GERMANS GO AFTER WAR PROFITS IN RUSH.

Amsterdam, Jan. 2 .- A dispatch from Berlin says that the people's commissioners, in agreement with the secretary of finance, have decided that war profits shall be collected in the shape of an extraordinary war levy for the year 1919; second, that there shall be an ex-traordinary levy on the increased value of property and that all property remaining after the collection of war profits shall be subjected to a large general levy.

EX-KAISER'S WARDROBE FILCHED FROM PALACE.

Berlin, Jan, 2 .- The damage to the Imperial palace in Berlin due to the recent excesses by theft or vandalism is estimated to exceed \$1,-500,000. Five hundred persons implicated in the plundering have been apprehended and most of the stolen property recovered.

The former emperor's warden succeded in getting the bulk of the imperial art treasures to a place of safety after the flight of the emperor. The wardrobes of the former emperor and his wife were alnost entirely denuded of their con-

BRITAIN NAMES DELEGATES TO PEACE PARLEY

Expect Peace Conference Will Begin January 13; Delegates Will Leave London on January 4.

London: Jan. 2 .- (Via Montreal.) London: Jan. 2.—(Via Montreal.) the province are in the maidens and interaction. So they welcomed Presidentish delegates to the inter-allied crossed the frontier at Skalmieryce, dent Wilson with a frantic, passinger and 62 British delegates to the inter-allied crossed the frontier at Skalmieryce, conference at Paris will include a town southeast of Posen and 62 Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Sec- miles northeast of Breslau. Gerretary Balfour, Andrew Bonar Law, man troops there must, it is stated, chancellor of the exchequer. Vis- retreat in the face of a superior count Hardinge, permanent under- force of the Poles. secretary for foreign affairs; Sir It is also reported that the Polish William G. Tyrred, senior clerk in government has ordered the mobilithe foreign office; Sir Louis Mallet, zation of all Poles. former British ambassador to Turkey; Sir Esme W. Howard, British minister to Sweden; Sir Ralph Pagew, minister to Denmark, and Sir Eyre Crowe, assistant undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, with their staffs will accom-pany the delegates as advisers, Lord Robert Cecil, former assistant under-secretary, will go to France in connection with the proposed league

of nations. It is expected here that the conference will begin on January 13. A majority of the British delegates will leave London on January 4. Secretary Balfour already is in

With the foreign office officials, who will accompany the premier representatives of the war office, the admiralty, the air board and other

No German Delegates Are Named for Peace Meeting

Paris. Jan. 2 .- Conversations among representatives of the allies will begin at the French foreign office immediately upon the return to Paris of Premier Clemenceau, which or January 7. The premier is taking a brief rest at La Vendee.

President Wilson is expected Par's at the beginning of next week, while Premier Lloyd George will ar-

rive Saturday.

Germany has not yet submitted a list of its probable peace delebeen brought to the attention of the American delegation to the peace onference.

Although the American representatives have received many reports of conditions in the Baltic states and in the Ukraine, these reports are very conflicting and the delegates are not at all satisfied with he information.

The policy of the American delegation with regard to the Russian situation and its general complication with the unrest in the Balkans and in the former Russian district, has not yet taken form. The Amercan delegates apparently do not consider that France and England, either, have outlined a definite policy toward Russia.

Quadruple Funeral Will be Held for Flu Victims at Randolph

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Lloyd, Carl and Effie Tatge, sons and daughter of George Tatge, a business man of Noriolk, died from influenza complications within 24 hours. Lloyd died at Randolph Tuesday night and Effic and Carl died here. A cousin, who is a member of the Manser family, died at Randolph Wednesday, and one funeral will be held for the four victims at Randolph Friday after-

Congress Asked for Millions

to Settle Explosion Damages Washington, Jan. 2 .- Appropriations necessary to pay for private the Gillespie shell loading plant been released from the prison camp will approximate \$3,658,000, the War at Rastatt: department today reported to congress. The department estimated lowathat 10,000 claims will be filed.

OMAHA — GOLDEN CITY OF GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES OF THE GOLDEN WEST

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Wickersham Says Wilson BERLINIS

Polish Government Orders Its Troops to Mobilize: Conditions in Posen Are Considered Grave.

London, Jan. 2.-Polish troops ave entered Frankfort-on-the Oder. 50 miles east of Berlin, says a Berne dispatch to the Express, which adds that the Poles have occupied Beuthen, in Prussian Silesia, and Brom-berg, in the province of Posen, 69

miles northeast of the Posen city.
Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—A Polish
army of 30,000 men is marching on Berlin, according to a dispatch received here quoting rumors at the

Fifth German division to meet the magic remedy which would remove

"Telegrams are sent begging in-tervention by the allies," the dis-patch states, "but no reply comes.

the allies, but complain that they do not receive the least sign of attention or a word of guidance." The correspondent says the situa-

tion is made worse by internal disorder in Poland. Factories in all the industrial towns have been deand other cabinet members, will go stroyed by the Germans and thousands of Poles who were sent to Germany during the war are returning and there is no employment for them. They are taking the law into them to give them money. Lodz is in the hands of the red

guard, which has shot some of the officers of the regular troops. The government, headed by Joseph Pilsudsky, is weak, the correspondent

On Tearing Raid.

Geneva, Jan. 2.- The Polish army marching toward Berlin has as its objective "a tearing raid into Germany," according to the Polish agency at Lausanne. The infantry is well armed and is supported by artillery and cavalry. The infantry gates, or at least no such list has already has occupied important rail way centers, including Kreuz Driesen and Poznau, and has captured a large amount of railway stock with little resistance. The Germans are rearming demobilized soldiers and fighting is expected, atthough some of the demobilized troops are refusing to serve.

Fighting in Posen. Warsaw, Jan. 2 .- (By Associated Press.)-Fighting has continued at various points in Posen, between Polish and German troops in the last few days. The fortress of the city has been occupied by the Poles, while more than 20,000 German sol-

diers have been disarmed. The Sixth German grenadier regiment has refused to surrender and now is surrounded in a barracks within the city. The entire Polish population is reported to be aiding the Polish troops. They include boy scouts and young women. . The fighting is of a house-tohouse nature and there is no accurate estimate of the number

killed and wounded. Ignace Jan Paderewski, who ar rived in Posen several days ago, is delaying his departure for Warsaw in order to have a conference with German delegates from Berlin.

Twenty-Five Celebrants

Killed When Balcony Falls Warsaw, Jan. 2 .- During the street elebration attending the arrival of Ignace Jan Paderewski in Warsaw late tonight, a balcony of a house collapsed and 25 persons were killed.

War Prisoners Released.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- The War department today made public - the property destroyed in New Jersey names of the following American through price cutting, establishment by the explosions last October at prisoners of war reported to have of branch houses and extensive de-

Hugh C. Alexander, St. Anthony William Kelly, Burchard, Neb.

League of Nations Policy PRESEN Former Attorney General of United States Dissects President's Speeches in England and Sees Numerous Broad Phrases with Which Public of America is Already Familiar.

country.

Jarring Note From France.

wherein he bluntly avowed that he

Europe by means of territorial ad-

Preedom For Each.
M. Wilson, Clemenceau added

had approved his reply to Lloyd-

George's questions concerning the

British Fleet, saying, "What I have to submit to the allied governments

will change nothing of your replies to Llyod-George. Each one will retain his freedom."

Clemenceau's speech, delivered in

In that address, he said in speak

the future had nothing for us but a

terest, because it will join no com-

bination of powers which is not a combination of all of us. She is not

inteested merely in the peace of

Wilson Not Committed.

He concluded by saying: "I wish

great league covenant, declaring

together for the maintenance and

Germany Not "One of Us."

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Women in Rain Keep

police court.

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Surely nobody can expect these

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"There is only one thing,"

have broken down.

ing of the league-of-nations,

Has Not Yet Announced

By GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM. to bases upoen which an enduring Copyrighted 1919, ew York Tribune News peace should be established.

London, Jan. 2.—(Special Cable-gram to New York Tribune and Omaha Bee.)—The president's visit to England has come to an end and an appraisal of its results may now Chamber of Deputies Sunday night.

Every American must be gratified by the character of his reception. Wilson on all points.

for the spontaneous outpouring of "America," the old timer said,

"America," the old timer said, the people to greet him was hardly personal. England felt no intimate acquaintance with Mr. Wilson and he humorously referred to that fact

in one of his addresses. The initial demonstrations at least were a tribute to the great sister nation overseas whose effective cooperation enabled the allies to destroy the power of Germany which menacde their very existence.

French Welcome Frantic. In France the greeting was some- order to prevent the vanquished thing more. France is war-weary, from again imperiling peace. Ebert cabinet in charge of military affairs, is said to have ordered the Fifth Garman division for a marie samedy which willon for a proposition to secure the peace of marie samedy which will be peace of page and respectively. from them the fear of a recurrence of the horrors which during four Events in Posen are assuming a grave character, according to ad-vices from Berlin. Large parts of cities, consumed their youths and the province are in the hands of maidens and threatened their civiliate and united enthusiasm.

The feeling of England was less unmixed with doubt. Its outpouring was more to the representative than to the man. The conviction that the existence of England depends upon its mastery of the seas

Poland in Despair.

London, Jan. 2.—Poland is in despair owing to the invasion of Lolshevist troops and the apparent indifference of the western powers to the plight of the country, according to the invasion of the president's proposal that the terms of peace shall insure all nations "absolute freedom of navigation upon the seas outside of territory according to the plight of the country, according to the proposal that the terms of peace shall insure all nations to the plight of the country, according to the plight of the country, according to the proposal that the terms of peace shall insure all nations to the plight of the country, according to the plight of the country, according to the plight of the country. the plight of the country, according torial waters alike in peace and war, to a Warsaw dispatch to the Mail. except as the seas may be closed in whole or in part by international action for the enforcement of interpatch states, "but no reply comes. national coevenants," has awakened in the mind of all England a feeling right poise by a balance of power, the numerous problems absorbing of doubt and question as to its precise meaning and a disturbing apprehension of discord in the coming peace conference. For it safely may be predicted that England never will agree to conditions which it would

regard as national suicide. Makes Good Impression.

President Wilson's visit in large measure dispelled the feeling aroused by his proposals concerning freedom of the seas. Never has rate an attempt was made to govern he appeared to better advantage by partnerships in interests. They their own hands and terrorizing than during his sojourn in this their former employers, compelling country. He was pleasant, cordial and frank in manner. His oratory was delivered in that quiet, restrained, cultivated tone which is the gether. That is, common devotion ideal in England of public speaking. to right." Prominent Englishmen, describing the Guild Hall banquet, said the

president "acted into the picture the United States, but for France, perfectly, as though he belonged for Italy and the world-enter into He presented himself to the Eng- ourselves first for all the friends lish people as a product of English of mankind and uniting ourselves

tradition.

Speeches Ambiguous.

Though he has come to be accepted and judged by Englishmen as man and not as a syllogism, yet on re-reading his various public utterances during his visit, the conclusion nations which shall embrace an cannot be escaped that the president unrepentant and unregenerate Gerhas committed himself to few, if many. She is not "one of us." any, definite positions. His speeches statement by her that she is the were characterized by that same friend of mankind woud provoke pleasing ambiguity wherewith we in only derision. America have become familiar. The Kussia-or what was once Russame old phrases, "human rights," "community of purpose," "coming archy and dominated by murderous together in covenants of good will," etc., recur with accustomed fre- us."

On the other hand there has been be reapportioned. She must be an entire absence of dogmatic state- made to realize the enormity of her ment. His attitude has been one of crimes against civilization and huobvious effort to pease. His in- manity. timation of a willingness to seek Here adjusted state to be created means of expressing in the peace out of her territory must have a terms a practical way of accomplish- new birth of spirit, as well as a coming aims, wherewith, he declared, plete change of government, before both Lloyd-George and Clemen- any of them can be admitted as "one ceau were in agreement with him, of us." strongly conveyed the impression | New Russians must arise before that there were no essential dif- any one of them can meet the test ferences between him and the repre- based upon good will and friendship sentatives of other great powers as (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.) Big Five" Packers in

Conspiracy to Control

Trade, Charges Colver

Washington, Jan. 2 .- Chairman

Colver of the Federal Trade com-

mission told the senate committee

that the five leading packers con-

very systems.

CARMEN This atmosphere of harmony was somewhat marred by reports in the

Make Specific Complaints of Working Conditions in Omaha and Raise Wage Question.

"is fat away from Germany. France is very near. There are things I The national war labor board will think of that do not touch him as now come to order," announced they do a man who for four years Henry C. Smith, director of hearhas seen the Germans in his own ings, at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in federal court room No. 2. William H. Taft and Basil M. He warned his hearers that Germany was conquered but not Manly, joint chairmen of the board, crushed; that we must be forwarned had just entered the courtroom, against any repetition of her aims, having arrived two hours behind and that the allied victory must be schedule on a belated train from the followed by its just consequences in east.

The distinguished visitors are here to receive oral and written

Resume Hearing Today. justment based upon nationality and to his scornful references to the The matters in controversy relate to awards already rendered by the "forever discredited" balance of power as a means of preserving the board, to alleged disregard to certain features of these awards by the

Special Chair for One-Time President

A big leather chair was brought into the Federal building yesterday and put in place of honor to be occupied by Ex-President William Howard Taft, who comes to attend the street railway hearing as representative of the war

The seat of the chair is nearly three feet wide and it is almost as long as it is wide. Officials at the court agreed that it is big enough to hold Mr. Taft, "especially," they explained, "since he has been dieting."

Mr. Taft now weighs less than 300 pounds and is the authority for the information in the article "How to GROW THIN-By William Howard Taft." traction company, and to matters

Europe, but in the peace of the more or less directly connected with The president did not expain what the recent street car strike. he meant by a "combination of all of us." He old say: " in the past Chairman Taft and Manly

the world was governed, or at any m., when Mr. Taft announced that the hearing would be resumed at 9 o'clock this morning. Met by Business Men. The former president of the added, "that can bind peoples to-

United States and his present associate were met at the depot by a v committee which comprised Randall K. Brown, Victor Rosewater, John L. Kennedy, C. H. Pickens and Arthur P. Guiou. Reservations for the party were made at the Fontenelle hotel. Those in Attendance.

company was represented by Attornew John L. Webster, President G. W. Wattles, General Manager R. A. Leussler and Director L. J. Crofoot. for the street car men, was accompanied by President Ben Short of the local union and members of the executive committee of the local. Among those who also attended were: T. P. Reynolds, chairman of Nebraska State Federation of Labor, Mayor Smith, City Commissioners . Dean Ringer and H. B. Zimman, Corporation Counsel C. W. Lambert, United States Attorney Tom Allen, C. W. Hull, C. C. and J. E. George, F. A. Kennedy, Postmaster Charles Fanning, Gould Dietz and a group of carmen. Officers of the carmen's union oc-

(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Hitchcock Protests Shipping Potash from Alsace to U.S.

Washington, Jan. 2.-War trade poard officials said today that Chairman Vance McCormick, now on his way to Europe, would investigate he announcement of Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, in Paris, of a plan to ship between 500,000 and 600,000 tons of potash Before White House from Alsace to America. Senator Hitchcock had submitted protests from Nebraska potash producers, Washington, Jan. 2 2 .- Several who claim that the proposed plan members of the national woman's conflicts with the war trade board's order prohibiting the importation of party, wearing seamen's slickers. in driving rain on the sidepotash from Germany until peace has been formally declared walk before the White House today trolled 665 companies whose busi-ness was not directly related to meat slaughtering, and exercised some will burn until the senate acts fa-

Senator Hitchcock later read the protest in the senate. It said the proposed shipments from Alsace ontrol over others. He reiterated vorably on the woman's suffrage would paralyze the Nebraska potash tis recent charge that competitive amendment. Relays of women and industry and urged that importations wholesale grocers were being driv-en out of business by the packers ed in the tub last night after a tive to potash production could be crowd of citizens and men in uni- worked out,

form, had extinguished one in a The Nebraska senator charged that there seemed "to be a combinadecorative urn in Lafavette square. Mr. Colver said the commission Half a dozen women arrested durtion of fertilizer companies whereby they are refusing to buy potash had no knowledge of a price con- ing the disturbance and released trol combination among wholesale without bond did not appear in the produced under the stimulation of government propaganda.

DEER Mr. 1919:-NEW YEAR RESOLUTION I hereby promise not to quarel with or heckle any Promiz to BE AZ GOOD AZ I CAN the hole yeer * a Boy I will turn over a new leaf and try to suffort the government and help the each cough and energe President to the best of my President to the best of my Willy throughout this year 316010 S. Film Harvey on Hitchen a agree to cut my prices goods to me at once and from now ruging my cutomure solemaly owear off dinking any more booting about the boot legger out of bissiness Resolved that Quill at all times drive slowly and steerns times drive slowly and for the the rule of the road for the protection of life and limb protection of life and limb protection of life and limb nich Redeze I will surprise my pactor by attending church services every Sabbath Bockslider

Scraps of Paper?

CZECH LEADER **TO LEAVE RIGA**

Enrolling Prisoners of War Victory at Head of Allied Returning from Germany and Austria.

vonian port at the head of the Gulf

Red Army Growing.

Washington, Jan. 2 .- Advices to the State department today anuntil nearly 6 o'clock yesterday p. nounce that returning Russian prisoners of war on coming out of Ausing offered 300 rubles monthly, clothing and food, to join the bolshevik red army. According to this information, few of the prisoners accept this offer and popular feeling in Russia is strongly against the bolsheviki

Nevertheless, the power of the bolsheviki is reported on the increase since the re-capture of Kazan and Samara from the Czechs. Their At the hearing the street railway trating on the Ukranian front.

Troops in Capture of

the advance of "superior forces of ciated Press.)-In capturing Perm, bolsheviki," says a dispatch from in the Ural mountains, General Gai-Berlin, the German troops have been and Siberian forces, virtually deda, at the head of Czecho-Slovak compelled to evacuate Riga, the Li-stroyed the bolshevik Third army, from which he took 31,000 prisoners. General Gaida's troops captured an armored train from which Nilolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier, was directing operations in the region of Perm. Lenine himself escaped. but several members of his party, were taken prisoners.

> plan of attack against Perm and he bulk of his force was made up of as soon as they were loaded. Takes Much Material. In addition to the 31,000 prisoners of water, with her hull imbedded

reported General Gaida captured to the depth of six feet in the sand. 5,000 railway cars, 120 field guns, forces are now said to be concen- 1,000 machine guns, 30 automobiles, an entire wagon transport, several One prisoner declared that when armored trains and several thou- Shore by 2 o'clock this afternoon typhus struck the Russian prison sand horses. His maneuver was a They were mostly from the Eighth camps in Germany his comrades complete surprise to the bolshevik. trench mortar battery.

A coast guard crew la Jerry Burnett, national organizer reported that 750,000 died in prison tured several prominent soviet leadshevik-controlled Russia are much bolshevik army. Ten bolsheviki worse than in Siberia, no passenger regiments are declared to have been cars being run except as freight cars, annihilated and the rest of the enand service above third class is in- emy army was driven across the

OF BOLSHEVIKI

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—Owing to Vladivostok, Jan. 2.—(By Asso-

The exploit of General Gaida in

capturing Perm parallels his suc- the majority, naval officers said cess in the campaign of last sum- were ferried in light draft vessels regiments of Czechs in his army.

Transportation conditions in bol- ers at the headquarters of the Third

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WOUNDED SOLDIERS **ARE BEING** RESCUED

Work of Removing Troops from Transport Begun; Lifeboats Capsized by Heavy Surf.

New York, Jan. 2.-The transport Northern Pacific stranded or a sandbar near Fire Island Light is resting easily tonight and is in no danger, according to a wireless message received tonight by the Associated Press from Captain Connelly commanding. Another attempt to float the vessel will be made at high water tomorrow.

When darkness halted until to morrow morning the removal of home-bound soldiers from the transport, naval officials at the port embarkation headquarters at Hoboken estimated that between 600 and 700 men, many of them wounded, had been transferred to warships or taken ashore in life boats or the breeches buoy.

Thrown Into Surf. A lifeboat loaded with troop

from the transport was capsized by the heavy surf, throwing 15 soldiers and life savers into the water. All were saved. One soldier and three of the life

savers were caught under the boat Life guards on shore rushed in the surf and after rescuing the others, dragged the boat to the Red Army Being Increased by General Gaida Wins Brilliant beach, where the four who were unconscious were revived.

Resort to Breeches Buoy.

After the mishap the life savers abandoned for a while the method of bringing soldiers ashore in the small boats. Instead, the breechebuoy was rigged and soon the troops began reaching land two at a time. Later, preparations were made to launch lifeboats again. A power boat from the cruiser

Columbia, engaged in bringing ashore troops from the transport Northern Pacific, capsized this afternoon, when its engine went dead as it approached the beach, throwing all hands, nine men, into the sea. All were rescued by life guards. who dashed into the breakers and While some of the soldiers were being brought ashore in surf craft.

mer. His superiors opposed his operating between the grounded liner and warships standing off carried out the operation at the risk shore. The receiving ships, it was of removal from his command. The stated, would start for New York Siberian troops, but he had two The naval authorities reported that the Northern Pacific was "resting easily" this afternoon in 18 feet

> Sixty men from the Northern Pacific had reached the Y. M. C. A. hut at the naval air station at Bay A coast guard crew later succeeded in getting a line to the transport, on which they rigged their surf boat somewhat like a trolley.

soldiers to the beach. Because of the rough seas it was mpossible for the men to come over the side of the ship on ladders. A ship's lifeboat was slung out from the davits and lowered to the suri boat into which the men were trans-The first trip from the ship to

The surf boat then began ferrying

the shore waas a hard one. Several times it looked as if the boat had been swamped. Only the clever work of the coast guards saved it. However, the doughboys, aside from getting wet, were none the worse for the trip.

Red Cross On Job. The three wounded officers de-

clared that the stranded troops were in the best of spirits and were, in fact, making merry over their pre-A Red Cross contingent of nine

nurses arrived at the shore today to feed the entire personnel of the transport. Colonel Pierce has received orders to commandeer all houses on Fire Island if the troops were landed. A coast guard crew, under com-

mand of Captain Tuttle, of the Oak Island station, took a boat out to the transport at 9 a. m. through a heavy surf. The troops lined the rails and cheered as the small boat came alongside. After remaining on board for a while, Captain Tuttle reentered his boat, which headed out to sea in the direction of the cruiser Des Moines.

Sea Pounds Transport. Washington, Jan. 2.-The constant pounding of the seas against the American transport Northern Pacific, stranded on Fire island since 3:30 a. m. Wednesday, had driven the ship higher onto the beach this forenoon, swinging its bow so that it was only 250 yards from the shore.