# DECLARED NEAR

make it manifest that the world is covering more rapidly than the government had reason to expect and re-veal that the huge balance of trade in favor of the United States is reduced almost to pre-war figures. With this situation, it was stated, the world's nations will again come

into the American market as large buy-ers of some products and the time when there will be a healthy resumpon of world trade is not so far in

The minimum legal necessities at the moment for the assurance to our cur-rency and credits amount to about \$3,600,000,000 but for a 60 per cent re-serve of security we would require about \$2,400,000,000. "The surplus, therefore, amounts to somewhere over \$700,000,000. White

this is an asset it would nevertheless be more advantageous to us if it were "The automatic tendencies in our in ternational trade, and financial rela-tions are, however, setting strongly toward rectification of the whole situa-

tion without artificial action.

rection now evident would seen produce gold exports even in the payments on account of allied debts."

Due to the deflated currency of Europe, the value of commodities pur-chased from the United States for export has gradually dropped while the imports are rapidly increasing, it was

other countries and today there are hundreds of ships headed for New Eastern peace parley, says the Dally Tork, Boston, Philadelphia and Nor-Mail.

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#### Waiters' Club in Daylight Raid

Chicago. Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—An anonymous telephone message that the Waiters' club was being held up today caused such a rush of police through the downtown district as Chicago selthe downtown district as chicago and dom has seen.

Barved and padlocked doors were beaten down. Inside were 10 men, two in a stupor, and smasped har mirrors, fixtures and furniture.

The combination knobs had been wrenched from two asfes. Now much wear taken or who got it, all question-

was taken or who got it, all question-ing of the prisoners failed to disclose. Three weeks ago, 15 gunmen raided the Waiters' union headquarters, fired salvos into its occupants, killed the former union president and fatally wounded a police sergeant.

#### Rail Telegraphers Talk About Striking

to take a strike vote in the event the United States railroad labor board refuses their petition for a re-hearing ing is southt because the labor board 11,000 workers in the organization.

Thomas Conwell of Oakland, Cal., former member of Company C, 159th nifantry, died today at Pierce san-itarium, where he had been receiving treatment since March for lung trouble. The funeral will be conducted from Finley's chapel Thursday at 2:30 o'clock. Conwell was 25 years old. charges on the border and was discharges for disability just before his regiment was ordered oversea. He is will interfere with it by missing on the survived by his wife who is the will interfere with it by missing or the survived by his wife who is the will interfere with it by missing or the survived by his wife who is the survived by his wife wh survived by his wife, who is living here and his foster mother in Oakland,

DELEGATES RECALLED the immediate recall of George Tchitcherin, soviet foreign minsiter, and others of the bolsheviki delegation from the Lausanne Near

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States is offering its good offices to bring the allied nations and Germany sible reduction of large standing les in Europe, and thereby enable

valls there.

Hence the first step, as he sees it, Hence the first step, as he sees it, is to bring the nations into an anti-war treaty—somewhat after the model suggested by David Lloyd George at the Genoa conference. It is much the same principle as was applied in the four-power Pacific pact at the Washington armament conference, with a new application to European conditions. new application to European conditions. Having this movement afoot, the

is apathetic to Senator rah's proposal for an economic concess, which would also discuss sub rence, which would also discuss sub-arines and aircraft, the latter a mat-

Nevertheless administration senators are risking no open fight against the Borah proposal. Instead they are of-Borah proposal. Instead they are of-fering at least three reservations which cut about \$1,500,000 from the pay of under the Versailles treaty and against flotation of a government loan

The plan for an European non-ag-gression pact is still nebulous. Some of an encouraging nature are said to have taken place. There is no intimation as to how soon developments will have reached the point where public formalities can proceed but this can hardly be before the allied

premiers' meeting, January 2.
All that can be said with finality If this government's overtures prove acceptable an international conference will be possible.

But its agenda, its time and place of neeting are yet to be decided upon. The United States would participate as a friendly power, interested only in world peace and in no selfish ends. It might, or might not, be a party to treaties negotiated. The main aim of this government would be to bring the Buropean nations, including Germany agree to respect each other's frontiers which threatened peace.

Land disarmament might be a logi-

step, after such a treaty; that is hope of this administration, and if disarmament could be effected then European nations would have lit-tle difficulty in balancing their budgets and pulling out of the economic mire. The reparations questions would have

to be dealt with, but just how it is impossible to say.

Many details will depend upon sug-gestions offered by Ambassador George Harvey, who arrives from London in a few days. The main direction of the administration's course coincides with

capitals. He says that an economic conference is futile until European na-tions are persuaded to drop their ani-Senator Lodge, chairman of the sen-ate foreign relations committee, expects to outline the administration's views regarding European conditions in a speech Wednesday.

Administration senators will meet in

the forenoon to draft reservations to the forencen to draft reservations to the Borah proposal.

Congressman Mondell, Wyoming, Re-publican floor leader in the house, is-sued a statement opposing the Borah economic conference suggestion, indi-cating that should it pass the senate, the house will attempt to climinate it.
"It occurs to me that it would be extraordinarily presumptious for the congress of the United States to invite the nations of Europe to consult with us in regard to their economic situa-tion just at this time." Mondell said.

NEW OPPOSES BORAH PLAN "The foremost economic problems confronting Europe are those of debts and reparations. As regards the debts Europe owes us, the congress has spoken quite emphatically in legislation providing for a mebt commission. Is it to be assumed that they contemplate through an economic conference a modification of the terms that congress has laid down? If not why congress has laid down? If not why should we invite Europe to a confe

should we invite Europe to a conference?"

Senator New of Indiana, intimate friend of the president, announced himself today as strongly opposed to the Borah proposals, which are made as an amendment to the pending naval appropriation bill.

Senator New's statement follows:
"In my judgment the proposal made by Senator Borah's amendment is inopportune and I am not at all disposed to favor it. It must be apparent to any one who cares to see that the administration is keenly alive to the economic altuation abroad and to the manner in which it affects the interests of the United States.

BAISES MANY OBJECTIONS

out of the way took place in the houseboat while he was living in it, and he was living tehrs the night of September 23.

Myers takes the position that Mrs.

Leary's sudden shift—her first charging Weir with brutally killing an unidentified 15-year-old girl in his houseboat the night of September 23, followed today by her declaration that she aided in the silling—proves that Mrs. Leary either is a paradox of vengeful cunning or is wildly insane. He proposes to find out which.

Police got a new puzzle early in the day when Mrs. Leary, revising all her previous stories, told Lieutenani of Police Thatcher that she knew a murder was committed in Cash Weir's house-

"I do not mean that the administration has any plan upon which it may
intervene. Indeed it, may never be
able to arrive at one, but that it is
seriously considering the possibilities
with a hope of being able to find a
way to be helpful in restoring the economic balance is perfectly apparent.

"If a conference of nations concerning this is to be hald anywhere the
United States is the last country in
which it should be held. Beyond all
question the sentiment of this country
is opposed to the cancellation of the
debts owing us by these powers, and it

"The whole thing would take on the appearance of an assembly called by the United States in order that we might dun its members, and nothing would be more unfortunate than that. "It is unhappily true that the United States is being held up to the view of the peoples of Europe as a nation of money grabbers and usurers. All Europe is being flooded with carefully prepared propagands to create and foster that impression, and to bring the representatives of foreign treasuries is the United States and have them met on the threshold of the conference with the question of whether they had come prepared to settle would be unfortunate, to say the least.

"It would be impossible to prevent the introduction of that question into the conference, because it is too directly involved in any general settlement that may be unfortuned.

"They knew they were innocent."

elsewhere than to invite the representatives to a complex of this character to be held elsewhere than to invite the representatives of foreign governments to come here for their deliberations over an adjustment of Europe's financial affairs.

FOINT OF ORDES RAISED

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of order as legislation attached to an appropriation measure.

Senator Watson of Indiana, another administration leader, plans to offer a series of amendments to the Boran resolution. With these amendments, he maintains, the resolution will be rendered innocuous. The Indiana senator also regards the resolution as subject to a point of order, and expresses the conviction that its supporters will be unable to muster the two thirds yets necessary to suspend the rules. vote necessary to suspend the rules. NEGOTIATIONS CARRIED ON

posed to any conference that would im-pose upon the United States any ob-ligation in any way of enforcing this

States department officials today re fused to comment on the reparations questions, the settlement of which is the avowed principal purpose of Ser ator Borah's proposals. So far as the American government is concerned. If was stated authoritatively, "the reparations situation is just about where

in his launch several days after the

She gave a graphic description of the river searching to see "if the body had come up." She told this new part of her story with such calmness and conviction the police were almost on the point of believeng her, even after they had already announce earlier in the day she had admitted she was lying. After searching around the spot for half an hour and finding nothing, the detectives started back to Portland even more baffled than ever. in her replies to questions, and with the exception of this additional chapthe main points.

After the search, when the party started back to Portland, she seemed freed from any restraint and mixed freely in the general conversation, laughing and talking with the men in the automobile, and even telling them several risque stories,

After the laughter had subsided from one of these stories, she suddenly

said:
"Say, all of this story is the bunk.
It's all a damn lie," then she returned to the newspaper men in the party and said to them: "You can print that if you want to. Say I said it." When they asked her what she meant by all of this fabrication and just what

moment before replying, and then "I hated Cash Weir and loved his son, that's all." She was silent for a moment, and then continued, while, the automobile was speeding toward Portland, telling what detectives are now certain will be

the last version of the affair.

"Oh, I just got drunk one night, and thought of this, I guess. I was drunk when I first thought of it, and drunk when I first started to talking about it. There never was any murder, nor any 15-year-old girl in the houseboat, for that matter."

MAN BEARS HER OUT

The police learned today that Vinstead had been living in Cash Weir's houseboat about the time of the sup-posed mystery, and when they ques-tioned Vinstead, his direct testimony gave the houseboat mystery the last stab and finished its brief career in criminal records.

For Vinstead was certain nothing out of the way took place in the houseboat while he was living in it,

was committed in Cash Weir's house-boat because she helped the old riverman kill a girl.

"The girl's name was Betty and she had black hair," Mrs. Leary, the water-front roustabout, whispered to the as-tounded lieutenant. But that was about all he could get

out of her. She had been in a room in the city She had been in a room in the city sail, answering the questions of Deputy District Attorney John Mowry, and Detectives Schuggus and Maloney, Suddenly she threw up her hands, "It's all a fake, all a lie," she cried, "The story I've been telling isn't true." The detectives tries to get her to explain but she turned aside and would not answer them. Then she spoke to Lieutenant Thatcher, who sat apart from the group.

"I told them that because I got tired

thought most incriminating was be-tween Earl Welr and Helen Leary, She is reputed to have asked him "Why did you ask them (the detec-tives) in St. Helens if they had found the head."

"Because I wanted to see them produce the goods."

This, the detectives say, is only an evidence of the certainty of innocence and inclination to "josh" the police along, for if Cash Weir knew that his househoat was rented on the night of Sepismber 23, and had wanted to entablish an alibit and secure his immediate release, he could have done so easily with the testimony of George Vinstead.

Vinstead.

But the police believe he didn't mind staying in jall, half for the fun of the whole thing and half for the purpose of making it uncomfortable for the de-

#### Mexican Fascisti May Combine With Italian Fascisti

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—Agents of the Italian fascisti are here conferring with Mexican fascisti, it has been dis-The program of the Italian fascisti on which Benito Mussolini rode into

ution, is being studied by leaders of the cause among the Mexicans. Both Italian and Mexican fascisti represent about the same alms and it pointed out, could readily find a International union. Both oranches of the order are anti-radical ment in Mexico has expressed itself a to fascisti aims, charging that uccess of the movement would bring the acherents of former Dictator Forfirio Diaz back into power.

KANANEY PRESIDES

Delegates to the congress are chos Delegates to the congress are chosen indirectly, being nominated by the provincial soviets. Nevertheless the congress possesses great influence. The leaders rarely propose important legislation without first discussing the matter before congress. These gatherings enable the government to feel the pulse of the entire country.

The members of the congress assemble at 10 a. m. and continue with one or two intervals until late in the eve-

or two intervals until late in the evening. The head of each state department gives in turn an account of his stewardship. The delegates this year

stewardship. The delegates this year include a large group from the former far eastern republic.

Fully two score autionalities or races are represented here. Among them are great Russians, Ukrainians, Jews, Cossacks, Mongolians, Georgians, Tartars, Kirghises, Permisks, Bashkira, Kalmusks, Finns, Germans, Ruthenians and many others: One feels when facing them that this is no single nation but a glant federation of one twelfth of the human race. PEW WOMEN PRESENT

Equally remarkable is the class nature of the assembly. All but a few score of the members are avowed communists. No representative of a religion is here; no representative of a unless he has abjured his standing Some of the men and women have tray eled part of the way on sieds drawn by reindeer from Northern Siberia' lands of perpetual snow, and many others have come part of the distance camel back from the firey mid-

rough homespun, with short made of straw and with their hair hanging down in one single pleat. Here rough countrymen, for the first time out of their provinces, sit with the fashionable Petrograd delegates. Most of the delegates are young. There are comparatively few women among them, despite the fact that soviet Russia has established absolute sex equality. There is no woman among the people's commission.

iey, improvement in the condition of soldiers and the status of foreign trade. Hitherto Nickolai Lenin has been the outstanding figure of the congresses. This year, acting upon the advice of his doctors, he is delaying his appearance. Trotsky, Kananev and Kalanin are foremost in the assembly. M. Kananev, simple, direct, sincere, presides as president of the Russian republic, Distinguished for his moderation and husiness ability, he is acting more and more as Lenin's alter-ego.

The meetings already have developed a note of resentment towards the United States and Great Britain over the recent developments in the Far East, M. Kananev mentioned 500 applications for foreign concessions, of which only 25 were granted.

#### Premiers to Discuss Germany's Failure

Paris, Dec. 27 .- (U. P.) - Germany's agreement will be discussed January was semi-officially announced today At this session it will be decided whether France shall take separate ac-tion as a result of Germany's default or whether all the allies will join in whatever move is agreed upon.

#### **Bodies of Missing** Girls Found in Lake

West Frankfort, III., Dec. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Searchers this afternoon recovered the little bodies of Opal Mat Me-Murtry, 11, and Bruma Rebechi, 9, from bneath thin ice on Fork creek, two miles west of here, where it is believed they had been lying since late Christmas day. The little girls strayed from their homes in Orient, near here, early Monday afternoon and had not

Examine Mrs. Clark

### A complaint asking that Mrs. Mar-cells Clark divorced wife of A. E. Clark, be examined by allenists, was filed today in the circuit court. The hearing will be before Circuit Judge Tazwell of the probate department, New Suits Against War Contractors

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U. P.)—Another series of three civil suits will be filed shortly by the government against war camp contractors, alleged to have defrauded the government of huge sums in the building of the camps.

#### Disbarment of Attorney Asked

Tacoma. Dec. 27,—(U. P.)—Permanent disbarment of Walter M. Harvey, Tacoma and Scattle attorney, is recommended to the suprame court by the state heard of law examiners, which filed its report at Olympic Wednesday.



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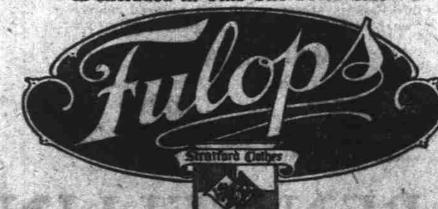
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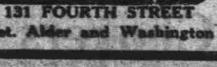
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