

## BRITONS THINK GERMANY'SIRE WILL NOT LAST

Officials Confident Solution of  
Indemnity Row Will Be  
Reached.

### NO PARLEY ON AMOUNT

LONDON, Feb. 3.—There is an optimistic feeling in British official circles that a satisfactory solution will be reached on the indemnity question, despite the furor of resentment argued in Germany over the amounts imposed by the allies, said the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph today.

"The present position of Dr. Braun, a German foreign minister, that the sum of indemnity fixed by the allies was unsatisfactory was discounted in advance in official circles," declared the correspondent. He continued:

### DEMANDS BASIS OF ALL DISCUSSIONS.

"It is understood that no German counter-proposals will be considered unless they are clearly relevant to the allies' demands for 220,000,000,000 gold marks and an ad valorem tax on German exports; these demands must form the basis of all future discussions with Germany."

The writer recalled that Charles Bergmann, the German delegate in Paris, made an unfavorable impression once before on the allies when he opposed their request to cross-examine German experts at Brussels on information they had written into the allies' questionnaire.

### POLAND REDUCES DEMAND ON REDS.

Poland has cut in half the amount of gold marks demanded from soviet Russia for damages done when Poland was overrun by Bolshevik troops last summer, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, quoting advices received from Riga.

According to the correspondent, the Russo-Polish negotiations, which have been dragging on at Minsk and Riga for five months, are "proceeding in a conciliatory manner" and a number of economic questions have already been settled.

On the other hand, information received in London direct from Riga indicates the negotiations have reached an unsatisfactory stage and that a deadlock is probable. The chief obstacles, according to word received here, are the question of Russian reparations and the size of the Polish neutrality zones.

### ALLIANCE AGAINST RUSSIA EXPECTED

PARIS, Feb. 3.—Reports of a forthcoming defensive alliance between Poland and France for the protection of Poland against a possible spring drive by the Russian red army filled the air today when Marshal Pilsudski, head of the government, arrived here for a series of conferences with President Millerand and other high French officials.

### ENDS THREAT OF ADRIATIC WAR

MILAN, Feb. 3.—Ratifications of the Rapallo treaty, settling the future status of Fiume and other disputed territory on the Adriatic littoral, have been formally exchanged between Italy and Yugoslavia, putting an end to all threats of war, says a dispatch from Rome.

### DECLARATES U. S. SHOULD SHARE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The United States should share in the German indemnity to the extent of recovering payment on American loans to the allies, Senator David I. Walsh, Massachusetts, declared today.

"If the allies can agree with Germany," Walsh said, "for the collection of the \$50,000,000 reparations bill, or any other sum, let them arrange immediately to pro-rate a certain part of the receipts to the United States. As these payments were made they should be credited to the allied nations owing money to this country."

### Legion Leaders and C. C. Plan for Fourth

A meeting was held today at the Chamber of Commerce by leaders in American Legion circles to make tentative plans for a mammoth Fourth of July celebration.

John B. Reynolds, general secretary of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and a colonel in the air-service during the war, was chairman of the meeting. Among others present were Colonels Robert H. Tyndall, J. J. Swan and Robert Moorehead.

It was announced at the meeting by Colonel Reynolds that he had sent an urgent telegram to Gen. John J. Pershing asking that he be in Indianapolis for the celebration and to make an address. Plans for patriotic speakers, including Harding and General Wood, were also discussed. The Chamber of Commerce and the national officers of the American Legion are expecting to cooperate in making the Fourth of July celebration in Indianapolis a notable event.

### Ed Jackson Figures at Hoover Banquet

Special to The Times.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 3.—Ed Jackson, secretary of State, was the principal speaker at a Hoover banquet held in the high school gymnasium Wednesday evening.

About two hundred men and women were in attendance and plates were sold at \$5 each, the customary black bread, rice and coq au vin being served.

Charles E. Barden, who was temporarily chairman, introduced Judge James P. Hughes, who later introduced Mr. Jackson to the guests, who represented all parts of the county.

### Kiwanians Indorse Clean Movie Fight

George Beban, movie actor and producer, addressing the Kiwanis Club at luncheon at the Hotel Sevier yesterday on the evils of the "sex drama," easily obtained the indorsement of the club for his campaign for better movies.

At a meeting of the club directors Friday night, a dinner will be held for a dinner which will include women guests. Reports of increases in membership are made by John N. Brommet, Lieutenant governor of the State organization. Mr. Brommet tonight will go to Winchester where a charter is to be presented to the Winchester Kiwanis. He attended a charter presentation at Elwood Tuesday night.

### \$100 Worth of Hides Taken by Burglars

James Allardice reported to police headquarters today that his store at 229 Kentucky avenue was entered during the night and possum, skunk and rabbit hides valued at \$100 were missing. Entrance to the store was gained by breaking through the window.

H. H. Myers, living at 2010 Bissell road, reporting that a welding outfit valued at \$200 was missing from his garage.

### NIGHTIE CROWD QUIT SHIMMEEY

Columbus Girls Revel Last  
Time Before Ban.

Special to The Times.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 3.—"Never more! Cross out hearts, boys to do if you do!" read several night-club girls of the Jollie Club as they indulged in a last wild revel of shimmying, toddling, cheeck-to-cheek dancing and all of the other "wicked but nice" dances at a slumber party here early yesterday morning. The last shivering shimmey was about the hour of 8 approached and solemn vows were made—"Never more!"

The action of the club was the first blow against the "immmodest" dances in this city. Members of the organization formerly composed the Girls' Auxiliary to the Red Cross here.

### MEASURES GIVE CITY SHARE IN WAR MEMORIAL

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strength, so as to permit the raising of only \$2,000,000 for the memorial project and then passed.

### NEW PROVISIONS EMBRACED.

The city and county bills presented to the special session provided, in general, that the city and county should merely raise funds with which to assist the State in building the memorial. The new bills provide, in general, that the city and county may either separately or jointly, raise funds and acquire real estate and then transfer the real estate to the organization.

The city bill provides that the county may appropriate a sum not to exceed six-tenths of one per cent of the total valuation of all taxables in the city for the use of the board of public works in the following ways:

1. To acquire grounds and erect thereon exclusively by the city a suitable permanent memorial.

2. To acquire real estate and erect thereon jointly with the county a suitable memorial.

3. To acquire real estate and present it to the State for memorial purposes.

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### PROVIDES FOR TAX ON BONDS.

The city would be given the right to raise the necessary fund either by direct taxation or by the sale of long-term bonds. In either case, the city council is given power to make the necessary tax levy to retire the issues and pay interest, not to exceed 6 per cent.

In case the city decides to proceed with the memorial project, independently of the county or State, it is provided that the board of public works shall have the right to do so and after 15 years not to exceed \$15,000 for the best.

The board would have the power to employ an architect and a contractor, as well as to call upon the city civil engineer to advise it in the selection of a design and to supervise the work.

The design selected by the board of works is empowered to let a contract for the construction after plans are drawn.

In case it is decided to join with the county and present it to the State for memorial purposes, the board of works shall enter into a contract with the county commissioners for the purchase of the ground.

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### BOARD REPORT OPPOSES NAVY BUILDING REST

#### Communication to Senate In- sists Fleets Be Equal to Strongest.

#### ANSWERS BORAH QUERY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The United States must continue its policy of "creating a navy equal to the strongest," and must continue the building of the fleet without which the American Navy cannot hope to cope with existing navies, the Navy general board declared.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels trans- mitted to the Senate the report of the board, drafted in response to a Senate resolution introduced by Senator Borah, requiring an investigation of the policy of suspending the present naval building program for six months to the end that investigation may be had as to what constitutes a modern fighting navy.

The general board, having kept in touch with naval progress along all lines, reiterates its belief in the battleships as the principal units of the fleet, the report declared. "Without them the United States cannot hope to cope with existing navies."

The board strongly urges that the policy which has characterized our building program since 1903, of eventually creating a fleet equal to the strongest, be continued and no rest period or limitation of armament be agreed to which will modify the authorized building program of 1916, in numbers, general types and date of completion.

"The ships recommended in that program are thoroughly modern and there is no reason to believe that the developments in submarine and air warfare will seriously detract from their value for naval purposes."

OTHER WARFARE  
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#### BERGDOLL QUIZ IS AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The House

of Representatives, in executive session today, authorized an investigation of the case of Grover C. Bergdoll, millionaire draft dodger, who escaped from military custody in Philadelphia and is now in Germany.

Chairman Kahn announced that the first step in the investigation will be to call on the United States district attorney of the District of Columbia for all documents in the case, and then the War Department will be called on for all information it has.

That the lesson of the great waste

caused by fire should be taught children before as well as after they enter the service was set forth in the address of H. H. Brewster, State drum major, on "The American Soldier," to Sheet Metal Workers at their annual convention of the Sheet Metal Contractors' Association of Indiana, at the Denison Hotel.

Mr. Brewster said more than half of the fires in Indiana originated in homes.

He touched upon causes which would

lead to the construction of fuses and

grates and installation of furnaces.

Other addresses were "Trade and Other

Developments," A. P. Launack, Colum-

bus, Ohio, president of the national asso-

ciation, and "Cost System," E. B. Langen-

berg, St. Louis Mo.

The program for the afternoon included

an address on "Actual Experience in

Wage Adjustment," by C. Willard

of the Illinois; a general discus-

sion of furnace problems and of laws and

ordinances regulating installation of

wave air furnaces; an address on "Voca-

tional Training Through the Schools,"

Russell C. Lowell, director of

vocational education of the Indianapolis

public schools, and a question box.

There was a theater party for women

guests and this evening there will be a

banquet and entertainment at the Hotel

Sevier. The closing session will be held Friday.

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