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SIR ROBERT BORDEN

According to London reports the

Canadian Premier has received the

BORDEN FOR BRITAIN'S ENVOY

Canada Hears Her Premier Has

Been Offered Post in Washington

Montreal, Feb. 12 .- Sir Robert Bor

den, the Canadian Premier, now

Paris in attendance at the Peace Con

ference, has been offered the post o

British Ambassador to the United States.

according to a report in newspaper cir cles in London received by the Canadian

WILSON APPLAUDED AT OPERA

President and Wife Center of

Brilliant Assemblage in Paris

2100 RED HOSTAGES FREED

ment to Protect Loyalists

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WAR NURSE BADLY BURNED

at U. P. Base Hospital

TEN-CENT CARFARE HINTED

ble Rate on Frankford "L"

TORYISM OPPOSES WILSON

PLANS FOR WORLD PEACE;

PRICE TWO CENTS

OFFICIALS REBUKE SALE OF WEAPONS WITHOUT CAUTION

Coroner at Inquest Scores Dealers Who Sell Without Restraint

MAGISTRATE ADDS RAP

Declares Need of Laws From Bench in Holding Boy

Dealers who sell firearms without ining as to the use the weapons are put were rebuked today by Coroner Kinght and Magistrate Pennock.

'This is an example of the kind of sceldents that are bound to occur when firearms can be purchased without restraint," the Coroner said at the inquest into the death of George Wilson, thirty-four years old, of 103 Federal street, who was shot and killed by James Carney, twenty-five years old, of 214 Manton stret, on February 3. Carney was held without ball to awalt

the action of the Grand Jury. Wilson was shot as he left the saoon at Second and Manton streets. A patrolman was standing within a few feet of him when he fell, but no trace of the assailant was found. Last week Carney gave himself up and confesses to the shooting, saying he had not come forward sooner because he wanted to retain his liberty until he attended the burial of his sister.

He testified today he had been trying to sell a revolver before the shooting, and that he still had it in his hand when Wilson left the saloon. The re-volver accidently exploded, killing

Magistrate Pennock's Rebuke

Magistrate Pennock issued a rebuke dealers during the hearing of Rein-old Rohr, sixteen years old, 119 West ligebeny avenue. The boy was ar-sted for carrying a revolver. On being questioned by the magistrate ohr said he had bought the revolver

on Saturday night in a pawn shop at Second and Market streets. He said he had paid \$8 for the pistol.

"It is about time that we had some legislation to punish people who sell fire arms to boys and other irresponsible persons," said Magistrate Pennock. "At the present "me any one with the the present "me any one with the necessary cash can go into a pawn shop or other place where revolvers are sold and buy a revolver without explaining why he needs it.

Says Legislation is Needed

alers should not be allowed to sell Dealers should not be allowed to sell e dangerous weapons to anybody out a license. Such legislation that prevent the wholesale sale of fire-st to irresponsible persons is needed." ohr was arrested yesterday afteron at Second street and Wyo ing some shots into the side of a railown home as a protection against burgiars. He was discharged.
Senator A. F. Daix has introduced a bill in the State Legislature providing for the licensing of dealers in firearms.

PLAN OF "WETS" TO RECONSIDER ALARMS "DRYS"

Prohibition Forces Fear Revolting in "Light" House Might Beat Ratification By a Staff Correspondent

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Feb. 12,—"Dry" leaders
the House are alarmed over reports
at the "wet" forces plan to attempt
bring about a reconsideration of the
te by which the House passed the
lockerman resolution to ratify the naonal prohibition amendment.

Benator Max Leslie, of Pittsburgh,
hose entire House delegation voted
midly against the Vickerman resoluon, is credited by the "dry" leaders
the attempt to bring about the remadderation. As the "drys" have a substantial ma-lority in the lower chamber there is no chance of the liquor forces polling a constitutional majority of 104 votes on

with a move.

The danger as the "drys" see it, however, lays in a "light" House. If the manks of the "drys" should be depleted to less than 104 votes by absentees, then the "west" would be enabled to defeat ratification.

INSIST ON RIGHT TO STRIKE

Garretson Says Conductors Would Keep It Under U. S. Ownership washington, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—
is right of railroad employes to strike
hald be instated upon under governint ownership, A. B. Garretson, presiint of the Order of Railroad Conducment and teday in reply to questions of
mator Cummins, of Iowa, during his
mination on railroad problems before
Senate Commerce Committee.

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wases should be determined by a
fulumal fairly balanced in which no
interested element could dispose of
question."

If the government did not fix wages

guestion."
If the government did not fix wages
placforlly," asked Senator Cummins,
hold you would have the right to

Absolutely yes," responded the wit-"The relations between the gov-nent and its employes should be the a as between private employer and amployes."

THE WEATHER VANE dy tonight and tomorrow. No

Of allver. Ne'er hope to achieve

But the weather man doesn't be-

How Organizations in City Celebrated Lincoln Day

Memorial celebration by Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Pennsylvania Commandery, Union League, this evening. Address by the Rev. Alexander Henry Leo, chaplain. Exercises in public schools, morn-

Exercises, Girard College; address by Judge J. Henry Williams, Superior Court.

Dinner, U. S. Grant Post No. 5 and Philadelphia Naval Veterans No. 32. Speakers: Commander Richard J. Baxter, G. A. R. Post No. 10, and Claude Hampton, president Drexel Institute. Dinner, Thirty-second Ward

ing rooms. Addresses by prominent Democrats. Dinner, Fourth Division Philadel phia Home Defense Reserves, Pelham Club, Germantown.

Democratic Club, Mosebach's draw-

TRANSPORT HERE WITH 21 HEROES

Three Wounded Philadelphians Arrive Home Aboard Bristol

GREETED BY RED CROSS pital at

The army transport Bristol, carrying a casual company of one officer and twenty enlisted men, three of whom are Philadelphians, docked at Pier 38, foot of Christian street, shortly after noon

The Philadelphians, all of whom were injured or gassed during the Chateau-Thierry fight are:

Private Roland Finley, 2307 North Gratz street, 110th Infantry. Private Anthony Morkus, 4774 Mel-ose street, 109th Infantry.

Private James Feeley, 1936 North Fifty-first street, Fifty-eighth Infantry The Pennsylvanians on the vessel

Sergeant Wm. Unitas, Pittston. Private Jacob G. Held, Company K. 158th Infantry, Reading.

Private James A. Hunt, 317th, Cooks and Baker's School, Peverton. Private William H. Rattigan, horse hoer, 109th Machine Gun Battalion Ford City.

Private John H. Balley, Battery E. 107th Field Artillery, Pittsburgh.

Canteen Workers Meet Vessel Red Cross canteen workers and repesentatives of other welfare organizalons met the vessel at the pler.

"Gee, it's the same old Philly," re-marked Finley, who was one of the first o step from the versel, "and you've got to hand it to the Red Cross for being on the job. There is nothing like the old home town after the mud of France."
He explained that the Bristol had a sixty-five nurses and 150 enlisted men. long and stormy journey across the Atlantic. The boat left La Pallice, France, unit become after they went abroad in Tanuery 1818, that at least twenty-five n the job. There is nothing like the

Siormy seas for twenty days.

Finley who was a member of B Company, 1994 Regiment, which was the old First Regiment, received a machine-gun bullet in his leg at Chateau-

"We had repelled the German attack and were pushing them back, when one of their bullets got me. I went down for the count, of course, and I missed the balance of the fun." Hot Coffee and Sandwiches

About twenty members of the Red ross met the soldiers at the pier and urnished them with hot coffee and sand-The Salvation Army workers were on hand with postal cards and

ARISE, ADAM'S APPLES!

Revolt, Ye Slaves, Agin' Shackles of Fashion!

Shackles of Fashion!

They say the stiff collar and
The top hat are coming back to
Torment our Adam's apples and
Wear out our hair, which is the
Worst news we have had since the
Great American desert plan was
Announced. Over in London, sir
Doug Haig has taken the moth
Balls out of his topper, and stiff
Collars once more are taking the
Joy out of life on Piccadilly. It's
A disaster, for our wesherwoman will
Launder our soft collars, but sheWon't launder our stiff ones. "No suh!"
And only the laundries are glad
And our top hat has been melancholy
Since our wife sat on it; of course
She apologized, and we said we were
Sorry for what we had said. But
The fact remains that if Sir Doug
Has his topper out of camphor, we
Must buy a new one to go to the
Movies in. And what with stiff
Collars back again and prohibition
And all, we think we shall
Just throw our life away
And drink a chocolate sundae.

NEIGHBORS FIGHT BARN FIRE Quick Action by Bucket Brigade

Holds Loss to \$1000 Quick action by neighbors saved a parn and stable of Charles Everettbarn and sable of Charles Everett. Seventh and Johnson streets, from destruction by fire today.

When the flames were discovered a double bucket brigade was formed, and in this way water was relayed from a pend a block away. Other residents helped with axes, and when the firemen arrived the fire was under control.

The damage amounted to about \$1000.

INVASION OF RUSSIA BANNED

Curzon Tells Lords Alternatives Were New War or Conference London. Feb. 12.—Lord Curson, president of the council, said yesterday in the House of Lords that none of the Allies is prepared to invade Russia to extirpate the Bolsheviki.

"It would have meant a new European war," he said, adding that as an alternative the Princes Island conference was proposed.

Fire in Frankford Trolley Barn Fire threatened today to destroy the depot at Frankford avenue and Mar-ret atreet, said to be the oldest car-rn in the city. The depot is a land-

BASE HOSPITALS RECRUITED HERE READYTORETURN

Pennsylvania Unit Awaiting Transport and Episcopal Ordered to Prepare

OFFICERS ARE HOME

Three Other City Units Expected to Follow No. 10 and 34 Soon

Base Hospital 10, representing the Pennsylvania Hospital in France, has been released from the British service and is expected to sail for home as soon as a transport can be obtained.

Another Philadelphis unit Base Hos pital 34, sent out by the Episcopal Hospital, likewise is expected home seen It already has been notified to make ready for embarkation, and it is believed will arrive here some time early

The commanding officers of both No. 10 and No. 34 already are home. Colonel Astley P. C. Ashhurst, who went out as a major in command of No. 34. arrived home January 2, and was assigned to duty at the Waller Reed Hos-pital at Washington. He was twice promoted while abroad for bravery. Colonel Richard H. Harte, medical officer in charge of No. 10, likewise was

pital at Washington. He was twice promoted while abroad for bravery.

Colonel Richard H. Harte, medical officer in charge of No. 10, likewise was promoted to the rank of colonel in recognition of his services.

Physicians and Nurses Needed Here.

Daniel Test, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Hospital, has been trying for some time to get No. 10 released from the service, as the members of the surgical, medical and nursing staffs are badly need for work here.

Mr. Test said today that he had not

badly need for work here.

Mr. Test said today that he had not so far received definite word of No. 10 having been released from the British service, but understood that it was to be released on some date between the ist and 15th of thisf month. He said it probably was now on its way to the port of embarkation.

Management and physicians of the Pennsylvania Hospital eagerly are wait-ing word that the unit is ready to embark. It is expected that a cablegram will be sent immediately the order is given by the commanding officer of the unit, who is at present Dr. Charles F. Mitchell.

Base Hospital No. 10 was the first to leave this city for the front, and one of the first to leave the United States. It has been in service constantly since leaving, having in charge a big British hospital at the French seacoast town of Le Treport.

Surgical teams from No. 10 distin-

guished themselves in the front lines. When Colonel Harte returned, just after the signing of the armistice, he brought home a notable report of the hospital's

Paris, Feb. 12.—President and Mrs. Wilson attended a gala performance at the opera, arranged in their honor, last night. The proceeds of the performance will be added the funds devoted to the care of the war cripples. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in the presidential box. which was draped with the Stars and Stripes. January, 1918, that at least twenty-five

equipped hase hospitals that did not have to appeal to the government to complete its equipment. The \$60,000 raised was used to such good effect that one month after the hospital sailed from New York it had set up and was in operation caring for American soldiers.

Episcopal Unit's Good Record
The record of the unit was so proficient that Decter Ashburster was proficient.

that Doctor Ashhurst, who went abroad as major in command of the hospital, was twice promoted. In December, 1917. he was made a Heutenant colonel and short time later was made a full colonel and assigned as consulting surgeon for all the base hospitals in the Nantes sevtor. His place as director of the was taken by Dr. Emory G. Alexander. 1701 Spruce street, The other Philadelphia hospital units

whose return is believed to be presaged by the announcement of the coming of the Episcopal unit are Base Hospital the Episcopal unit are Base Hospital No. 10, recruited at the Pennsylvania Hospital; Base Hospital No. 20, recruit-ed at the University Hospital; Base Hospital No. 28, recruited at the Jefferson Hospital; Base Hospital No. 95, recruited at the Methodist Hospital, and recruited at the Methodist Hospital, and the Presbyterian-Hospital unit, known as United States army mobile unit.

Color to the belief that these other Philadelphia units may be expected in the near future is given by the arrival of several members of Nc. 10 last week and the arrival of Miss Margaret E. Haggerty, 4621 Pagchall avenue, a purse is No. 10. Haggerty, 4621 Paschall avenue, a Miss Mary Walbert in Accident

Personnel of Unit

The personnel of the Episcopal Hos-pital unit as made public when it sailed for France was: Commanding Officer—Major Raiph G. De Voc M. C. Director—Major Emory G. Alexander. Chief of Medical Service—Major John B. Adjutant—Captain Raiph S. Browns. Major Emory G. Alexander, Medical Service—Major John H. R. C. —Captain Ralph S. Bromer, M.

R Quartermaster—Captain Raphael I. Levin.
R Chief of Orthopedic Service—Captain Rutherford I. John. M. R. Captain John W.
Moore, M. R. C.
Captain Henry C. Walker, M. R. C.
Lieutenant Irvine M. Boykin, M. R. C. Continued on Page Nine, Column Five

WOMEN TO FETE MARINES Five Hundred "Devil Dog" He-

War prices have so increased cost of construction of the Frankford "L" that a ten-sent fare would have to be charged if the city undertook its operation in-dependently, according to Director Twin-ing, of the City Transit Department. roes Will Be Guests

Five hundred "devil dog" veterans of Chateau-Thierry—the spunky Americans who stemmed the German tide rushing toward Paris—will be the guests of the Philadelphia society women today.

The entertainment has been arranged by Mrs. Theodore Reath, of the marine knitting league. The entire parquet of the Forrest Theatre will be turned over to the men for the matinee performance. The marines will be escorted from the Philadelphia navy yard by motors of the Red Cross motor messenger service, and the young women of the junior service corps of the national league of woman's service.

Following the show, 300 of the fighting Americans will be taken to the Marine Club for dinner and 200 to the Arch street canteen, Arch street east of Broad, where they will be served by members of the national league for woman's service, under the direction of Mrs. George W. Elkins, Jr., chief of the ranisen, and Miss Sophie Ross, assistant chief. roes Will Be Guests In an address at a luncheon of the Kensington Board of Trade at its head-quarters. Front street above Susque-hanna avenue. Director Twining told the merchanta that he could not promise to have the "L" ready for operation before a year or a year and a half.

FOUR RUSSIAN **FACTIONS TO** MEET ALLIES

Ukraine, Ufa, Crimea and Reds to Be Represented at Parley

FIGHTING IS STILL BARRIER TO MEETING

French and British Agree to Assess All War Costs for Reparation

TOTALS 200 BILLIONS

Force to Be Stationed Within Borders

Friends' Society Praises Wilson's Work for Peace

Paris, Feb. 12.-(By A. P.)-The American Society of Friends has sent to President Wilson the following message: "The American Friends authorize us to express joy that you are working for justice. We pray that strength beyond your wn will be given you to unite the people in a league sanctioning noral force toward all humanity as the basis of future international order. We also appeal for complete disarmament, which is vital

By the Associated Press

Sir Robert Borden has been distinctly friendly toward the United States. Speaking last November at the Thanks-giving Day celebration of the American Society in London he said the world's peace was in the hands of the United States and the Britannic Commonwealth. Last August he paid tribute to the valor of the Yankee soldider, crediting the United States army with bringing victory out of defeat on the western front.

Sir Robert won the title "The Strong Man of Canada" when he ejected Sam Hughes His decisiveness regarding reciprocity brought his party into office, and he so boldly put Canada into the war that the opposition was afraid to Paris, Feb. 12.—Prospects are brighten ing for the assembling of at least four of the Russian factions at the conference to be held on the Princes Islands.

Word has come from the Ukraine tha the government of that former part of Russia will participate in the conference and it is reported that the indecision of he so boldly put Canada into the war that the opposition was afraid to 'tackle" him. He is the only Conserva-tive in a family of Liberals, was forty-two years old before he entered politics, and is a native Nova Scotian. The over-throw of the Liberals under Laurier placed the premiership in his hands. the government of General Denikine has given away to a desire to join the con ference. The government of the Crime aiready has accepted the invitation, as has the Russian Bolshevik government. It is beginning to appear that a suf-ficient number of other factions will be in evidence to meet the Bolsheviki and the Entente and American represent-atives to assure the success of the con-ference plan. The success of the con-ference, however, is believed to depend upon the willingness of the Mosco Soviet to give certain guaranties, such as a cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of the Bolshevik forces from the provinces which they have invaded It is by no means certain that the Sovie

ing to the Temps, three propositions as basis for the settlement of claims against Germany. It is said the French propose to assess against Germany all damages to property, national and indi-vidual, from the war, in addition to her outlay for military purposes. The British plan, proposed by Premier Hughes, of Australia, differs from the French only that he gives no preference to any class of claims. The American plan opposes any demands, excepting losses by pillage and devastation by German armies, it

Had Been Held by Ufa Govern-Total claims under the first two plans Washington, Feb. 12.—Vice Consul Palmer, at Novonicolaevsk, Russia, has notified the State Department of the release of 2100 Bolshevik hostages held by the Ufa Government since last November as a measure to guarantee the safety of loyal Russians in the Ufa district. The Allied representatives protested against the arrests. are estimated at a thousand billior francs. (\$200,000,000,000) The Ameri can plan would reduce the total amount Germany probably will be able to pay, it is asserted by the newspaper. The French are said to have accepted the British plan as a basis for discuson, but the whole subject is still open. President Wilson's desire to return London, Feb. 12.—A member of the Canadian contingent at Omsk, describing the situation there, says:

"It is rumored that 75 per cent of the population of Omsk, the population of which is 200,000, are Bolsheviki, but if they start anything we are ready for them. The American Red Cross is doing wonderful work here. They have a large staff working night and day trying to straighten out the pitiable tangle. of Nations as an accomplished fact the latter had "simply called to became open to some doubt for the first time when Leon Bourgeois, one of the French representatives of the commission of a society of nations, yesterday proposed an amendment creating an international military force as a means of to the United States with the League ternational military force as a means of previously consulting the other." M. enforcing the decisions of the league.

This came after the commission had virtually completed work and was considering the project for final adoption. Besides introducing the rather formid-able question of backing the league by an armed international force, M. Bourgeois's amendment also creates some ap-prehension that remaining issues may not be adjusted in time for presentation and adoption by a plenary session of the Peace Conference before Mr. Wilson's departure Sunday.

Miss Mary Walbert, a nurse with niversity of Pennsylvania Base Hospi-al No. 20 in France, was "seriously urned in an accident" recently, accord-ag to a letter from Lieutenant Colonel B. Carnett, medical director of the M. Bourgeois presented his amendment and also prepared a memorandum sup-porting his amendment. He spoke with it.
Colonel Carnett highly praises the
ork of the hospital nurses. He refers
Miss Edith B. Irwin as "the ideal Continued on Page Nine, Column Three

chief nurse." "Those who did go to the front proved good sports under all sorts of trying conditions, but if was a relief to have war end before any of them got hit by shells, bombs or gas." he said. TROLLEY CRASH AT "PEAK LOAD" HOUR; 9 HURT

Director Twining Intimates Dou- Passengers Knocked About and Cut by Glass in Collision on Columbia Avenue

One person was injured seriously and several received cuts when a southbound Twenty-ninth street trolley struck the rear end of an eastbound Columbia ave-nue car this morning. Both cars were crowded with men and women going to

condenses of the street above. Susque hanna avenue. Director Twining told the merchants that he could not promise to have the "L" ready for operation before a year or a year and a half.

CONGRESS OBSERVES HOLIDAY

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Is Read in House, but by New Man Washington, Feb. 12.—(By A. P.)—In accordance with long-established custom, Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read today in the House of Representatives. Representative Russell, of Misouri, Representative Russell, of Misouri, Tor the first time in many years, was unable to read the address, filmes preventing his attendance at today's session. By designation of Breaker Clark the address for more after being treated. The cars were wrecked and thrown from the tracks by the Impact. Both motormen retained their presence of mind amid the confusion and opened the doors, allowing the passengers to crowd out into the streets. Some of the cooler times and spectators organized a corps of volunteer rescuers and carried out the men and women going to work.

Max Arber, twenty-seven years old.

Max Arber, twenty-seven years old.

Special Street, was severely injured about the legs. He was taken to the Northwestern General Hospital. He went home after being treated.

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Eight passengers who received minor injuries were tracked in the drug store at the southeast corner of Twenty-ninth street and Columbia avenue.

The wreckers of the shock of the store of the shock of

SOCIAL ORDER IN BALANCE U. S. and Japan Make Pact Propaganda Flames on Siberian Railroads

America Accepts Tokio Proposal in Plan to Restore Traffic-Nations Join in Disinterested Movement to Aid Russians

ary Pelk announced at the State De-

of the Japanese Government in regard to plans for the restoration of railway traffic in Siberia.

The understanding was broached be-

Infringe on any existing right either of Russia or where the Chinese Eastern is concerned, of China."

Under the plan, which already is being nut into Month of the situation."

ALFONSO TO VISIT S AMEDICA

ing put into effect, the Siberian railway system, which includes the Chinese East-ern railway, is to be supervised by an inter-Allied committee, with a Russian as chairman. In addition to Russia,

By the Associated Press of a technical board, the president of Would Haul Drowning Washington, Feb. 12.—Acting Score- which will be John F. Stevens, who was head of the American railway comm tary Pelk announced at the State Desion, sent to Russia in 1917. A military partment today that the United States board will co-ordinate matters affect-France Wants World Police now had accepted formally the proposal ing military transportation, arising from

The understanding was broached befor the conclusion of the armistice."
The purpose of the agreement," Mr.
Polk's statement said, "is to assist the
Russians in regaining their normal ecodition of life and has been reached
upon a definite understanding that the
railways are to be operated for the interests of the people of Siberia. The
United States and Japan have expressly
voiced their disinterested purpose not to
infringe on any existing right either of

Spanish King Will Probably Go to Argentina and Brazil

as chairman. In addition to Russia.

Japan and the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and China have been asked to be represented.

Technical and economic management of the railways will be in the hands

SOLDIER DROPS DEAD IN RESTAURANT

A man believed to be Joseph Cannon, an honorably discharged private of the National Army, dropped dead this afternoon in the restaurant at 23 North Eleventh street. The identity of the dead man was established through discharge papers, dated January 21, found on his person. He was in uniform.

WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON NAVY BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- Chairman Swanson, of the Senate Naval Committee, today called a meeting of the committee for Friday to consider the bigger navy measure, passed by the House yesterday. He said hearings on it undoubtedly would be held.

JAPANESE DENY **GERMANS HAIL** THREAT TO CHINA

ports of Pressure

HANDS OFF AT PARIS SELECTED AT WEIMAR Everybody in the conference, in

By the Associated Press Tokio, Feb. 12.-Kijuro Shidehara. Vice Foreign Minister of Japan, speaking regarding the publication of Chinese treaties with Japan, said that Shidehara spoke for Viscount Uchida, Foreign Minister, who is suffering

from pneumonia. "Japan has no intention to interfere with any demands or contentions which the Chinese prefer to present to the Peace Conference," he said. "Accordingly, Pekin and Paris reports to the contrary are absolutely untrue."

Paris, Feb. 12.-The Havas Agency gives out a statement by Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador to each polled one vote. Great Britain, who is now representing his country at the Peace Conference here, declaring the reports to be un-true that Japan has exercised pressure on China to restrain the action of the Chinese delegates at the conference. "There has been no pressure exer

"There has been no pressure exer-cised, no menace formulated, no bar-gaining done on the subject of the province of Shantung, or any other Chinese territory. No right of control has been sought over China, and there has been in no degree any ambition to represent China at the Peace Confer-

"Besides, our relations with the President of the Chinese republic and the ministry are most cordial."

Cut Out the Alibi!

If Doctor Conwell were addicted to slang that's about the way he'd put it.

The man who makes excuses will be kept so busy making them that he will have time for little else. That is one of the lessons brought out by the series of articles on Temple University now running in the EVENING PUBLIC

LEDGER. Turn to Page 13 and read today's

FIRST PRESIDENT

Tokio Officials Declare Re- Ebert, Former Saddler, well as the iron in Lorraine, and she Elected to Office—Pay Are Untrue \$250,000 a Year

By the Associated Press

Weimar, Feb. 11, (Delayed).-Pealing shurch bells announced to the people of Weimar, at 4:15 o'clock this after- to bring the pressure of French noon, that the German folk, for the first public opinion on the Peace Confertime in history, had chosen the head ence. of their own State.

Friedrich Ebert, former saddler and Socialist leader, appeared before the theatre where the National Assembly is meeting twenty minutes later and re. ure, the British, have resented. ceived as President of Germany those plaudits formerly marking the appearance of the monarch who one stigmatized the party to which President Eberi belongs as made up of men "unworthy reaching this fundamental question. Herr Ebert was elected by the Na-

Provisional Executive

Assembly president, said the empire for the first time had a chief who, by virtue of his election, was empowered to speak and act in the name of the German people. The mouthpiece which spoke by inherited right had disappeared and in

his place stood a leader chesen by the and firmness to protect their new free-dom from every danger, either from the

Blockade Denounced The joining of Germany and Austria, hen mentioned in the National Assembly today, received shouts of acquies

cence, while the armistice conditions and the blockade were denounced.

Both in France and England

PRESIDENT STILL HAS HIGH HAND

German Nation Into Universal Lifeboat

FRENCH FEAR LOAD WILL SWAMP CRAFT

Stern Issues Crowd Upon Conference Table as League Is Outlined

By CLINTON W. GILBERT off Correspondent of the Evening Pub-lic Ledger With the Peace Dele-gation in Europe

By Special Cable

Copyright, 1919, by Public Ledger Co. Paris, Feb. 12.—The fundamental ssue in the hearts of European statesmen at the Peace Conference, an issue that has flamed up between France and America, is whether the present social order can be main-

France thinks it can be maintained in France if France is strengthened sufficiently at the expense of Germany. America thinks it must be maintained in both countries or there will be danger to all

France is in the position of a passenger in a lifeboat who feels that placing one more passenger in the boat will sink it. America is in the position of insisting that one more passenger, Germany, be admitted

into the boat. French Future in Balance

Subordinate to this is the position of France in the future. France either goes on as a great world Power or drops, like Spain, into second rank, as the Peace Confer-

France must be a great industrial nation. To become a great industrial nation she must have coal as must have credit assured.

To become a great world Power,

France, therefore, is in deep concern about her future, whether as a great Power or as an embodiment of the present social order.

fact, is concerned in the maintenance of the present social order in Europe generally. This is the issue that has caused French propaganda

Resent French Campaign

This agitation of the issue is what the Americans, and, in some meas-

Signs of impatience have been multiplying in France over the de-Also, there are signs of impatience tional Assembly by a vote of 277 out of 379 votes. Count Von Posadowsky-Wehner received forty-nine votes. the United States.

Ebert's post is described as "pro-visional State President." There were fifty-one abstentions from voting. Philipp Scheidemann and Mathias Erzberger fer to the work of the Peace Con-ference thus far as "idealology." And, It is the fashion of the especially After the election Dr. Eduard David, in reality, there is little that has been accomplished that is definite or

Russian Question Still Open The Russian question still is open,

and the British and French say it It was mainly due to Herr Ebert, the is uncertain whether they will parspeaker continued, that the revolution in dermany had not followed the example The colonial question has been of Russia, lessing to bloody chaos and complete dissolution of right and order. The German people would have confidence in Herr Ebert's skill, activity amount of work still to be done before that question is solved.

dom from every danger, either from the left or the right.

The Majority Socialists applauded this statement, but the Independent Socialists expressed dissent.

Herr Ebert, in his speech accepting the presidency, declared that his purpose would be impartially to dispense justice, without favor or prejudice. except such as the force of public opinion may have.

The French attitude toward the league of nations has been consistently for protection of Fran There was unanimous approval when a message from the Waerttemberg Legislature was read, protesting against the armistice conditions and predicting future wars if peace is signed on their frontier on the cast, namely, also