

TAFT SAYS LEAGUE IS VITAL TO CIVILIZATION

Ex-President, on Platform With Wilson, Defends Pact of Nations, Under Which War Would Be Only Last Resort, He Says

New York, March 5.—William Howard Taft, in his speech on the league of nations at the Metropolitan Opera House last night, said in part: "The importance of providing for a reduction of armament every one recognizes. It is affirmed in the newly proposed Senate resolution. Can we not trust our Congress to fix a limitation safe for the country and stick to it? If we can't, no country can. Yet all the rest are anxious to do this. They are far more exposed than we."

been closed, I do not know by what influences they have been blinded, but I do know that they have been separated from the general currents of the thoughts of mankind. "And I want to utter this solemn warning, not in the way of a threat; the forces of the world do not threaten, they operate. The great tides of the world do not give notice that they are going to rise and run; they rise in their majesty and overwhelming might, and those who stand in the way are overwhelmed. Now the heart of the world is awake, and the heart of the world must be satisfied."

times, and I particularly cannot imagine how they can be Americans and set up a doctrine of careful selfishness, thought out to the last detail. "I have heard no counsel of generosity in their criticism. I have heard no constructive suggestion. I have heard nothing except 'will it not be dangerous to us to help the world?' It would be fatal to us not to help it."

I CROATI PROVOCANO DISORDINI IN SPALATO

I Membri Italiani del Comitato Interalleato Presi a Sassate

Roma, 3 marzo (tritaricato).—L'ammontare indigeno a verifica qui man mano che giungono i rapporti relativi all'atteggiamento ostile dei Jugoslavi i quali, in Spalato, hanno attaccato i membri italiani del Comitato Interalleato, con recati per applicare i termini dell'armistizio. Secondo gli ultimi rapporti sembra che detti membri siano stati presi a sassate dalla marmaglia jugoslava e costretti a tornare a bordo della nave che li aveva trasportati."

DIX VETERANS KEEN FOR RE-ENLISTMENT

Men Begin to Respond in Recruiting Campaign Under the New Plan

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger. Camp Dix, N. J., March 5.—Dix soldiers, who have had enough military experience to convince them that the army holds as good an opportunity for advancement as civilian life are taking a great interest in the recruiting campaign started here under the direction of Colonel Elmer Lindsey, and inside of two hours yesterday about twenty men had applied for re-enlistment under the one and three year plan. The announcement that the men discharged in order that they might re-enlist in the regular army, would be given the discharge bonus of \$50, and a month's furlough has been a great incentive and it is expected Dix will obtain its quota soon.

HAASE SEES RED TRIUMPH

Declares German Republic Cannot Stay Revolutionists' Course

Paris, March 5.—(By A. P.)—Hugo Haase, Independent Socialist, declared at the minority Socialist conclave at Berlin that the German revolution has been smoldering since 1917, but admitted that it had not come up to all expectations, according to a Havana dispatch from Basel. He asserted that it would end in a triumph for international socialism.

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Enemies Hit in Wilson's Farewell

Continued from Page One. ered wireless apparatus, with a radius of 1100 miles. She will be in communication with the station at Brunswick, N. J., until she picks up Poldhu station on the other side of the Eiffel tower. Gregory Makes Trip On the voyage coming from Brest to Boston the George Washington had only a wireless range of 300 miles, and when the convoy was left astern the President was cut off from communications with Washington. The battleship Montana will act as convoy to Brest and also will have a long-range wireless equipment. The party aboard the George Washington today was smaller than on the first presidential voyage, as there were no diplomats or peace delegates. In addition to the President and Mrs. Wilson, the party included Miss Bernham, secretary to Mrs. Wilson; Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, former Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory, Prentissan Grey, of the United States food administration; Irwin H. Hoover, chief usher at the White House; Gilbert F. Close and Charles M. Swam. About 3000 tons of cargo, consisting of supplies for the army in France and Germany, is being carried on the George Washington. President Wilson told the American people last night that he was going back to the Peace Conference to battle with renewed vigor for the creation of a league of nations. Notice to Outlaw Nations Asserting that the league of nations is "meant as a notice to all outlaw nations" that the peoples of the world will no longer tolerate international crimes, the President said that "Europe is a bit sick at heart" at this very moment because it is seen that statesmen have had no vision, and that the only vision has been the vision of the people. "I am amazed, not alarmed, but amazed, that there should be in some quarters such a comprehensive ignorance of the state of the world," continued Mr. Wilson. "Those gentlemen do not know what the mind of men is just now. Everybody else does."

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