#### NO PROGRESS IS MADE GERMAN INDEMNITY TOWARD ADJOURNMENT

Conference Held For Two About This Sum Will Proba-Hours Today Between Lloyd George and Delega-tion of Alliance Officials.

MEN URGED NOT TO PRECIPITATE CRISIS

Seem to Have Had Any Effect.-No Prospect for Reopening Negotiations.

(By the Associated Press.

London, April 14.—A conference held this morning between Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, and a delegation of officials of the triple alli-nuce, which called a strike for Friday night in support of the striking miners, was concluded in two hours without apparently any progress being made toward an adjustment.

It was reported from the conference that the Prime Minister made a strong statement appealing to the transport men and railway men who with the miners make up the triple alliance, asking them to exercise restraint and not precipitate a crisis.

This plea, however, does not appear

to have had any effect. J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the national union of railway men, declared after the con ference that he could see no prospect for the reopening of negotiations for an adjustment of the strike situation. On the government side it was said that the labor men were unable to present new arguments giving the gov

ermnent any different view of their case, while the government, it was understood, did not indicate that it was prepared to make any further conces-Thus, the situation early this after-

noon appeared unchanged, and the outlook gloomy.

SPEAKERS PLEAD FOR THE RELEASE OF EUGENE DEBS. Fifty Police Were on Hand to Prevent

(By the Associated Press.) Dulath, Minn, April 14. While 50 pollermen and detectives and detectives and detectives ment from a lank corps unit of the Minnesota National Guard stood on guard, five hundred persons gathered at a local hall last night and cheered speakers who pleaded for the release of Eugene V. Debs, Willam D. Haywood and others whom they termed "political prisoners."

Rumors that efforts would be made to break up the meeting prompted the authorities to take measures, but there were no disturbances.

Dan Blalock Acquitted of Charge of Murder. Albemarie, April 13.—Dan Blalock,

of Norwood, charged with the murder of Pearl Thompson, was acquitted by Superior Court jury after the State had waived its right to ask for a first degree verdict. The evidence showed that Blalock killed Thompson at the former's home on the evening of March 15. Blalock claimed that at the time the dead man was running him with a drawn knife and that he shot 13:51; Jun. 13:68. in order to protect himself.

Roberta Methodist Protestant Church Our second quarterly conference will be held Saturday, the 16th, at 7:30 For Failure to Keep French Govern p. m. The officials are requested to be present. We are to have the famous Mt. Pleasant Quartet of Cleveland county. They will use James D. Vaughan's latest book. They are to sing for us Saturday night at the quarterly meeting. Sunday at both 11 as to the state of affairs in Washing-quested to come and enjoy these ser-quested to come and enjoy these services. Come. You are welcome. J. T. SISK, Pastor.

Singular Antics of a Dog.

Duluth Minn, April 14.—Since its canine pal was killed recently by a street car a Scotch collie dog stands guard at a certain corner here each day, leaps high as cars speed by and often manages to grasp the trolley pole rope with its teeth, pulling the pole off the wire and stopping the car. The animal probably will be shot, it is

box outside the station. Next morning when he came back to have the head placed on the Raleigh train he found that someone had stolen box, head and all, and now everybody is wondering that the thief's face when he opened the box and found a dog's head! Five Killed In Tornado.

McKinney, Tex., April 13.—Five persons were killed and from 25 to 50 others injured, some probably fatally when a tornado swept down from the west on Melissa, near here today. Fire followed in the debris of the buildings razed by the twister and virtually in the entire business section, except the the entire business section, except the bank, and the east side of the town were destroyed.

Physician Dies While Waking Up Hotel

Southern Pines, April 13.—Dr. W. P. Sweet, well-known local physician, died of heart failure while arousing guests of the Southland Hotel early this morning when fire broke out in a busi-ness block, causing a loss of approxi-mately \$75,000, partially covered by in-

Civil Service Reform League.
altimore. April 14.—The annual sting of the National Civil Service orm League opened here today with good attendance of members from lous sections of the United States two des program calls for ad-

### 150 BILLION MARKS

bly Be Fixed by the Allied Reparations Commission, Says Echo de Paris.

WILL DEPEND UPON CERTAIN SOLUTIONS

The Plea, However, Does Not If Germany Refuses, France Will Recall to Colors Two Classes and Proceed to Occupy Ruhr Basin.

(By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 14.—Germany's indemnity to the allies will be fixed at be-tween 130 billion and 150 billion gold marks by the allied reparations com-mission, says the Echo de Paris. The newspaper adds the exact figures will depend upon the solution of certain questions being considered.

In case Germany resists settlement.

the newspaper declares, it is accepted by the allies that France will re-call two classes of recruits to the co.or and proceed to occupy the Ruhr basin district. This district includes the most impodtant coal mines and indus trial plants in western Germany.

REDUCTION ANNOUNCED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO. Will Make a Straight Ten Per Cent Cut on Products Next Year.

(By the Associated Press. Chicago, April 14.—Rasing its ac tion upon recent reductions in steel prices announced by the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvester Co. today announced straight 10 per cent, reduction effect ive next year on products in which steel is the principal raw material. "The reduction on steel came after

ur year's products had been provided for, and will have no bearing on the cost of machines we sell this year." the announcement explained. loes establish a lower replacement cost. however, and serves as a basis of a price to which our enstomers are enprice to which our enstoners on fitted and which we are willing to no

The reduction applies chiefly to har-vesting machines.

The company announced reductions of from 10 to 15 per cent, in machines made principally of wood and iron on

THE COTTON MARKET. Weaker Liverpool Cables at Opening. May Off 16 Points.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, April 14.—'The cotton market here made a comparatively

lower.

Washington.

JUSSERAND CRITCISED

(By the Associated Press.)

the United States, for his alleged fail-

British Tank Steamer Disabled.

hers and \$4,000 additional.

Mr. Wilson, one of the State Y officials, in a short talk at the luncheon activities during the war and for vesterday praised the local association, which there now is no further need. steady showing during today's early trading. The unfavorable British labor yesterday praised the local association, stating that it had made an enviable situation was reflected in weaker record with the money already raised, ing the present forces up to meet fu; Liverpool cables, but the local market and expressing belief that the campaign production, an effort is being made to opened at a decline of only 1 to 8 would be a success. All of the various take on only employes who display an points under Southern selling and team members were also confident that liquidation. The latter was prompted the campaign would succeed, each reby weakness in the stock market and porting but few persons in the city who there was some Wall Street selling afthe call with May easing off to who showed no interest in the work 11:92 and July to 12:37 or about 16.

Cotton futures opened steady, May 11:90; July 12:54; Oct. 13:13; Dec. ROSS WILL TRIAL IS

He Will Declare a Mistrial. Monroe, April 13.—Judge Bis Ray

served notice on attorneys in the ment Informed as to Doings in

This notice on part of the court This notice on part of the served to speed up action and sevhere today relative to the message of and legatee of \$1,000 under the cod-President Harding to Congress. Thief Steals Head of Rabid Dog at Wingate.

Monroe, April 13.—A man living near Wingate recently killed a dog he thought to be mad. The head was pack—

Thief Steals Head of Rabid Dog at under fire of caveators all through the trial, being charged with exerting under influence over Maggie and the trial, being charged with exerting under influence over Maggie and the trial, being charged with exerting under influence over Maggie and the trial period of the county juli the castle. He afterwards won a \$25,—the castle. He afterw

lee packed aroud it, and consigned to she was of sound mind.

Raleigh for examination for rables. A number of witnesses testified to Arriving at Wingate too late to catch the afternoon train, the man left the son was put on to corroborate her box ontside the station. Next morning husband and also testified that Mag.

> DEATH OF DR. A. B. HAWKINS Was the Oldest Living Alunums of the University of North Carolina.

New York, April 14.—The British tank steamer Marquis, from New Orcieans April 11 for Grange Mouth, is disabled with engine trouble near Loggerehad Key, off the Southern Florida coast, a wireless message received here today said. The accident occurred soon after midnight last night and a tug from Key West was dispatched to her assistance. (By the Associated Press.) To Discuss Life of College Men.
Boston, Mass., April 14.—Delegates
rom forty prominent colleges and
miversities of the United States have
grived here to attend the intercollegante conference on undergraduate
overnment, which is to be opened toour ow at the Massachusetts Institute
t Technology.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society of England has four and a half in the United States than in all the countries of Europe combined.

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Again in the Lime Light



FINAL REPORT FROM "Y"
CAMPAIGN THIS EVENING.

Result of Membership Drive Will Be Made Known at Luncheon at Associa-tion Building.

No report on the work of the various teams which are canvassing the city for membership to the Y. M. C. A. will be made during the day, though many of the team enptains when questioned during the day, reported that they had

The final reports of the campaign will be made at a luncheon to be given to the teams at the Y. M. C. A. building this evening at 6 o'clock, and until that time nothing definite will be

The various teams confinned their envising work desing resterday afternoon and today, and unofficial reports state that ninch more satis-factory progress was made during the

afternoon than during the morning.

More than one hundred new members were added to the association yesterday morning, the new members pledging more than twenty-three hundred dollars. The goal is 500 new mem-

11:92 and July to 12:47, or about 16 it is doing.

TO END ON SATURDAY

Paris, April 14.—Criticism of Jules declare it a mistrial.

J. Jusserand, French Ambassador to This notice on pa

ed in a metal bucket, and this con- of many business dealings with her tainer was placed in a wooden box with on which he based his opinion, that

gie Ross was of sound mind. She had known her practically all of her life. Dr. W. R. McCain, of Waxhaw, told about making professional visits to the house and he thought Maggie Ross capable of making a will. The testi mony of other witnesses was about

Raieigh. April 14.—Dr. A. B. Hawkins, aged 66, for years the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina, and probably the oldest active bank director in the United States, died at his home here early today following an illness of 6 weeks.

Dr. Hawkins graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1845. He had been a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank here for about 30 years and took an active interest in the direction of the policies of this institution till he was taken ill.

(By the Associated Fress.)

Washington, April 14.—Demand for a Congressional investigation to discisse the interests trying to put through a sales tax was made in the House today following an illness to day for Representative Frear, republican, of Wisconsin, of the ways and means committee. He mentioned Jules Bache and Meyer Rothehild, of New York, as prime movers in the campaign and charged that a lung fund had been raised "to shove the big man's taxes on the policies of this institution till he was taken ill.

FORD IS STILL DOING BUSINESS AT DLD STAND

Returns to Rate of 1,000,000 Cars a Year; Employs 32,000 With 'Position Never Better.'

Detroit, Mich., April 14,-Steady gains, both in sales and production, are reported by the Ford Motor Company. 'We were never in better position than we are right now," Henry Ford said today

Actual sales in the domestic market for January were 57,208 automobiles and 1.138 tractors, for February 63. GOG cars and 1.902 tractors, for March 87.221 cars and 4.708 tractors. present the company has 102,000 unfilled orders for automobiles, and production of the present working force is at

The company's normal production beore the plant was closed for inventory on December 23 was about 100,000 cars a month. This required, at that time, a working force of about 52,000 men. At the present time a little more than 32,000 men are employed. The report says that the difference between this figure and the full working force Master. in help taken on due to expansion of

"In the present situation, in building the present forces up to meet fu: The speaker said that of all these intention of remaining with the Ford Company," says the report. "By this

SIR ARTHUR VICKERS

If Not Through Then the Judge Says And His Hause in Dublin Burned This (By the Associated Press.)

Dublin, April 14.—Sir Arthur Ed-Ross will case today that the trial ward Vickers, former Ulster king of arms, was shot dead this morning and his residence was burned. A tag was attached to the body read-

ing: "Traitors beware, We never forget.

Sir Arthur Vickars was Ulster's king of arms at Dubin eastle at the time of the famous robbery there in eral hours. Hudson, who has been 1907 when the Irish crown jewels under fire of caveators all through valued at \$250,000 were stolen from

Texas League to Open. Forth Worth, Texas. April 14.—The charge of having attacked the five-year championship season of the Texas old daughter of a prominent farmer. baseball league will get under way to initial contest Houston is scheduled to play at Galeston, Dailas at Wichita Falls, Beaumont at San Antonio, and Shreveport at Fort Worth. The League officials and club owners predict one of the most successful years in the history of the organization. The schedule provides for a season of 158 games, with Sept. 18 as the closing date.

Congressional Investigations Go Forever. (By the Associated Press.)

With an annual production of 14.-500,000 pounds, Cincinnati claims to leud all other cities of America in the manufacture of eleomargerine.

Jurywomen are very quickly in taking up one point, according to one

THE SERVICE AT THE LOCAL AL .. CHURCH.

The Meeting Last Night Was the Best One Held in the Series,

The meeting at the Methodist Pro-testant Church last night was the best held yet, both in point of attendance and interest, several were reclaimed and one profession was made after Rev. Mr. Moton preached a poweful sermon from the text, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go see it: I pray thee, have me evensed. And another said.! bought five yokes of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me exensed. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore cannot

The text was divided into three divisions, and lessons were drawn from each division showing the unreason ableness of these excuses and comparing them to the ways of the world to day, in that some people have time for everything except the work of the The word pictures of largely represented by the increase speaker were fine, and he took each help taken on due to expansion of division and told just how wordly and for the people were today over perishable things; at times he was dramatic, each

excuses the man who asked to be exa wife was the most foolish, while the num, greatly stabilizing production would consider buying a yoke of oxen and thus reducing productive costs." or a piece of ground without first secing it or at least sending some one to make the proper investigation of the IS SHOT AND KILLED intended purchase. He spoke at length of the little cares and troubles that come along in every-day life that people would accept as excuses from at tending the services of the Church, and also urged his hearers to bestir them-selves for the welfare of others. It was a splendid effort, and was well received.

MOB VIOLENCE FEARED

Jesse Nines Removed to Some Unknown Place For Safe Keeping.

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 14.—Be-cause of high feeling and fearing mob violence, Jesse Nives, a white farm hand about 35 years of age, was rushlate yesterday arrested Nines near Webbs Mills in Nash county upon a

Nominations of Harvey and Herrick Confirmed, (By the Associated Press. Washington, April 14.-The nomina

ions of George Harvey, of New York, to be ambassador to Great rBitain, and Myron T. Herrick, of Ohio, to be au-bassador to France were sent to the Senate today by President Harding. At the same time the President transmitted more than 30 names of

men he had given temporary appointments while Congress was in recess. The list included the name of John J. Esch, of Wisconsin, to be a member of whose confirmation was held up by opposition of the last session

Federation of General Workers to Support Alliance. (By the Associated Press.)

London, April 14.—The Federation of General Workers, representing 1. 500,000 persons in more than 100 in-dustries outside the triple alliance, decided today to support the triple alli-ance in its strike in the interests of the striking miners.

Death of John R. Smith.
(By the Associated Press.)
Goldsboro, N. C., April 14.—John R. Smith, 84 years of age, who was Superintendent of the State Prison under the administration of Governor Russill, death leve less significant. sell, died here last night.

## TEXT OF FRENCH NOTE EIGHT PERSONS DEAD

Accepts Principle Laid Down By U. S. That We Have Surrendered No Rights in Overseas Possessions.

NOTE SIGNED BY PREMIER BRIAND

Note Is in Reply to Communication of Secretary Hughes Regarding Japanese Mandate Over Yap.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, April 14.—France's re dy to Secretary Hughes' note of April 4th, regarding the Japanese mandate ver the Pacific Island of Yap, is interpreted in official circles here as tanamount to acceptance of the principle laid down by the American government that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the former over-

The text of the French note, which is in the form of a preliminary reply, was made public today both in Washington and Paris. It is signed by Premier Briand, who gives assurance that a representative of the French govern ment will place before the supremo council at the next meeting the ques tion of Yap, with the "greatest desire to find a solution which will give every atisfaction to the United States."

Premier Briand declares that his overnment has done all in its power to lend its aid to the American govern ment in this matter. Reference is nade to the French note of last Febcurry 18 which pointed out that while the decision of the Supreme Council of May 7th, 1919 made no reservations concerning the mandates attributed to Japan over the islands of the Northern Pacific, President Wilson and Secre-tary Lansing had formulated in the course of a former meeting in the presence of representatives of Japan "categorical reservations concerning the Lsland of Yap" and the Japanese

The full text of the French reply as made public by the State Depart-ment does not differ materially from that given out in Paris.

MORE COTTON WAS USED DURING MONTH OF MARCH

Than in Any Month Sinse Last Sep-tember.—Total of 437,933 Bales Us-

ed in That Month.

(By the Associated Press. Washington, April 14.—Cotton manfacturers utilized more raw cotton during March than in any month last September, a total of 437,-933 bales having been consumed during the month, according to the Census Bureaus monthly report issued today. There were fewer cotton spin-dles in operation in the month than in February, the largest reduction being shown by mills in the cotton grow- ket. ing States. The month's total 32,104, was 353,528 less than in February. with the mills of the cotton growing Doorn for the last time States showing 317,794 of the reducbales more than in February.

PLAN SUGGESTED TO

To Provide Means to Dispose of the Southern Cotton Crons. (By the Annoctated Press.)

to dispose of the Southern cotton crops was suggested to President Harding today by Governor-Elect Hardwick, of Georgia. He proposed that the United States ask the allied governments to underwrite German bonds which would be accepted in payment of cotton exports from this country and would be held as securities against the war debt. It was understood that the President expressed deep interest in the plan but withheld judgment concern-

pulation of the United States is of voting age.

# MADE PUBLIC TODAY RESULT OF TORNADO

Five Others W Fatally Injured and Fifty Others Were Hurt More or Less Seriously.

TORNADO STRUCK MELISSA, TEXAS

A Score of Buildings Were Demolished, Including All the Churches and Stores, School Buildings, Etc.

(By the Associated Press.

Melissa, Texas, April 14.—Eight perons are dead, five probably fatally injured, and approximately 50 others more or less seriously injured as the result of the tornado which struck here at 2:20 p. m. yesterday. Five of the

eight killed were negroes.
The storm swept through the town from the southwest to the northeast, demolishing more than a score of score of buildings, including all the Churches and stores, the school building, three cotton gins, the post office, interurban station, and part of the railroad sta-

WANTS STRICTER CENSORSHIP OF THE MOVING PICTPRES.

Miss Belle Bennett's Speech Before Woman's Council at Richmond.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., April 14.-Urging stricter censorship of moving pictures, asserting that increase in crime is traceable to certain kinds of film shows, and giving statistics on the di-vorce evil, Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered her annual address today as President of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its ouvention in Centenary Church, here,

In discussing the divorce evil which, she said, was on the increase in the country. Miss Bennett commented on the fact that it was on the decrease in Japan.

She said if the Inter-Church World Movement does nothing else, it is worth all it costs by showing the re-ligious needs of the world today.

BURIAL OF THE FORMER EMPRESS IS DELAYED.

Body Will Not Leave Doorn for Pots-dam Till Next Mouday. (By the Associated Press.)

Doorn, Holand, April 14.—German overnment authorities have insisted hat the taking of the body of the late former Empress Augusta Victoria from Doorn to Potsdam for burial be delayed, and the remains will not leave here

until Monday morning, it is announced, Former Emperor William frequently visits the room where reposes the coffin of the late Empress. Heaps of flowers have been piled about the cas-The entire General Staff was admitted to the room last evening to see the beloved mistress of the house of

Tom R. Clayton to Be Tried This Week.

(By the Associated Press.) Fayettevilfle, N. C., April 14.-It was expected the entire session of Cum-berland county criminal court would PRESIDENT HARDING be taken up today with the selection of a jury in the trial of Tom R. Clayton, a New York youth charged with the murder here last January of Dep-

uty Sheriff N. M. Blue.
Blue was shot to death and Deputy Washington, April 14.—A plan to take advantage of the allied debt to the United States in providing means jured when the two officers were serving a warrant on Clayton charging him with assault with a deadly weapon. In exchange of shots Clayton suffered a dangerous wound in the chest.

\$75,000 For University of Virginia.
(By the Associated Press.)

Charlottesville, Va., April 4.—President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, announced today that two founders day gifts totalling \$75,000 had been received from the institution's centennial endowment fund. One was \$50,000 gift from Thomas F. Ryan. Approximately one-half of the po- of New York; and the other a \$25,000 donation from Mrs. Chas. H. Senff, also of New York,

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