

WORLD IS IN MUDDLE, BUT HOPE LIVES

French Crisis Outshines Arms Parley.

BRITAIN BRAVE Asks Lloyd George to Restore Her Markets.

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By COL. EDWARD M. HOUSE.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—There are so many stirring events in progress throughout the world that it is difficult to keep in intelligent touch with them all.

The Washington conference still has many important matters to close before it properly can adjourn, but settlements of these matters are in progress, and when adjournment is made there still will remain the legislative bodies of the respective governments to reckon with.

Meanwhile, world interest again has shifted to Europe, and Lloyd George and Aristide Briand are the center of the stage. The meeting of the supreme council at Cannes has been full of dramatic incidents. The long-discussed guarantee for France came as a surprise, and it has produced something akin to panic in French political circles. The enemies of Briand found in George's proposal much of advantage to Great Britain and of disadvantage to France. They are placed, however, in the position of De Valera and his followers regarding the Anglo-Irish treaty, for rejection will carry with it a train of consequences the end of which no one can see. The Valera and his followers are placed, however, in the position of De Valera and his followers regarding the Anglo-Irish treaty, for rejection will carry with it a train of consequences the end of which no one can see.

PREMIER MAKES MEANING CLEAR.

The British prime minister probably gave his French colleague some such alternative. He did not make the issue peace or war, but he definitely indicated unless his terms were accepted it would mean the definite parting of the ways between the two great allies.

Great Britain has been stricken in directions which France has been spared, and she still is reeling under the economic blow given by the strike of the coal miners last year. Her foreign trade has slackened and unemployment prevails every quarter of the kingdom. And above all, she is staggering under the burden of taxation imposed in the history of the empire. But in spite of unparalleled difficulties, she has gone steadily forward and will continue self-reliance.

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TREATY READY FOR APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE

Pact Awaits Only Favorable Word From Japs for Official Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Tokyo and Peking continued today to block any real progress in the armament conference. All along the line, in both naval matters and far eastern questions, the lack of instructions from the two capitals, particularly Tokyo, is forcing the delegates here to make time.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The final draft of the great naval limitation treaty enabled by master mind of the armament conference today was expected to receive final approval of the full disarmament committee before going to a plenary session.

It is the plan of the American delegation, supported by the British, to drive ahead of the Shantung issue until it is settled. To this end it had been intended that the Far East committee of the naval committee today, but after a conference between Secretary of State Hughes and President Harding at the White House, it was announced the Far East committee would meet at 2:30 this afternoon. It was explained, however, the meeting would not be allowed to interfere with the progress of the Shantung negotiation.

This done, the treaty goes to open session soon. Woven into satisfaction over imminent conclusion of the monumental task were both optimism and pessimism on the Far Eastern situation.

The Japanese were understood to have Tokyo advisers making possible a nearer approach and more settlement of the Shantung controversy, but some of the Chinese were pessimistically claiming this could not be settled here.

CIVIL WAR THREATENS CHINA.

The rumble of threatened civil war in China cast its deadening jangle over the conference for the powerful Wu Pei Fu was reported to have demanded that the premier, Liang Shih Yi, retire or risk new revolution in the republic within a brief period. While some of the Chinese spokesmen predicted a final settlement of the Shantung parley, others were talking of "quitting the conference" or "refusing to sign" should so unfortunate an event occur.

The Chinese home situation may have a distant bearing on the remaining work of the Far Eastern and Shantung groups, with the financial situation badly jammed and the Chinese apparently unable to

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WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 p. m., Jan. 17, 1922. Fair tonight, becoming unsettled with probably snow flurries Tuesday. Slight warming right with lowest temperature 20 to 25 degrees.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.	
6 a. m.	16
8 a. m.	17
10 a. m.	17
12 m.	17
2 p. m.	17
4 p. m.	17
6 p. m.	17
8 p. m.	17
10 p. m.	17
12 (noon)	24
1 p. m.	25
2 p. m.	25

Times Readers Appreciate Insurance Service!

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 13.

To the Editor Indiana Daily Times:

Dear Sir—I desire to thank you for your prompt payment of my claim. I was hurt at Woodlawn and Virginia avenues Christmas night. Sent in my claim soon as I was able to go to work. Secured my check Jan. 15th. Total amount \$14.28. This is what I call some "class." Again thanking you. I am yours,

MERRILL D. SHIEL.

433 South Warman avenue.

SHANTUNG NOW HOLDS BOARDS AT CONFERENCE

Eleventh Week of Confab Expected to Clear Far East Dispute.

DEFER NAVAL DEBATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The

Shantung conference today

held its eleventh week of

confab, with the Far East

dispute expected to be

cleared up by the end of

the week. The naval debate

was deferred to a later date.

The conference is expected

to adjourn on Friday, Jan.

18, after a final session.

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MAY CREATE 'DIRT FARMER' BOARD BERTH

President Is Said to Have Agreed to Plan.

BILL IS MODIFIED

Senate Expected to Act on Measure Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Filing of a

"dirt farmer" bill on the Federal reserve

board by authorizing the appointment

of an additional member on the board

provided in a bill introduced in the Senate

yesterday by Senator Kellogg, Republican

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Anglo-Irish Pact Barrier to Independence of Erin, Says Valera in Interview

By DANIEL O'CONNELL.

DUBLIN, Jan. 16.—Eamon de Valera, former "president of the Irish Republic," refused today to accept the Anglo-Irish pact because he believes it is not a stepping stone but a barrier to complete independence for Ireland.

The Valera made this statement today in the first authorized interview he has given since the opening of the Irish peace negotiations.

He said he had improved both in health and spirit since the bitter struggle in the Dail Eireann when Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein, ousted him from his position as president. He is now, he said, in the best of health.

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It also was explained that the President had no objection to the appointment of a representative of the agricultural interests "engaged in farming" as a member of the board, but that he did object to his hands being tied by Congress in the matter by his being directed to make such appointment.

The measure was so modified as to meet the views of the President, following a series of conferences between him and both Republican and Democratic members of the "bloc," including Senators Kenyon, Republican, Iowa; Capper, Republican, Kansas; and Smith, Democrat, South Carolina.

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