# PACT OVER LINERS DENIED BY WILSON M'ARTHUR BILL NOT SLAP AT

Tentative Deal Revealed to Senate, However.

#### ENGLAND IS IN AGREEMENT

Tonnage in Excess of Loss by U. S. Would Be Bought.

#### PLAN PRESENTED

President Declares He Had Intended Submitting Arrangement to Congress After Ratification.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- President Wilson flatly denied today in a formal communication to the senate that he had any agreement or understanding with British officials regarding disposition of the fleet of ex-German liners around which, since they were effered for sale by the shipping board, has raged a controversy into which congress, courts and government agencies have been drawn.

There is not, nor has there been any agreement or understanding between the president of the United States and officials of Great Britain concerning the sale of the ex-German vessels in possession of the United States," Mr. Wilson said, responding specifically to a resolution by Senator Brandegee, adopted by the senate, "nor is there any agreement or understanding with respect to what disposition shall be made of these ships by the United States.

"I believe the above information

#### Agreement Sent to Senate.

fully answers the senate inquiry." At the same time, however, and "in order that the senate may be in possession of all the information there is in any way relating to the vessels in question," the president transmitted a copy of a hitherto unpublished tentative agreement reached in Parls that Germany eventually would be credited by the reparations committee, should congress approve, with any surplus val-States during the war. In no case Huxley, grandson of the famou would title to the ships themselves ologist, Thomas Henry Huxley. would title to the ships themselves pass from the United States, the agreement said.

the senate, the commerce committee tor Jones, republican, Washington, deferring sale of the ships until they shall have been refitted for commercial service by the shipping board and congress shall have laid down a in the great possibilities of Julian national shipping policy.

#### House Inquiry Independent.

The house merchant marine com mittee had embarked on an independ ent inquiry with Chairman John Bar of the shipping relterating their divergent views on the advisability of the present sale of the vessels, and in the district supreme court, Associate Justice Bailey took under advisement application of counsel for the board that \$5,000,000 bond be reonired of William Randolph Hearnt a taxpayer, who was granted a temporary injunction against the board's plan to sell the fleet.

Sale of ex-German cargo vessels by the shipping board will continue, as the action of the senate commerce committee and the temporary injunction granted William Randloph ger ships.

#### Bids on Carriers Invited.

Bids have been invited by the board istration. for purchase of 25 freight carriers aggregating 100,522 deadweight tons Up to the present 23 ex-enemy cargo CAMP carriers have been sold by the board. Checks totaling \$1,485,518 deposited eight bidders as earnest money on

bids for the passenger ships were re turned to them today. The proposed agreement, transmit

ted by the president, was signed in camps and to provide for fulfillment and Mr. Wilson. The president's sig- and equipment of numerous was subject to the approval of con- ence draft was agreed to by the sengress. The president said he had in- ate. The house is expected to act to send the document to the within a few days. senate after ratification of the peace

The agreement covered all vessels captured, seized or detained by any and of Camp Gordon, Georgia, and of the allied or associated governdate

#### Controversy Is Recalled.

Officials recalled that it was drawn up after a controversy between Pre- LYNX PELTS BRING \$60 mier Lloyd George and Mr. Wilson in which the British proposal that all Sales on New York Fur Market captured, select or ceded enemy ships be pooled and reallotted on the basis of tonnage losses was opposed by the understanding being made public today for the first time, although its New York fur sales corporation's aucgeneral purport has been known.

The document contains five clauses city, brought \$60, while \$510 was paid and the essence of its application to the 50 ships involved in the present top price for chinchilla. Wildcat controversy lies in paragraphs 2 and brought as high as \$18 and showed an 4. The first provision is that all advance of 50 per cent over fall prices, enemy craft captured, seized or de-

# MEASURE DEFINES

Illness or Absence Outside United States for 30 Days Proposed Inability Limit.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Feb. 20 .- A bill providing that absence of the president from the territorial limits of the 5000 TONS IN FIRST LOT Inited States or Illness which pre dudes his attention to his official iuties for a period of more than 30 days shall constitute inability to per form the powers and duties of his office, was introduced in the house by Representative McArthur, of Ore

gon, today. Under the McArthur measure, if enacted into law, the powers and duties of the office would devolve upon the vice-president "until the disability be removed or a president be elected. Representative McArthur takes the position that it is not necessary to Paris, Idaho. Source of Limitless amend the constitution to correct such onditions as have obtained in the United States for more than a year.

He said: "My bill is introduced in the ut most good faith and with the hope that it will be enacted. It is not offered as a criticism of President Wilson, but to prevent a recurrence of conditions that have existed dur- Portland during March and April. it ing the past 15 months. I am more was announced yesterday by Frank erday and feel that a condition ex- cific Steamship company, on whose ists that congress ought to correct. I hope congress will act in this mat-

who believe that she situation can time centers of the world. charge the duties of his office There beginning. is no use amending the constitution when congress already has full power and authority to enact this legisla-

### KEY OF LIFE FOUND, CLAIM

#### Englishman Has Secret of Perpetual Youth, Is Report.

(Copyright by the New York World. Pub-lished by Arrangement.) LONDON, Feb. 20.—(Special Cable.) -The secret of perpetual youth and renewed vigor, the determination of sex and the curing of certain human this purpose are now on their way diseases are some of the problems from Scattle to Paris, Idaho, accordbe appointed to attend an international that a large percentage of the untion of the ships in excess of mer-chant tonnage losses of the United the Imboratories at Oxford by Julian

The actual achievements include the change of tadpoles into frogs within Before Mr. Wilson's message reached three weeks; the production of a new sort of creature; the restoration of a marks long before her available cargo had decided to recommend passage of flatworm to youth, and the control the bill drawn by its chairman, Sena- of the sex of frogs' eggs, producing mined, therefore, that the ideal cargo 90 per cent of males at the will of will be about 2500 tons of rock and

The Daily Mail, which makes this Huxley's discovery and says:

"We seem to be nearer some of the hardest and most enthralling mysteries of life."

### Payne and Vice-Chairman Stevens U. S. TO PAY OFF BONDS

Block of \$115,000,000 Will Be Bought Up by April 1.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Outstanding bonds of the war finance corporation to the amount of \$115,000,000 will be paid off April 1, Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director, announced tonight. These obligations are a part of an issue of \$200.000,000 5 per cent gold bonds offered by the corporation in March, 1919, to obtain funds Chairman Payne announced tonight, for the rails ' administration and industries which sought government

To the former was advanced \$50,-Hearst apply only to the 30 passen- 000,000 and to the latter \$65,000,000 on security of certificates of indebtedness issued by the railroad admin-

#### SALE PROPOSED

#### Senate Agrees to Army Contract Purchase Measure.

WASHINGTON, Peb. 26 .- The bill to

authorize sale of three large army May, 1919, by Premier Lloyd George of war-time contracts for purchase mature, however, was made conditional military posts was finally agreed to o an appended "explanation" that it in conference today and the confer-

In its final form the measure directs the sale of Camp Taylor, Kentucky, not later than June 30, 1921,

Reach \$5,200,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. - Lynx yied esident, the resulting tentative with Russian suble and chinchilla for derstanding being made public to- first honors at today's ression of the tion. The best lynx, due to its scarenemy craft taptures, sensed or de-tained, before the armistice as a war measure, shall be retained by the holding power which "will own the (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.) Several varieties of Japaneze and Australian furs also were sold today at good prices. The grand total to dare has reached \$5,200,000, with four days relling ahead.

# PHOSPHATE TRADE

Port Is Selected as Rock Shipping Center.

Lumber to Lighten Cargo Reason for Choice of City.

#### TAKES PRODUCT JAPAN

Supply of Mineral Fertilizer Wanted by Orient.

Five thousand tons of phosphat rock have been hooked for movement from Paris, Idaho, to Japan through gress; R. D. Cooper, New York, dairy the world. Americanization means oncerned about tomorrow than yes- O'Connor, Portland agent of the Pa-

vessels the rock will move. This preliminary movement of 5000 ter to the end that it's executive de- tons is the forerupner of a movement partment of our government will of phosphate rock that promises to do never again be without an active great things for the commerce of "I do not share the views of those this city high in the list of the mari

be corrected only by a constitutional all has been freely discussed in ship-amendment, for congress has ample ping circles for some time that at

The movement of phosphate rock through Portland, it has been determined by the shippers, will be in bulk, nission of public docks is rushing o completion bunkers of 20,000 tons' capacity at pier No. 5 of the St. Johns nunicipal terminal. The work is now well under way, with the dredge Tual- | confidence in the federal trade com atin dredging the site for the bunkers.

First Shipment Sacked. Because the new bunkers will not be ready to operate in time to handle the first shipment, however, the 5000 tons booked for March and April will be sacked. Double burlap sacks for ne to railroad officials.

When the movement of phosphate rock in bulk is under way, the shippers plan to send it with lumber in combination cargoes. The rock is very heavy and a vessel carrying this space was filled.. It has been deterthe remainder lumber.

Cargo Each Week Is Plan. ment of only 100,000 tons of phos-Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

### EXECUTIVE ABSENCE PORTLAND SECURES FARMERS TAKE HAND U. S. NO PLACE FOR IN POLITICAL FIGHT SOVIET, SAYS LOWDEN

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO AMERICANISM GREATEST

Comprehensive Statement on Stand America Does Not Want Him Who Toward Agriculture Will Be Demanded From Each.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- With the dates that he is determined to partici- maries. pate actively in the coming cam-

The platform will comprise ques-

Progress association; J. B. Houston, is equally great. Wisconsin, secretary Wisconsin Society of Equity; W. I. Drummond.

comprehensive and unmistakeable statement of the position of each candidate on questions especially relating to agriculture. The ers will not submit camouflage. More-

over, the committee will try to determine before submitting its findings I. of the constitution to define and determine what constitutes inability on the part of the president to disvisioned man. None other will suit."

The conference adopted resolutions asking the early appointment of an American delegate to the international institute of agriculture at Rome to succeed the late David Lubin; approved the Capper-Hersman bill restoring to farmers the right of col lective buying and selling; expressed mission in connection with the imminent investigation of that body and petitioned congress to amend the farm loan act to increase the maximum

loan from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The invitation from Sir Horac Plunkett as representative of Irish tional congress on agriculture Dublin during the present year, was

accepted.
Senator Poindexter of Washington ized farming as the greatest industry down to of the nation and congratulated the Congress in Special Session Passes national board upon its decision to erect a permanent home in the canital where its members could keep in that freedom of action n essary to obtain the greatest results."

HEY THERE, JUPE!

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UP!!

PROBLEM BEFORE PEOPLE.

Does Not Consider America First, Says Governor.

HURON, S. D., Feb. 20,-America is appointment of a committee of seven the land for Americanized people and prominent farm organizations' lead- not for the "internationalist" who has ers to draw up a "platform," the the world at heart instead of the in-American farmer as represented in terest of America, Governor Lowden the national board of farm organiza- of Illinois told an audience here to ions, served notice today on present night, as minority republican candiand prospective presidential candi- date for president at the March pri-"Americanization is the most im-

portant problem before the people of the United States," Governor Lowden tions designed to bring out unmis-takeably the attitude of each candi-date upon matters which agricultur-for rule by all the people. If allowed ists consider of paramount import- to thrive, it would be fatal to our ance. C. S. Barrett of Georgia, president by class takes different names, and of the National Farmers' union, was soviet is not the only word which denamed chairman of the committee, the fines it. Sometimes it is the indusother members being T. C. Atkeson of trial workers of the world; sometimes West Virginia, representing the na-tional grange: Gifford Pinchot, Penn-the radical socialist party. Whatever sylvania, of the Pennsylvania Rural its name, the menace to our libertless

"The internationalist," Mr. Lewder Drummond, declared, was the person who would ington. American Farm bureau feder- and not consider himself a citizen of

### REDMEN GET UNIVERSITY

by Interchurch Movement. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 20 .million-dollar university for In-Spanish-Americans will be located in merce.

world movement. This announcement was made by York, chairman of the inter-church missions and survey departments,

#### TRAINING AT 6 URGED Fess Would Have Toddlers Get

Military Experience, Too. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Represenative Fess, republican, Ohio, today introduced a bill providing for physi-cal training for all school children out that a large percentage of the men taken into the army during the war were physically defective.

### at the afternoon session, character- NEW LAWS NUMBER 114

205 Out of 12,644 Bills. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- Out of a

close touch with the government. An total of 12,544 bills introduced in the experienced farmer should be selected house since the special session opened. to head the department of agriculture. May 10 last, clerks counting up today Of the number passed 114 have be-

# Entire Section Attacked.

clares the memorial, "can be construed to mean nothing less than that the provisions of this act are primarily based on a determination to case of the provisions of the second transfer of the provisions of the second transfer of the provisions of the second transfer of the provisions of the provisio the provisions of this act are primarily based on a determination to
annul existing agreements and destroy the organizations which negoriated them."

Measure introduce. Page L
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executive absence.

#### It is remarked here that the tone of yesterday's memorial is couched in Harry Schuman appires to bout with Leonard. Page 14. much milder language than any pre-

First, there is the realization that First, there is the realization that the public has grown weary of constant threats from the railroad work-chicago corn beariably affected by wheat and four reports. Page 21. men to strike if some new concession is not granted:

Second, that a large number of the cooler heads in the brotherhoods throughout the country have protested against the un-American leadtested against the un-American lead ership which has gained control of the railroad unions in the last three or four years, threatening to sever their connection if the constant assaults upon the public welfare are not stopped.

Rebef from lax Bimission is sought. Page 12.

### BARNES WILL BUY WHEAT ON MARCH 2

ACTION FOLLOWS FALLING OF

Suspension of Purchases for Two Months Ordered Because of High Quotation of Staple.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 .- The United States grain corporation announce today that on March 2 it will resum buying of flour under its regular flou ffer plan, after a suspension of gen eral purchase for two months. Al-though there are large stocks of flour in Atlantic ports awaiting sale and shipment, Julius H. Barnes, United States wheat director, said the wheat guarantee act passed by congres specifies a preference in the export of wheat flour rather than wheat.

"Within the past few days," Mr Barnes added, "the wheat price in certain markets and for certain grades has fallen to the guarantee basis again, consequently purchasin by the grain corporation in protection of the guarantee has been recom mended on a small scale. Therefore if the flour market falls to the fair reflection of the guarantee price of wheat, the grain corporation a in some manner, take care of the purchases of flour in fulfillment the government wheat guarantee.

Max H. Houser, vice-president of the grain corporation, said last night

the west.
"We have been buying flour in lim-Institution in Southwest Planned put forth by several as the reason for in the east the buying was stopped "I thought he wanted to talk to This was due to the fact that in Mr. Hawley, "as we both mium, while in the west we were always able to buy it at the basic off my feet. After absorbing the con-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26. - Federal true and that it was simply a money grades for wheat will continue to be enforced under the grain standards act after the United States grain cor poration has ceased to function, the department of agriculture announced oday in denying reports which were said to have gained currency that the federal grading system and the Usually when a measure containing grain corporation would pass out of extraordinary features is offered by existence simultaneously. The department explained that fixing of where from a half dozen to four score grades for wheat was authorized by permanent and not war emergency legislation.

#### U. S. GIVES GOOD MEASURE

in on Sale of Powder Plant. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- The \$70 -99,000 powder plant at Nitro, W. Va., not only will be sold on the install but was designed only as a blow at mont plan for \$8,500,000, but the govnment will throw in \$9,000,000 worth of loose materials for good measure This, Chaleman Graham of the hou mild, does give recognition to the un- war investigation committee, declared

#### BEER AND WINE WANTED

Jersey Democrat Would Amend Volstead Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20,-Amendment of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act to as to permit the states by referendums to authorise the employers and the public into submission on each new demand for increased wages or other concessions. alinahan, democrat, New Jersey.

The Weather.

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Foreign.

Calliaux admits he was impulsive, but de nies treason. Page 4.

Pacific Northwest

rious brotherhood manifest since the Winged M basketers have two hard games ahead. Page 14. Two Beaver holdouts sign baseball con-tracts. Page 14.

Commercial and Marine

#### Advance in Wall street stock market con-tinues. Page 21. Portland and Vicinity.

The bill will receive the support tomorrow of several members of the

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# HAWLEY TELLS OF LAWYER'S THREAT

Tilt With Schuebel Enlivens Divorce Case.

#### DRAFT RECORD IS RECOUNTED

Effort to Get Rehearing on Classification Explained.

#### TALES DOUBTED

Conduct at Bar View Investigated by Defendant; Mother Says She Objected to Girl.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 26 .- (Spe cial.)-The Hawley divorce suit was enlivened this afternoon by a till be the filing of the papers, and said he had gone to Mr. Schuebel's office on Wednesday, two days before the com-

"I thought he wanted to talk to m about the road bond measure," said tents of the complaint I told Mr. Schuebel that the charges were not

#### Attorney's Threat Reported.

"Don's get that into your head or I'll file this complaint so quick it will make your head swim," said Schuebel, ecording to the testimony of the de fendant, who said that Mr. Schuebel had advised him to try and fix up the matter, and if a settlement should be impossible then the divorce could be obtained quietly in Astoria or in Eastern Oregon.

"You cannot afford on account of your position to have this go into the ourts, and you cannot stand publicity f this kind," Mr. Schuebel was as having said. The witness looked the attorney in the eye and said: Then you told me, Mr. Schuebel

you had something else and it was very nasty, and you repeated the word nasty several times,

#### The attorney apparently resented

Price Put Less Than \$5000. "You and your father don't like me very well, do you?" he asked the wit-

posom friends, but we have no aninus against you."

"Did you or your father ever say you could buy me for \$5000?" "I don't think it would take that such," declared Hawley, Willard, upon cross-examination

that you did not like your classification and that you went down to Seaside to see Dan Malarkey about the

bared his war record to the world

draft? "Yes, My father and I went to Sea-'railroad labor board" was attacked INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS side and saw Mr. Malarkey to inquire about an appeal to the district board, of which he was a member." "Didn't your father go to Washing-

### ton, D. C., to see what could be

Classification Is 2-A. "My father was in the east and ook the matter up with Provent-Marshall Crowder and with Senator Chamberlain, General Crowder was very much interested in the matter and said the case was exactly similar to that of Hiram Johnson's son and in such cases local poards were apt long established methods of procedure. It is asserted that under these provisions it would be possible to have 2000 groups of not less than 100 employes each, from 165 trunk lines, with requests and complaints no two of which would be National.

Pacific Northwest.

Willard Hawley and attorney for plaintiff to be over-cautious and lean backhave lively lift in Oregon City divorce case. Page 1.

Oregon editors and publishers gather in Eugene. Page 4.

Illness of juror hatts armistice day murtiple of the control of proper one. This is the classification

#### in Portland later for Senator Chamberlain?" Feeling Declared High.

"Yes. You know that my father is an old friend of the senator's. He U. S. reply on Adriatic issue is ready for lain's firm has acted for him in legal matters, and I have known Senator Chamberlain and his daughter very well since 1911."

A question from Harrison Allen brought out the testimony that the "private car" was a taxicab that Mr. Hawier had placed at the disposal of Chamberlain during a visit of the senator to Portland.

"It was reported around Oregon City that I was trying to evade the draft," continued the witness, "and on account of the strike in the milis feeling was rather high about it, but Talkative pickets are silenced by judge. I continued in the original classifica-Relief from tax limitation is sought, tion in which I was placed until the

## HOUSE MAY PASS RAIL BILL TODAY

### Opposition Expected to Be Overcome.

### LABOR LEADERS SEE DOOM

Act Would Put End to Radical Domination of Unions.

#### TO REAPPEAR

Army Fare on Dining Cars Will Give Way to Real Food and Clerks Will Practice Smile.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 20.-Prospects tomen's league and J. R. Howard. Wash- that a citizen must be for America the railroad bill tomorrow in the face that the resumption of the buying of tween Willard Hawley Jr., defendant, of some opposition among republicans flour, as announced by Julius H, and Christian Schuebel, attorney for and strong opposition on the demo- cratic side. The chief support of the would not affect the northwest in papers in the case. Mr. Hawley had temper of organized agriculture." Chairman Barrett said, "will demand a most correct said." road brotherhoods, although many which has been in effect in the east who are opposing the measure give for two months was not effective in For example, the provision guar-

> opposing the bill. Among those using absolutely for two months," he said. this reason is Representative Thetus "This was due to the fact that in Mr. Hawley, "as we both were in-W. Sims of Tennessee, ranking demo- the east wheat was sold at a precratic member of the house commitdians and community centers for tee on interstate and foreign com-In connection with Sims' price the southwest by the inter-church opposition, however, sight will not be lost of the fact that Sims stands as sponsor for the bolshevistic Plumb Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer of New plan bill. Sims introduced the Plumb plan bill in the house and it is sig-nificant that none of his democratic or republican colleagues have seen fit to try to rob him of any of the glory.

### None of "Glory" Wanted. one representative in the house, any-

will follow in introducing the same bill. So far the Tennessee member holds the undivided credit, or discredit, of introducing this radical scheme to sovietize industry, Labor insincerely uses the guaran-tee provision largely as its point of Material Worth Millions Thrown attack, but the real reason of its op-position, which has a more legitimate foundation, is the labor section. In this section labor sees a blow at

unionism. It is a blow at unionism. unionism as administered by autocratic brotherhood officials. The labor section, while extremely organized railroad employes, or to ose who wish to act independently of the despotic brotherh

in questions affecting their employment. Great stress was placed or the labor section by the petition to congress issued by the raliroad labo organizations yesterday.

In the labor section the brother hood officials see a menace to their power to whip the railroad employes nto line for every scheme to strangle

The labor section establishing a in yesterday's memorial in its entirety. The provision that the adjustment boards may consider comjustment boards may consider com-plaints upon the written petition of "100 unorganized employes of subor-100 unorganized employes of subordinate officials," was characterized Reds' wanton saok of as a blow at the labor unions. These sections, says the petition, will establish a method of procedure which, if followed, will destroy all discipif followed, will destroy all discip-line and lead to chaos. They would permit and encourage employes to disregard existing agreements and ratification of peace treaty. Page 3. ong established methods of pro-

the same.

"Failure to designate and treat with the standard recognized organizations representing approximately 95 per cent of all the employes," declares the memorial, "can be continued to mean actions, and the continued to mean actions are the continued to mean actions and the continued to t the same.

passage of the Adamson law in 1912. And the reasons are said to be twofold: