THE WEATHER
Washington, March 9.—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

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TAXPAYERS' HELP ASKED IN JAILING INCOME SLACKERS

Saturday Last Day to Make Returns, Commissioner Warns

IGNORANCE NO EXCUSE

Names Will Be Publicly Posted in Campaign on Dodger

Income Tax Law Shields Gambler and Moonshiner

The moonshiner whose still has been confiscated, the gambler whose house has been raided and the bootlegger whose equipment has been taken from him may deduct these losses when they pay their income tax. This ruling was made today by the Internal Revenue Department following an appeal from a Southern moonshiner and a gambler.

The moonshiner said he had been raided, his property destroyed and he had been fined. He had then quit the business and he wanted to know whether he had to pay an income tax on a still which he didn't own.

Also a gambler, whose place was first closed up and then abandoned by him, wanted to know whether he must pay for a lot of furniture that the authorities were holding.

The answers in both cases were negative.

The ruling will apply to the professional gamblers throughout the country.

Warning was issued today by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper that persons who fail to file income tax returns with revenue collectors before next Saturday night will be subject to prosecution.

He called on "honest" taxpayers to aid in the round-up of "slackers" by reporting any information they might have which would assist in detection.

Those who merely neglect to file returns are subject on prosecution to a fine of not more than $1000, and those who "willfully refuse" are subject to fine of not more than $10,000, or imprisonment for one year, or both.

"Ignorance of the law," said the commissioner, "cannot consistently be offered as an excuse by the man who fails to file his income tax on time. Wide publicity has been given the provisions of the new revenue bill. The vast majority of the American people, therefore, know the demands of the government.

Duty of Honest Man

"I believe the majority of persons subject to the tax will pay their just obligations this year, as last, cheerfully and willingly. But the duty of the honest man does not end with the payment of his own tax. I call upon him for aid in bringing into camp the tax slacker."

Means of detecting tax dodgers include the posting, as soon as possible, in each revenue district, of the names of persons who have filed returns and the checking over of reports of "information at the source," made by persons who paid more than $1000 last year or any individual or business interest.

Commissioner Roper called attention to the extension of forty-five days allowed taxpayers who are unable to file complete returns by next Saturday, providing they report an estimate of the tax due by that time, together with a payment of at least one-fourth of the estimated tax. This applies to both corporations and individuals.

Only six days remain for the payment of at least one-fourth of the tax. Internal Revenue Collector Lederer announced today that his office is prepared to assist the taxpayer in every way in the preparation of his return and to facilitate the payment. For the convenience of the public taxation experts are available in the office of the internal revenue collector, at the prominent banks and trust companies, in the financial and downtown sections and at department stores.

Staff Here Confident

"We expect a great flood of returns and cash in the coming week," said Collector Lederer, "and from last year's experience we know that we shall have the co-operation of the public. This office will be open until midnight next Saturday for the convenience of taxpayers. We are confronted with a great task, but I feel confident of the ultimate result.

"One of the thousands of questions submitted to this office since the passage of the law has to do with remuneration. Many taxpayers were of the opinion that a taxpayer can claim a deduction of his own remuneration. Wages or salary drawn by a taxpayer from his own business are more in the nature of a charge out of profits than a charge against profits. If such could be deducted they would be merely added to his income, the effect of which would be to take money out of one pocket and put it in another. Therefore no deduction can be claimed for income tax purposes."

The total of the tax found to be due may be paid in full upon filing the return on or before March 15, but the law provides that the tax may be paid in four equal instalments, as follows: March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. If any instalment is not paid when due the whole amount of the tax unpaid shall become due and payable upon notice and demand of the collector.

WEATHER-WHYS

Fair tonight and Tuesday sure.
Not much change in tempera-ture.
Diminishing west winds everywhere—
"Punch in the presence of the passen-jare!"

CHARLES DANOWITZ

The policeman attached to the Twenty-second and Hunting Park avenue station who was shot and instantly killed in the Tioga station of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway yesterday morning

FALLS TO DEATH IN PLUNGE DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Iceman Opens Door as Lift Shoots Up in Central Office Building

Charles McMonagle, 842 North Twenty-sixth street, was killed instantly today when he fell twenty-five feet down the freight elevator shaft on the Sansom street side of the Witherspoon Building.

The accident occurred at 9:20 o'clock and was witnessed by several employes of the building. McMonagle, who served ice in the building, opened the back door of the elevator just as Cora Hughes, the operator, started the car. McMonagle went to look out of the window of the shaft to see if his wagon was alright.

As the machine shot upward, McMonagle's head came into contact with the archway of the door and he was turned over and fell from the first floor to the bottom of the shaft. Employes of the building ran to the man's assistance and he was taken to the Jefferson Hospital. There Doctor Littenden said he had died instantly from a fractured skull.

McMonagle, who was fifty-four years old, had been employed by the American Ice Company for the last thirty-five years. He is survived by a wife and daughter.

WOMAN GUIDED BANDITS

Directed Pals in Hold-Up of Three Darby Women

Mrs. Ellen Carson, an aged resident of Baily road, Yeadon, and her two daughters, Misses Mary and Henrietta, were the victims of a hold-up perpetrated yesterday by two men and a woman near the corner of Twelfth and Main streets, Darby. They had missed the last car to Yeadon and were walking home when, at a secluded spot, a rope was thrown around all three of them and they were dragged to the ground.

One of the men at first tried to take a small handbag that Mrs. Carson was carrying, but was told by his woman companion, who seemed to be the directing spirit of the trio, that he had the wrong one. Then he wrested from Mrs. Carson a larger bag that contained $150, jewelry worth $100 and two pension checks made out in Mrs. Carson's favor and indorsed by her daughters. So forcibly did the thug take the bag that the band's was broken off, remaining in the grasp of Mrs. Carson.

CITY HEROES WON FAME SOON

Philadelphians Figured in First Casualties of 28th Division

A large number of Yanks from Philadelphia figured in the first casualties of the Twenty-eighth Division, which made such an excellent record in France.

These men were members of Company E, 103rd Engineers, and were in action some time before the historic fight at Chateau-Thierry.

Sergeant Russell M. Campbell, of Norristown, in mentioning the valor of these men, said that he and many others are still suffering from the wounds received in the company's first fight.

Another aggressive Yank who acquitted himself creditably was Eugene Gilbert, who, incidentally, wrote a booklet on the work of the Twenty-eighth Division.

A large number of Philadelphians of the 111th Infantry received especial praise in the booklet for their strenuous fighting.

EXTRA GUARD FOR WHISKY

Downtown Police Watch Over Liquor Soon to Be Contraband

An extra guard has been placed on duty at the Third street and Moyamensing avenue police station.

Within are twelve bottles of valuable whisky. The bottles are in a bag and the bag was on the shoulder of John Beavens, of Second and Pine streets, until he was questioned by Detective Cannon, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Beavens could not explain satisfactorily where he got the load and as a freight car at Delaware avenue and Morris street containing whisky had been broken open Beavens was taken to the station house. He was held in $1000 bail for a further hearing by Magistrate Baker.

YOUTH IS SHOT WHILE FLEEING FROM DETECTIVE

Lad Suspected of Freight-Car Robbery Taken to Hospital in Serious Condition

Peter Abbott, fifteen years old, 706 North Front street, was shot in the back while attempting to escape from Detective John Curran, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, at Front and Noble streets today. The lad was taken to the Roosevelt Hospital, where physicians say he may die.

Curran, who is a former policeman, lives at 1524 South Twenty-eighth street. He was held in $800 bail to await the outcome of the boy's injuries by Magistrate Pennock in the Central Police Station.

According to the police, Abbott, with several other boys, entered a box car standing in the yards at Front and Noble streets and obtained several chickens. Curran discovered them, and they fled. He gave chase and called to Abbott to halt. When the boy refused to do so he drew his revolver and fired at the pavement. The bullet was deflected, the police say, and struck Abbott in the back.

Slain Patrolman Taken Home at Hour Expected

"I'll Be Back at Five," Said Charles Danowitz, and Comrades Take Victim of Shooting Mistake to Widow

A widow and seven children—one of them an adopted child—are grief-stricken over the tragic mistake which cost them the companionship and protection of the husband and father, Charles Danowitz, 145 Markle street, Manayunk, a policeman attached to the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station.

Danowitz was shot and instantly killed in the waiting room of the Tioga station of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Sergeant Frank Maloney and Patrolman John McAntee, of the same station, are being held for causing his death. Patrolman Thomas Kelly, with whom Danowitz was doing plainclothes duty, is held as a witness. Danowitz and Kelly were mistaken for highwaymen.

"I'll be home about 5 o'clock in the morning," Danowitz told his family, when he left his home Saturday night. Within a half hour of the time a patrol wagon drove up to the house and delivered Danowitz's body.

An autopsy was made today to discover the caliber of the bullet which caused Danowitz's death. Dr. Wadsworth, coroner's physician, said the wound was made by a large caliber revolver. Between Mahoney and McAntee was a .38 and a .32 revolver. Until the bullet is found, according to Paul, it will be impossible to tell which of the patrolmen involuntarily caused Danowitz's death.

Shortly before 2 o'clock, according to Paul, Kelly and Danowitz, while doing plainclothes duty, took refuge from a storm in the waiting room of the railroad station.

One of the men struck a match and a neighbor saw the light and the two figures in the station. This person telephoned the police station and Maloney and McAntee were assigned to go to the station and apprehend any persons who might have entered the place.

The policemen went there in a patrol wagon and mounted the steps with revolvers drawn. They tried the doors to the waiting room and found one open. As they entered, according to the police, they were commanded to hold up their hands. Both dropped to the floor and began firing in the direction of the sound.

Eight shots were fired in all. When the smoke cleared away and the lights were lit Danowitz was found with a bullet in his heart. Kelly had gotten out of the range of the fire.

When the mistake was discovered Danowitz was rushed to the Samaritan Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. His body was then taken home, despite the fact that Coroner's Detective Paul had ordered the body held until an autopsy could be performed. Paul censured the undertaker for removing the body and ordered it back to the morgue.

Danowitz leaves a wife and six children—Bertha, twenty-one years old; Catherine, nineteen years old; Annette, seventeen years old; Louise, fifteen years old; Francis, eleven years old, and Charles, thirteen years old. At the death of his sister a year ago he adopted her baby girl, Estella Spysz, now three years old.

His family said today that they had always been opposed to the father going on the police force and had urged him not to do so. Danowitz became a policeman last May and had been doing plain-clothes work for the last four weeks. Prior to joining the force he was a motorman for the P. R. T., having worked for that concern for ten years. He was forty years old.

REVISIONISTS CITE VARE CONTRACTS

Receipts of $14,661,109 in Twenty Years, Statistics Show

SMITH BONDING GROWS

Only Small Fines Imposed on Contractor-Senator

Some illuminating figures showing the fat contracts obtained by State Senator Edwin H. Vare have been compiled by the Philadelphia charter revision committee.

From 1898 to 1919, Senator Vare secured contracts for street cleaning and ash removal totaling $14,784,681.

During that entire period the fines paid by the Senator for faulty work aggregated $123,572, which is less than 1 per cent of the contract totals.

Senator Vare's 1919 contracts total $1,490,000.

In the year before Mayor Smith assumed office the Mayor's bonding company did business with the city totaling $1,529,082.63. In 1915 the amount leaped to $5,493,455.31; in 1916 it was $5,676,215.71; in 1917, $8,832,823.96, and last year, $3,996,329.83.

The city Treasury has paid out to State Senator Edwin H. Vare on street cleaning and ash removal contracts from 1898 to 1919 the sum of $14,661,109. This sum represents payments on contracts aggregating $14,784,681, less fines totaling $123,572.

Since Mayor Smith has been in office, the Mayor's bonding company has written bonds upon city business totaling $18,505,369.50. Of this amount $2,374,050 was on contracts of Senator Vare.

These figures were compiled by the Philadelphia charter revision committee. They are made public in a booklet, just issued, which appeals for support for a new charter for Philadelphia, one that will free the city from "contractor control."

The committee quotes various statements of Governor Sproul in support of charter revision for this city, and urges the organization of charter revision committees in all wards.

Number of Contracts Shown

For the purpose of making clear to the citizens the power of the Vare machine over the officials of the city and the municipal Legislature, the charter-revision committee published in its booklet a table showing the total number of contracts for the removal of ashes and for street cleaning received by the Vares during the years 1898 and 1919, inclusive.

In that period, the booklet sets forth, the Vares received contracts worth $14,784,681. Contracts for the present year alone total $1,490,000. Total fines imposed upon the Vares for the period since 1898 to 1919 were only $123,572, or less than 1 per cent of the total. The committee, apropos of these figures, remarks, "Where the treasure is, there will the heart be also."

"By their works ye shall know them," remarks the committee in taking up the profitable business of the Thomas B.

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LODGE-HITCHCOCK DEBATE

Senators Will Argue League of Nations in Newark

Washington, March 10.—(By A. P.)—One of the features of the country-wide discussion of the league of nations in the congressional recess probably will be a debate in Newark, N. J., between Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, retiring chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who will be chairman of the committee in the new Congress. A date for the meeting has not been fixed, but probably it will be between April 5 and 10.

Senator Hitchcock is arranging to deliver many addresses in support of the league, beginning the latter part of this month and continuing until Congress is called into extra session.

When you think of writing, think of WRITING.—Adv.

GIRL KNOCKS OUT THUG WITH FIST

Plucky Young Woman More Than a Match for Would-Be Bandit

ALLEGED THIEVES HELD

Miss Helen Hie, a twenty-two-year old girl employed on an estate on Church road, near Ogontz, knockedout a highwayman before he had choked and attempted to gag her early this morning.

Miss Hie had been in Philadelphia and returned to the suburb on a trolley car which reached Ogontz at 1:15 o'clock this morning. She had noticed a man getting off the same car. She was not alarmed until she saw he was following her.

When she was a few hundred yards away from Old York road he overtook her and caught her by the throat. At the same time he tried to muffle her screams for help with a cloth.

Miss Hie fought him pluckily, striking and kicking to beat him off. When the highwayman found he could not get her pocketbook he grabbed at an umbrella and package she was carrying. He got these and then tried to take a necklace, which broke in his grasp and fell into her dress.

Kicked Thug In Stomach

Miss Hie continued to struggle and to call for help. She finally succeeded in kicking him in the stomach and he went down gasping.

Miss Hie did not wait, but ran as fast as she could to the house where she is employed. The police were notified and they hurried to the scene of the hold up. When they arrived, however, the highwayman had recovered and disappeared.

Miss Hie has given the police a description of the man who attacked her.

Two alleged highwaymen were held without bail for court by Magistrate Pennock in the central police station today for alleged hold-ups committed over the week-end. Transcripts of the cases were forwarded immediately to the office of District Attorney Rotan so that their trials may be expedited.

Joseph Day, said to be a taxicab driver, who said he lived on Williams street, was held for an alleged attack on George P. Derrickson, of 7133 North Broad street, in a taxicab at Broad and Pearl streets, early yesterday. Derrickson lost $163 and a watch and chain valued at $75.

Miss Catharine Plumley, nineteen years old, of 6220 Woodland avenue, and Louis Colbert, sixteen years old, of 2265 Chancellor street, were the accusers of Bernard Short, a negro youth, of Baltimore, who gave an address near Fifteenth and Lombard streets. Both victims showed light and the negro failed to obtain any valuables.

Derrickson testified that he hired a taxicab at Twelfth and Vine streets early yesterday morning and a man whispered to the driver to "drive slow until you reach Broad and Vine streets."

Revolver Pushed in Stomach

At Broad and Pearl streets, he said, a revolver was "pushed in my stomach" and he was ordered to throw up his hands and turn over everything he had. Before he could comply, he said, blows were rained on his head with some blunt instrument and the highwaymen ripped his coat and vest from his body.

Although stunned from the blows, Derrickson appealed to Day, who stood by the door of the taxi. Day, he declared, "just laughed at me."

"I was then pushed from the cab," he continued, "and it drove off. Two sailors who came along searched the neighborhood, but no trace of the men could be found."

Later District Detective McClure, of

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MOTHER SAVES BABY AT FIRE

Runs Into Burning House and Snatches Infant From Crib

Fire in the home of Thomas Cavanaugh, 2130 South Philip street, today did several hundred dollars' damage. Two rooms on the second floor of the house were burned out.

Mrs. Cavanaugh was in the back yard and saw smoke coming from a second-story window. She ran to the house and picked up her five-month-old baby from its crib on the first floor.

The blaze was extinguished by Engine Company No. 53, from Fourth street and Snyder avenue.

A defective flue is supposed to have started the fire.

DEBS CONVICTION IS SUSTAINED BY SUPREME COURT

Opinion, However, Does Not Touch on Espionage Act Constitutionality

ONLY DRAFT SECTION

Frohwerk Sentence Also Upheld for Obstructing Enlistments

By the Associated Press

Washington, March 10.—The Supreme Court today sustained the conviction of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, found guilty of violating the espionage act through statements made in a speech in Canton, O., last June, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. The opinion of the court was unanimous.

In deciding the case the court, in effect, upheld the constitutionality of the so-called enlistment section of the act.

Conviction of Jacob Frohwerk, of Kansas City, also under the espionage act, because of articles appearing in the Missouri Staats Zeitung, of which he was editor, criticizing America's participation in the war, was upheld likewise by the court. He was sentenced to serve ten years in prison.

As in the case of the espionage cases decided last Monday, the Supreme Court, in its opinion again today, made no specific ruling on the constitutionality of the espionage act. The court based its opinion largely on that part of the indictment charging obstruction of recruiting service, which was affirmed unanimously.

Most Drastic Part of Act

This part of the act, which is Section 3, Part 1, is the most drastic in the measure. It not only makes it a misdemeanor to circulate false reports for the purpose of interfering with military and naval operations and enlistments, but also prohibits the utterance or writing of "disloyal, profane, scurrilous or abusive language" about the American form of government, military forces, flag or uniforms, or language that is intended to brin them into contempt or intended to encourage resistance to the United States or to cripple the country in the prosecution of war.

Debs, four times a Socialist candidate for President of the United States, began life as a locomotive fireman on the Terre Haute and Indianapolis Railroad. He was born in Terre Haute, Ind., sixty-four years ago. For years he was prominent in the Firemen's Brotherhood, playing an active part in several big strikes. In 1885 he was a member of the Indiana Legislature. In 1900 he ran for President on the Social Democratic ticket, and he was the candidate of the Socialist party in 1904, 1908 and 1912.

Convicted on Three Counts

The indictment on which Debs was convicted charged him with attempting to incite "insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny and refusal of duty in the military and naval forces, attempting to obstruct recruiting and enlistments, and with uttering and publishing language intended to provoke and encourage resistance to the United States, as well as to promote the enemy's cause. The indictment contained ten counts, but conviction was only on three.

WILSON SUFFERS COLD AND KEEPS TO STATEROOM

President Spends Most of His Time Reading—Plans Conferences on Landing

On Board U. S. S. George Washington, March 10.—(By Wireless to the A. P.)—President Wilson is suffering from a cold and, although it was less troublesome today, he remained in his room the greater part of the time on the advice of Rear Admiral Grayson, his medical attendant, that he keep as quiet as possible.

The President is spending most of his leisure on the voyage in reading. The George Washington is expected to arrive at Brest as originally planned, March 13, and the President will proceed immediately thence to Paris. Various conferences are being arranged by wireless for him, to take place Friday, March 14.

President Wilson expects to take up at once work of the most active order upon his arrival in Paris. There will be no let-up until the most important matters are disposed of. Then he probably will take the expected trip to Belgium and the devastated regions of northern France. The date of this journey, however, has not yet been decided upon by the President.

NATIONAL BANK CALL ISSUED

Comptroller Asks Statement at Close of Business March 4

Washington, March 10.—The Comptroller of the Currency has issued a call for a statement of conditions of national banks at the close of business, March 4.

Botchkareva a Prisoner!

"We threw ourselves, 500 strong, at our captors, wrested many of their rifles and bayonets and engaged in a ferocious hand-to-hand combat, just as our men rushed through the torn wire entanglements into the trenches. The confusion was indescribable; the killing merciless. I grasped five hand grenades that lay near me and threw them at a group of about ten Germans. They must have all been killed. Our entire line across the river was advancing at the same time. The first German line was occupied by our troops and both banks of the Styr were then in our hands.

"Thus ended my captivity. I was in German hands for a period of only eight hours."

Read the rest of the story on Page 9.

UNIFIED ALLIED CONTROL UNDER DIPLOMATIC FOCH NEEDED TO BRING PEACE

Mission Sent to Laibach to Adjust Jugo-Slav Row

Probers Given Full Power to Punish Guilty. Plea of British Troops Wins Food for German People

Paris, March 10.—Premier Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, has sent a letter to the head of the Inter-Allied commission at Trieste, advising him that the military commission appointed by the supreme council to investigate the Italo-Jugo-Slav incidents, which caused the recent acute feeling between the two peoples, will proceed at once to Laibach.

The Matin prints the text of this letter, which says that the commission will take all necessary action, including orders for punishment of the guilty and any compensation of satisfaction which it may be decided is due to the Italian Government.

The commission will give notice, the letter adds, that any similar incidents in the future will cause Inter-Allied military occupation.

France and Italy, according to the Gaulois, are fully in accord in opposing energetically the union of German-Austria with Germany.

British Alter Attitude

A change in the attitude of the British Government regarding the plan to sink interned German warships has been noticed since the return of

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Peace Parleys to Begin March 20, Berlin Hears

Berlin, March 9 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—Preliminary peace negotiations may begin at Versailles about March 20, according to reports in circulation here today.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the Foreign Minister, now is arranging for a small party of prominent business men to accompany the German commissioners as experts. These men have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness for possible departure March 17 or March 19.

Lack of Leadership Endangers Plans of Powers

POSITION OF U. S. IS INCONSISTENT

Balance of Power Idea Clashes With Justice in Remapping Europe

BOLSHEVIST THREAT URGES QUICK ACTION

Buffer States for Protection Not in Harmony With Self-Determination

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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Paris, March 10.—The incident at Spa is symptomatic. The Allies, by delays and lack of policy, have lost the offensive diplomatically for the moment.

Hitherto they have been able to present their decisions to Germany, saying: "Sign here!" Now they are told by Germany she must have assurances of the Allies' intentions to carry out engagements, and also are brought face to face with the threat of a more dangerous German Government to deal with.

The situation here has been drifting since President Wilson departed, and in a direction inconsistent with his fourteen points and his league of nations. Disunion and the inevitable compromises are affecting the whole program, as they have affected injuriously the program of feeding Germany.

The trouble lies in lack of leadership, and it is uncertain whether or not Mr. Wilson can furnish the leadership in the practical details now to be settled. He may have spent his force in getting the league of nations, which was his primary interest.

Diplomatic Foch Needed

An officer of one of the Allied governments summed up the situation by saying: "What is needed is a diplomatic Foch."

Unity of command and a capacity to make decisions and prevent such a situation as failure to keep satisfied even friendly nations, like Bohemia, Rumania and Jugo-Slavia, are sadly lacking.

The compromises being reached are not inspired by any consistent policies. There is a mixture of the old "balance-of-power" theory with the Wilsonian doctrine.

It is idle to pretend that erecting a Rhenish republic is consistent with self-determination of peoples. It is only consistent with the theory that there will be future wars and that a buffer state between France and Germany is necessary as a protection to France. But the erection of the state is not made frankly in the spirit of the old regime, for the state is not to be created in perpetuity, but ostensibly will be a matter for consultation of the people a generation hence, whether to return to the German empire or not.

Meanwhile to lessen the prospect that the republic will ever return to Germany, it is proposed, although not yet adopted, to relieve the Rhenish territory from payment of its part of the German reparations.

Inconsistencies Develop

There is similar inconsistency in the American position in supporting France as opposed to allowing Austria to become part of the German empire. This certainly is not in agreement with the idea of self-determination of peoples.

In the same way, proposals to erect buffer states between Germany and Russia are full of confused "balance of power" thinking. The policy suggested is really borrowed from Germany and was much denounced at the time of the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

The conference is animated by two wholly inconsistent ideas—one to prevent future wars by the establishing of permanent justice, the other to make France and western Europe safe against future wars by crushing

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LAST UNIT OF 27TH DIVISION LEAVES BREST

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The last unit of the Twenty-seventh (New York National Guard) Division has sailed from France. An official cablegram from the American Headquarters in France today said: "Last element of Twenty-seventh Division left Brest March 6, on Seattle." The Seattle is due at New York March 19.

BURLESON CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Steps to have the Supreme Court determine whether Postmaster General Burleson has authority to fix telephone rates within the states were taken today with the filing of a motion by the State of Kansas, asking permission to institute original proceedings in the court against the Postmaster General.

WOMAN AND GIRL INJURED IN CRASH

Army Officer's Auto and Taxi Collide in Early Morning

ONE VICTIM MAY DIE

A woman and a girl were injured, the woman possibly fatally, in an automobile collision at Ninth and Luzerne streets early this morning.

The injured are:

Miss Minnie K. Sohms, forty-eight years old, 5306 Pine street, skull fractured.

Miss Pauline Wheeler, seventeen years old (address not given), collar bone fractured.

The injured are in St. Luke's Hospital. Miss Sohms' condition was reported this morning as critical.

They were riding in the touring car of Lieutenant W. B. Wenrich, U. S. A., which was running west along Luzerne street. At Ninth street the touring car was struck by a taxicab driven by Samuel Rothberg, of Tasker street, near Sixth.

According to witnesses, both the taxi driver and the officer made ineffectual efforts to avoid the collision.

Rothberg after a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Wrigley, at the Germantown avenue and Lyconing street police station was released under $500 bail for a hearing March 24.

PENROSE HOME WEDNESDAY

Presidential Campaign Conference Detains Senator

United States Senator Penrose is assisting in perfecting arrangements for the Republican presidential campaign in 1920 and will not return to the city until Wednesday.

The Senator was to have reached here today from Washington, but changed his plans when called into conference by Republican leaders. Because of campaign work it was said at the Senator's office that it was doubtful if he would be able to go to Harrisburg in the near future.

Senator Penrose contemplated paying a visit to the Legislature similar to the one he made two years ago. Charter revisionists are counting on him to appear at Harrisburg and lend his influence in behalf of the charter bills.

REDS SLAY FOUR GRAND DUKES

Russian Nobles Executed for an Alleged Monarchist Plot

Copenhagen, March 10.—(By A. P.)—Four more Russian grand dukes have been executed at Petrograd by the Bolsheviki during the last fortnight on the charge of being involved in a monarchist plot, according to advices to the Berlinske Tidende.

U-Kan-Plate. Polish silver plates, brass bathroom faucets. Dealers or 612 Chestnut. —Adv.

BERLIN SUBURB SEIZED BY REDS

Lichtenberg Soldiers Slain. Spartacans Hoist Imperial Flag on Palace

MANY KILLED AT HALLE

By the Associated Press

Amsterdam, March 10.—Spartacan forces, Sunday, occupied the Berlin suburb of Lichtenberg and murdered sixty officers and soldiers in the police station there, according to the Zeitung Am Mittag. The Lichtenberg police station has withstood Spartacan attacks since Tuesday.

The Berlin workmen's council has decided to issue an order officially calling off the general strike in the German capital, says a Berlin message, presumably filed Sunday night. Richard Muelleer, the strike leader, declared the workmen must now return to work "and await a suitable time for renewing action."

London, March 10.—(By A. P.)—Many were killed and wounded in serious fighting which occurred at Halle, Germany, on Saturday, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Central News.

Spartacans are said to have drowned many students and officers in the river there, and it is reported that there was a general pillage in the parts of the city where the fighting took place. Government troops eventually gained the mastery, it is said.

One thousand persons were killed or wounded in the fighting in Berlin in the last week, according to an estimate of the casualties made by the Wolff Bureau, the leading news agency of Germany.

A German wireless dispatch gives a semiofficial bureau's report of recent happenings at Berlin. Fighting there lasted from 10 o'clock Wednesday night, when the mutineers opened fire with field guns and nine throwers on police headquarters, until late Friday night. It is said there were isolated encounters even as late as Saturday morning. The dispatch adds that even if final resistance has not yet completely broken down, the crisis may be regarded as safely passed. The dispatch says that on various streets in the northern and eastern sections of the city there was plundering during Saturday and a little fighting of a minor character, but otherwise the situation was little changed by Saturday night.

Spartacan forces had entrenched themselves in the Boetzow Brewery and government troops were advancing from all sides to storm the building. Artillery had been drawn up in Friedrichshain Park in preparation for the fight, and heavy howitzers, directed by aviators, were firing on the brewery when the wireless dispatch was filed.

Events at Berlin have produced a renewal of Spartacan agitation in the upper Silesian coal fields, it is said, and

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