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## NDEMNITY PROBLEM IS RELIEVED ONE SOURCE OF DISTRESS IN TRADE

Incertainty as to Amount Germany Must Pay Large Cause of Instability

## NO FIGURE STATED

Be Delayed Until Germany "Knows Definitely"

By MARK SULLIVAN (Copyright, 1920, By The Star) WASHINGTON, Dec. 13-One thought has been pressed upon me so often and from sources of such weight that it seems to call for widespread knowl-

I am told by business men, bankers, d other men of practical affairs, as all as by men whose standing is on theoretical side of economics and business, that there is one uncertain factor before the settlement of which no progress can be made toward better ness conditions. That factor, they the uncertainty of the amount of the German reparations. It is not a estion of the size of the reparations ut a question of knowing what it is. of making the sum definite They say that there can be no eco mic stability in the world and no

prosperity until Germany lows the amount that she is to pay, if the allies know the amounts that

This factor, they say, is the primary ausa of instability. There can be no tability in foreign exchange—in the foreign trade, and viding for inclusion of the Lever food can flow smoothly control act among its nature. The to rents in the District of Columbia unt a fixed sum as by a vote of 179 to 137, So long as it remains indetermi- the senate, exempts from repeal only should be one of the war finance corporation act and its

universe of economic evil ability, these if the war terminated on the date conomic evil of such a siturganization it brings to the creditors

conference. The peace | Campbell of the rules committee and asserted Germany's action on the floor will follow a vote ligation to pay, but did not fix the on the adoption of the gules.

known as the reparation

German reparations. this may mean and how

desirability the amount. So long as, vileges which she is reluctant to ferred to the immigration committee

relal stability. In proportion as ssness under present conditions

tans will begin to swing back; but tomorrow. then it does begin, the cause will brobably be economic distress, and, in ways perhaps complex and indirect, will devertheless pretty surely be related to he, personally, and as a member of

that is here set forth. MUST SURRENDER ARMS

## Wrestler's Crown Passes To Lewis Stecher Worn Down By Headlocks

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. — Ed strength Lewis broke away and clamp-(Strangler) Lewis, Rentuckian by ed on another headlock, which lasted origin, but late a Californian, tonight won the world's heavyweight eatch-as-catch-can wrestling cham-pionship from Joe Stecher, of Dodge,

Lewis threw Stecher in one hour, forty-one minutes, fifty-six seconds, a head and hip lock for the

Lewis weighed 228 ounds, 20 more han his opponent. The finish was a Many Believe Readjustment Will spectacular one. Stecher was worn down to a weak condition by eight successive headlocks in the last eight minsors, his favorite hold, but by sheer ertions.

Volstead Resolution

after two hours of debate.

Unanimously-Lever Food

Control Act Is Included

The amendment which covers

The resolution, which now goes

ka, which would provide for a congres-

**Passed In Lower House** 

Prohibits Practically All Immi-

gration to United States For

Period of Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- The house

immigration to the United States for

The vote in the house on the meas-

It also followed attempts by the

Johnson bill when it is finally reported

The attitude of senate leaders today

the police commission, resents charges

STUDY NORFOLK SYSTEM

was that no hasty action should

to the senate for consideration.

ure, 293 to 41, brought to an end more

than three days of heated debate.

period of one year.

**Immigration Bill Is** 

provisions of the food control act with

The next hree were of short duration, but Stecher appeared weak and groggy as he got to his feet and in another moment Lewis got a vice-like grip around his opponent's head. Stecher staggered to the ropes after freeing himself, and Lewis got the final finishing headlock and as he closed his left arm over Stecher's head turned him with a hip lock, threw him heavily and pinned his shoulders to the mat almost

utes of the contest. He squirmed out for most of the contest, winding his recent experience of his visitor as adof the first of these in 35 seconds, but legs around Lewis for the scissors viser in the formation of a world

#### **HOUSE VOTES REPEAL** ASSEMBLY ADOPTS OF WAR-TIME LAWS **WORLD COURT PLAN**

Advocates Confident Good Will Adopted of Nations Will Remedy Its Present Defects

GENEVA, Dec. 13-(By the Associat-WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- Repeal of ed Press).—The assembly accomplished most " the war-time laws was voted today the first important constructive today by the house which adopted the Volstead resolutions for that purpose tions, in adopting a plan for a perma-by the coming administration. nent international court of justice. The vote on adoption of the resolu-

> that it is the most complete plan that could be accepted by the different governments and are confident that the ment except to say that the interview

the Issuance of Liberry and Victory The measure as adopted is identical

> Some of the speakers made reference to the small majority on the committee which had forced a large minority to bend to its will. It was also declared that the big powers had used their greater infludefeat the most important fea-

tures of the measure. The greater number of the 15 speakers were skeptical as to the value of optional jurisd tion as provided for

Leon Burgeois, France; A. J. Balfour be presented tomorrow by Chairman defended the plan as the best that could be set up for a beginning. Mr. Balfour also made a defense of Europe against what he termed a "united at-

Britain. He argued that it was necessary to make a beginning, and the whole project might be rendered inoperative if that beginning were not nade with due regard for certain reali-

the viewpoint of the majority, it served to relieve the feelings of the delegates, which had reached a high pitch in the long discussion in com Johnson bill prohibiting practically all

#### SHEPARD CASE HEARINGS BEGIN THIS MORNING

All Four Defendants Ordered Before Court

Mathews, of the superior court, tonight o'clock tomorrow morning, at which time the hearing on the application

now the wife of a physician in Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Iona Irene Henry, wife of W. L. Henry, and Ernest Hopson, a son of Mrs. Elmer by her first marriage to B. B. Hopson.

## 20 PER CENT REDUCTION

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 13.—The five city KEWANEE, Ills., Dec. 13 .- The Kestration will be under increasing commissioners of Tampa, Fla., who will wance Boller company, one of the largpressure to make progress toward a assume office on January 1 under the est steel boiler producers in the councerte program for our international felations.

It would be under increasing commissioners of Tampa, Fig., who will wante Bollet company to the council est steel boiler producers in the council and 20 per cent on all fire box heating boilers in that city are in Norfolk making a per cent on steel tanks used for It would seem almost ridiculous to begin to speculate so early on just when the pendulum that recently the departmental features of its operativing so far in favor of the Republicans will have a statement from the company said.

In that city are in Nortolk making a per cent of all the department and 20 per cent of a

A statement from the company said production costs had advanced, but that cuts were made nevertheless in an effort to bring down building costs.

SENDS BROTHER TO JAIL ORBENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 13.—It is not often that a man is committed to coming out of a city council meeting to the affect that Greenville police DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—December 27 has ben set as the date when arms, ammulation and explosives held by civilians had must be given up. General Sir of Ireland, made this known in a publication issued today.

To the effect that Greenville police and in the case of the date when arms, ammulated to the matter of answering calls for investigation of robbut that is what happened in the case of Wm. Plumley, charged with assaulting his wife with intent to kill her. Plumley is 35 years of age, and lived in the mountainous section of the regard to the matter is expected at not seriously hurt.

# HARDING HEARS ROOT

TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1920.

Conference Is "Delightful and Interesting," But Not Productive of News

ON FOREIGN POLICIES

MARION, O., Dec. 13 .- Presidentelect Harding today discussed the problems of his administration with the world. Elihu Rost, a former secretary of state and one of the most notable of the nation's elder statesmen.

International relations and the prospect for an acceptable world peace association held the center of atten-Stecher had the better of the first tion in their four-hour talk, Mr. Hardhour's struggle and was the aggressor ing drawing exhaustively upon the as he arose to straighten up Lewis got hold frequently. On three occasions court under the Versailles league. The another on a flying hold, which he he made Lewis wince from pain by toe President-elect asked many questions maintained for 40 seconds. Stecher holds. Lewis limped after one of these about the details of the court and squirmed out and obtained a body scis- and both appeared tired from their ex- about the present attitude of European statesmen toward the league.

What advice Mr. Root gave with regard to preservation of the framework of the league was not revealed nor would either comment on the results of the conference except to say that no conclusions had been reached was understood that Mr. Harding as attempting to form no opinion for he present, but was content to gather information and advice.

Coincident with Mr. Root's visit it became known that Col. George Harvey, the New York editor, is urging Mr. Harding to advocate a world agreement that no nation would resort to offensive warfare until its people had so decided by referendum. Colonel Harvey did not indicate to what degree this idea had been approved, but he expressed hope that some such provision would be written act in the work of the League of Na- into any world association sponsored

The war referendum proposal has been advanced many times during the The organization as planned still peace treaty fight and several reservarelative value of dollars, pounds, tion was unanimous, 323 votes being lacks the obligatory appearance of tions embodying it were introduced in the francs, marks, lire, etc.—until this facture of the senate. One of its leading advotor is fixed. So long as there is in-posed. The house before taking the alty for non-compliance with the decates has been William Jennings Bryan who is to confer with Mr. Hard-

will of the nations will remedy had been "very delightful and inter-The plan will go now to the different tions on specific subjects he reverted will come into existence in the month visit threw no light on reports that he

road, who was head of the American government's railway system in France during the war.

## **Cotton Production Exceeds Expectations**

Government's Final Estimate Gives Highest Figure Since Crop of 1914

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- The cotton rop which began the season in the worst condition in 50 years has turned out to be the biggest crop since 1914, with a production of 12,897,000 bales, according to final estimates announced today by the department of agricul-

ment said, has helped to increase the size of the crop by permitting the plant, which was late in getting started, to mature. The price of cotton paid to producer

cents a pound, the lowest for that The final production estimate is

dition brought a forecast of 12,783,000 bales. That was reduced by the September condtion to 12,123,000 bales. record one, as is that of Kansas. Production in California and Arizona has about doubled the production of any previous year.

## Kitchin To Resign Seat In Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .-Representative Kitchin, Democrat, North Carolina, has incommittee of his intention to resign at an early date because of ill health, Chairman Fordney said today.

Mr. Kitchin was chairman of the committee during the period of Democratic control of the house and had been expected by his colleagues to take a leading part in the framing of new tax and tariff legislation, hearings on which have just been started.

## An American Navy Second To None Recommended In Board's Report

88 ships, the general board of the navy tions unless the United States became in its annual report, made public to- a member of the League of Nations or night, reitrates its, recommendation some similar association of nations.

that the American navy be made the equal of that of any other nation in the board said, construction should be

"No other nation can in reason take exception to such a position, the board said. "In assuming it the United States threatens no other nation by the mere act of pineing itself on an equality with the strongest. It is an act of self-defense which all will acknowledge as an inherent right and can not justly be construed as a challenge. On the contrary, the pursuance of such a policy of equal naval armaments may well tend to diminish their growth and would certainly work to lessen the danger of sudden war.

"A nation with far-reaching and sometimes with conflicting international interests must always be prepared to defend its rights. Navies are peculiar in that if neglected they lose efficiency with startling, rapidity. It is fallacious to argue that we can wait a few years and then with our money and our constructive genius raise ours quickly to a power commensurate with our national needs. It cannot

Asheville's Police

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Proposing tary Daniels, in his annual report made new three-year building program of public yesterday, said he would apconfined to types that would add only to the combatant strength of the fleets dding that auxiliaries might be obtained through the conversion of merchant vessels in time of emergency. In recommending the laying down of a battleship in each of the fiscal years 1922, 1923 and 1924 the board

asserted that nothing that occurred during the world war has served to change the opinion of the general poard as to the vital importance in war of the battleship, the ship that can at once give and take heavy blows. One battle cruiser and 30 light

cruisers also were proposed. The latter the board said, should be of 10,000 tons, with high speed, long cruising radius and comparatively heavy armament, placing them in a distinctly superior class to the light cruisers of other nations. Other new vessels proposed were 18 destroyer leaders, 12 long radius mine-laying submarines and six cruising submarines, four aeroplane carriers and three destroyers and three submarine tenders.

be done. Navies are not built in a Should congress disapprove the day; it is a matter of years, even of generations."

While making no recommendations and one battle cruiser with other for new construction this year, Secre-

#### Insanity May Be Plea **Head Forced Out** Of Deserting Captain

Resignation Accepted By City Counsel Indicates Infention to Commissioners Who Elect W. R. Messer Chief

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.-Appointment (Special to The Star) ASHEVILLE, Dec. 13 .- With Chief which lasted until 8 o'clock this eve-

heretofore unavailable. found hundreds of checks to liquor houses in all sections of the country, signed by Mitchell, in ordering liquor

ordered to be present for the hearing and all testified, with the exception of Taylor, who did not attend. Judge J. F. Glenn, president of the law enforcement leauge said that the hearing tomorrow would be thrown open

#### GERMAN CABLES ISSUE REMAINS UNSETTLED

Delegates Will Return Problem Again Today

communications conference tonight ho announcement of a definite basis of

broke up late tonight it was announce ed that another plenary session would

dicate that the prospects of agreement yesterday, had not vanished and that reaching an amicable adjustment of the questions at issue. Delegates were said to have

adjournment until next Month. to return home received further in-

COL. JOHN H. STAPLE, OF GREENSBORO, IS DEAD

structions from their governments.

eran Passes Away

(Special to The Star)
GREENSBORO, Dec. 13.—Col. John widely known citizens, died today at was not the success expected in Green-noon at his home here. He had been ville, this city may lose the home servnoon at his home here. He had been ville, this city may lose the home servill for several years and died an incompleted. His death was not unexpected, he being 74 years of age.

Colonel Staples was a native of Virginia. He served with distinction four years in the Confederate army. For expenses for more than a few weeks years he practiced law in this city.

TOOLE HEADS LEAGUE

NEW YORK. Dec. 13.—John Conway Toole, attorney for the National league, today was elected president of the National association of professional baseball clubs, the new name adopted by the new International league. Mr. Toole succeeds David L. Fultz.

CIGAR FACTORIES BURN

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 13.—The cigar factory were destroy was elected president of Manuel Pino cigar factory were destroyed by fire today, and the Jefferson hotel and the Pan-American college considerably damaged. The total loss will probably exceed \$75.00 latest informed estimates.

Request Examination of Willers' Mental Condition

of a military board of sanity to pass on the mental soundness of Captain John A. Willers, alleged German spy, ed, his counsel indicated today. When asked if they were ready to make this move, counsel for the

been heard, to permit the prosecution came here as an agent of the German government in 1914," Howell declared

Willers said, drawing him to one side after his arrest. "If you could know my story you would understand. At this stage counsel for the defense interposed an objection to the admit tance of this as evidence. The objecion was sustained and the court ruled looking to the relief of the farmers to strike the testimony from the

Howell then told of the finances of statement revealed the fact that all products for one year. had been withdrawn by the defendant, search of the captain's effects disclosed a score or more of envelopes which had contained soldier's pay, but which had been rifled and then hidden in a locker trunk, he said.

## PUBLIC SERVICE CASE IN STATE'S JURISDICTION

Judge Ray Refuses to Transfer Greensboro Suit

the delegates were hopeful of yet him and presented a petition that the case be transferred to the United citizens of both sexes is so States district court for the Western be held Tuesday night at the tewn Judge Ray also intimated that he leading citizens of the town will por-would render judgment of pleadings in tray present conditions and point a

The result of hearing and decision afternoon is that the temporary re straining order, which was issued last company from cutting off the current from this city will be in force until formed the ways and means | Well Known Confederate Vet- after the case has been finally reviewed ent year's football fatalities and injurand decided upon by the state supreme ed in a military game at Coblenz, Germany. October 31, was buried here to-

MAY LOSE RED CROSS

## FINANCE CORPORATION IS ORDERED RESTORED IN SENATE RESOLUTION

Requests, But Does Not Direct, More Liberal Credits For Farmers

# AMENDMENTS LOST

Financing of Products Other Than Those of the Farm Is Also Provided

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 .- The senate

late today passed the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers. The second section of the resolution, which as introduced would have directed the extension of liberal credits to farmers by the federal reserve system. was amended to make the desirability of such a course only an expression o

opinion by congress. The amendment making the change in the section of the resolution relate ing to the federal reserve system, was proposed by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, and was accepted by vote of 47 to 16.

Powers Broadened Another change made in the resolution on suggestion of Senator Smith Democrat, Georgia, broadened the du-ties of the finance corporation to include the financing of exportation of products other than those produced on the farm.

Amendments submitted by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, to make the rate of discount on loans to farmiers five per cent and by Senator Mcpresented by Senator Spencer, Repub-The section of the resolution direct

ing revival of the war finance corp ration as adopted, reads: "The secretary of the tre

The resolution as adopted refers to the extension of credits as fol-

sary to permit the member banks the security of the agricultura products now held by them, pernotes of extension at a fair and

ings waive to framing other measure from the conditions brought about b The house received an addition to i

collection of relief measures in a bill offered by Representative Young, Rean embargo on imports of grain and grain products, livestock and their

## LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE ORGANIZED AT SANFORD

Seeks to Enforce the Prohibition SANFORD, Dec. 13 .- A law and or

was organized Sunday ni at the Presbyterian church of this place with D. F. Harris as chairman C. T. Teague, vice chairman; W. H This organization was brought into being because of the frequent

#### MINUTA WINDERS BURGED AT CHARLESTON MONDAY

hall, at which time a number of the

Was Killed in Military Game At Coblenz

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 13 .- Lieu. tenant Weeks was a graduate of the Citadel the military institution of GREENSBORO, Dec. 13.—Col. John GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 13.—Be-Citadel, the military institution of Staples, one of Greensboro's most cause the recent Red Cross roll call tation in athletics. He was also a leading football player with the army of occupation in Germany. The injury from which he died two days after receiving, was a spinal fracture.

> TORNADO WRECKS SEVERAL HOUSES, INJURES 8 PERSONS

FAUNSDALE, Ala., Dec. 18 .- A storm