratic students who planned to send a delegation consisting of the two brothers Von Heckendorf to

iting Jew-baiting has been traced to hinations of irresponsible junkers and officers wishing to create confusion and trouble for the people's commis-sioners' government. The Government has warned the originators of these handbills that they will be severely pun-

Some of the papers today advise the Berlin council to inspire the local Sol-diers' Council at Potsdam with a little more revolutionary spirit. The officers of the guard regiments there are pre-tending still to live in pre-revolutionary times. The other day they ordered a certain regiment to do royal monors to Prince Joachim, the ex-Kaiser's youngest son. Prince Eitel Friedrich's home is rapidly becoming the center of all unlformed gentry whose names end with "in," "itz" and "ow."

No Invitation to Joffe

It will be remembered that the Berlin Soldiers and Workers' Councils' execu friendly tone to a Russian wireless mes sage suggesting that Joffe participate in S NO RISK OF RIFT

their legality on the ground that they were elected by the old three-class ballot system. The chiefs of the Soldiers

tomorrow's congress as Russia's representative. Joffe took this for an invitation, though it was afterward made clear that such had not been intended.

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SAYS UNTERMYER

Denies Sympathy Was With Teutons Before America Entered War

APPEARS AS WITNESS

on his way to Berlin.

Count zu Reventlow publishes an article in the Deutsche Tages-Zeitung hinting at the necessity of improving the relations between Germany and America, because of Franco-British intimacy with Japan. The article closed: Explains Writing to Albert in The German people in their present osition will find no price too high which Regard to Buying Newsthe United States might demand for a

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 17. A strike started at Thysemen's mine the "Deutscher Kaiser," on December 12, when 5000 men laid down their tools. Since that time half a dozen other mines have become affected, 5000 more men Samuel Untermyer, of New York whose name has been mentioned in the investigation of German propaganda, appeared today before the Senate investigating committee to answer what he described as innuendos and implications twenty marks per day besides extra compensation of 1,000 marks for every man who was working underground for four-years. In some cases they threatwhich made it appear that previous to March, 1916, his sympathies were pro-German.

"I was, of course, always solicitous as were all of us," he said, "that a conflict be avoided and tried to do my The local Soldiers Council are protecthumble part in ony of my infrequent ing the minese against riots, but they sympathize with the strikers and may meetings with members of the German embassy toward preserving the peace by making them feel that our hands were not turned against them, although I always insisted with them, and they knew that I felt deeply that they were Near Beuthen, in Upper Silesia, Russian prisoners, who were warking in the

mine, struck. They tried to overwhelm the German guards: The latter at first fired blank cartridges. This having no effect, they fired bullets, which killed In the wrong.
"There is not a shred of basis for hese vague implications. Being of German parentage, although it is almost a century since my people settled in Virnine and wounded several Russians, whereupon the latter resumed work. The Krupps have notified their workers that many foremen and most of the 200,000 workers employed there must be under ordinary conditions, or in any sense improper, if my sympathies had at that time been pro-German. Sentidismissed, as there is only work for ment was quite evenly divided for a time, due partly to our large German and German-American population and to about 12,000 men. At present the Krupps are paying 2,000,000 marks wages daily for unproductive work or no work at all, and German-American population and to the anti-English feeling in some quarters." up, there will be nothing left but stone walls, scrap iron and debts.

Judge Asron Levy, of New York, who Vorwaerts, commenting on this news purchase of L. E. Miller's minority stock in the Warheit, a Jewish publication in New York, reiterated a statement to the from Essen, says that the Government must at once undertake public works that will keep the great plants going. ommittee in a telegram Saturday that he purchased Miller's stock and that cerning the merchant marine, marine courts and shipowners. The owners are expected to pay the council's expenses, which threatens to sink all merchantmen unless its demands are granted.

The Registry which is sisted of a loan of \$35,000. He said from the publication because of his pro-Ally tendencies was "pure fiction." He ommended here the council's expenses, which threatens to sink all merchantmen unless its demands are granted.

Albert in February, 1916, regarding the proposed purchase of a New Yor paper, Mr. Untermyer said Albert had expressed a desire to have the opportunity of interesting his friends on a purely business basis. The committee wanted the name of

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WHERE IS VON MACKENSEN?

Latest Report Now Has Field Marshal Interned Again Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, commander of the German forces in Rumania, has been interned by the Hungarian Government, according to the Az Est of Budapest. The Hungarian Government is reported to have informed the German leader that his internment was demanded by the Allies.

Other dispatches received here from Hungary say that the Rumanians have disarmed and interned the rear guard of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces.

ssions are granted to them.

A dispatch from Berlin, November 24

ALLIED SHIPS SHELL SMYRNA Fleets Bombard Armed Turks as Revolt Kindles

Athens, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—The situation in Smyra is exteremely critical, according to newspaper dispatches from Mitylene. om Mitylene. Toung Turk officials have posted rmed bands at various places about te town and these have been bombarded y the Allied fleets.

Denies U. S. Squadron Is at Pola London, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—The Italian embassy here states that the report from Laibach, to the effect that an American squadron had arrived at Pola, was unfounded.

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a friend with whom Mr. Untermyer dis-cussed the purchase of a New York newspaper, but he asked to be excused. The name, however, was written on a slip of paper and handed to Chairman

"Didn't you know that Albert was to get the money from Berlin for the pur-chase of the newspaper?" asked Senator

was to come from, and I did not care in

"I did not know where

"Then if Doctor Fushr's diary says that he conferred with you about the purchase of a newspaper it is incorrect?" asked Major Humes. After writing Albert in February, 1916, concerning the purchase he received a communication from him saying the proposal had been referred to Berlin. In these communications the name of the paper was not disclosed, but Untermyer told the committee today they had in mind the purchase of the New York Sun.

, "It is a lie. There may be a great many other lies in his diary, too," he replied.

FOE HOLDS MEXICAN RADIOS

25 Stations Declared Controlled by German Interests

Washington, Dec. 17.—Twenty-five adio stations in Mexico are controlled y German interests, which were backed y the former Kaiser's Government, B. Nally, president of the Pan-American Vireless Company, testified before the fouse Merchant Marine Committee to-

Mr. Untermyer said he had met Count von Bernstorff, but had never discussed with him the purchase of the



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