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thoritative declaration of the United States Government as a whole but are from first to last the conceptions of his individual intellect. He says that the Allied Governments "very reasonably desire" his personal counsel; but the evidence of the invitation, the evidence even of the desire of the Allies to have him physically present at the conference, is by no means so definite as might be wished.

problem chiefly involved, financial, condemns the whole plan. The writer proposes "that the national Government should supply, say, one-half of the fund for this purpose [providing for insolvent farmers], and that the State in which the colony is situated should supply the balance."

THE SOUTH, THE NORTH AND THE TAXES. A Correspondent Who Misunderstands What It Was the Kitchins Did. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: In your editorial article "Kitchins' Sectional Taxes" an attempt is made to show that, taking the wealth of the various sections of the country as a basis for the distribution of the national tax burden, the Northern section paid a larger amount of taxes into the national Treasury in proportion to its wealth than did the Southern section.

THE MISSING FLAG. Protest Against Substituting the Jugo-Slav Emblem for Serbia's. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: I served for six years in the Serbian flag. Led by it, I walked twice across the Balkan peninsula as a soldier of the Serbian army. I witnessed the tragedy of the Serbian people with all its pathos and horror.

THE PRESIDENT'S POST OF DUTY. Washington Would Not Even Enter Rhode Island Until Rhode Island Had Actually Entered the Union. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: In connection with Mr. Archibald B. Watson's citation of the sixteenth article of the Constitution, XXVIII, of the acts passed at the second session of the First Congress of the United States, which act was approved by George Washington as President under date of July 16, 1790, I may interest your readers to learn the contemporary construction put upon the question now before the people, as to whether the President can leave the seat of Government during a session of Congress, and or leave the United States at any time.

Darwin P. Kingsley Declares in Speech That It Would Be Criminal. ASSAULTS WORLD LEAGUE Gen. J. Franklin Bell Stirs Economic Club's Diners by Praise of Army. Two thousand men at the forty-fifth dinner of the Economic Club of New York at the Hotel Astor last night applauded Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, when he urged that the contest for sea power between Great Britain and Germany should not be transferred to a like rivalry between the United States and Great Britain.

TWO COHALAN SUITS SETTLED BY 'MAIL' Newspaper Admits Articles Attacking Justice Were False and Retracts. Libels Published Under Rumley Management Are Repudiated by Bondholders. Two libel suits brought by Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Cohalan against the Evening Mail last spring were settled yesterday in the Supreme Court before Justice Newburger for \$5,000 and the publication of an apology. The settlement applied also to the co-defendant in the first suit, Richard Spillane, who wrote one of the offending articles.

President Wilson's Farewell Address. The spoken message delivered to the Congress yesterday by the President of the United States is not a farewell address in the exact sense in which the term is applied to George Washington's memorable utterance. Washington was quitting office forever; Wilson is merely quitting his appointed post of duty. Washington used the solemn occasion to impart to his fellow countrymen advice as to the avoidance of entanglement in foreign affairs—advice which shaped the policy of the United States Government for more than a century.

Five Cent Telephones in Hotels. Probably nothing that could happen to a hotel proprietor short of physical suffering would stir the sympathies of the public now. The game of gouging they have consistently practiced, the arrogance of their demeanor toward complainants, have set all sorts of persons against them. If they lament increased costs, their patrons think of the hat and coat brigade; if they assert they cannot pay higher wages to waiters, the public remembers that it has been paying the waiters for years. When a hotel proprietor talks of what he "desires" his guests, the guests, grown thoughtful of hitherto disregarded expenditures, think of what they have paid to the cashiers of the hotels.

The Death of Edmond Rostand. The news of the death of Edmond ROSTAND, the French dramatist and poet, will be received with deep regret in this country. His works were more widely known and more highly appreciated in America than in any other land except his own native France. One reason for this may be the fact that his dramatic productions, in which his genius was best displayed, were given in America almost simultaneously with their presentation at Paris and by our most distinguished actors. "Cyrano de Bergerac" was one of the most pronounced successes of the late RICHARD MANFIELD, and his performance of the title role was the most admirable of his career.

ONE LIVELY SON OF THE REVOLUTION. At 90 Mr. Allison Cuts Legs and Clears Brush. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: My old friend Frederick E. Allison of Nebraska, Forest county, Pa., writes me in part as follows: I was born on October 12, 1827, and am in my ninety-second year. Just previous to the fourth of July, 1862, I cleared out the brush and cut the pole fence on the island at Nebraska, Pa., in first class shape.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE SAMPLES? Uncle Sam Must Have a Wonderful Collection of Them. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: In all haste by the United States Government the bidder must furnish samples in triplicate. Sometimes the value is from \$1 to \$5. The items are from 100 to 200 and about four hundred on each item. Now if the Government only accepts one bid on each item there are hundreds of samples never used.

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Street Car Conductor Learns Bonds Were Stolen Here. Special Dispatch to THE SUN. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 2.—John Staugenberg, street car conductor of Covington, Ky., wishes he had had fast to the coat-tails of a man who died into a car barn recently and flicked a \$1 bill to the conductor who found the baggage, and "Frank, old man," then dashed out again. To-day Covington police were informed by the brokerage firm of Herzfeld & Stern, New York, that a value containing \$28,000 worth of bonds had been stolen from the office of the firm November 13. The conductor found them November 22.

250,000 BOYS ENROLL TO-DAY. New York's Compulsory Education Law Becomes Effective. This is the day when every boy 14 and 18 years of age in the city of New York is expected to enroll in the State Military Training Commission. Enrollment is expected to be estimated place the number of boys eligible at 250,000. This is the first step in the plan to provide compulsory military training for the youth of the city. The enrollment has been provided for by the public school authorities, and will be open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. at each of the 100 schools which are members of the Corps of Civilian Training of New York. These boys will receive a thorough course of military training.

That Meeting Between Foch and Pershing. No newspaper man saw more of the war than FREDERICK PALMER, the most experienced military correspondent now living. He was with the allied armies until America came into the conflict, and from that time on he represented practically the whole press of the United States in reporting the progress of the American Expeditionary Force. As one of General PERSHING's staff he had opportunities enjoyed by no other journalist. Major PALMER's latest book, "America in France," is just off the presses, and there may be a natural curiosity to see what he says about a certain conference which, as it was recently reported by the Baltimore Pittsburg gold brick twins, was wreathed in an atmosphere of pistols and coffee.

A Hunt for Bible Readers. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—Sir: The terrible history of the Old Testament disturbs a number of good people and I was not surprised to read the contribution to your columns by B. Frank Carpenter. If he will read John Bigelow's "The Bible That Was Lost and Found" he may receive the consolation which came to me in its reading. Beneath the Old Testament story is the story of every spiritual life. Read Bigelow and note how he came to see it.

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