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CONGRESS OF PARIS HAS THE FATE OF RUSSIA ON ITS WORLD PEACE TABLE

Envoy, Addresses Ambassadors

AMERICANSMAY

Functions Would Be Confined to Yankee Probe

PEACE BOARD TAKES RECESS

By Associated Fress
Paris, Jan. 20.—The Supreme
uncil adjourned its session at
45 o'clock to give President
ilson an opportunity to attend
e luncheon given by the French

particulars of the situation

The flext meeting win take pixels to the runs of at 10.30 o'clock in the ring to hear the remarks of M. venius, the Danish minister to rograd, who left the Russian ital very recently."

the project of establishing an unital very recently in German its consistence of the remarks of the results of the remarks of the remar

no, chief of the Japan-attended the council for su

ert Cecil remained at the did not enter the council cham-where the session to-day was executive one. It is understood an official communique will be ad at the close of the meeting, which it was expected that the a, forecast in one of last week's nuniques, would take place. Ten Members at Board

ne council as it met to-day com-ed ten members—two from each ne five great powers—President

HE WEATHER

or Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Tuesday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about freezing. or Eastern Pennsylvania; Fair to-night and Tuesday; warmer north portion to-night; gentle, variable winds.

River
he Susquehanna river and all its
branches will, remain nearly
stationary, except the middle
and lower portions of the West
Branch, which will rise slightly.
A stage of about 4.8 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday
morning.

Noulens, France's ASSESSMENT OF COAL LANDS MAY BE BOOSTED TO ENORMOUS FIGURE

SPEAK FOR HUN Burden on Taxpayers Would Drop to Almost Half If Proposed Valuation of \$60,000,000 Is Fixed by the County Commissioners; 600,000,000 Tons of Anthracite Coal Is Estimated to Be Under Mountains at Upper End of County

> County officials believe that the valuation of coal lands will be fixed at more than \$30,000,000, and may be considered of sufficient extent to warrant an assessment of \$60,000,000, according to opinions expressed to-day. An extensive survey of the coal fields has been made during the last few weeks, and from pre-liminary reports it is beleved only 40,00,000 or 50,000,000 tons of coal have been removed from beds in this county, while the United States Geological survey estimates the amount of coal in the Dauphin district at 600,000,000 tons.

Would Drop Tax Rate
The total county assessmnt, according to triennial returns, is more than \$92,000,000, and because of the March 1.

than \$92,000,000, and because of the big increase over last year the Commissioners expected that the tax rate could probably be lowered to four mills again. It was five mills during 1918. With the possibility of at least an additional \$30,000,000 worth of property, or more, which can be taxed, the mill rate could be dropped to three or even two and one-half mills, it is believed.

The valuation of the coal lands at present is about \$500,000, not including buildings and other equipment owned by the mining companies. T. Ellsworth Davies, of Scran-

ANTHRACITE TO

Bituminous and Coke Will Hears That Hatred and Dis-Drop, but Anthracite Is Still Regulated

will drop in price within the near future as a result of the Governregulations, dealers here expect no reduction in the price of anthracite.

Government regulations remain in force, as far as anthracite is concerned, and likely will until April 1, at least. The amount of coal is not so large, it is thought, that local dealers will cut their prices to disperse to the president and to give us some hours of your time which we know to be devoted to the high meditations and the important negotiations upon which the cerned, and intery win disc.

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Up to Dealers

not sell except at regulation prices.

It has been reported among consumers that the mild weather has so stocked the dealers' yards that unless there is a cold snap which will use up much of the coal now in the city, the dealers will have to reduce their prices. This idea is scouted by local dealers, who point out that they still must pay the Government-regulated prices. They say there is not

which it was expected that the hange of information between governments on the situation in sia forcest in one of last week's yards, which probably is the largest amount since prewar days. Several of the dealers are filled to capacity and all the dealers supplied over th and all the dealers supplied over the Pennsylvania lines have full supplies The only size of fwhich there is a scarcity is nut coal. There is no doubt that there is coal enough for all should the coldest weather set in

Gets Life Sentence on the Ground That He Is Habitual Criminal; Slew Woman

By Associated Press

New York, Jan. 20.—Having been onvicted of five felonies, including erjury in giving a false name durage the trial recently of Miss Elizath Baksa, of Freemansburg, Pt., ang the trial recently of Miss Elizabeth Baksa, of Freemansburg, P., for the murder of Mrs. Helen Hamel, a crime of which Miss Baksa was acquitted, Leo Sittenberg, allas James F. Regan, allas James Burns, 29 years old, was sentenced here today to life imprisonment as a habitual criminal.

SUES FOR \$1,500.

Suit has been brought against George H. Haverstick, Penbrook, by Annie and O. M. Neumeyer, her husband, also of Penbrook, asking \$1,500 damages, for injuries it is alleged Mrs. Neumeyer suffered October 22, when autos which Haverstick and Mr. Neumeyer were driving, collided at Twenty-eighth street and Hoffer's Lane, Susquehanna township.

2,445 TROOPS ARRIVE HOME New York, Jan. 20.—The United States cruiser Pueblo arrived to-day from Brest with 2,445 troops.

FRANCE'S SENATE REMAIN AT ITS THRILLED AS THE PRESENT PRICE PRESIDENT DINES

cord Still Howl After End of the War

By Associated Press
Paris, Jan. 20.—President Wilson
was the guest of the French Senate
at a luncheon to-day. He was greeted by Antonin Dubost, the president,
who made an engistic address in

of the Big Hotel

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The Harrisburg Hotel Company to do sell the remaining \$100,000\$ worth of stock on the books of the firm your first steps on the land of France and since your entry into Paris the green their hearts to you and they perceived at once in your frank siles and in your so loyal and open physiognomy, that you, too, were spontaneously giving yourself to them.

Reminders of the Past

"You are to-day in an old palace of France and it is among these grand reminders of past times that with thoughts rejuvenated by republican ardor, yet with patriotism, the French Senate shapes a history which already counts fiften centuries. We welcome here, Mr. President you and your ideas. Nowhere you had your splendid ambition to substitute for the periodically broken equilibrium of material forces the definite award of moral forces elicit more enthusiasm than in France, and nowhere more than in the Senate shapes a history which already counts fiften centuries. We welcome here, Mr. President equilibrium of material forces the definite award of moral forces the definite award

a long time prepared by some of its most eminent members.

Agree With President

"Our national problem consists, therefore, in combining our European past and our actual material security with the conditions of the new order for which you have given so noble a formula because this new order will ever have to lean on some

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Governor Suggests Men to Plan Celebration

The Governor's office to-day issued the following statement:

"When Governor Brumbaugh called upon the Assembly to proceed now to form plans to obesrve in Philiadelphia the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence he had the hearty concurrence of J. M. Beck, a loyal Pennsylvanian and a patriotic leader of American thought. If he and such distinguished representatives at foreign courts as William Potter, Charlemagne Tower and other high-minded citizens were placed upon a committee with power on behalf of the Commonwealth the issue would be wholly creditable."

Wilson Cables Tumulty

on Roosevelt Meetings

By Associated Press
Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson has cabled to Secretary Tumulty his approval of the proposal to hold Roosevelt memorial meetings throughout the country on February 9, simultaneously with the joint memorial services in Congress,



Look Out! Somebody May Upset the Wagon

STOCK BOOKS OF **PENN-HARRIS ARE OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Hundred Thousand Dollars **Needed For Completion** of the Big Hotel

ate a factor which will contribute the interior in the Ebert govern-immensely and directly to the welfare, prosperity and comfort of every citizen. It therefore deserves recog-

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Entire Force of Police Will Guard City During Inauguration Ceremonies

There will be no parking allowed

FAIR WEATHER FOR CEREMONIES

E. R. Demain, of the local Weather Bureau, to-day forecast that the weather for to-morrow's inaugural exercises will be fair. "There will be little change in temperature, the lowest degree reached being somewhere around freezing," he said.

For Eastern Pennsylvania the weather will be fair to-night and to-morrow. In the northern portion the temperature will be warmer to-night with gentle variable winds.

GERMANY SHAPES NEW BOOK OF LAW FOR ITS PEOPLE

The dispatch declares that the people have the right, regardless of former frontiers, to erect new German free states within the empire, providing any such state has a population of two million. If the people of a border country wish to join the German people shall be required Must Have Majority of All. The imperial president, who is to be elected by the people, must be 35 years of age and must have been a citizen of Germany for ten years before his election. We will be elected by an absolute majority of all the votes of the empire.

The president will represent the empire, but declarations of war or conclusions of peace rest with the process.

DR. BECHT, HOME FROM THE FRONT TELLS OF LOSSES

France Wrecked With Diabolical Ingenuity, Says State Educator

Dr. J. George Becht, executive ecretary of the State Board of Eduation, returned last night from a America November 30 on an eduongressman Edgar R. Kiess. Dr.

ducation.

Dr. Becht met a number of Army

Lieutneant-

Imperial President Must Be 35 men from Harrisburg. Lieutneant-Colonel Jackson at Tours has had a signally successful career and his Ten Years

By Associated Press

London, Jan. 20.—Details of the proposed new constitution for Germany drawn up recently at a conference of widely-known authorities on constitutional law, including Hugo Preuss, state secretary of the interior in the Ebert government, are given in an official wireless dispatch sent out from Berlin. cient administration of the Labor

the interior in the Ebert government, are given in an official wireless dispatch sent out from Berlin and picked up here.

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Posts at Tech High to Returning Soldiers Substitute Teachers Give Up Posts at Tech High

Resigning their positions as teach-The president will represent the empire, but declarations of war or conclusions of peace rest with the Reichstag. Treaties with foreign states require the assent of the Reichstag. As soon as a league of mations whose object is the exclusion of secret treaties has been formed, all treaties with the league shall require the assent of the Reichstag.

To Serve Seven Years
The imperial president's tenure of office will be for seven years and his re-election will be permissible. The imperial government will be composed of a chancellor and ministers who will be chosen by the president of the Reichstag.

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NEW EXECUTIVES TO **GETWARM WELCOME DURING INAUGURAL**

Thousands Arriving in City For the Exercises Which Will Make Sproul Governor of the Commonwealth

OTHER STATE OFFICIALS TO TAKE OATH OF NEW OFFICE

n Harrisburg to-day to attend the naugural ceremonies here to-morow. With fair weather promised for the day, the largest crowd in the history of Pennsylvania inauguat the event.

Special trains started to arrive in the city to-day with their crowds of persons arriving for the inauguration. City hotels, boarding houses and the Y. M. C. A. are crowded to capacity. Many persons have been compelled to seek headquarters in

suburban towns.

The big event of the day naturally will be the inabguration of Governor-elect William C. Sproul and Lieutenant Governor-elect E. E. Beidleman. The former will take place on the grandstand at Third and State streets, promptly at noon and that of the latter in the Senate Chamber shortly

grandstand at Third and State streets promptly at noon and that of the latter in the Senate Chamber shortly before noon. Justice J. Hay Brown will administer the oath of office to Governor-elect Sproul.

The oath of office to Lieutenant Governor-elect Seldleman will be administered by Judge S. J. M. McCarrell, of the Dauphin county courts, an old preceptor of the incoming lieutenant governor. When he started the study of law, it was in the offices of Judge McCarrell that Senator Beldleman made his first acquaintance with Blackstone and the works of other famous law-givers.

To Deliver Addresses

At the conclusion of the administration of the oaths of office, both Governor Sproul and Lieutenant-Governor without precedent in Pennsylvania history.

Governor-elect Sproul spent last night at Carlisle and arrived in this city to-day, proceeding to the Exemple of the proposed form of the same of the grandstand, where he will join the grandstand, where he

Route of Big Parade

The parade will start to form promptly at 11.30 o'clock, as fol-ows: First division, in South Front street, right resting in Market street; Second division, North Front street, right resting in Mar-ket street; Third division, in Chestnut street, right resting in Front steret, with the line extend-

ront steret, with the line extending up Second street to the west
side of Market Square.

Promptly at noon the procession will move off at Front and
Market streets to Fourth street,
to Walnut street, to Third street,
to Woodbine street, to Second
street, to Chestnut street, where the parade will be dismissed.

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CORRY'S CITY HALL BURNS

Jamestown, N. Y .- Fire of unknown origin, which up to noon was not under control, destroyed the city hall at Corry, Pa. Help was asked frem the Jamestown and Warren, Pa., fire departments.

MEDALS FOR VALOR IN WAR

Washington-Practically all army, corps and division commanders of the American expeditionary forces, together with the heads of the staff departments, have been for conspicious service. The War Department to-day made public citations of twenty-seven more officers.

BRUMBAUGH TO GO TO PINEHURST

Harrisburg-Governor Brumbaugh will leave the city to-marrow afternoon at 1.30 o'clock for Pinehurst N. C. for a rest. The Vare contingent, 600 strong, arrived in the city this afternoon for the inaugural ceremonies.

PREDICT HIGHER FOOD PRICES

Washington-Higher food prices next year are anticipated by army officials, who in asking congress for appropriations for food purchases, disclosed to-day that they had allowed for a ten per cent, increase in the year be-

NO INCREASE IN RAIL RATES

Washington-Director General Hines said to-day there was no foundation for reports that the railroad administration was given consideration to "any increase in

Coblenz-Arrangements are in prospect, according to reports here, by which the Amercian army of occupation will be taken home by way of the Rhine to Rotterdam or some German port for embarkation.

MARRIAGE LICENSES