

The official statement of the reparations commission says: The conference of experts appointed by their governments in accordance with the Franco-British agreement of November 6, 1920, will meet at Brussels on December 16 to discuss the problems of reparations.

Geneva, Dec. 9 .-- (By the Associated Press.)-President Wilson's negative re-ply to name an unofficial delegate to to operate with the commission to be appointed by the Assembly to discuss disarmament has caused great dissap-pointment here. The chief desire of the Assembly members seems to be to maintain as many points of contact as possible with the United States and it ught the disarmament investithe gation afforded an opportunity of which President Wilson could take ad-vantage without committing himself. Mr. Wilson's decisions regarding the Armenian boundaries have not been re-

Armenian boundaries have not been re-ceived here. It is thought in League vas named on the committee of no-circles that his reply has more likely tification that went to Marion this sumbeen sent to London or Paris, since it is a matter for consideration by the Supreme Council of the Allies, rather than by the League of Nations.

Canada Scores Again. Canada, whose delegation has made a great impression on the assembly again today when it secured in the elimination of the provision in the technical committee's report for perent. linance, transit

mer. Butler Buty Campaigning. Schator Butler has been in Washington for several days and has been in conference with Republican leaders during that time. Democrats who have followed the movement to make him

late this .evening.

a member of the cabinet are per-sunded that he has strong chances, un-less John M. Morchead declines to enhim. The states onel Meekins lends color to the suggestion that the Republicans of the State will fall in line with the warm Democratic endorsements given the Sampsonian and make him a serious Ireland." contender for one of the Harding portfolios.

"The coming winter in Ireland" said Miss MacSwiney, "will be hard. The British have destroyed our crops, Washington, Dec. 9 .- The lamb and our supplies of food. The men can the lion are down together tonight and

get on; the women can stand the suffering. But it is for the children I Colonel Ike Meeking beats all Demoplead. We must have help this winter. crats in seconding the nomination of The widow of the Cork Lord Mayor former Senator Marion Butler for a declared there was no choice for the place in the Harding cabinet. Colonel Meekins came to Washington Irish Republicans but to stand together whatever the cost and continue the fight for independence. She said it was such a spirit that had actuated this morning from his home in Elizabeth City and after a long conference husband to refuse food until her with Mr. Butler during the day, issued death

"I knew my husband was happy, as a clear-cut statement for publication his physical strength was worn away by hunger, for his countenance abso-lutely radiated peace and contentment," The Butler boom, unquestionably, is assuming proportions. The discount to its early rise was the fear that North Mrs. MacSwiney asserted. " I was be ought to plead with him to take food. Carolina Republicans would not stand pack of their fellow patriot and Colonel Meekins hastens to correct this impres-sion. The colonel campaigned for Hard-

sought to plead with him to take seen. But I would net, for I nevre, never would interfere with my hushand in a matter of competence. It was his choice. It was the declaion of his spirit." ing in several states this year and as Aided Movement.

Miss MacSwinay expressed the be-lief that the fatal hunger strike of her brother had greatly benefitted the Irish independence movement. She told of the series of telegrams she had ex-changed with Premier Lloyd George in changed with Premier Lloyd George in an attempts to fix responsibility for her brother's prison sentence and for the treatment he and his relatives had been

"The result of this exchange of to set. telegrams," she added, "made me feel that Lloyd George was responsible before God and man for the death of my brother. I shall continue to feel that way and I shall continue to spread the truth of that situation throughout all

Divided Debate. Debate at today's session was divided by agreement between Chairman Johnon, and Representative Baker, Dem ocrat, California, who lead the forces

friendly to the bill ,and Bepresentatives Siegel, Republican, of New York, and Sabath, Democrat, of Illinois, leaders of the opposition. Partisan lines disappeared during the lebate. Apparently by coincidence, the

leadership divided itself equally between Democrats and Republicans, one member of each party leading the forces for and against the bill.

Campbell Opens Debate. " Opening debate in the house today on the immigration question, Representa-tive Campbell, disirman of the sules committee, who declared that unless "the flood gates are closed, the standard of living will be lowered, unemployment already estimated at \$,000,000 men. will run rampant and the wage scales de stroyed."

Representative Sabath, Democrat, of Illinois, took issue with Mr. Campbell on the question of unemployment, declaring that he did not believe there was sllything like 2,000,000 men out of work. He condemned the rules committee for reporting a rule limiting general debate on the immigration measare to four hours, declaring it was a dangerous precedent for the Republicans

Representative Johnson, Republican, South Dakota, read a letter received, he said, "from a prominent American jour-nalist in Europe," depicting scenes of crowds besieging American consulates and declaring that consuls were "doing a noble job in holding off the gange, but must have help and legislation which will strengthen their hands." Alleges Conspiracy. Miss MacSwiney gave an account of what she characterized as conspiracy Representative Fess, Republican, of Ohio, said "this legislation would fail to keep undesirables ous of this country, betwene officials of Brixton prison and unless Assistant Beeretary of Lab body back to Cork," because, she said, "the British feared an uprising and Post was removed from his office. After that has been done, he added, "we can assimilate some of those already here they didn't want any more trouble than they already had." and use the deportation statutes to get rid of the remainder."

the United States toward assisting in the economic rehabilitation of the powers associated with it in the world war. has run its course, to become appalling. In fact, our diplomatic and consular Such aid should be extended, he said but never "at the sacrifice of American agents in China inform me that the loss industrial independence" through throwresulting from death in distressing form ing down the tariff bars to foreign pro may run into millions of souls. It is ducts. It was true, he said, "that the war had changed conditions and that a fa-vorable trade balance, formerly "a feather in our cap," was not perhaps a liability rather than an asset since to cope with the magnitude of the dis-

effective should be granted quickly. Once more an opportunity is offered to had reached an aggregate of nearly \$9,000,000,000 for the years 1918-1919 and 1920 up to September. "But have they changed," he added

"to such an extent that we ought to abandon all the standards and policies of the past and forgetting our home narket, enter into a mad scramble for the world's market?

Mr. Longworth added it was doubtful whether throwing open American mar-kets to aid Great Britain, France, Italy, and Belgium, rehabilitate themselves and discharge their debt to the United tions have rendered China an incalcul States would accomplish its purpose. No Reduced Taxes.

Substantial reduction of taxes is no possible in the near future, Repre-sentative Longworth declared here while speaking at the meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

"Our immediate problem," Mr. Longworth said after an analysis of

of treasury heads under Mr. Wilson, the indictments lodged against Mr. Houston is complete and the present distress are more severe than any yet made which is great is likely, before winter against the administration of the treas ury by a Democrat of Mr. Kitchin's prominence.

Southern Democrats, particularly have been displeased with the policies of Secretary Houston. A notable exception to a list-of Southern Senatora backing the recommendations of the Bouthern and Western combination program is Senator Carter Glass, himself a former

treasury head. Relieves Corporate Interests. Mr. Kitchin said he felt certain that the American people to show that if the Democrats were in control in the prompt and generous response with which they have invariably met the call of their brother nations in dis-House the ways and means committee and the House they would unanimously reject Secretary Houston's proposals. "The whole intent and policy of his recommendations," Mr. Kitchin contin-ued, "are to relieve the corporate intertress. The case of China I regard as aspecially worthy of the earnest attenests and millionaires, who for the last four years have plundered and profiteered upon the people to the extent of fifty billions of dollars, of a billion and a half or two billions of dollars of taxes annually and place that am able benefit, which her peeple recognize with gratitude and devotion to the United States. Therefore, not only in upon the backs of the people, that are the victims of such plunderers and profiteers.

the name of humanity, but in that of "I cannot understand how any man the friendliness which we feel for a who elaims to have a single impulse great people in distress, I venture to ask for the masses, or who claims to be a that our citizens shall, even though the Democrat, could make such recommentask of giving is not today a light one, dations. "I trust the Republican secretary of the treasury under the next administration will have more confidence in the Republican Congress than our Densocrație secretaries under Wilson's admisistrations have shown in Democratic Congresses, and will not assume to tell Congress what it shall tax or shall not tax and the rate of taxation, but will be willing to leave it where all other Secretaries of the Treasury, before the advent of the Wilson administration, have left it-to the judgment of Congress, as the constitution does. They performed their duties by informing Congress the condition of the finances of the government and the amount of dent, however, that all these pleas will money required to meet government ex-be answered in generous spirit."

commissions. The Assembly, impressed by the growing expenses of the League and the international labor bureau, secepted the Canadian view. The Canadins argued it was preferable to work with temporary commissions having consulting power only until it is possible to see more clearly just what muy be done with specialized organizations.

The prospects of a prolonged stay in Geneva are beginning to worry the del-egates and officials-of the Assembly. All the members of the League delega tions are making every effort in committees or full sessions to increase the speed of their work, but with little sucthus far. After two days spent the Assembly, today made an earnest cans in asking for this recognition for marks short. marks short. Hymans Urges Speed.

President Hymans held over the ssions daily and lengthening the merning session by half an hour. A number of the delegates have arranged to leave Geneva Friday or Saturday of next week. Meantime, there remains to be disposed of the report of the committee on the admission of new States, and also disarmament, mandates and the international court, besides a number of smaller questions.

Weaken Opposition.

Weaken Opposition. The strong opposition of the mem-bers of the "Little Entente" to the ad-mission of Bulgaria into the League of Nations was materially weakened this morning by the receipt by the commis-sion on the admission of new states of a report from Marshal Foch, stating that Bulgaria has fulfilled her treaty obligations better than any one ene-my country.

my country. Rumania, Serbia, Czecho-Slovakia and Greece have been conducting a fight for several weeks against the entrance of Bulgaria at this time, all submitting of Bulgaria at this time, all submitting long documents ontlining numerous al-leged violations of the passe treaty by Bulgaria. Marshal Foch points out that Bulgarian disarmamont has ad-vanced farther than that of any other smemy state, her army now counsisting of 23,000 men, instead of 40,000 as con-tanded by the "Little Entents."



Washington, /Dec. 9.—Reports on leven of the 136 companies operating hipping Board vessels have been re-nived from the board's investigating pomulitice, Chairman Benson said to-ight, and three of the suports are un-vorable. As investigation is being inducted, the chairman said, to de-mine is foreign or American, whether bones Merchant Marine Act is being aplied with and to ascertain the gen-in efficiency. Those not coming up a mandard will be dropped, he added, it Washington, /Dec. 9 .- Reports

"The great agricultural South wants to be recognized in President Harding's abinet," said Colonel Meekins.

"Every agricultural organization in my State and over the South, so far as I know, has joined in asking for the Secretary of Agriculture. Business, men and professional men are also joining in the request for this recog-nition of our predominant basic in-dustry. It is most significant that many

trial interests of our people are appealing to them more than partisan considerations. This broadening view considerations. This broadening view and Teeling on the part of our people presents a remarkable opportunity for the support of Republican principles. Consider Butter Qualified. Angther most significant thing in the unanimity with which all those ele-ments, regardless of party, have join-

ed in presenting one name and one only, Marion Butler. It is because they

mize in him one of the stronges recognize in him one of the strongest men in the South, who has in a very marked degree every qualification for that most important cabinet position. He is one of our largest and most suc-cessful farmers; he has all his life been identified with every movement for the advancement of agriculture and

for the advancement of agriculture and has the highest order of administra-tive ability. "The placing of Senator Batler in that position will mean that President Hasding will have the greatest Secre-tary of Agriculture who has ever filled that position, and will at the same time mean more for the success of the Bepublican party in our State and the whole South than anything else which can be done during his administra-tion.

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"The time is ripe to accord this rec-ognition to our part of the donntry and the great Wast should join in making it unaningous." Morrison in Washington. Governor-elect Cameron Morrison and Word H. Wood, president of the Ameri-can Trust Company, of Charlotte, ar-rived in Washington this morning and will spend two or three days in the National capital. Both were in conference most of the day with Senator Furnifeld M. Sim-mons. They lunched at the Capitol with Senater Simmons and Senator Over-man. J. Allan Taylor, James H. Cowan and

man. J. Alian Taylor, James H. Cowan and other Wilmingtonians were here today and appeared before the board of army oughpers in the interest of improve-ment of the waterways touching WiP mingten. They were accompanied to the department by Scalar Simmons.

the British Home Office "to defeat plane of the family to take the Lord Mayor's

"We Irish are no domestic problem of England," she said. "We are an international problem. Ideals of all

Irish Republicans are the same and my plea to the American people is that you at least give fair play and justice to me, for the British stories of the Separatist movement do not carry all the facts. We are not divided and w intend that the whole world shall know the truth both of our cause and the

misrepresentation of the British." The commission tomorrow will hear everal former members of the Royal

Irish constabulary. As the life story of the late Tergene MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, was told by his widow, Mrs. MacSwiney's accounts of the numerous arrests of her husband, his efforts on behalf of a free Irish nation and the actions of the British government in altempting "to therether the actions of the sections of the British government in attempting to throttle Irish development" were punc-uasied by applause and sobs. Mrs. MacSwiney told of her marriage to the late Lord Mayor in England in 1917, just after her husband had been

released from one of the many prison terms. She related how their only baby was born while its father was in jail in Belfast and how she daily carried

in Belfast and how she daily carried the child to visit the father in prison. Mrs. MacSwincy reconsted the arrest of August 12, 1960, and the beginning of the last hunger strike, Her hushand, she said, was charged with having had a code used by the police, and, she as-warted, this was proper because of his position as ford Mayor. She was pres-ent at the trial and said the Lord Mayor told her then of his intention to continuite on hunger strike. She be-came convinded then, she declared, that the Lord Mayor would die of star-

came convinced then, she declared, that the Lord Mayor would die of star-vation unless the British government granted his release. "After my husband made his speech at the trial," she continued, "I guess became resigned, accustomed to what

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IMPORTANT STATEMENT

SPORTANT STATEMENT BN IRELAND TODAY London, Spc. 5.— (By the Asso-sted Press.)—It is announced that remier Lloyd George will make an sportant statement on Ireland on to opening of the House of Com-ons at mean Friday.

MOB THREATENS NEGRO WHEN UNABLE TO AGREE

Virginia Governor Orders Troops To Staunton To Pro. tect Prisoner In Jail

Staunton, Va., Dec. 9,-Failure jury to agree on a verdict in the trial of Harry Hart, a negro, charged with attacking a white girl here yester day, last to the formation tonight of a mob outside the jail where the negro is held. Fears of mob violence have caused city officials to ask for a com pany of State guardanien.

The negro was indicted early today The negro was indicted early today by a special grand jury called to in-vestigate the alleged stack. Trial of the negro was held tonight, but the jury, after being out two hours in-formed the court that it was unable to reach an agreement. The jury then was ordered locked up for the night and court adjourned until tomorrow. The city authorities fear that when news of the jury's failure to agree be-comes generally known the mob will increase in size and attempt to atorn the jul.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 9.-The Charlottesville company of the Vir-ginia National Gaard, known as the "Monticello Guard," was ordered by Governor Davis tonight to entrain for Stanuton to guard against mob vio-lence growing out of the alleged st-tack by a negro on a white girl and the failure of a jury before whom the negro was tried to reach a verdict. The Charlottesville, company, com-The

The Charlottesville company, com-posed of fifty men and commanded by Captain Darwin C. Dizens, will leave tomorrow morning at 2. a'clock.

Cannefax Wins Fual Round. Cannefax Wins Fual Round. Chicago, Ills, Dec. 9.—Robert Can-nefax, of New York, defeated John Layton, of St. Lous in the flual round of the National three-crission billiard tournament tenight by the score of 75 to 53, in 77 innings. The victory threw the tolurnament into a three cornered tie between Cannefax, Layton and Clarence Sackyon, of Kansas Sity, ne-semilating a play-off temorrow.

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established agencies of relief are unable

"Under the circumstances, relief to be

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degree the Chinese people look to us fer counsel and for effective friendship. Our

churches, through twerr religious and medical missionaries, their schools and

colleges, and our philanthropic founds

ster which faces them.

government's fiscal situation, "is the revision and modification and simplificollection of such donations, large or small, as may be offered, I have invited cation of present law, and the substitption of fair and proper taxes for the present taxes which to my mind are in a nation-wide committee, whose names are attached hereto, to lend their aid to this matter. I have designated Mr. many respects unfair and improper." Save a Billion. Thomas W. Lamont, of New York City, The speaker predicted that Congress

to act as chairman of this committee, would slice in the neighborhood of a and Mr. Norman Davis, Under Secretary billion dollars from estimates aggreof State, to get as treasurer. gating more than four billions presented by the executive departments when Congress opened Monday. That would not permit, however, he added, "I realize that this call, added to those for the underfed children of Eastern Europe and the afflicted peoples of the Near East, and to the needs of our own any general reduction in taxes, and Congress faced the task of finding country, makes heavy the demand upon the bounty of the nation. I am confinew sources of revenue which could be substituted for existing taxes which should be abandoned or modified.

Customs receipts, Mr. Longworth said, were too low, but despite a firm MILLIONS IN CHINA ARE Now FACING STARVATION New York, Dec. 9.—The Chinese famine, for the relief of which Presiconviction of the soundness of a pro-tective tariff policy he added that he did not consider that a general tariff dent Wilson today announced the aprevision to increase duties could be unpointment of a national committee, affects five provinces, according to a lertaken in the present disturbed state. of the world.

The excess profits tax was described by the speaker as "essentially a tax on brains and ability 'and efficiency of management" which ought to be re-pealed.

"But the situation is, and we might as well frankly face it," he said, "that it cannot be repealed unless some other

tax is substituted for it that it will raise approximately the same amount of money." ficials reported, actually are starving or dying of hunger and cold.

CLOSE WAREHOUSES IN GREEN RIVER DISTRICT Serious-Outbreaks Threatened Because of Low Prices Paid For Tobacco Owensborn Ky Des 9. Serious of Serious of the people of some districts are living on weeds and leaves.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 9.-Serious outbreaks are threatened here because of the condition of the tobacco market, low prices of which, it was said, threater farmers of the Green River district

tarmers of the Green River district with bankruptcy. Five hundred tobac-co growers following a meeting here today, marched in a body to the loose leaf warehousen, where they demanded that the owners close their places of business until better prices could be realized.

Five of the seven warahouses holding sales here have agreed to close. Sales today were practically three dollars a hundred stronger than yesterday's av-erage, 72,420 pounds selling for an av-orage of \$8.78 a hundred. Growers paid little attention to this, insisting that the market be closed mitil prices reached a level which would insure them "a living wage."

New Austrian President. Vienna, Dec. 9.- (By the Associated Press.) - Dr. Michael Hainisch was closted President of Austria today by the national assembly.

Republican Doctrine, He Says.

"If the Democratic party in Congress were to adopt the suggestions of Secretary Houston's report, it would be no use to hold future Democratic conventions, for no Democratic candidate hereafter would get anything like as many votes as Governor Cox did in the last cable message from Admiral Tsai Tingelection, and the hord knows he got few Kan, director general of the Chinese enough.

Rad, Gross, made public here today. They are Chilli, Shantung, Honan, Shansi and Shensi; in Northern China-"I predict that in the next Congress that in behalf of many Republican mean ures with respect to taxation, the Re-The total population of the affected publicans will eite Secretary Houston district is estimated at 87,000,000 peras well as the President, as authority for their position." ions, of whom between 45,000,000 50,000,000 are in want. Of these 20,000,000, the Chinese Bed Cross of-

LOOKS FOR REVIVAL OF **BUSINESS AFTER JAN. 1**

New York, Dec. 9 .- Indications are that the "tide of the market has turned and the manufacturers should make cantious preparations for revival of the market after January 1, Stanley A. Sweet, official of a large overall concern, declared today in an address before the semi-annual convention of the International Association of Garment Manufacturers. The session was devoted largely to a

iscussion of standardization of cost

throughout the industry. Senator Irvine Lenroot of Wisconsin will address the convention tomorrow.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHANDLERY CONCERNS

Washington, Dec. 9.—Complaint of unfair competition in the ship alman-diery business was lodged today by the Federal Trade Commission against the Marine Supply Company, of Norfolk, and George C. Legendre and Son, of Texas City, Texas, application for is-suance of complaints having been made against each concern.

against each concern. The two companies, the com The two companies, the commission announced, will be given forty days to answer averments that each com-missions and gratuitics were given to ship captains and other officers to in-duce such officers to purchase from the two companies ship chundlery sup-rilies.

pear in Federal court and show caus why he should not be fined for con why he should not be fined for con-tempt in failing to safely hold a prisoner turned over to the jail by gov-ernment officials, W. M. Hannan, City Sergeant and Jailor, was fined \$500 by Federal Judge Edmund Waddill today.

SENATOR OVERMAN ON INAUGURAL COMMITTEE

Fails to Deliver Prisoner.

Washington, Dec. 9. - Senators Wannington, Dec. V. - Senators Haoz, of Pennsylvania, and Nelson, of Minnesots, Republican, and Over-man of North Carolina, Democrat, have been appointed by Vice-Presi-dent Marshall as the Senate mem-bers of the joint Congressional com-mites to have charge of the ar-rangements for the innuguration of President-elect Harding.

districts are living on weeds and leaves. Entire families have taken their own lives while parents are selling and drowning their children. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9 .- Ordered to ap

live of the seven warehouses holding