### JARNAGE OF GREAT MAGNITUDE ASSURED WHEN SPRING OFENS

Allied Conference in Rome Productive of Agreement on an Offensive.

#### IFFERENCES ARE SEITTLED

me Means of Striking Mardest at the Enemy at Opportune Time,

ome, March 3 .- (I. N. S.) -- Notnstanding the many measures takto insure the greatest secrety about debates and resolutions of the alconference, yet enough has transto authorize the belief that the ig (and perhaps before) will mark eginning of a carnage of staggermagnitude that will fill the world

tesides approving the project of an on an unparalleled gigantic de on both the French and the allan fronts, the conference has also ilted in the signature by the deletes of England, France, Italy and la of a protocol embodying new litary, diplomatic and economic polles which the allies intend to delop the present year. Prominent parliamentarians who are

e touch with government inner eles state the conference has been st useful in clearing the ground of the projects which have from time cropped up, in the allied cap-

The principle of a single command counded by the French and English has been recognized as impraccable and discarded forever at the reest of General Cadorna.

Allied Leaders in Agreement. As the short official communique is at the end of the conference says, tal Liautey, French minister of r; General Robertson, English chief staff, General Sarrail, General Caa and General Platziny, Russian gate to the conference, all agreed at under the circumstances, the alshould devote their efforts to coate the future operations in such way as to leave to the enemy no time prepare a counter offensive.
The future operations on the eastern

were the subject of long debates d careful analysis. According to one port, the conference came to the conthat perhaps next year Russia II not be in a position to carry on a locessful offensive. The reason is if Falkenhayn and Mackensen's should debouch on the level of Bessarabia and threaten the Russian defensive will out all the new armies Russia preparing for next summer and

lent itself better than any other Vienna. quick march on the most vulner- The French reply was that the abaned the project is not known. Political circles, however, considered scheme tending to relieve England

her promise to France and Belgium continuing the offensive till the an lines had been pushed back to Would Abandon Saloniki.

Additional information on the subsed in connection with the Saleniki the opinion that Saloniki should be adoned and the troops and artillery w defending the entrenched camp be ferred to the Italian front and p the Italians carry on their offen-

The French delegates were radically ction with this, it is said that had would have resigned forthwith.

### **NEW FACES IN SIXTY-FIFTH CONGRESS**



Above, left to right—Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the first woman to sit in congress; Senator Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota; Peter Goelet Gerry of Rhode Island. Below, left to right-Senator Hiram Johnson of California; Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania; Senator Harry S. New of Indiana.

was that, once the possibility of a juncture between the Roumanian and cally leave her with only enough allied forces no longer existed, the hold her present lines, whose large tonnage required for the transuthern end in all probability will portation of supplies and munitions we been withdrawn to the border of could be allotted to France and Italy. which are both suffering from lack of It was in view of this that the Eng- cereals and coal, and the artillery delegates suggested a gigantic of-turned over to General Cadorna for a sive on the Italian front as the one speedy march on Libach and thence to

of Teuton capitals, Vienna donment of Saloniki would be as huer General Cadorna and General miliating for France as the evacuation of Gallipoli was for England, and that its moral effect on the French nation would be even more depressing than a military reverse on any of the French

General Cadorna declined once more the honor of conducting the Balkan expedition with Italian troops which the allies were only too glad to bestow upon him. He explained that, as long says that the plan of a gigantic as the threat of a Teuton offensive on the Italian front was disstage, he did not deem it wise to disobiem. The English delegates were perse his forces. At the same time he opposed the proposal of a complete evacuation of Saloniki, on the ground that the disengaged Bulgarian and German forces would eventually be transferred to the Italian and western ronts, and put himself on record as favoring the abandonment of Monastir to any such step, and insisted and every other advanced position, in in a at Saloniki should be retained. In order to shorten the front, and defending the entrenched camp. The French

# PORT OF MISSING MEN

of Australian Soldiers,

New York, March 8 .- At 54 Vicoria street, in London, there is an office in which a large force of men and women work day and night compiling an enormous card index syswriting letters and dispatching hundreds of telegrams and cablegrams daily. These men and women, many of them persons of wealth, keep thousands of wives and mothers in Australia almost in daily touch with their husbands and sons, whether they be in the trenches on the Somme, German prison camp or in a

London hospital. The wonderfully efficient conference voted the abandonment delegates opposed the abandonment of which has been devised for conducting the Balkan expedition, Premier Bri- Monastir on the ground that it would this "port of missing men," is decause a painful disappointment to the scribed in an interview in the New eral Robertson's reason for advo- Serbian troops, but in the end General York Tribune by Mrs. Alfred Deakin. ing the abandonment of Saloniki Cadorna's point of view was accepted, wife of the former prime minister of

Australia, who is accompanying her husband on what she characterized as

"his first holiday in 35 years." The office, which is known as the Bureau of Missing and Wounded Australians and which is conducted under the auspices of the Red Cross, is in charge of Miss Vera Deakin, their

"You'd be surprised at the wonderful work which is being accomplished by this bureau," said Mrs. Deakin. "All of those in it are giving their services gratis. They are doing their bit. It is rather odd to see a wealthy housands of Inquiries An- Australian working as a clerk over a swered as to Whereabouts about their work quietly, quickly and as if they enjoy it.

Mothers Seeking News. "Hundreds of letters pour in daily from mothers seeking some news of their boys. A clerk steps to the cabinet, runs quickly through the cards and in a moment the desired information is at hand. A cable informs the mother that her son has been killed or that he is wounded and in a certain hospital. Scouts are sent out to interview the wounded at all the hospitals, especially those just back from the front with the latest news. Other investigators check up from other sources the information obtained and

"One day I met one of our boys on the street. He told me he had been ordered to France and would leave the next day. He said he had been trying to get some trace of his broth-'You go right over there to that office,' I told him. He went, and within an hour he was talking with his brother, who lay wounded in the Wadsworth hospital. If he had not gone to the bureau he would have had to leave for the front without knowing whether his brother was still living or dead. That is just one of a dozen similar incidents that occur

Thousands of Letters.

"My daughter often works until 11 clock at night sending off cables. In one month between 2000 and 3000 cables were sent, besides thousands of letters. December, perhaps, was the

busiest month, as that was the month of the Somme matter. "In Australia we thought we were such a long way from the war, but when you are in London you feel the same way. You are impressed everywhere by the willingness of every one to do his or her bit and with the spirit in which they go about it."

### Wilson's Policy Wins In South America

Buenos Aires, March 3 .- (U. P.)-Recent news dispatches from the United States indicating that President Wilson's forbearing policy toward Mexico was adopted to some extent in deference to South American public opinion have created an excellent impression in the southern re-

For the first time since the Mexican situation became acute the admission is being made here that the United States government has been very patient under severe provocation. Whether this view would still be held in the event of fresh threats of interention in Mexico is doubtful. It is distinct change, however, from the itherto generally expressed opinion that North America mistakes and de-liberate mischief making were respontible for all the Mexican troubles of

he past few years. That their wishes would be taken into account by the Washington administration, to tell the truth, was more than South Americans expected. From all appearances the president's atti-tude has done more to develop a friendly feeling on the southern coninent toward the United States than anything in a generation.

Public Buildings Remain Closed. Washington, March 3.—(I. N. S.)—Government officials today made their decision that the public buildings of Washington cannot be opened to inaugural visitors.

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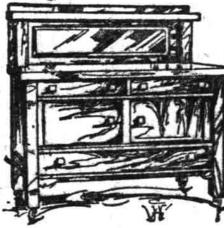
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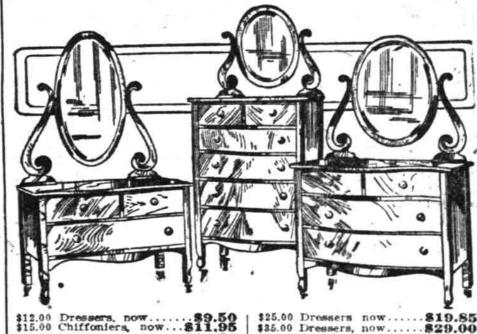
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