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# **DECREASE IN** May Work on Compromise Plan in Regard to Colonies

Looks as if the View of President Wilson Will NAT GOODWIN. Prevail in Its Entirety-Reaffirmed the Principles He Had Previously Enunciated-Is Said to Have Referred to a Peace of "Loot"-Australians Opposed Compromise.

Paris, Jan. 31.-The crisis in the peace negotiations over the disposition to be made of Germany's colonies seems to have passed momentarily at least. It is too early to say that President Wilson's view has prevailed in its entirely, but in American quarters there is confidence that a compromise plan, which has been accepted in principle, will be worked out with details which will be acceptable to the American viewpoint.

When the Supreme Council meets today it will have before it the very plain statement made by the President at Wednesday's late session. So particular was Mr. Wilson to have an exact record of what he said that soon after entering the meeting he summoned one of his personal stenographers and kept him at his side during the session.

### WOULD NOT BE A PARTY TO DISTRIBUTING COLONIES AMONG THE POWERS WHICH NOW HOLD THEM

What he said did not appear in the official communique nor has it been disclosed with any official authority, but it may be said that it was a very clear reaffirmation of the principles for which the President has previously contended. In phrases stripped of diplomatic niceties, it is understood Mr. Wilson told the members of the Supreme Council he would not be a party to a division of Germany's colonial possessions among the powers which now hold them and then become party to a league of nations which in effect would guarantee their title.

There are inferences that the President even referred to a "peace of loot.

The net result of the past two days of discussion on the colonial question is to clear the atmosphere generally.

### THE AUSTRALIANS REGARD THE OWNERSHIP OF

**BIG ORDERS** 

WERE FILLED

**BY CANADA** 

The only government that was continuing to make formal objections yesterday afternoon to the compromise plan of administering the German colonies was the Australian government, says the Paris edition of the London Daily Mail. Her delegates were declared to regard the ownership of New Guinea as vital to the existence of Australia. Premier Clemenceau, however, promised Australia his full support in safemarding her position.

There is no possibility now, the Daily Mail says, of Australia continuing her independent opposition to the plan. One result of the stand taken by Italy yesterday was the decision that the mandatory system of administration should only be applied to non-European territories. Balkan questions remain for independent consideration.

# NOTED ACTOR, **DIED TODAY**

New York, Jan. 31.-Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, died at a hotel here early lected, \$11,102.51. today after a brief illness. He came to New York last Monday from Balti- ary, 1919, as connore, where he had been playing. Death was due to a general break-down, following an operation for the removal of his right eye several months He was born at Boston in 1857 ago.

WANT PEACE AND JUSTICE

Halifax, Jan. 31 .- "British and Am erican mining and petroleum inter-ests will present a united front at the peace conference, demanding peace and justice in Mexico," said Edward L. Doheny, of Los Angeles, executive head of the Mexican Petroleum Co.,

head of the Mexican Petroleum Co., and chief spokesman, of a delegation representing foreign intersts in the Central American republic, which ar-rived here today en route for Paris, where its claims will be laid before the peace conference.

## WOULD OUST **COL. THOMPSON**

St. John, N. B., Jan. 31-The council of the municipality of Kings Coun ty in annual session reaffirmed a prev

ious resolution declaring that officer: who have not been overseas be dis placed by returned men who have seen RALIANS REGARD THE OWNERSHIP OF NEW GUINEA AS VITAL TO THEIR EXISTENCE active service. It calls for the dismiss sal of Col. W. E. Thompson, O. C. Military District No. 6, on such grounds and that a returned sold be appointed in his stead.

## **DEMAND FOR** SHORTER DAY

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 31.— Repre-sentatives of twenty thousand opera-tives in the textile mills of this city and towns in the Blackstone valley, voted last night to demand a 48 hour week and to leave the mills on Mon-day next after completing aight hours day next after completing eight hours

work The operatives are now on a 54-hour About twenty mills

**REACHES HOME** 

HARVARD UNIT

Customs returns for January show marked falling off in duty collected. The returns as prepared by Collector L. C. Macnutt are as follows January, 1919

**DUTY DURING** 

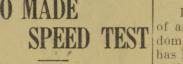
Free goods, \$9.150; Dutiable, \$62. 016; Total value, \$71.166; Duty collected, \$8,82.22.

January, 1918. Free goods, \$4.221; Dutiable, \$69. 027; Total value, \$73.248; Duty col-

Decrease in duty collected in January, 1919, as compared with same month last year, \$2.220.29.

**AUTO MADE** 

JANUARY



tona Beach speedway. De Palma was testing a machine with which next week  $h_e$  will undertake to bread the record of 142 miles an hour set by Bob Burman in 1911.

**BOLSHEVISTS** 

## DEFEATED

the Lithuanian army was rapidly be ing increased in size.

MILK WILL **BE CHEAPER** 

St. John, N. B., Jan. 31—The Kings County Milk Producers Association, which supplies milk used in St. John last night reduced prices because of the mild winter. Milk will be a cent cheaper in St. John, 13c. a quart. EMPLOYERS HAVE REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE FOR A SETTLEMENT UNTIL MEN RESUME The attitude of the employers in most cases is t will refuse to negotiate until the men resume work

COMPANY WILLING TO SELL.

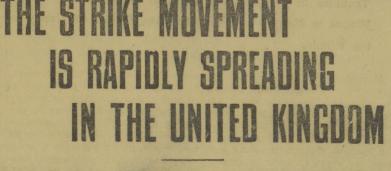
### Ottawa Now Has an Opportunity to Get an Electric Railway

Ottawa, Jan. 31.-The Ottawa Elec tric Railway Company has  $mad_{\Theta}$  an offer to sell to the city at a price in price. A special meeting of the city counci has been called for tomorrow evening to deal with the matter,

Conducting Examinations Major George Reene is in the today conducting an inspection of the Normal School students in physical and fitty

training. About one hundred and fifty

students are standing the examinations



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Little Prospect of Any Betterment in the Labor Situation—The Strike a Subject for Discussion at a Meeting of the Cabinet-Interference at the Present Time Regarded as Unwise and Dangerous.

London, Jan. 31.—There was still no prospect early today of any betterment in the labor situation in the United King-TEST dom. If anything, the situation both at Glasgow and Belfast, has become more serious, particularly in the latter city. The Daytona, Florida, Jan. 31.—Driving an automobile equipped with an air plane motor, Ralph De Palma made 135 miles an hour today on the Day. The seriousness of the situation is not being ignored by

The seriousness of the situation is not being ignored by the government. It was the subject of a discussion at a special meeting of the cabinet held yesterday, while the Board of Trade is also active in an effort to bring about settlements, but up to the present without success.

### STRIKES ARE LOCAL AND WERE INAUGURATED AGAINST THE ADVICE OF TRADES UNION LEADERS

The view taken by the government is that governmental interference now would be unwise and perhaps dangerous. The Washington, Jan. 31 — Lithuanian troops have defeated a Bolshevik force near Kossedery said a message received today by the Lithuanian Nat-fonal Council from the Nationality's Minister at Berne. The message said Minister at Berne. The message said Minister at Berne. The message said such as concerning intervals of a few minutes for lunch, etc.

It appears to be generally believed that the absence of strike pay for the men will soon bring about the collapse of the movement. The problem in view for the government is to reestablish the authority of the trade union officials and assist to the greatest possible extent in the expansion of the machinery of conciliation.

### A SETTLEMENT UNTIL MEN RESUME WORK

The attitude of the employers in most cases is that they will refuse to negotiate until the men resume work. Thus far the railways have not been affected. The Board of Trade has decided to grant an eight-hour day to the railwaymen from February 1st, but here again there is dissatisfaction among the employes concerning the question of meal times being included in the eight hour period, which may lead to difficulties.

Furthermore, a meeting yesterday of representatives of round figures of \$6,500,000, and has 75,000 railway clerks and station masters held in London, de-given an optio nto May 1st at this veloped talk of a strike because the Board of Trade refused to recognize their unions. They will hold another meeting Sunday to settle upon their course of action.

## **GEN. STEELE** PASSES AWAY IN ENGLAND

Victorian Order. In 1916 he was made inspecto rgen-eral of the forces in Eastern Canada, gauge overseas as commander of the Second Canadian Division. He com-manded afterwards the imperial and Canadian troops at Shorncliffe.

U.S. STEEL

Paris yesterday. New York, Jan. 31-Motors and oils New York, Jan. 31—Motors and oils occupied their usual place of promin-ence at the opening of today's stock market, gaining one to two points. J'dather and food issues were firm j'ath distilling shares and tobaccos, also consolidated gas, but shippings reflected further uncertainties in the will uncertainties in the will be a stock of the s

irregular with rails. <sup>1</sup> strikers.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—Members of the Harvard Surgical Unit arriving here last night after more than three years with the British Army in France

will be affected.

London, Jan. 31.—Control of the generation and distribution of electricity throughout the United Kingdom is proposed by a bill now being prepared by the government. Authority over electric supply, which is now vested in the Board of Trade **DEAD IN PARIS** and other government departments would be transferred by the bill to a very small board having probably five members.

IS STRONGER Paris, Jan. 31—Baron Lambert Rothschild, a leading Brussels banker who aided in the formation of the Belgian Relief Commission, died in be appointed to take charge. All electric power stations would be purchased and placed in the hands of the local boards, each of which would be held responsible for the supply of electri-Government Will Deal Strictly With eity in its district and for the establishment of new generating stations an dtransmission systems.

London, Jan. 31.—The government of protection of the strike at discussion of the strike at clyde. Naited States Steel held at a slight gain over yesterday's final quotation, but related industrials were dull and threats" have been made by the

tween public and private control.

## **APACHES ARE** MASQUERADING IN U.S. UNIFORMS

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**NEWS WHICH** MERCHANTS

New York, Jan. 31.—All restrictions on three classes of food licenses, i. e., re tail dealers, wholesale grocers and public eating places have been with drawn by order of the Canada Food Board. They may now return to pre-war trade conditions. Such dealers shall not be required to obtain li-censes or renewals. Such previous orders of the board affected by the revocation are numbers 17, 21, 22 and 46. The announcement adds that all restrictions on bakers and confection ers have also been removed, to take effect on February 10th.

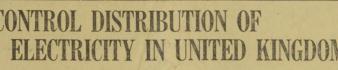
Mayor Seth Jones of Sussex was in he city yesterday attending the poul-Mr. C. H. Ramsay of St. John is in city yesterday attending the poul- Mr. C FI Ra try show.

MAY MANAGE

N. Y. GIANTS

WILL PRESERVE ORDER. Clyde Strikers.

NOTED BANKER



**REDUCTION IN** NAVAL POWER IS UNLIKELY