

PRESIDENT WILSON COMPLETES ANSWER

To Allied Supreme Council on Adriatic Question.—Expected to Be on the Cables Before Night.

NO INDICATION AS TO CONTENTS

President Drafted the Document in Two Hours.—Answered Council's Contentions Point For Point.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 19.—President Wilson today completed his reply to the allied supreme councils on the Adriatic question and sent it to secretary Polk, who is putting it in form for transmittal to the council. It is expected to be on the cables before night. There was no indication as to the contents or length. The President began drafting it early this morning and completed it in two hours. The communication was received only yesterday, and the speed with which the reply was prepared was said to constitute something of a record. The President went to his study at 9:20 this morning and summoning his stenographer immediately began dictating the reply. He was understood to have answered the council's contention point for point, and to have adhered to the position taken in his note of February 10. It is now pretty well established that in the communication the President informed the Allied countries that if they proceeded to a settlement of the Adriatic question without the consent and participation of the American government, the United States would have to decide whether it could become a party to the treaty of Versailles and the Anglo-French-American pact. Answer Completed. Washington, Feb. 19.—President Wilson began dictating his reply to the allied supreme councils on the Adriatic situation early today and he hopes to be able to have it transmitted today or tomorrow. There was no intimation at the White House as to the nature of the President's reply. The allied note received yesterday is "about as long as the President's first note," it was said at the White House. Reports from London said the allied reply contained about 4,000 words, and this figure was accepted by White House officials as being approximately correct.

TURKISH SITUATION OVERSHADOWS ALL OTHERS

Much Opposition to Decision to Let Sultan Rule Constantinople.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Feb. 19.—The latest developments in the Turkish situation have for the moment pushed the Adriatic question into the background in both public and official interests. The reservations which France and Great Britain are said to have made with regard to the Turkish peace terms, involving the retention of the Dardanelles, Constantinople, have aroused strong feeling in Parliament, where the opposition objects to settlement of the Turkish question with referring it to the Commons. Particular antagonism has been aroused in opposition quarters to the decision to permit the Sultan to retain sovereignty over Constantinople.

TWENTY-FIVE GUESTS STILL MISSING TODAY

Ruin of Hotel Lorraine Being Searched by Police Officers.

(By The Associated Press.) Providence, R. I., Feb. 19.—Unable definitely to locate 25 of the guests of the Hotel Lorraine, which was burned yesterday with a loss of three lives, police and fire officials today made further search of the ruins. It was their opinion, however, that the missing ones had escaped, but had not found it convenient as yet to send word of their safety. In several instances other guests have said they saw on the streets after the fire persons who are listed as missing.

Proposed Increase in Freight Rates Disapproved.

New Bern, Feb. 17.—B. C. Kirkpatrick, acting secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, and secretary of the organization of business men and shippers from Eastern North Carolina cities, which would be effected by increased freight rates for which the Norfolk & Southern Railway recently applied, today received a telegram from J. H. Fishback, of Washington, D. C., the Association's attorney, stating that the proposed increase had been disapproved by the division of public service of the United States Railway Administration. This is understood here to mean the ending of all present controversy as to the increase in freight rates to and from New Bern and many other Eastern North Carolina towns.

Miss Sangers, who was the stenographer of President Benjamin Harrison, is said to have been the first woman ever employed at the White House in a clerical capacity.

PELL WITHDRAWS IN FAVOR OF MAXWELL

Says He Will Make Every Effort Now to Have His Opponent, A. J. Maxwell, Appointed on Commission.

GIVES STATEMENT AS TO HIS ACTION

President Would Not Consider Name of Either Man So Long as Both Were After the Appointment.

(By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Judge Gen. P. Pell, member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, in a statement here today announced his withdrawal from the race for the appointment to the Interstate Commerce Commission and expressed the wish that every effort be made to have A. J. Maxwell, also a member of the North Carolina Commission, be appointed. Judge Pell's statement follows: "I am informed from Washington that the President refuses to consider the names of Mr. Maxwell or myself for appointment to the Interstate Commerce Commission, as long as both names are before him, and our Senators divided. This being the case, and notwithstanding my name was first presented and I at least had the right to expect no opposition within my official family; and notwithstanding the fact that Senator Overman, Secretary Daniels, and eight out of every ten of the North Carolina Congressmen endorsed me, I feel that a proper regard for the interests of my State should compel me to withdraw, which I have done. The appointment is of such vital importance to the State that I trust every effort will be made to land Mr. Maxwell. I have some information which causes me to predict his appointment within forty-eight hours after my withdrawal reaches Washington. I have no resentment toward those who opposed me, for they have the temerity to offer the excuse that they feared the President would not appoint a lame man. This is certainly a lame excuse, for my lameness is an asset to the state, it requiring that I sit on my job and not be running around. I enjoy the distinction of having been in my office more days than any man who ever sat on our commission."

BAKER DEFENDS THE ARMY ESSAY PLAN

Says It Will Not Incutivate Militarism Within Minds of the Children in School.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 19.—A practical working knowledge of the nation's new peace time army is essential for every school child, Secretary Baker stated in a letter made public today, in which he defended the War Department's plans for a national essay contest February 20 among the school children on the subject "Advantages of an Enlistment in the Army." Militarism, the Secretary declared in the letter, which was addressed to Mrs. George Conant, Winfield, Kansas, will not be incutivated or furthered by the essay contest. "We are all opposed to militarism," said Mr. Baker, "but we must face the stern reality of facts. Peace we regret to acknowledge, is not today supreme in the world. The sword is still unsheathed in many places."

BODIES OF SOLDIERS ARE EXPECTED SOON

Those Buried in England and Rear of Army Line in France Coming First.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 19.—Bodies of American soldiers buried in England and in the rear of the army zones in France are expected to begin to arrive in this country soon. The War Department announced today that the bodies had been disinterred in English cemeteries and were ready for shipment. This will be the first homebound movement of American soldier dead, with the exception of 111 bodies removed last November.

MAY SEND THE EX-KAISER TO ISLAND OF CURACAO

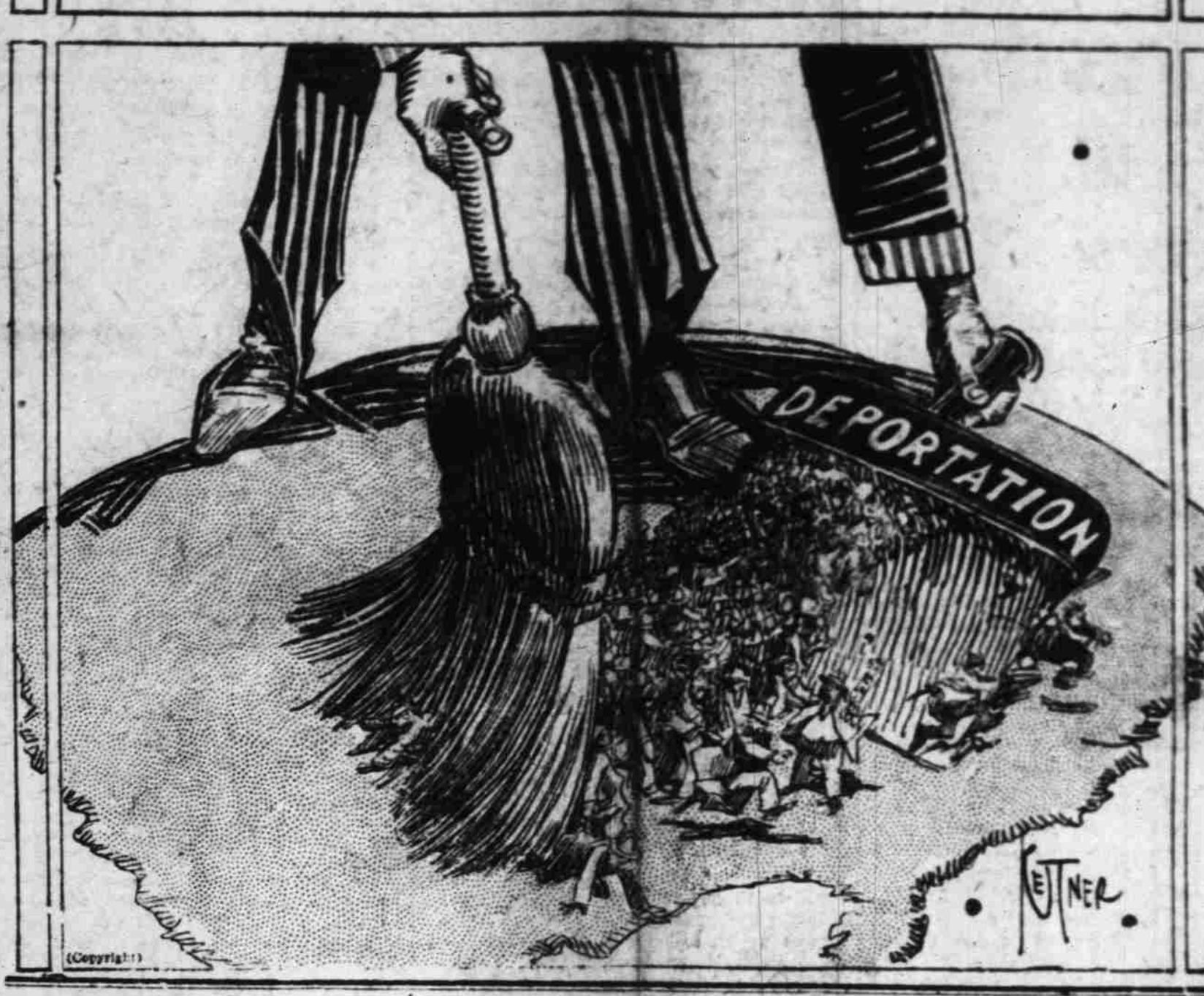
This Plain Received Favorable at the Hague.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 19.—Suggestions that former emperor William be sent to the Island of Curacao, off the Venezuelan coast are received more favorably in some quarters at The Hague than the idea of transporting him to one of the Dutch East Indies, according to the Matin. The newspaper says the last allied note to the Dutch government caused evident embarrassment at the Dutch capital.

Prominent Farmer Killed.

(By The Associated Press.) Clinton, S. C., Feb. 19.—Eugene Davis, a leading farmer, of Laurens County, was shot and killed here today, and L. Klakely, a negro, who is charged with the shooting, after a quarrel over a labor contract, is being sought by a posse.

Cleaning House



DEATH OF MRS. JULIUS F. FISHER EARLY TODAY

Died at 12:30 O'clock of Pneumonia at Her Home on North Church Street.

This entire city was shocked this morning when it was announced that Mrs. Julius F. Fisher died this morning at 12:30 o'clock at her home on North Church street. Pneumonia, following a severe case of influenza, was the cause of the death. While it was known that Mrs. Fisher was seriously ill, her many friends hoped against all odds that she would recover, and her death comes as one of the saddest tolls of the influenza epidemic. Before her marriage Mrs. Fisher was Miss Margie Suther, daughter of Mr. Nick Suther. She was 26 years of age, and was married in November 1915, and is survived by her husband and one daughter, Helen Elizabeth Fisher. She is also survived by her father and two sisters, Mrs. K. C. Stone, of Jonesboro, and Miss Helen Suther, of this city. Mr. Fisher has been ill with influenza for more than ten days, and while his condition is improved, he is not able yet to leave his home. The funeral will be held at the home of Mr. Fisher's father, Mr. George E. Fisher, on Loan street tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the deceased's pastor, Rev. W. C. Lyster, and the interment will be made at Oakwood cemetery. The pall bearers will be: Thomas Alexander, W. A. Overcash, Charles Barrier, R. B. McBride, F. M. Whiteside and F. C. Carroll. The death of Mrs. Fisher has peculiarly touched every one in this city. Just at the beginning of womanhood, with one child only three years old, and with a bright future before her, her death comes as a shock to everyone who knew her, and loved her.

MISS TERSEY PHILLIPS DIED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY

Had Been Making Her Home With Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ritchie For Fifteen Years.

Miss Tersey Phillips, one of the most devoted women of the city, and known by hundreds of people here, died yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Walter P. Ritchie, where she had made her home for fifteen years. It is thought heart trouble was the cause of death. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie attended the funeral of Mr. M. L. Buchanan, and upon returning home found Miss Phillips lying on the floor of her room, dead. It is thought she died about 3 o'clock. The deceased was a member of Central Methodist Church, having joined the church more than fifty years ago. She was an earnest church worker, and always took an active part in all the church work. She is survived by only one brother, Mr. D. E. Phillips, of Charlotte. She was born and reared in Cabarrus county, being a daughter of the late Mr. James Phillips. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Central Methodist church, and the interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. The pall bearers were: Charles D. McDonald, Henry T. Tiley, Joseph Suther, Luther Robbins.

GIBSON MILL NEWS.

Miss Bessie Hamilton in Statesville Hospital.—Mrs. Lucke and Son Recovering From Flu.—Other Items.

Miss Bessie Hamilton has returned to her home at Erwin, Tenn., after spending several days here visiting relatives. Miss Winnie Trull is spending some time at the bedside of her mother at Indian Trail. Miss Georgia Caldwell spent Sunday near Statesville visiting her grand mother, Mrs. G. Y. Caldwell. Mrs. C. S. Surber has returned from the bedside of her husband at Danville, Va. Mrs. J. O. Lucke and little son, Robert, Jr., who have been ill with influenza, are improving. Mrs. Tom Burdett and children, of Spencer, spent several days of last week with relatives here. Miss Bessie Hamilton, who underwent an operation at Dr. Long's sanatorium last week, is improving nicely. Misses Julia Jackson and Lizzy Page spent Saturday and Sunday in Albemarle visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stirewalt and daughters, Doris and Ralph Kennerly, spent the week-end in Rowan county visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stirewalt. Mrs. Essie May has returned to her home in Salisbury after spending a week here at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Mary Tally, who has been ill, but is improving. Mrs. Fannie Garmon and two children spent Monday in Statesville with Miss Bessie Hamilton, at Dr. Long's Sanatorium. Miss Nellie Bravis is confined to her home on account of flu. Mr. and Mrs. Haston Alexander spent last Saturday night here visiting Mr. and Mrs. John White. Mr. W. E. Holland and Mrs. F. G. Stearns spent last Wednesday in Charlotte attending the funeral of their uncle, Mr. W. C. Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Holbrooks and son, Lindsey Brown, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. Holbrooks' sister, Mrs. Arthur Bonds at Kannapolis. Messrs. R. D. George and Harvey Rhinehardt, of No. 4 township spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Cooke.

CHICAGO UNIONS WILL DEMAND MORE MONEY

Will Ask For \$1.125 an Hour Instead of \$1.00 an Hour.

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Ill., Feb. 19.—Thirty-three unions, comprising the Chicago building trades council, are preparing to demand \$1.125 an hour for their members instead of the \$1.00 rate adopted last fall, union officials announced today. The announcement followed close after the declaration of the associated general contractors convention yesterday that a building program aggregating \$6,000,000 during the coming year was being held back by the high prices of materials, and the increasing cost of labor. Wage Provisions Predominate. Washington, Feb. 19.—Wage provisions of the re-drafted railroad reorganization bill reported to the senate and house yesterday, were counted on to enter largely into the deliberations to begin today of the conference between Director General Hines and the twenty-five leading railroad executives. Sections of the revised measure, which it was considered would attract the most attention from the railroad executives were those prohibiting any reduction in the wages of the railroad workers prior to September 1, and creating a permanent arbitration board of nine members representing the public, the workers and the corporations. The conference with the railroad executives was called by Mr. Hines to ascertain the attitude which the railroad corporations would assume toward the proposal advanced by President Wilson in his reply to the demands of the railroad employees that a federal commission be appointed to consider the wage problem.

PROTEST AGAINST RAILROAD BILL

Washington, Feb. 19.—Protests against the wage provision of the completed railroad bill will be made in letters to President Wilson and Director General Hines, which representatives of the railroad union organizations and officials of the American Federation of Labor were framing today at conferences at the federal headquarters.

President at His Desk Again.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 19.—President Wilson has improved so much Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, said today, that he goes to work at his desk in his study every morning at 9:30. Dr. Grayson said the President had not yet resumed using his typewriter, but he probably would do so soon. The price of cotton on the local market is unchanged today at 38 cents per pound; cotton seed at \$1.20 per bushel.

INJUNCTION ISSUED BY JUSTICE

To Prevent the Sale of the Thirty Former German Liners by the Shipping Board at This Time.

SAYS THE BOARD HASN'T THE POWER

To Make the Sale of Ships, as Congress Did Not Intend to Give This Power When Board Was Created.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 19.—A temporary injunction to prevent the sale of the 29 former German passenger liners recently offered by the board was granted today by associate justice Bailey of the District of Columbia supreme court. Justice Bailey said that after a careful examination of the statute, he was of the opinion that they did not show any intention on the part of Congress to place in the President or in the shipping board the power to sell the ships. Application for the injunction was made last Saturday by William Randolph Hearst and hearings on it were held last Monday while the ships were being offered at public auction. The board announced yesterday that it had decided to reject all the bids received. At the same time it asked Congress for authority to again offer the ships at public auction. Mr. Payne, of the shipping board, announced today that he would recommend to the Department of Justice that an appeal from the temporary injunction order would be filed immediately. In the meantime, he said, he expected to furnish bond to protect the board against loss by reason of the ships lying idle.

FAMOUS TREE IN THE Y. M. C. A. GROUNDS IS GONE

One of Oldest Trees in Yard Dead, and Is Cut Down.

"The groves were God's first temple," and man has ever had a regard for the trees that are close to veneration. There is always something tragic in the death of one of these giants of the forest, that has stood the winds and storms of ages and has seen many generations come and go. The sturdy oak, which has required the gift of the years to bring it to its maturity, falls by the axe in the space of a few hours. One of these ancient monarchs has stood in the yard now owned by the Young Men's Christian Association longer far than the memory of the oldest inhabitant. When the men among us who are now grey with years were mere boys, this giant tree was then towering toward the heavens in straight and majestic grandeur. The seasons have come and gone, many men and women have lived out their allotted time and have passed on since the tiny acorn, warmed by the April rains and the sunlight of the invigorating spring, first sent its tiny tendrils upward. Countless generations of birds have made their happy homes in the boughs of the oak, which is now dead and must go the way of all the earth. No more shall the call of spring, that call that awakes all Nature, send the thrill through the cambium layer of this mighty tree and cause the buds to swell and the green leaves to burst forth to offer shade to man and birds. This spring when the earth is touched by the return of Persephone, when all the many trees and shrubs and flowers answer the spring call to new life and fruitage, there will be one towering oak, once among the first to respond, that will fail to answer the call, one king of the woods that will remain dormant and lifeless, for this one is dead. It is no longer wise or safe to allow this tree to stand. The recent snow beat the trunk and cracked the earth, so that any time now this tremendous tree is likely to come crashing to earth, causing damage and perhaps injuring man or beast. For this reason the tree is being cut down, and as that spectacle must be to all who behold the tragedy, but it must be done. Over the stump that will remain there will be vines and flowers climbing this summer, but these can never take the place of the mighty tree that is being felled because it is dangerous to allow it to stand longer. Thus passes one of the ancient landmarks. Thus the corrupted hand of time has touched this monarch of the woods and has decreed that the place thereof shall know it no more. Stop in your busy rush of chasing your favorite phantom and breathe one sigh and drop one tear for the faded glory of the mighty oak that returns to its primal elements this day. F. M. WHITESIDE.

LITTLE CHANGE IN THE 'FLU' SITUATION

Reports Received From But Two Doctors Last Night.—The Reports Indicate no Change Here.

THREE DEATHS FROM PNEUMONIA

Nurses Holding People Up For Higher Pay.—Wanted \$10 For Working Twenty-Four Hours Now.

(By The Associated Press.) Reports from the office of the county physician today show that there is little change again today in the influenza situation here. Only two physicians have made a report one reporting 14 new cases in the city and one in the country, the other reporting eleven new cases in the city and eleven new cases in the country. It is thought that the situation here is but little changed, but reports seem to indicate that the number of pneumonia cases is on the increase. Many of the new cases are said, however, and there has been but little change in the nature of the disease. Three deaths also were reported during yesterday and early this morning. Two of the victims lived in Concord, the other in the county. Several of the pneumonia patients are regarded as seriously ill. It seems that some of the nurses of the county have tried to get rich quick during the critical situation here. One nurse stated that she would work for \$5 a day, this being the regular pay of the graduate nurse here. This woman was not a graduate nurse, but knowing the seriousness of the situation, and realizing that nurses had to be had, she said she would work for that amount. When the week was up she demanded \$10 for the 24 hours, saying that by agreeing to work for \$5 a day she would only be demanding \$5 for 24 hours. The Red Cross is asking that all nurses who volunteer—ask the nurses their rates, and then report to the organization if there is any more such attempts at extortion. There are people here who are able to pay \$5 or \$10 a day, and who have to have nurses at this time, but it is not right that they should be held up for the Red Cross points out, and if the nurses are not willing to work for \$4.50 a day which the Red Cross pays, or \$5 a day which the organization feels is enough in any case, it is desired that their names be sent in, so that other people may be warned. Other persons have volunteered to nurse, Miss Myrtle Harris states, and the work of the organization here is being carried out with apparently much success. Most of the families in dire need are being attended to, and with two more nurses Miss Harris states that she could look after the city easily.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Shown Renewed Nervousness and Irregularity at Opening Today.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 19.—The cotton market showed nervousness and irregularity early today. Cables were slightly lower than due, while the early stock market was unsettled and after opening 5 to 15 points lower, active months sold about 17 to 32 points below last night's closing. This carried May off to 53.65, making a reaction of 77 points from the high point reached on the rally of Tuesday, and the market then steadied on evening and a little trade buying. Cotton futures opened steady, March, 36.52; May, 34.10; July, 32.00; October, 29.65; January, 28.00.

TREATY NEGOTIATIONS TO BE LEFT ALONE AWHILE

While the Senate Discusses Railroad Legislation and Other Matters.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 19.—Leaders in the treaty fight indicated today that the controversy would be permitted to drag on indefinitely, while the senate is considering railroad and other important legislative business. There was doubt, however, whether the issue would demand attention on the floor, or "play possum" for several weeks as it did yesterday when it was not mentioned at all, as nobody was ready to speak. Compromise negotiations are being continued informally. Debts to Be Considered for President (By The Associated Press.)

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(By The Associated Press.) Lansing, Mich., Feb. 19.—Suffrage petitions to give the name of Eugene V. Debs on the President preference primary ballot as a socialist candidate for the Presidential nomination have been received at the Secretary of State office here. The primary will be held April 5.

One in every six women in New York city is a wage-earner, while in Charleston, S. C., the percentage is one in a hundred.

Mr. C. H. Fell is spending several days in Albemarle on business.