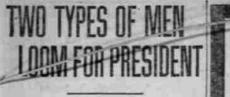
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Proved Executive Has Shade Over Military Leader.

#### TAFT SENTIMENT IS FOUND

Colonel Wood and General Pershing Also Strong Possibilities in Republican Ranks.

Two types of candidate arise in the mist of conjecture concerning possible presidential nominees on the republican ticket, but the odds are that the choice will fall to one of proved executive worth rather than to a military leader.

Such is the opinion of David Law-rence, of New York Evening Post, who renne, of New York Evening Post, who represented that paper and a syndicate of publications at the Paris peace con-ference and who is now touring Amer-ica for the preparation of series of articles dealing with economic, indus-trial and political conditions in the larger cities. Upon his return from France five weeks ago Mr. Lawrence furned at once to his new assignment and since then has visited 22 cities of the east, middle west and northwest. He arrived in Fortland yesterday. McAdoo Strong PeachDilty.

MeAdoo Strong Possibility. He believes from impressions gath-ered on this trip, that McAdoo is a strong democratic possibility and that is the event of his nomination, the republican party must choose ecru-pulously from the best men available if it is to produce a candidate that will have the qualifications essential to victory.

Bouldican party leaders have a large field of candidates before them. Mr Lawrence has observed, and sentiment thus far has not crystallized on any particular one. Rather, it is the party policy to boost them all for the cumu-lative effect that makes for party

In the strong Roosevelt districts of the years-Minnesota, Kansas, Colo-rado, Washington and Utah-he had found much taik of General Leonard Wood, the friend and protege of the late Colonel Rocsevelt. In these states the sentiment for the candidany of General Wood is much farther advanced than in the east, where, as Mr. Law-rence phrased it, "there is a great deal of noise for Wood, but with little near-

#### Wood Boom Under Way.

Wood Beem Under Way. The strength of General Wood will lie, in the opinion of Mr. Lawrance, in his aggressive personality, the fact that be atoms the logical heir to the Roose-val strength, and the scousintance formed with the hosts of young Ameri-cans who met him in the training camps, and who believe that he is a way who would do things.

camps, and who believe that he is a man who would do things. "The beom for General Wood seems to have gotten further abaad than that of any other republican possibility," said Mr. Lawrence. "That doesn't mean, of course, that he will be nominated." Ho added that it is likely that Theodor-Roosevelt, Jr., will soon make public his stand for General Wood, thus dis-besing of any conjecture regarding posing of any conjecture regarding himself.

Minusci. Mr. Lawrence admits that General Perming may also be in the running, particularly if he arrives from correct just before the 1920 convention and yust before the issue convention and tours the country. All party leavers with whom he had talked are warm in their praises of both Wood and Per-shing—but there is a reservation amont their ability to handle the huge eco-pomic problems of reconstruction.

#### Taft Sentiment in East.

The fear is felt that milliary men have been trained too exclusively in our science, and that they might not be competent to cope with fiscal alfair, or the problems attendant on the return of the railroads, for example,

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who will be apt to control the republican delegations, the man whom the party leaders will seek for, will be one who combines business judgment and capacity with a record of executive ability in the administration of public

ability in the administration of public affairs. Though the choics may fail to a military man, either Wood or Per-shing. Mr. Wallace expressed doubt that such will prove to be the case. In the east and central west he found strong sentiment for ex-President Taft, impired by Mr. Taft's neutral attitude toward the administration and support of war policies throughout the war pe-riod and by his national attitude on the league of nations question. Another republican possibility, though not very likely to gain the required strength, he names as Senter Harding, of Ohio.

#### Baker's Chances Wane.

greasive fight," said Mr. Lawrence, "If the appeal is for a business candidate, the democrats will undoubtedly advance him. The 'son-in-law' situation would millitate against him to some extent. but he has a large following of rail-road men and inborers. The repub-licans will have to choose carefully and put up a strong candidate to beat him."

#### TROOPS AT SAN FRANCISCO

#### Contingent of 269 Arrives to Be De-

#### mobilized at Presidio.

EAN FRANCISCO, April 27 .- Two hundred and sixty-file members of the 345th machine gun battallon of the Dist division arrived here today from overseas duty. They are to be de-mobilized at the Presidio.

Many of the men wore decorations received for gallantry in action in the battle of the Argonne.

#### Maccabees Meet Here Today.

Marchardes safet free founds. Members of the Women's Benefit as-boeiation of the Ladies of the Macca-boes, from every lodge in Oregon, are sathering in Portland today for the opening session of their annual state convention, which convenes at the Ho-tel Portland. The convention is hon-ored by the presence of the supreme commander of the order. Miss Mona M. West, of Port Huron, Mich., who ar-vived vesterday accompanied by her west, of Fort Huron, Mich., who ar-rived yesterday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. West. Other nationally prominent Maccabees in at-tendance are Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte of Oakland, Cal. and Mrs. J. Fifteld, M. D., of Theoma, Wash,

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