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Little Responsibility Placed on Secretary of State for

Compromise Made by Wilson in

Paris Negotiations

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, Aug. 6 .- In the back- is not responsible for the league cove ground of the questioning of Secretary nant. He is not responsible for Shan-Lansing by the Senate foreign rela- tung. He advised against the one, he tions committee today lies the fact advised equally against the other. It is pulled back slightly out of reach. that he has many warm friends in the true that the American State Departamittee, which the capital pleases ment did not formulate the treaty. But neither did the Colonel House organiza to say is hazing him.

President Wilson called the head of tion of experts. If the secretary of is State Department home in the firm state is human he must find a certain belief that the Senate foreign relations satisfaction in the extent which the committee would not "treat him House organization failed. rough." He did not call Colonel House

Used British Experts

vored at Paris a provision for inter-

national arbitration with proper tribu-

Mr. Lodge is Lansing's friend. Mr. Knox is his friend. Mr. Lans-ing is the State Department. He thinks in harmony with State Department. He through their regular organization. This in his own interests" to desist in dement traditions. subordinates. He is thus a Democrat with a tincture of John Hay and Elihu He is mentally more akin, so far as diplomacy is concerned, to Lodge and Knox than he is to Woodrow Wil-

The leading Republicans on the comanother man is closer to Wilson in perfect. dplomatic affars than is his own secrebe a hazing. partment traditions, Mr. Lansing fa-

Has an Alibi

promises Woodrow Wilson signed in his haste to get back to America before the social revolution which he saw in Europe could reach this country Mr. Lans- Lansing, being nothing if not a lawyer, ing has little responsibility. His name it attached to it. That is all. Presum-ably he accepted it much as people talk of accepting it now because it is either that or no peace at all. Lansing was hardly consulted after-

Mr. Lansing is a statesman with a ward. permanent alibi. The trouble with his Hay's Policy on China alibi is that he cannot avoid it. He

always has to act as if he had no alibi. On China the State Department de-Like the "jail editor" of a German rives its policy from John Hay. Mr. newspaper, he always has to take re-sponsibility for the acts of another. Mr. governed by traditions and precedents, Wilson is his own secretary of state, was dominated by our historic attitude Colonel House is Mr. Wilson's secre-tary of state and Mr. Lansing, publicly Shantung surrender, and he had Henry and officially, is the only secretary. He White, another man trained in the traennot say, "I was not secretary of ditions of our foreign polley, and Gen-state in that instance; Colonel House eral Bliss, a man who reflected that was," without destroying a fiction which policy as it has been adopted by the

he has, for reasons never publicly army standing with him. stated, chosen to maintain. The result is that Mr. Lansing is Lansing was not responsible for that always on his guard. When Joe David- mistake. If Mr. Wilson himself was son was making the busts of the great

men of the Peace Conference at Paris a newspaper man said to him : "Make Lansing look as if he was on his guard against somehow giving himself away, and you will have Lansing to the life."

High Regard for Him

Davidson made an excellent Lansing. You feel sure that the statue has an libi and that alibi will never slip out. The slightly drawn back posture of the head, as if there had just taken place an avoidance of somebody's verbal right hook emphasizes the characteristic. Washington has always respected the

ecretary's alibi. Washington has the highest regard for the secretary's abilities and character. He is, if you take the Washington view, an excellent secretary of state, the errors of our foreign policy

not primarily responsible for it. Col-onel House was. Colonel House is a born trader. His hand was in every trade at Paris. He was not bound by any traditions of American diplomacy. He probably does not know them or understand the reason for them. Shantung was the colonel's. The bar

gains in Europe were the colonel's. His was a fertile mind in formulae from compromises.

It is government by personal representatives instead of through the regular agencies; it is Colonel House gov erament that is on trial before th senate foreign relations committee. And

by curious frony the victim of this system is called up in its defense. It is no wonder that in Joe David-

son's bust Mr. Lansing has his head

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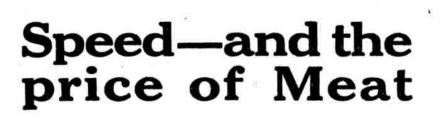
King George "Impudence" Berlin, Aug. 6-(By A. P.)-Com- Kiao-Chau, Commenting on a State

sether the technical competence for the job war bund in the British Foreign Of-fice. The British had chosen to act "I have been wondering whether It is loyal to his policy had two advantages. In the first manding the extradition and trial of declaration of a specific nature, giving place the British had experts instead of the former emperor and declaring that the exact date and way whereby the amateurs at Paris. In the next place the truth about the war might be had restoration of Kino-Chau will be af-the knowledge of the treaty gained by from Allied statesmen, the Tageblatt feeted-the kind of declaration that

a special peace-making body Mr. Wil-charge that the principal guilt for the the contract cannot proceed while the

newspaper, which is the Socialist me with the hope that Japan and China "Today's news, therefore, inspire dplomatic affars than is his own secre-tary of state. Therefore, it may not thinking in accordance with State De-German people." understanding, and that the uncertain Die Freiheit considers it a disgrace atmosphere that has enveloped the

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Millard, an expert on far eastern af-Iyenaga Avers Japan Will Hold fairs and who is championing China's tive of Peace Pact

cause at Washington, stated yesterday that China will be satisfied with nothing less than a written obligation by Japan, communicated to all the prinipal powers, that Japan will restore

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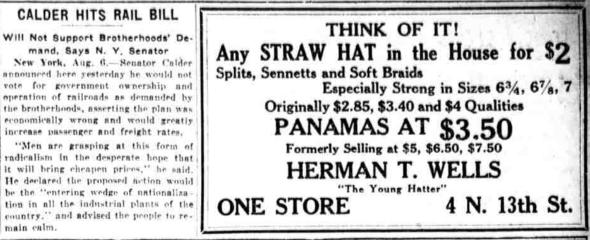
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China's sovereign rights in Shantung be the "entering wedge of nationalizaprovince. He also proposed that the be the "entering wedge of nationaliza-Hay doctrine be reaffirmed in the peace tion in all the industrial plants of the treaty and in the projected Franco- country." and advised the people to re-American alliance. main calm.







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issued a statement last night indicating Die Freheit Calls Prince's Letter to a Belief that Japan and China are neating an understanding with regard to

menting on the letter written recently Department assertion, that Japan had by Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of made an avowal concerning her plans When the treaty had to be put to- former Emperor William, to King with reference to the Chinese territory

that a scion of the Hohenzollerns "at this time has the impudence to use such language," but the conservative

nittee like and respect him. It does son showed his usual lack of talent for war may be attributed to Great Britain other party is out of the ring. not diminish their liking for him. that organization, and Mr. Lansing's alibi is is without a jot of evidence. This "Today's news therefore

the work at Paris remains at the service of the British Government. It is not dispersed through the colleges and law "The Verwacets remarks that Hener's" so long as thing refuses to sign the The Vorwaerts remarks that Henry's peace treaty. The actual execution of

being Mr. Wilson's, the virtues being due to Mr. Lansing himself. The permanent element in the State Department contributes to this view. And the permanent element in any department here is a powerful factor in forming opinion, especially congressional committee opinion.

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