

Rain to-day; colder in afternoon or night; to-morrow fair and somewhat colder.

REPEAL OF EXCESS PROFITS TAX NOW FREELY DICTATED

Conservative Estimate of Revenue Loss From This Source Is Placed at \$900,000,000.

HOW TO MAKE IT UP

Three Suggestions Offer an Expected Total of \$756,000,000 Toward Filling the Gap.

COULD BOOST MAIL RATE

Stamp Assessment and Increased Excise Tariff Among Other Plans Committee Will Consider.

The New York Herald publishes herewith the first of a series of articles which will make plain the exact condition of affairs at Washington, together with the prospects for the future.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Every discussion one hears here of the taxation revision programme of the Government appears to revolve around the expected early repeal of the excess profits tax.

Secretary of the Treasury Houston has joined with former Secretaries McAdoo and Glass, the three Treasury executives who have been charged with the administration of the tax.

Excess Profits Disappearing. Excess profits have dwindled, if not disappeared entirely, in the last year in industries from which the greatest contributions were received.

1.—It is too complex and difficult of administration. The time consumed in arriving at a final determination of many of the returns is too great and produces an uncertainty in the business world which should not exist.

2.—It has encouraged extravagance in business management by creating the idea that almost any expenditure was warranted because, in reality, from 40 to 50 per cent. of such expenditure was borne by the Government.

3.—It requires so much information and data from the taxpayer that a feeling of hostility against the tax readily arises and further complicates its administration. So much uncertainty may exist concerning the final amount of any assessment that frequently when evasion is charged the trouble may lie in a different construction of the law rather than in any attempt to defraud the Government.

4.—It discriminates between different forms of organization which may be found in almost any industry. It penalizes the more conservative business corporations and puts a premium upon those whose capitalization had been inflated prior to 1917.

5.—It unjustly intimates that any profit of a corporation in excess of 6 per cent. is excessive, tending thus to create a dangerous social implication in the public mind.

6.—The definition of invested capital, upon which its exemptions and rates are based, is unsound. It ignores real value which has been created by conservative business management, and excludes appreciation which may be due thereto.

Guard Christmas Tree Groves From Motorists

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Wanton injury to valuable woodlands and roadside pine groves by Christmas tree hunters will be stopped this year if the plans of William A. L. Bazley, Commissioner of Conservation, and Frank A. Goodwin, State Registrar of motor vehicles, are carried out.

As a result of a conference between the two State officials it was announced to-day that any person using his automobile knowingly to transport Christmas trees or other greenery for Christmas decoration, which are taken without the permission of the owner of the land, shall upon conviction for the offence have his license revoked.

MRS. MACSWINEY, HERE, SURE OF AID

Huge Crowd Cheer Widow of Cork Mayor at Pier and Along Fifth Avenue.

TO TESTIFY WEDNESDAY

Declares She and Husband Always Counted on U. S. to Give Most Help.

A slender, gray eyed young woman dressed in deep mourning, with masses of black hair showing in ripples when she threw back her heavy widow's veil, and a well shaped pretty mouth which smiled engagingly from time to time, disclosing perfect teeth, was the recipient yesterday of one of the most enthusiastic demonstrations ever accorded to a passenger debarking from an ocean liner in New York.

She was Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork, who voluntarily starved himself to death. Taking part in the welcoming demonstration were some ten thousand Irish friends and sympathizers with the cause for which Mayor MacSwiney died and for which his young widow will live and work.

Mrs. MacSwiney came to testify before the committee investigating conditions in Ireland. She went to the St. Regis Hotel, where she will remain until Wednesday, perhaps, before going to Washington to confer with the commission. She was induced to come to this country by Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation and member of the committee.

City's Craft Convey Celtic. It isn't every woman who can have ten or a dozen men take charge of her luggage. Although the young widow travelled with only five boxes, this special committee, representatives of the longshoremen's union, volunteered to see that each piece was safely brought ashore and delivered to her at her hotel.

The Celtic arrived too late Friday night to be passed through Quarantine and she lay all night just off Quarantine station. Early yesterday morning the usual examinations were made by the health officers and immigration inspectors. A tug conveyed by the police tug, Patrol with more than 150 women on board, many of whom had gone down the bay the afternoon before to welcome Mrs. MacSwiney.

By the time the Celtic reached Pier 60, 2,445 A. M. thousands of persons had gathered in West street and along Twenty-third street, from which points they hoped to catch a glimpse of Mrs. MacSwiney. The young widow was the first to step down the gangplank. Accompanying her were Bryan R. Newton, Collector of the Port, and H. D. Chester, who brook of the harbor early to arrange for the prompt examination of Mrs. MacSwiney's luggage.

Declines to Make Speech. When reporters and photographers urged the widow to give out a statement and pose for photographs before she boarded the vessel for her berth, she having boarded the vessel from a revenue cutter down the bay—she declined. Later she reconsidered and stood at the door of her stateroom, No. 89, where she was snapped and filmed while she held an informal reception. She was persuaded to emerge from the shadow of the stateroom and stand by the ship's rail long enough to permit another battery of cameras to play upon her travel weary but nevertheless attractive and sympathetic features. Again she withdrew.

Income Tax Modification. The above reasons briefly set forth the findings of the tax committee of the National Industrial Conference Board with regard to the excess profits tax.

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EX-NAVY MAN HELD ON TELLING POLICE HE KNEW WATERS

John Reidy, Deserter, Is Said to Have Confessed Slaying in Hotel.

HID IN TURKISH BATH

Light on Gang That Preys on Strangers With Cash in White Light Region.

CLUES TO OTHER CRIMES

Accused Man Stays From City a Month and Resumes His Haunts in Broadway.

John Reidy, a deserter from the United States Navy, confessed last night, according to Capt. John Coughlin, in charge of the detective bureau, that he killed Leeds Vaughan Waters, grandson of Horace Waters, piano manufacturer, in the Plymouth Hotel, 257 West Thirty-eighth street, in a drunken brawl on November 3.

Reidy, who told the police he was 24 years old, but looks scarcely 18, was arrested after his story had leaked out through men who have made a practice, the police said, of "trimming" wealthy young men on Broadway.

Roland Noak, alias Herbert Krebs, was arrested with Reidy as a material witness. Both are known to the police and the stories they told may help to solve the murder of Frank Barber in Central Park two weeks ago, Inspector Coughlin said.

According to Reidy, as the police gave out the alleged confession, he met Waters in the subway station at Times square at 4 o'clock on the morning of November 3. Waters bought some drinks in a saloon on Eighth avenue and they went to the Plymouth Hotel, where Waters registered as Talbert and Reidy as James Dunn. After they went to their room they began to quarrel.

Reidy said, and he hit Waters on the head with a cane. The two men had a brief scuffle as he fell and he died almost instantly.

Returns to Broadway Haunts. Reidy then covered Waters's body with a bed sheet and left the hotel. He went to East New York, where he lived for three days in a Turkish bath. After this he lived in Jersey City until he thought it safe to return to his Broadway haunts. The arrest was made by Detective James J. Finn and Chief Inspector Thomas J. Sheehan of the Naval Intelligence Service.

Reidy said he had served about two years in the navy. He enlisted in Milwaukee and deserted from the battleship Arizona in New York Navy Yard on August 19, 1920. Since then, the police said, he told them he has been living in New York preying on strangers whose acquaintance he made in the white light hotels.

Handwriting Identified. The identification of Reidy as James Dunn, who registered at the Plymouth Hotel with Waters, was made by John Carey, clerk of the hotel. Reidy's handwriting was compared with the signature in the register and completed the evidence against him, the police said.

Waters was reputed to be a millionaire. His body was identified by Benjamin H. Vaughan, a cousin, who said Waters was communicated to go to England, where he was accustomed to pass the winter. He came to New York from Bronxville on election day to get the election returns, Vaughan said.

Mrs. Waters lived with his mother, Mrs. Horace Waters, at the Gramatan Hotel, Bronxville. The news of his death was communicated to her by Malcolm R. Lovell, a stock broker and president of the William A. Mills Brass Company, who is a friend of the Waters family.

Mrs. Waters was well known in Palm Beach and in London. In 1916 he married Elizabeth L. Biane, better known as Baroness Biane, an actress, considered one of the most beautiful women in Philadelphia. They lived together for thirty-one days, when young Mrs. Waters returned to the stage, subsequently obtaining a divorce.

SECRETARY COLBY SAILS. Will Return Visits Here of South American Executives.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 4.—Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State, sailed from Hampton Roads on the battleship Florida to-day to return the visits to the United States of Presidents Brum of Uruguay and Pessoa of Brazil and to be the guest of the Argentine Government.

PINEBURGH, N. C.—25th Anniversary Session, Golf and all other sports. Through Pullman, Penn., 2:05 P. M. daily.—Ado.

Wilson Walks to Prove He Can Deliver Speech

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C. Dec. 4.

Whether President Wilson will make his last regular message to Congress the occasion of a dramatic appearance in the hall of the House of Representatives next Tuesday will not be made known until the Joint Congressional Committee calls at the White House Monday afternoon to notify him that Congress is in session.

Mr. Wilson is said to have been doing an extra amount of walking through the White House corridors to convince Dr. Grayson that he is able to deliver the speech, but the general belief is that he will not do so.

GET CONVICT NEAR JOHN D.'S ESTATE

Fugitive Darting From Shrubbery Stumbles Before Warden's Motor.

SHAKEUP AT SING SING

Keeper Dismissed and Yardmaster Reduced for Escape of Rothermel.

Fred Rothermel, 20 years old, under sentence of ten to twenty years for a Freeport (L. I.) bank robbery, who escaped from Sing Sing prison yesterday morning, was caught last night at the border of the estate of John D. Rockefeller at Pocantico Hills, eight miles from the prison.

The convict had been hiding in shrubbery, where he had taken refuge when one of the searching parties had passed in an automobile. Thinking the coast clear he started out into the road, and stumbled almost in front of an automobile containing Warden Lewis E. Lawes and two keepers.

It was getting dark but the Warden caught sight of the prison garb of the man. He had the automobile driven past Rothermel, who had turned in a southerly direction. Then it stopped and Warden Lawes and the keepers jumped out, the keepers with guns leveled.

"You got me, Warden," Rothermel said. He stepped into the automobile and was driven back to the prison, where he was put in solitary confinement. As a result of Rothermel's escape, Warden Lawes did one of his stiffest jobs of executive work since he was appointed to the prison. He dismissed Keeper George Windman, who had been guarding Rothermel and two other convicts while they were making repairs on a prison roof, and reduced Yardmaster Henry J. Rigney to the rank of keeper.

Windman became a keeper a week ago. The route Rothermel used to get away was time worn. He told Windman he had to get some more tools, and the keeper let him start down without calling an extra guard. The prison roof adjoins that of the Warden's residence outside the walls. Rothermel walked through the Warden's house to liberty.

ADVISERS ON ALASKA CHOSEN BY WILSON

New Interdepartment Plan Formed for Efficiency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—To coordinate Federal activities dealing with Alaskan problems President Wilson has authorized the creation of an interdepartmental committee on Alaska, intended to be permanent, made up of a representative of each Government department concerned.

Secretary Payne announced to-day that the committee would be composed of Major General C. Sherrill, War Department; James C. Corridon, Post Office; George A. Parks, Interior; E. A. Sherman, Agriculture; Dr. Hugh M. Smith, Commerce; H. Y. Saine, Shipping Board; O. C. Merrill, Federal Power Commission, and Gov. Riggs of Alaska.

"In view of the work of the different departments in dealing with Alaska," President Wilson's letter authorizing the committee said, "I approve the formation of an interdepartmental committee. The function of the committee is to coordinate and bring together facts and advisory technical matters affecting Alaska and make recommendations for definite action to the department charged with the particular function, to the end that duplication may be avoided and efficiency secured.

"While the work of the committee is advisory, it is believed that by bringing together all available information and providing for an exchange of views by representatives of the different departments much of the difficulty now experienced in dealing with Alaskan affairs will be obviated and speedy and intelligent cooperative action secured."

SEEK A LAW TO HALT MAKING OF HIGH HEELS

Osteopaths in Massachusetts Attack Lollypops Also.

Boston, Dec. 4.—A ban on high heels such as are worn by some of the elite of the fashion world is sought by the Legislature by the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society. Announcement that the society would introduce a bill to stop the making of high heels at the manufacturer's source—its nineteenth annual convention to-day.

Dr. E. Kendrick Smith of Brookline, who read a paper on "High Heels a Crime," told his associates that the advent of woman suffrage had given to the society courage to propose a bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale and wearing of heels more than one and one-half inches in height.

HARDING APPEALS FOR FULL SUPPORT OF EVERY CITIZEN

Receives Welcome Home of Presidential Size and Makes Several Brief Addresses.

COHESION MAIN THEME

He Would Have America Great Maritime Nation With Adequate Navy.

HONORED BY SERVICES

President-Elect Proceeds to Bedford, Va., to Speak To-day at Elks Home.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 4.—Journeying to-night toward Bedford in this State, where the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks maintain a home for their aged and infirm, and where he will make a memorial address to-morrow, President-elect Harding is keenly aware that his vacation is over and that once more he is in the swirl of practical American life and facing the great tasks he was appointed to shoulder.

The transition from the unburied, untroubled existence of sea voyage and pleasant adventuring in strange lands was sudden and complete. Senator Harding again is in the land of prod and desperately energetic local committees, of brass bands, of hungry politicians and ambitious men of many degrees, of swift functioning telegraphs and of jobs that must be tackled and policies to solve.

Not for one moment in this crowded day was he permitted to forget that he is no longer a mere cog in the machinery of government, for here within the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay municipalities, the people and even the navy and the army extended to him the honors that are reserved for a President.

Series of Functions. From the hour—9 in the morning—that he landed at Newport News from the United Fruit liner Pastores until he boarded his train for Bedford at 11 o'clock to-night Senator Harding was the center of a succession of formal entertainments and informal receptions. There were occasions for four speeches, for a luncheon and a dinner, for an inspection of the navy yard at Portsmouth, the naval base at Hampton Roads, the army base and the vast plant of the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, and for a series of automobile drives which thoroughly exhibited to him the peculiar merits of the harbor. It was the busiest day spent by Senator Harding since the heat of his campaign for the Presidency.

The message he had for the people of Newport News and Norfolk and through them to all the United States dealt with large questions that Senator Harding already has revealed in his interest in national defense, foreign relations, the upbuilding of foreign trade and the necessity for teamwork if the problems now awaiting solution are satisfactorily to be solved.

"Possibly the most important thing he said in the course of the day was about this necessity for whole hearted cooperation on the part of all the people. He made it clear that in his opinion no single human being contains genius enough, energy enough, to put through the reconstruction demanded, and that the task is a task for all the people as well as for the President they had chosen.

No Man Must Be Remiss. "The humblest citizen of the Republic can do his part," the Senator said more than once to-day. "No man must be remiss in the performance of this duty, and I urge you to help my countrymen."

There was hearty applause when he said his Administration never will lose touch with the people and that one of its principal aims will be to restore true democratic government, keenly sensible to the popular will.

In the Academy of Music in Newport News at noon Senator Harding was introduced to a large audience by Representative Bland (Dem., Va.). After a reference to his visit to the Panama Canal Mr. Harding spoke of the development of the merchant marine, a topic of special interest to this community.

"I do not believe," he said, "that any nation ever won a particularly brilliant success in the history of the world except as it was eminent on the high seas. Only a mistaken policy ever allowed our merchant marine to recede. America must be a nation of shipbuilders and ship operators on all the high seas. We are just from Panama where we saw the miracle wrought when American genius dug a channel across the isthmus. The still greater thing for us to achieve is to make America a maritime nation."

Touches on Disarmament.

In several speeches he touched on the question of disarmament, saying: "No one knows precisely what tomorrow may be, but I have an abiding conviction that the heart of America is right and that the courage of America is equal to every task before us. I believe that some day mankind will reach an approximation of disarmament, but until that day comes I want a navy for American defense and a merchant marine equal to the aspirations of the Republic."

He touched lightly on the League of Nations and on the cause of his entire conflict of opinion with President Wilson. "I differ with him largely because I do not want a mortgaged America," he said, in quoting from many of his campaign speeches.

FALL FROM A HORSE KILLS WOMAN IN CENTRAL PARK; MOTORIST'S SLOW TO AID

Lawyer J. H. Hickey, Riding With Wife in West Bridle Path, When Her Animal Rears, Throws Her and Drags Her 100 Feet With Foot in Stirrup.

Mrs. Gertrude Hickey, 23 years old, wife of James Henry Hickey, a lawyer with offices at 43 Exchange place, fell from a horse she was riding in Central Park yesterday afternoon when the animal became unmanageable and died while being taken to Park Hospital. Mr. Hickey was riding beside his wife when the accident occurred.

They were proceeding north in the west bridle path and had reached a point opposite 102d street when Mrs. Hickey's horse, apparently frightened by an automobile in the driveway, reared. Mrs. Hickey slipped from the back of the animal and fell to the ground, but her foot caught in the stirrup. The animal then started to run away, dragging Mrs. Hickey along the ground for more than a hundred feet.

Policeman Daniel Galvin of the Arsenal station, standing near the 103d street entrance, saw Mrs. Hickey fall. He ran onto the bridle path, leaped and caught the horse by the bit. The horse dragged the policeman several feet.

Mr. Hickey had jumped from his saddle as his wife fell. He disentangled her foot from the stirrup and pleaded with Galvin to hurry for a physician. The policeman started up the bridle path and halted several automobiles but none of them heeded his signal. Finally Mrs. Clarence N. Chauncey of 116 East Fifty-eighth street saw that there has been an accident and ordered her chauffeur to stop. Mrs. Hickey was lifted into the car and she was taken to Park Hospital, in Central Park West, where Dr. Cox pronounced her dead.

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MOONSHINERS ARE KILLED BY RAIDERS

Nine Also Captured and Five Whiskey Stills Destroyed in Eastern Kentucky.

REVENUE MEN UNHURT

1,000 Shots Fired in Battle—Culprits Who Escape Are Being Chased.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 4.—Nine moonshiners were captured and a number of others are believed to have been killed or wounded in a battle between thirty moonshiners and four United States revenue officers in the southern part of Bell county, near the Tennessee border, according to reports received here to-night by U. G. McFarland, chief prohibition agent.

None of the Government officers was injured, although more than 1,000 shots were fired. Five stills were destroyed. The Government forces were headed by Steve Cornett and Charles Winfrey, prohibition agents. The prisoners will be taken to Pineville to-morrow.

The scene of the battle is in one of the wildest sections of the eastern Kentucky mountains. First reports of the fighting came in a despatch from Pineville, which said heavy firing had been heard in the southern part of the county. The moonshiners who escaped fled into the mountains with Federal agents in pursuit.

The Government agents left Holden, Tenn., the nearest railway point, Friday morning. Plans for the raid were made during the term of Circuit Court which closed in London, Ky., a week ago. For more than two years the moonshiners of that section of the State, known to residents as "South America," have been growing bold in their operations. U. G. McFarland, chief prohibition agent, stated to-night when informed of the battle.

No raids had been made in that section in several years, and it was decided at the London conference to break up the traffic there.

35 KENTUCKY BARRELS CONTAIN ONLY WATER

California Grangers Find Real Prohibition Liquor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Regauging of the liquor in bonded warehouses in San Francisco has revealed that thirty-five barrels supposed to contain whiskey valued at about \$70,000, were filled with water, it was announced to-day by Justice S. Wardell, Collector of Internal Revenue. About 7,000 barrels out of 10,500 have been regauged, he said.

The thirty-five barrels were shipped here from Kentucky distilleries. Wardell said he believes the substitution was made before the barrels reached the local warehouse.

3 TARS, SEEKING KICK, DOWN 45 MINCE PIES

End Up at Police Station, Just Like Old Days.

GREEK LETTER FOR GEDDES.

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., Dec. 4.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador, was initiated to-night into the mother chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, largest and oldest of all Greek letter fraternities. He was the principal orator of the celebration of the 144th anniversary of the founding of the society at the College of William and Mary here.

"HAVANA SPECIAL." Only Direct Through train, Atlantic Coast Line. Office, 1246 Broadway. Tel. Longacre 3662.—Ado.

KNOX IS URGED NOT TO ENTER CABINET

Appointment of His Successor Would Aid Gov. Sprout at Penrose's Expense.

'OLIGARCHY' CRY HEHEED

G. O. P. Leaders Convinced Harding Aids Should Come From Outside Senate.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—There is little likelihood of any member of the Senate becoming a member of the Harding Cabinet, according to Senate sources of information of the most reliable nature.

The suggestion often repeated that Senator Knox (Pa.) should be made Secretary of State again has been regarded until now as almost in the class of certainties. However, the statement by Senator Penrose (Pa.) urging that Senator Knox remain in the Senate is looked upon as spiking this possibility.

Pennsylvania politics doubtless is responsible for this turn of affairs. It was pointed out that in the event of Senator Knox leaving the Senate the appointment of a successor would rest in the hands of Gov. Sprout, Senator Penrose's chief rival for control of State politics, and evidently Senator Penrose feels that this would put too much power in the Governor's hands.

Back of the desire to keep all Republican Senators in their present positions is recognition by the Republican leaders that the cry of control of the Republican party and the next President by a "Senate oligarchy" is having some effect in the party. The dissatisfaction with this from some elements of the party was evident as long ago as the Chicago convention. Evidently leaders of the Senate have become convinced that the wisest course is to have the entire Cabinet membership come from outside the Senate. This would admit of House members entering the Cabinet.

Vice-President Marshall put in an appearance to-day and disapproved of the suggestion that the Vice-President should attend Cabinet meetings. He pointed out that the Vice-President cannot take the floor of the Senate and speak and that it would be more reasonable to have the Republican floor leader attend the meetings of the Cabinet. Then, the Vice-President pointed out, this Senator could address the Senate with the assurance that all of his colleagues that he was representing Administration views when said so.

JAIL FIRE IN STRIKE ZONE AROUSES TOWN

Accident Calls Out Troops and Many Citizens.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Dec. 4.—Fire in the Mingo county jail here early to-day roused citizens from their beds and sent Federal soldiers of the provisional battle line duty here to quell the flames. For a time intense excitement prevailed, but when it became known that a prisoner accidentally had set fire to his blankets the soldiers were returned to quarters and the people went home.

Adjutant-General Jackson Morris of Kentucky, who reached here yesterday, had a long conference with Col. Herman Hall, commanding the Federal troops in Mingo county. Gen. Morris said he had come here to get first hand information of the situation along the Tug River, which here forms the boundary between Kentucky and West Virginia. He also said he would look into the activities of Pike county deputy sheriffs in the Kentucky strike region.

DEBS PETITION WILL HAVE MILLION NAMES

London Will Present It to Congress Next Year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—One of the first official acts of Meyer London, Socialist Representative-elect New York, in Congress next year will be to present a petition signed by more than 1,000,000 citizens requesting the release of Eugene V. Debs from the Federal prison at Atlanta, according to an announcement made to-night by members of the National Socialist Committee. Debs is serving a term for violation of the espionage act. The committee will hear and read the petition to-morrow when Meyer London and Theodore Debs, brother of Eugene V. Debs, will arrive from New York.

League enthusiasts are "running

ARGENTINA QUILTS ASSEMBLY; READY TO LEAVE LEAGUE

Canada Moves to Cut Out Article X., as Conceived in Inquiry and Humbuggery.

PROTESTS ARE FILED

Immediate Revision of Covenant Is Demanded by Small Nations for Protection.

STRUCTURE IS TOTTERING

Leon Bourgeois Admits Council Is Impotent to Use Effective Weapons Against Soviet Russia.

By LAURENCE HILLS.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD. GENEVA, Dec. 4.—This League of Nations structure, produced largely by President Wilson's own hands in Paris, is to-night rocking on its foundations under the blasts which come to-day from the two American continents.

The Argentine Republic, in a note sent to Paul Hymans, president of the assembly, to-night, threw down the challenge that unless her proposals or changes in the covenant, including the demand for the admission forthwith of all sovereign States, were adopted at this meeting she would withdraw from the league, her delegation headed by Honorio Pueyrredon, her Foreign Minister, having withdrawn to-day from the assembly pending an answer to her challenge.

Canada, responsive to her big neighbor's objections, as well as her own, and dissatisfied with the halting policy here toward changes in the covenant, moved in the assembly to-day to cut out the "heart of the covenant," Article X., here and now, as being conceived in inquiry, unfair to the small nations and a piece of humbuggery, to use the words of Mr. Charles J. Doherty, Canadian Minister of Justice and proposer of the resolution. It was referred to the committee on amendments.

Protest Against Dominance. Both demands spring from the same general causes and have the same object, namely, to obtain immediate revision of the Paris covenant as having been framed by President Wilson and his big Power associates without proper consideration for the rights and interests of the smaller nations. They are made as a protest against the control the big nations have exercised here through the unanimity rule and their domination of the council, to confine the assembly's action to harmless discussions, and to postpone changes and present decisions in all matters vital to their interests, disputing in the meantime the assembly's power over the council.

Canada stepped out beside Argentina to-day in asserting