

PREDICTS FIVE YEARS OF WAR

Judson Welliver, Back From the Front, Addresses the Press Club.

Judson Welliver, formerly correspondent of the *New York Sun* in London, addressed the members of the National Press Club yesterday afternoon on the "War Conditions in Europe," describing the situation on the western front and telling what the people of France and England are doing to win the war. He predicted that the war would last five years more. It would take that time for the allies to win. About 200 scribes listened to his speech and put him through a cross questioning after.

Mr. Welliver said the women of England, Scotland and Wales were the radical force behind the British government in carrying on the conflict. He said they were not only doing the major part in the industries of the war, but were bent on saving. They want to make sure that democracy will triumph.

Mr. Welliver, in answer to a question about Japan's invasion of Siberia, declared Japan could be trusted in Asia. That nation has a vast and vital interest at stake and it is not for the United States or the allies to hinder her.

Mr. Welliver said that the political trending in Great Britain was toward a federation of states, four or five in England, one in Wales, two perhaps in Scotland and four in Ireland, with local legislatures, and the national parliament in Westminster.