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OWNERS OF CALIFORNIA LAND COMPANY WILL NOT LEASE TO JAPS AT PRESENT.

# ADHERF TO FORMER PROMISE

Will Not Be Made Unless Sanctioned by U. S. Government.

Los Angeles, Cal.-The owners of the California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company's property in Lower California still adhere to a declaration made to the state department in 1917, that they will not "under the circumstances make any lease of any kind to Japanese, where colonization is probable, until we are first authoritatively informed that such an arrange ment will be entirely agreeable to the government of our own country."

This was announced here by Harry Chandler, president of the company. Mr. Chandler, who is also principal owner of The Los Angeles Times, issued a statement as follows:

Following is an extract from a letter written by me ,as president of the stockholders of that company, dated February 23, 1917, to the department of state at Washington:

"'While my company is anxious to secure these reliable tenants, amply nanced, to help develop our property in Mexico, we are first of all Amer ican citizens and do not wish to make any move which could in any way prejudice a question which always appears to be a subject for agitation between the two countries. We will not, under the circumstances, consider making any lease of this kind to Japanese, where colonization is probable, until we are first authoritatively informed that such arrangement will be agreeable to the government of our own country."

### METHODISTS LOOK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE TO DRIVE

Nashville, Tenn .- The sum of \$35. 000,000 will be raised by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, during week of May 18 to 25. This money will be spent to promulgate Christianity in the war-ridden countries of Europe to carry on missiona;ry work in the darkest corners of Africa. Asia and South America, and a conelderable sum will be spent in the Southern States for the education of both the whites and negroes.

While statesmen will rebuild shat-tered governments, educational interests will erect colleges, business men will devote their energies to reconstruct shattered communities and in. dustries, the church will devote its money and coffrts loward the spiritual welfare of the war-ridden people

# INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT

A Clean Local Newspaper For All The Fantly KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1919

FREDER!CK GILLETT MONROE DOCTRINE AND REPARATIONS

Recent photograph of Representa-

who has been elected speaker of

tive Frederick Gillett of Massachu-

PRESIDENT IS WELL SATISFIED

The Revised Covenant is Practically

Finished and is in Hands of Com-

mittee for Final Drafting.

President Wilson, who has virtually

been silent since his return to Paris,

believes the time is opportune for a

statement which will allay apprehen-sion over the delay and show the re-

vision of the covenant of the league of

nations had proceeded at night sea-

sions, without any interruption to the

other main questions. President Wilson issued the follow-

ing statement: "In view of the very surprising im-

pression which seems to exist in some quarters that it is the discussions of

the committee on the league of na-

tion that are delaying the final formu-

lation of peace, I am very glad to take

the opportunity of reporting that the

conclusion of this commission were

the first to be laid before the plenary

"During the last few days the com

mission has been engaged in an effort

to take advantage of the criticisms

which the publication of the covenant

has fortunately drawn out. A com-mittee of the commission has also had

the advantage of a conference with

representatives of the neutral states

who are evidencing a very deep inter-est and a practically unanimous desire

to align themselves with the league.

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when they could not interfere with the consultation of those who have

undertaken to formulate the general conclusions of the conference with re-

gard to the many other complicated

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conference.

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the house in the next congress.

PERSISTENT EFFORTS, MOSTLY BY AMERICAN DELEGATION SPEED UP THE WORK.

# EFFECT IMPORTANT RESULTS

Amendments Have Been Certain Agreed Upon That Are Designed to Meet Criticism at Home.

Paris -- Persistent efforts, principally by the American delegates, but sec-onded for the most part by the British and Italians, to speed up the work of the various councils and commissions preparing the details of the peace treaty, resulted in better progress during the closing days of the past week. That most important results will be attained during the present week is predicted by those who are in a position to speak, including the disposition of the Monroe doctrine and reparations the two subjects which have een the main obstacles to the completion of the treaty.

The most stubbornly contested subject was that of reparations, and it is suggested that the delay in this case cannot be charged up to the Americans, but rather to the pre-election promises of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau to make the Germans pay the whole cost of the war, which have led to some embarrassment, because of the patent inability of the enemy to pay more than a fraction of the enormous indemnity

that will be required for that purpose However, real progress has been made in bringing about an agreement on the total amount of indemnity and the terms of payment, on a basis of painstaking studies of the exact state of German industries and resources at the present time and prospects for the future made by the financial commissions of the conference.

Although President Wilson has statthe league of nations covenant did not delay the progress of the the list of anxieties. Paris knows that he allowed to land at Danzig declared treaty, because the work of the other commissions was equally essential to its completion, the subject has been the subject of much anxiety and close study during the past week. The desire of the American delegates to safeguard the Monroe doctrine and to insert other amendments to meet home criticism has temporarily prevented the report of the revised covenant from being submitted to a plenary meeting of the conference.

a committee for the final process of drafting and will almost immediate THE NEW ROCKET SAID TO BE TERRIBLE ENGINE OF WAR

Worcester, Mass .- Dr. Robert F. Goddard, professor of physics at Clark College, acting under the patronage of the United States war department, the Smithsonian Institution, Clark University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, has invented a new rocket that problems of peace. So that the mem-bers of the commission congratulate is reported to be a terrible engine of themselves on the fact no part of their war, with an altitude range of 70 miles bers of the commission congratulate themselves on the fact no part of their conferences have ever interposed any range of at least 200 milee.



Dr. Livingston Farrand, former president of the University of Colo-rado, has been appointed chairman of the central committee and executive head of the American Red Cross.

DIFFICULT OF EXAGRERATION

Germany Not Now at Our Feet Unable to Resist Payment of Any Sentence Allies Might Impose.

strictly to a German interpret. The President Wilson's 14 points. The movement for establishment Rhineland republic has lost all force Paris .- Announcement of the outand the leaders here are openly workbreak of a bolshevist revolution in ing to prepare the population for pos-sible consequences of a refusal of the Hungary has produced something approaching panic in the Paris peace con- German government to sign the peace ference. The fact itself has surpris- treaty. ed those who have been warned re-POLISH TROOPS REFUSE A peatdly for the last four months of facts as contrasted with theories of the eastern European situation, nor does the Hungarian incident complete many demanding that Polish troops the bolshevists have conquered Hun- refusal by Germany would be regard-

It knows also that the Rugary. manian situation is becoming critical. responsibility for permitting the Poles to land at Danzig, but was preand it has almost geenral testimony from those returning from Poland that pared to facilitate a landing at Stettin, Poland is completely undermined by bolshevists.

It would be difficult to exaggerate A PROSPECT THAT POTASH MAY the gravity of the situation in Europe as a result of four months without decision following the victory of last November. Then, Germany was it our feet, prepared to accept our sentence. incapable of resisting it.

Paris, that Germany will exchange potash for foodstuffs. The message Today it is the testimony of many who know Germany that Germany No details were given concerning the basis on which the exchange will be will sign no treaty of peace such as sometime formulate, that she made or the quantities of potash that will be supplied. Neither was it indiwill invite us to occupy her territory, believing that our armies of occupation will be corrupted by bolshevism. while her property will be protected from dometic disorder.



SUPERIOR COURT LAST WEEK.

The first term of Cleveland county uperior cort to be held this year convened Monday with Judge B. F. ong, of Statesville, presiding. The priminal docket was finished Wedneeday afternoon and the court began resterday morning on the civil cases which will consume the remainder of the week. J. T. S. Mauney was made foreman of the grand jury and J. J. Pruett, officer to grand jury.

State vs. Ben Poston, forcible trespass, judgment suspended upon pay nent of costs.

Wylie Pruett and John B. Pruett, forcible trespass. Defendant Wylie Fruett dead. Case continued as to John B. Pruett. State vs. P. F. Allison, simple as

sault, continued. State vs. B. G. Bridges, worthless checks. Defendant passing Defendant called

and failed. State vs. John Pruett. Jr., c. c. w. Defendant called and failed

John Hunt luggery, found not guil ty by jury.

vs. Otto Stockton, larceny State Defendant being only 16 years of age and son of good woman judgment continued upon condition that defen tant pay costs and be on good be-avior. Court reserves right to proiounce judgment against defendant within five years if he is not found good behavior. Capias to issue July 1, 1919, if defendant is found county.

Lewis Ramseur and Marvin Carpenter, breaking and entering Judg-nent as to Lewis Ramseur, eight months. Judgment as to Marvin Carpenter, eight months.

Charlie Goodnight, Lloyd Smith Ciarence Smith and Fred Smith, larceny. Indictment changed to forcible trespass as to Charlie Goodnight, defendant pleads guilty, judgment sus pended upon payment of costs. Capias as to other defendants.

Chas. R. Stevenson, issuing worth-less checks. Defendant pleads guilty. Defendant through counsel C. R. Hoey presented certified copy of record of Richmond county, showing that de-fendant had been adjudged insane. Defendant left in control and care of mother and father.

George Young, assault. Defendant pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Ted Ware, crime against nature and criminal assault, judgment continued upon payment of costs and to show good behavior.

Will Eager tried by jury for an ault. Defendant to pay \$125 and sault. clerk of court directed to pay costs out of this and pay to the attorney of John McDowell \$35 to be used for the said McDowell who was seriously injured and the balance of the fund to be paid to the school fund. Court approved recorder in this case. It appearing that said money so paid in was paid by Capt. J. F. Jenkins for benefit of defendant, sentence of court is that defendant be imprisoned county jail for 12 months with leave of the county commissioners to hire him out to Capt. J. F. Jenkins for the term of 12 months and if he fails to work, capias be issued.

George Young, plead guilty. Judg ment suspended upon good behavior and payment of costs.

George Gordon, defendant pleads guilty. Appearing that defendant is mere youth, judgment that he be imprisoned in county jail for 12 months with leave for county commissioners to hire him out and it appearing that he is hired out to W. A. Morri Morris pay \$50 to be applied to costs and use of the court.



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#### ON IN TELEGRAPH CHARGES

Washington.-Increase of 29 per cent in domestic telegraph rates fective April 1, were announced by Postmaster General Burleson

The increase was agreed upon at a eting of the Federal Wire Board and was made necessary to meet "the Increased cost of operation, occasion ed by wage increases now in effect. made during the past year." Mr. Burleson added that the advance would be "barely sufficient" for this purpose

#### THREAT IS MADE BY DEBS TO TIE UP COUNTRY IN STRIKE

Akron. Ohio .-- Eugene V. Debs, soillst leader, threatened to call a neral strike of his party through t the country unless he is granted a saring in the courts on charges m which he was convicted unde the espionage act. Debs was confined to bed with a bad attack of lumbago at the home of Mrs. Margaret Prevey here, when notified the United States

#### INVESTIGATING CHARGES AGAINST WM. J. OLIVER

Knorville, Tenn,-Investigation of sabotage and conspiracy sagainst William J. Oliver and or defendants, officers and ema of the Oliver Manufacturing and the Onver Manutacturing any will be completed by the l grand jury and a report is ex-bulger the adjournment of oned States district court. The jury remained in session until d many witnesses were exam-

problems of peace.

#### SPIRIT OF OLD GERMANY SHOWN IN MARKED MANNER

Berlin.-General Hoffman, real tor at Tannenberg, and General von Lettow-Verbeck are forming a new volunteer corps as a division of guards to preserve order at home, and pro-tect the frontiers of the empire. Before the Bismarck statue in Keonigplatz, the national union of German officers, with the imperial colors at the head of which was a band of offi cers playing the kaiser hymn, formal ly made an oath of allegiance in the form of a resolution regarding the frontiers of the empire founded by

the "Iron Chancellor. Just as the procession was passing the British embassy, General Ludendorff turned the corner from Vaterden Linden. Some one recognized him and in an instant he was surrounded and there were wild cheers. Ludendorff was obviously perturbed by the demonstration, which in the present mood of suspician against him entertained by many can do him no good service

#### BERLIN GOVERNMENT PROTEST ANENT LUDENDORFF INCIDENT

Berlin.-The government has pro ested to army officers against the demonstration they gave for General Ludendorff on the ground that it has given opponents an opportunity to assert that everything is the same. In Germany as under the former emperor. I Ludendorff asked for a tribunal to ear his case, the government, it is mounced, would see that it was composed if incontial persons. demonstration they gave for Gen

The Goddard rocket is propelled by perfected gas engine installed in the lower part of the shell, the explosions that generate the power cor ing from cartridges that are fed into the chamber by a clock-like time device. The rocket does not require a cannon to start it on its flight, the journey beginning from any point where a man can get. The weapon feature of the rocket is in the head.

GERMAN OBJECTIONS MAY BE DISREGARDED BY THE ALLIES

Paris .- The Temps says that the allied and associated allied and associated governments seem to have decided to disregard the German objections concerning Danzig and to land, by force if nec essary, Pelish troops at this Baltic

newspaper adds that concerning the question of the Polish frontier the allied governments seem inclined to create about Danzig a neutral state in order to avoid attaching this part of the coast either to Germany or to Poland.

#### BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

Washington.-The reports to the department of labor from its field agents this week show a decided im-

conference as the bad news of the States. landing of the great emperor

THOUSANDS OF JEWS KILLED IN POGROM IN BUENOS AIRES

New York .- Thousands of Jews were slaughtered in a "pogrom" con-ducted in Buenos Aires January 9, according to a statement issued here fully have the plans been made that by the Zionist organization of America quoting a report it has received from the Argentine capital.

According to this report, a "white guard" raided the Jewish guarters, 'killing a number that cannot be estimated because all the bodies were Jews and persons who resembled Jews were even vynagogues were raided on the grounds that Maximalists were being hidden there from the police.

WITH HANDS NAILED TO

Vladivostok, Siberia .-- Bodies of two Russian officers, with the same cut

As it stands now, the Paris confer- as to whether or not commercial relaence has reached a deadlock wholly tions may be resumed with Germany comparable with the deadlock which until the treaty of peace has been per existed in the congress of Vienna that fected. It is said that this is the first when Napoleon returned from Elba. ganouncement of arrangements under Conceivably the news of advancing which any article of merchandise from bolshevism will act upon the Paris Germany may be sent to the United

any terms indicated by the allies, so

long as they could get peace and food

yet the situation now is entirely differ-

The stubborn unrepentance of the

social rulers is reflected both in the

German press in Coblenz and in the

Interpreting the delay in Paris as a

sign of weakness and indecision, the

Germans have added an almost boast-

ful tone here and lose no occasion of

asserting their determination to re-

strictly to a German interpretation of

German and hold the entente

LANDING AT PORT OF DANZIG

Amsterdam-The ailied note to Ger-

ed as a breach of the armistice, a Ber-

ernment replied it could not take the

**BE PROCURED FROM GERMANY** 

Washington -- Importation of potash

from Germany may be resumed at an

early date. Senator Hitchcock was ad-

vised by Bernard M. Baruch, now in

came through the state department,

cated whether shipments may be made

prior to the complete establishment of

peace and during the armistice now in

ect. Some doubt is expressed here

Koenigsberg, Memel or Libau.

The German gov

lin dispatch said.

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# TIME AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF CONFERENCE KEPT SECRET

-increased precautions have been taken to safeguard President Wilson and the premiers with whom he is in daily conference. So care even the chief of the American secret service squad is uninformed as to when the meetings will take place

Up to the present some of the news papers have carried in their morning editions a schedule of the movements of President Wilson, with the result that crowds invariably gathered witness the arrival of President Wilson and his conferees

There has been no special incident to bring aboupt this extraordinary

#### SIX UNMASKED BANDITS ROB DETROIT BANK AND ESCAPE

Detroit, Mich.-Herding tourteen persons, including several women patrons into lavatory and vault of the westside branch of the Commonwealth State Bank here, six unmasked bandits robbed the institution of \$10,000 in cash and unregistered Liberty in cash and unregistered Liberty bonds, which officials say may exceed \$55,000 in value. Fifty thousand dol-lars in currency had been removed from the branch to the main office only a few hours before the hold up.

#### Memorial Site Purchased.

Negotiations were closed for the purchase by the State of a piece land owned by Mr. J. B. Pearce, on Salisbury street, facing the State Cap itol and adjacent to the corner lot al ready owned by the State, and upon the two lots will be crected the North Carolina Memorial building to commemorate the services of North Caro linians in the war. The figure agreed upon was \$15.000. This was the outstanding feature of the first meeting of the State Memorial Building Com mission.

#### Large Increase in Deposits.

Washington (Special) .- Deposits of income and excess profits laxes for the quarter ending March 21, 1919, for the fourth internal revenue district of North Carolina, shows an increase of 155 per cent over the corresponding quarter in 1918, and 125 per cent in-crease for the fifth North Carolina district. The fourth district shows a total of \$4.318,277 in deposits, while those of the fifth North Carolina district aggregate \$7,813.254. These in creases, while gratifying, are in a measure not unexpected.

Charlotte.-Fire damaged the two story frame building on North Tryon street adjacent to the city hall known for years as the old Charlotte notel, to such an extent as to place it beyond repair, and entailed a loss esimated to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

THEIR SHOULDER BLADES

buried in a common grave." stopped on the street, it was said.