## PEACE SPECIALISTS

Journal des Bats, Conservative, Criticises Allied Diplomats for Long Delay.

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(Copyright, 1918, by Chicago Daily News Co.) Paris, France, Dec. 19.—The conservative Journal Des Bats publishes a criticism of the allied statesmen for having allowed so much time to elapse without accomplishing anything toward The article is causing a sensation in diplomatic circles.

"In 36 days," says the paper, "they could at least have agreed on the essential conditions of peace with Ger-

Whole Armies of Specialists "Responsible statesmen should long their heads. It appears, however, that this is not the case. The arrival in Paris is announced of regiments of all kinds of specialists belonging to the various administrations of the allied states and the debarkation of hundreds of

tons of archives. "All these men and this paper are going to encumber for months the Paris hotels in which travelers even now are unable to find room. Not only are the archives of two hemispheres being dumped into the hotel bedrooms, but a printing plant is being erected on the lawns of the Bols de Bologne. If each ailied bureaucracy wants an especial factory to inundate us with supplementary printed matter, Paris, which escaped from the Gothas and Berthas, will succumb under the weight of paper and the invasion of bureaucrats.

Smothered by Diplomats "In the meanwhile the Parisian newspapers, whose duty it is to inform our public and defend our interests, will continue to be reduced to two pages three or four times a week because of the lack of paper. Pure madness. Never has emptiness of brains more clearly appeared. It looks as if we were going to flounder indefinitely in diplomatic opportunism.

"The multitude of specialists and pyramids of portfolios are going to submerge us in inexpressible confusion Each will desire to justify his presence and use his portfolios. Each will outline his own solution. We are greatly flattered to have among us so many friends disposed to collaborate in the preparation of peace, but in our opinion their chiefs would have acted wiser in leaving them home and impregnating emselves simply with the conclusions of their reports.

Parls Makes Protest "If the plenipotentiaries have no already precise ideas on preliminary conditions they never will have. For each of them a few collaborators with a valise full of documents would be sufficient. In the interests of the peace of the world and the tranquility of Parisians we beseech that this bureaucratic invasion be stopped."

#### RAIN HAS SLOWED RED CROSS DRIVE

(Continued From Page One) morning when she called to the engineer on a passing train. The engineer, J. R. Gearhart, stopped the train, climbed down and wrote a membership for himself and five other members of his family, while the rest of the train crew was calling for Engineer Gearhart to get

back into his cab. As the organization for the drive is as near perfection as such a volunteer force can be, the slowing up in the returns is attributed to the public. The fact that there are 200,000 wounded American fighters in Europe who are receiving attention from the Red Cross and will have to be taken care of for a long time to come, is being lost sight of by many people.

Outside Countles Better Marks Figures on Portland at noon had touched nearly 50,000 enrollments, while

the state is a trifle better. Considering the cause and the many people working. the total is not considered what it should be. There are some countles, however, which have already exceeded their Red Cross membership of the drive of a year ago. Wasco county has passed its 1917 membership mark, for example. Washington county reports 2100 and

Lane is now at 2498 and Salem reports 3696; with the outside precincts to hear from. Little Pilot Rock has rolled up 660, which is exceptionally high, considering the territory to be covered, and Clackamas is good for 5000 with more coming. Shaniko wires 50 and Gilliam 400, with Sherman county 575. Jack

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Big Friday Is Anticipated Few returns have been made by the industrial division so far, but as Thursday is pay day at most of the big plants and yards, Friday reports are expected to be most substantial. Outside of Portland, in Multnomah county, there have

been approximately 2500 members en-rolled.

'Those who wish to be seen wearing a Red Cross button Christmas will have to enroll as a member before Monday night, and the earlier the better. With the coming of the rain, it is probable that the canteen workers will be used on the downtown corners, as they are equipped for wet weather, having raincoat uniforms for emergencies.

#### Gravity Law Again Is to Be Enforced

Salem, Dec. 19 .- The state law regulating the gravity of gasoline is to be enforced again, according to instructions sent out by Deputy State Sealer Spence Wortman to all district sealers. Last September, owing to war necessiago have had the solutions all ready in ties, dealers in gasoline were relieved from the provisions of the law, which provides that no gasoline shall be sold which tests less than 56 degrees gravity. The new order becomes effective today.

#### Americans Nearly All Out of England

London, Dec. 19 .- (U. P.) -- Great Britain is practically cleared of American troops. All the American camps except those at Winchester and Liverpool have been evacuated. The contingent still remaining here consists principally of Major Biddle's staff and 2600 wounded. These are being sent home as rapidly as possible.

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City's Millions Will Endeavor to Outdo Paris' Reception to American President.

London, Dec. 19.- (I. N. S.)-British labor will welcome President Wilson to London as the "leader of world-wide democracy," according to a message sent to him today by Arthur Henderson in behalf of the trades union congress. Mr. Henderson promised the support of all British labor leaders in the president's fight for a league of nations and also for reduction of armaments and the suppression of secret treaties and secret dialomacy.

London, Dec. 19 .- (U. P.)-London intends to eclipse Paris' welcome to President Wilson in the same degree that its population exceeds that of the French

While great numbers of organizations political and non-political, have already considered separate demonstrations in Wilson's honor, it is believed they ultimately will follow the example provided by Paris and combine in one big cele-

The government, of course, will provide the president with every official but it is London's millions attention, who will furnish the real welcome. Wilson's visit, however, will be much more than a holiday, since he will arrive in the midst of an increasingly warm discussion regarding the allies' Russian policy. It is practically certain his counsel will be sought in this regard. It is almost equally certain he will be urged to define in more detail his attitude concerning freedom of the seas and enlarge on his plan for the League of

Beneath the surface of social attentions which will be showered upon President and Mrs. Wilson in the form of parades, banquets, speeches, memorials and general felicitations, it is evident, therefore, much of the preliminary work of the peac; conference will be



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