THE SUMTER WATCHMAN, Established April, 1850.

"Be Just and Fear not-Let all the ends Thou Aims't at be thy Country's, Thy troof's and Trush's."

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ident Poincare of France.

WILSON NOMINATES CLEM- PEACE OF WORLD CHIEF ENCEAU FOR CHAIRMAN

Chairman Outlines Work of Con-Representatives of the Leading gress-Three of Larger Subjects Responsibility for War, for Crimes During War and Labor Legislation.

Paris, Jan. 18 .- The peace conference, destined to be historic, and on which the eyes of the world are now centered, was opened this afternoon in the great Salle De La Pairix. Pre- Press.)—The plans for a league of mier Clemenceau announced that the nations have been reduced to very subject taken up at the next full tions are that the statesmen of the bled to fix the conditions of peace, tions would be confined to gathering meeting of the conference.

ence, an address of welcome by the may reasonably be expected soon to president of the French republic, appear on paper. Raymond Poincare, and speeches by

plause greeted his utterance gave Germany. greater solemnity to the scene.

a feeling expression of personal grati- defend itself until it has been demongreat questions immediately ahead. substitute will be efficient. Three of these larger general subduring the war and international tions, he declared, was at the head ment might not be expected now, but ly concerning them but only so far as

and in effective manner."

The Italian, Belgian, Brazilian, ciety of nations. Cuban, Haitian, Peruvian, Portugese, Polish, Liberian, Hedjas, Guatemalan, jects with his own ideas. Ecuadorean, Chinese and Bolivian

As the delegations arrived they were met by fanfares of trumpets and troops. The Japanese were among ing earnestly of the distinguished ser- cerning Russia are examined. the earlier arrivals and were followed vice the French premier had rendby the Siamese and East Indians in ered in war and peace.

president passed into the ante-cham- mous. ber, where M. Pichon, the French forhim to the council room.

ed by Secretary Lansing, Mr. White

approach of M. Poincare. The French ering of this conference. while a hush fell upon the assemblage the main objects of general order: members present.

3 o'clock when M. Poincare began his third, legislation in regard to internatiour vice presidents chosen from the ing of the protocols at the beginning address and the peace congress came tional labor. into being. The entire assemblage All the powers represented would in alphabetical order. stood as the president spoke. Presi-de invited to present memoirs on Sec. 7. A secretarial, appointed text shall be deemed approved and lot boxes used in Sunday's elections, including schools, churches and picdent Wilson stood immediately at his these three questions. The powers from outside the plenipotentiaries, entered in the archives. right and listened attentively. M. having particular interest, Mr. Clem- composed of one representative of the If any alteration is proposed, its dispatch from Copenhagen. The ing between families is prohibit-Poincare spoke in an earnest, easy caceau continued, would be asked to United States of America, one of the text shall be read by the president at Spartacans were repulsed everywhere, ed and it is required to keep manner, without declamatory effort, present further memoirs upon terri- British empire, one of France, one of the beginning of the following meetand, following usage, there was no torial, financial and economical ques- Italy and one of Japan will be sub- ing. In any case the protocol must

M. Poincare spoke in French and when he had concluded an interpreter placed at the head of the order of the controlling authority responsible

read the discourse in English. each delegation as he retired.

GUARD AGAINST

Certain as Leaders Are Getting Together.

Draw Together on Structure to Bring World Back to Normal Status-Support of All Promised for Great Enterprise.

Paris, Jan. 19 .- (By the Associated league of nations would be the first definite form. The general indicaprincipal nations are steadily draw-Today's proceedings which were ing together on a structure which will confined to the election of Georges have the support of all, the informal Clemenceau, the French premier, as discussions having brought the compermanent chairman of the confer- munity of ideas to a point where it

It is understood that the general President Wilson, Premier Lloyd plan which is now most approved in and Japan, shall take part in all meet-George and Paron Sonnino, were substance by all the parties concerned ings and commissions. The bellicharacterized by expressions of last rejects the theory of the super-sov- gerent powers with particular interest, ing friendship and the apparent deter- ereignty of an international police Belgium, Brazil, the British deminmination of the representatives of the force. It also contemplates the work- ions and India, China, Cuba, Greece, various nations to come to an amica- ing out, as the development of the ble understanding with respect to the league progresses, one of the most Liberia, Nicaraugua, Panama, Poland, problems to be decided by the confer- delicate questions of all-disarma- Portugal, Roumania, Servia, Siam ment-which par: When President Poincare spoke, British navy The ame principle, it take part in the sittings at which the entire asembly stood, and the fact is proposed, shall apply to the other questions concerning them are disthat, according to custom, no ap- nations associated in the war against cussed.

The idea is founded on the argu-M. Clemenceau's acceptance of the ment that no nation would dispose of tude and a definite outline of the strated that the forces proposed as a

labor legislation. The league of na- questions on which complete agree- to the examination of questions directof the program for the next full ses- upon which full accord seems prob- these questions are concerned. able as the development of the plans "Our ambition is a great and noble for a league of nations advance."

If the league of nations is to be prac- ported with recommendations to the for Belgium, Brazil and Servia; two ticable we must all remain united. league itself. The probability of such for China, Greece, the King of Hed-Let us carry out our program quickly a plan being adopted justifies pre- jas, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, vious forecasts that the principal ac- Siam and the Czecho-Slovak republic; Referring to the authors of the war, complishments of the peace con- one for Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Honhe said he had consulted two emi- ference as it now sits in Paris will be duras. Liberi . Nacaragua and Pana- tentiaries presenting them. No docu- late increase in capital stock the per says the report, "as king of Prussia. nent jurists on the penal responsibil- agreement on broad general princi- ma; one for Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru ity of the former German emporor, ples, leaving the details to be applied at d Uruguay. and each delegate would receive a in accord therewith and the making of a preliminary peace which will re- shall be reperesented as follows: Two In all seventy-two seats were pro- turn the world at the earliest mo- delegates each for Austria, Canada,

the great horse shoe were arranged today were Senator Leonard Bour- Lealand. the Japanese, the British and Colon- geois, the league of nations specialist ial delegates and the seat of the fifth on the French peace delegation; Lord British delegate. A chair for the Robert Cecil, who occupies a similiar mentioned, each delegation has the British delegate. A chair for the hoseit con the British, and Gen. Dan right to avail itself of the panel sys-amendment or secondary questions, Embargo on Cotton served immediately to the right of the Christian Smuts, the South African tem. The representation of the do- but not in the case of substantive pro-

President Wilson thus had an op-Serbinal. Czecho-Slovakien and Uru- portunity to discuss the French and guayan delegates sat in the order British viewpoints on this question named. Across at the left wing of and to get further ahead with the one delegate, but the rules concerning ceived and classified by the secretarthe table sat the Siamese, Rumanian. work of reconciling the different pro- the designation of this delegate shall ial. Such of these communications as

> paid eloquent tribute to the French premier.

President Wilson's arrival at ten minister, added Italy's tribute, where- two stenographers. minutes of 3 was the signal for a dem- upon the election of M. Clemenceau onstration from the crowds. The as presiding officer was made unani- present at the sittings for the purpose on matters of importance. Subse-

eign minister, awaited and conducted acknowledged the honor conferred lowed to speak for the purpose of Sec. 14. The plenipotentiaries shall low grades, which depend for conupon him. He turned first to President giving any desired explanations. with delegates who greeted president Mr. Lloyd George for the tribute he ence according to the alphabetical ize their technical delegates to sub- provide for cotton shipments to Ger-Wilson warmly as he passed toward had paid him. It was not alone a order, in French, of the powers.

as the moment arrived for the open- First, responsibility of the authors of Sec. 7. In the course of the first pedite the work by the conference the Spatacans Attempt to Destroy It was exactly three minutes past crimes committed during the . war: to appoint a permanent president and vance shall take the place of the read-

the day of the next full session," M. for its operations. sion adjourned.

care made his exit: "It gives me ing session had lasted one hour and regular and punctual working of the the conference, as that awaits the and be responsible for the protocols sational voice which, however, car-five great powers, which probably will to the members of the conference.

PEACE CONGRESS SEND MISSION FUTURE WARS RULES ADOPTED

Peace Haven.

Steer Their Courses Toward

CONCERN OF CONGRESS BASIS OF REPRESENTATION RELATIONS WITH GER-

Give Representation for Belligerent Powers and Determine Subjects on Which They Shall Vote-Publicity Entrusted to Secretarial.

The belligerent powers with general interests, the United States of America. the British er pire, France, Italy Guatemala, Hati, Hedjaz, Honduras, arly affects the and the Szecho-Slovak republic, shall

The powers in a state of diplomatic rupture with the enemy powers, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay, shall presidency of the congress was both instruments by which it expects to take part in the sittings at which questions concerning them are dis-

The neutral powers and states in

Although the number of delegates leader, who also has a plan for a so- minions, including New Foundland, and of India may be included in the posals.

Each delegation of plenipotentiaries

of furnishing information which may quently there will be a second read-In a feeling address M. Clemenceau be asked of them. They shall be alling for a more detailed examination.

the table of honor. Here he was join- tribute to him, he said, but to France. Sec. 5. The conference will be de- points as may be deemed lawful. "We have come together as clared open by the president of the If the conference thinks advisable. and Gen. Bliss, and exchanged greet-friends," he exclaimed; "we must French republic. The president of the technical examinations of any tors Smith of South Carolina, Simings with the British and many oth- leave this hall as friends." Referring council of French ministers will be particular question may be entrusted to the league of nations M. Clemen- invested temporarily with the chair- to a committee of technical delegates of Georgia, and Representatives Lev-Just at 3 o'clock a ruffle of drums ceau declared it was already in the marship. A committee composed of whose duty will be to report and sug- er. Lee of Georgia, Heflin, Young of nal or of international law." and blare of trumpets announced the way of being achieved by the gath- one plenipotenatiary of each of the gest solutions. great allied or associated powers shall president was escorted by the group He then turned to the program of proceed at once to establish the auth- the secretarial shall be printed and of premiers to the head of the table, the conference, which he said covered entication of the credentials of all the distributed in proof to the delegates

the war; second, responsibility for the meeting the conference will proceed communications thus made in ad-

mitted to the approval of the confer- be read out in full at the request of "The league of nations will be ence by the president, which will be any plenipotentiary.

President Wilson said, as M. Poin- It was 4.30 o'clock and the open- ference and generally of insuring the proval of the conference.

Sec. 8. The publicity of the pro- and one of Japan.

TO GERMANY PEACE DELEGATES

sidered by American Peace Delegates.

MANS AUTHORIZED OF NATIONS FIXED

> Information on Conditions in All Parts of Germnay.

Paris, Jan. 20 .- A proposal to establish an unofficial American "em- Russia was taken up by the supreme bassy" in Germany is under consider-Paris, Jan. 19 .- Following are the ation by the American delegates to Noulens, French ambasado peace conference regulations, which the peace conference. The proposed sia, addressed the council . Russian were made public officially today: mission would have no relations with question, according to the official Section 1. The conference assem- the German authorities. Its funcfirst in the preliminaries of peace and direct and reliable information on then in the definite treaty of peace, conditions and events in Berlin and in M. Scavenius, Danish minister to shall include the representatives of the provinces, without which, it is Petrograd, who left the Russian capithe belligerent allied and associated contended any satisfactory discussion tal very recently. of German problems is difficult.

Georgia Deserter Captured

Murderer of Sheriff of Jackson County . Taken by Posse.

Athens, Ga., Jan. 20 .- Horace Landers, an alleged deserter from the army, who shot and killed Sheriff C. D. Barber of Jackson county, near Winder, Sunday night, was captured by a posse at Gainesville early to-

GUEST OF FRENCH SENATE.

President Wilson Lunches With Distinguished Body.

Paris, Jan. 20 .- President Wilson In opinion of international lawyers, process of formation may be heard was the guest of the French senate at iects he defined as repsonsibility for such decisions will remove from aceither orally or in writing when sumluncheon today. He greeted Antonine curately what the packers' earnings states which fought Germany. the war, responsibility for crimes tual settlement by the peace confer- moned by the powers with general DuBois; president, who in an euloence at this sitting at least, many interests at sittings devoted especially gistic address said the senate welcomed President Wilosn and his ideas

Sec. 2. The powers shall be repre- ceedings shall be insured by official Such a plan will delegate to varithe number of five for the United disagreement, as to the dressions and committees do to avoid a repetition of the catastroous commissions and committees deStates of America, the British emthe which bethed the world in blood tailed problems which shall be

> for inclusion in the protocols must be Armour & Company's profits in 1916 company can be punished. handed in in writing by the plenipo- were 114,2 per cent. Because of the

may not exceed the figures above cussion. However exceptions can be surplus. made to this rule in the case of

Sec. 12. Petitions, memoranda, representation of the British by the observations or documnts forwarded Montenegro shall be represented by or than plenings any persons othnot be fixed until the moment when are just political will be summarized the political situation of this country in a list to be determined to all the shall have been cleared up. The con- plenipotentiaries. This list will be ditions of the representation of Rus- kept up to date as analogous commu-Prembier Lloyd George seconded sia shall be fixed by the conference nications are received. All such docuaccorded military honors by the the nomination of Clemenceau, speak- at the moment when the matters con- ments will be deposited in the ar-

chives. Sec. 13. The discussion of the quesmay be accompanied by technical del- tions to be decided will comprise a Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign egates, properly accredited and by first and second reading. The first will The technical delegates may be the object of obtaining an agreement

have the right, subject to the agreeject technical explanation on such

Sec. 15. The proctocols drawn up by in the shortest possible time. To ex-

formed for drafting the resolution As M. Poincare closed he turned to Clemenceau announced as he con- This secretarial will be entrusted adopted. This committee shall conreceive the congratulations of Presi- cluded his address. He paused for with the care of drafting the protoco's corn itself with only questions which dent Wilson and Premier Lloyd further suggestions of business and of the meeting, of classifying the have been decided. Its sole duty shall Foch, according to The Matin, will George and then withdrew, greeting as none was made declared the ses- achives, of providing for the admin- eb to draw up the text of the decision immediately break off the armistice istration and organization of the con- adopted and to present it for the ap- with Germany if the conditions of the Memphis Railway Company Files Pe-

Opening Address Made by Pres- League of Nations Now Seems Chart by Which Delegates Will Plan to Obtain Information Con- Situation There Taken up by French Jurists Report on Em. Congress at Today's Ses-

sion.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR

MADE ADDRESS

Powers at Peace Conference Peace Conference Regulations Will Gather Direct and Reliable Danish Minister to Petrograd

Who Recently Left Russia Will Speak Tomorrow. Paris, Jan. 20.-The situation in

council at today's session. Joseph

statement regarding the proceedings. The next meeting is to be held tomerrow morning to hear remarks by

The Packers Made

The Food Administration Not to Blame.

trepled during the war.

that examinations by the commission a political refugee. The report says: of the books of Armour and Company, "It is anti-jurisdical to assimilate sented by plenipotentiary delegates communique prepared by the secre- Morris & Company, Swift & Company war with conspiracy. Crimes of war Company's profits in 1917 were 267.7 more than against a company, but Sec. 10 .- All documents intended per cent., and that on the same basis that the manager or director of a

Arouses Protest

Senators and Representatives of Southern States Including Smith and Lever Cable Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 17.-President Wilson was urged in a cablegram sent today by a joint committee from the cotton States to raise the embargo on cotton. Senator Smith of South Carolina, who with Representative Lever of that State, are chairmen of the senate and house committees, said he was appealed to because it was be- use humanitarian methods it may consist of the general subject with lieved impossible to enact during the prolong for years. Despite all my present session legislation amending the cotton futures act.

"We ask that embargo on cotton be lifted. Necessity urgent, especially for sumption on foreign markets now unmany and Austria so soon as it is consistent with the policy agreed upon." mit to the rule of the judge. Signing the cablegram were Senamons, Sheppard, McKellar and Smith Either by the application of inter-Texas, and Jacoway of Arkansas.

Riots in Berlin

Ballot Boxes.

plenipotentiaries of the great powers of each meeting. If no alteration is in Berlin last night after the Sparta- rion and the board of health has orproposed by the plenipotentiaries the cans had attempted to destroy the bal- dered stopped all public gatherings, according to an Exchange Telegraph ture shows. In addition to this, visit-

Foch Determined

Terms are Not Fulfilled.

Paris, Jan. 18 .- (Havas) .- Marshal

near the starvation point.

peror's Responsibility.

SPECIAL COURT TO BE CREATED TO TRY HIM

Larnaude and De Lapradelle

Consider The Hague Incom-

petent to Try Hohenzollern. Paris. Jan. 19 .- Some points in the report to which Premier Clemenceau referred yesterday when he said he had consulted two eminent jurists on

the penal responsibility of the former German emperor were made public today. The report was drawn up by Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the Paris law faculty, and Dr. A. G. De Lapradelle, professor of rights of nations in the same faculty. The object of the inquiry was to in-

vestigate from a purely jurisdical point of view if the crimes committed by the German government and army involved the penal responsibility of the former German emperor, what Immense Profits tribunal should judge him and whether his extradition could be demanded.

The authors of the report give a long argument against bringing the ex-emperor before tribunal of common law because his will command-Washington, Jan. 17 .- Food admin- ed but his hand did not execute. stration regulations neither regulat- They say that he was not the princied profits of the meat packers nor pal offender and that therefore he benefited the public or the consumer. could only be punished as an accom-Stuart Chase, an expert accountant plice. An international tribunal conemployed by the federal trade com- sequently must be founded. They mission, told the senate agricultural consider The Hague arbitration court committee today in presenting figures founded at the 1899 conference into show that profits of the five big competent to try him, as the court packing concerns had doubled and was meant for cases where no penalty is to be applied. They argue that Mr. Chase, who was testifying at an entirely new jurisdiction be creathearings on the Kindrick bill provid- ed which should be the first instruct ing for government supervision of the ment of a league of nations and in meat industry, said no one knows ac- which should appear exclusively the

are because their methods of book- The two French jurists prove that keeping have the effect of covering up the extradition of the former German their profits. He declared, however, ruler can not be refused, as he is not

phe which bathed the world in blood. tailed problems which shall be report combe referred to the principal pleni- in 1917, \$95,639,000. Based on capi- mence by establishing that no penaltal stock, Mr. Chase said Morris & ty is possible against a nation any

"The emperor in the first place." ment may be submitted save by one centage of Armour & Company drop- is president of the confederation by The British dominions and India name Sec. 11. Plenipotentaries wishing to basis were 63 per cent., while those sovereign depends only on God and make a proposal not connected with of the Cudahy Company in 1917 were the sword. With such a conception of vided for the opening session of the ment possible to its normal status. South Africa and India, including the peace conference. On the outer side of Callers at the Paris "White House" native states; one delegate for New arising from the discussion shall give surplus. Wilson & Company's earn-highest degree to allow the emperor notice of the same 24 hours in ad- ings for the same year were 29.6 per to escape responsibility for his acvance in order to facilitate the dis- cent. on the combined capital and tion; his responsibility for the war for which, under the constitution, the decision belonged to him alone; his responsibility for violation of Belgian neutrality, which was willed by him; his responsibility for acts of terrorism by his troops, which he willed and

> The report quotes a letter from the former emperor to the emperor of Austria in the early days of the war

in which the Germna emperor wrote: "My soul is torn asunder, but everything must be put to fire and blood. The throats of men and women, children and the aged must be cut and not a tree nor a house left standing.

"With such methods of terror which alone can strike so degenerate a people as the French, the war will repugnance. I have had to choose the first system."

The words "I" and "my" in the letter are italicised in the report.

ed "does not recognize irresponsible Already the chamber was crowded Wilson and bowed his thanks, then to Sec. 4. The delegates take preced-ment with the conference, to author-der embargo. We also trust you may authorities, even at the summit of hierarchy. It brings a state down from its pedestal and makes it sub-

"There can therefore be no queswho is at the summit of hierarchy.

Epidemic in Marion Marion Health Board Puts on In-

fluenza Quarantine.

Marion, Jan. 19 .- Spanish influen-London, Jan. 20 .- Rioting occurred za has again become prevalent in Maall children in the family on their own premises. During the epidemic last fall. Marion suffered less than a great many towns in this section and it is Sec. 16. A committee shall be Will Break Off Armistice if hoped that these precautions will prevent the disease from becoming any

IN HANDS OF RECEIVER.

It shall be composed of five mem- The allied commander-in-chief, the Memphis, Jan. 20,-The Memphis great pleasure to propose as perma- a half. No exact time was fixed for service entrusted to it. The head of bers not forming part of the plentnent chairman of the conference Mr. the reassembling of the full session of the secretarial shall have charge of potentiary delegates and composed of the Germans exaggerate when they of receivers today on petition filed one representative of the United cry "famine." The situation of the with the federal court by the com-President Wilson spoke in conver- call of the supreme council of the The archieves will always be open States of America, one of the British populations of Austria and Prussia. pany's attorneys. President Tutempire; one of France, one of Italy the Marshal is quoted as saying, is weller and Frank Elgin, attorney,

were named as receivers.

ried through the chamber, as he meet Monday morning.