

PRESIDENTIAL SHIP IS WELCOMED BACK

Transport George Washington Returns With Troops.

Brings Upwards Of Four Thousand Men, 968 Of Whom Are Sick Or Wounded—Transport Cedric Arrives.

New York, Dec. 23.—The transport George Washington, which took President Wilson to France, and the steamship Cedric arrived here today bringing 6,022 men from overseas in time to celebrate Christmas in the United States.

The Cedric from Liverpool with 65 officers and 2,168 enlisted men docked first and was accorded a rousing reception, but the welcome to the George Washington which arrived an hour later from Brest, was perhaps the most enthusiastic the city yet has given a returning transport.

The big liner had on board 331 officers and 3,461 men, more than half of them members of the "Cyclone division" made up of Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia national guard troops. The George Washington's 968 sick and wounded, contrary to custom were in possession of their honorable discharge papers when the transport landed. They received them last night, with cigarettes and candy, at a novel Christmas celebration.

As the men were dozing off for their last sleep aboard, the ship's quartette entered the sick bay and roused them by singing Christmas carols and "Home, Sweet Home." The lights then were flashed on and a member of the crew, attired as Santa Claus, distributed the discharges.

Col. Halsted Dorey, of Washington, wearing four wound stripes was one of the officers on the George Washington. He was gassed twice and wounded in the leg.

Before sailing for France he commanded the first Plattsburg training camp for business men.

Lieut. George W. Buryear, of Memphis, Tenn., who escaped from Germany by swimming the Rhine, after having been in five German prison camps, was another passenger.

Lieut. Edward Bolingey, of New Orleans, aviator, who enlisted with the Foreign Legion in 1914 and later was transferred to the American service, was another passenger. Lieut. Bolingey's plane was shot down in Albania last July from a height of 7,000 feet, he said, but he escaped without a scratch.

RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORTS ARE GREATLY RELAXED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Sweeping relaxation of restrictions on exports of foodstuffs, fodder and feed to the Latin-American republics, Canada and the West Indies was announced today by Chairman McCormick of the war trade board.

Applications for licenses for all articles under these classifications with the exception of a short list, now will be received by the board subject to the import requirements of the country of destination and to shipping facilities.

An earnest desire to express the friendship of an American nation for the sister republics of the western hemisphere, according to the board, was a strong factor in determining the attitude of the board. In this connection, officials said the order will apply even to commodities of which there are a restricted quantity in the United States.

WEEKLY MORBIDITY REPORT.

Thirty-Nine Cases of Influenza Reported in Shipyard Zone.

Influenza is the prevailing disease in the city, according to the weekly morbidity report forwarded last night to Surgeon-General Blue by Lieut. A. W. Puchs, of the United States public health service. Investigations made during the past week disclosed the fact that there are 39 cases of influenza at present in the Wilmington shipyard zone. Other diseases listed are as follows: 2 pneumonia, 4 tuberculosis, 4 cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1 typhoid fever, 4.

SNOW IN SOME PARTS OF THE SOUTH CHRISTMAS POSSIBLE

Washington, Dec. 23.—The possibility of snow in parts of the south for Christmas eve was indicated today by the weather bureau which said Tennessee, Virginia and the northern part of Mississippi would have snow or rain Tuesday. For other parts of the south rain Tuesday was forecast.

There was a weather disturbance over east Texas this morning moving east-northeastward. This was causing general snows in the Texas panhandle and northward and westward while in east Texas, it was causing rains. The movement of this disturbance toward the northeast will be attended by rains Tuesday over the southern and snow over the northern districts east of the Mississippi river.

Colder weather was indicated in the South Atlantic states and it will be colder Tuesday in Tennessee, in the east gulf states and west Georgia.

DIRECTOR STEWART IS COMING HERE

Department of Labor Man to Confer With Hugh MacRae.

Is Interested in Discussing With Local Man in Regard to Settling Soldiers in the Southeastern States—Comes in January.

By S. R. WINTERS.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Ethebert Stewart, director of the investigation and inspection service of the department of labor, is to visit Wilmington and eastern North Carolina early in January. The object of his visit will be to investigate the possibilities of North Carolina lands for agricultural settlement for returning soldiers.

The department of labor recently gave out an interview for this correspondent stating that 50 soldiers could be induced to go to North Carolina and other southern states to one that would find favor in Wyoming and sections of the far west. The coyotes and other pests are troublesome in the west; in North Carolina the cut-over lands are inviting and schools and social life have already been established in some state lines.

Based upon the facts set forth in that interview as carried by this correspondent, Hugh MacRae of Wilmington, wrote the department of labor: "I am very much interested in an item appearing in the papers dated December 18, giving the substance of an interview with you on the subject of the availability of southern lands for agricultural settlements for returning soldiers. The writer has been working on the problem of establishing agricultural communities for the past 15 years, and would be glad to get in touch with you whenever it is convenient with a view to discussing the possibilities.

"Undoubtedly you will be surprised upon closer investigation of the great advantages of this region, which have only been recognized."

"I have your letter of December 19 and am much gratified by your expression of interest in the work the investigation and inspection service is undertaking to do," writes Mr. Stewart to Mr. MacRae.

"My plans are essentially those given out in the newspaper interview which you have read, however, in view of your statement that you have been working on this problem for the past 15 years, I shall certainly avail myself of your offer to get in touch and discuss the possibilities.

GREENSBORO TAKES ACTION TO PREVENT SMALL-POX SPREAD

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, Dec. 23.—The city commission has passed an ordinance to prevent the spread of small-pox in this city. This ordinance provides that any person coming in contact with those suffering from small-pox will either have to be vaccinated, or remain in quarantine for 21 days, while all those suffering from the disease will be quarantined. Only about 25 cases have been reported in the city so far.

Andrew Joyner, Jr., who has been in the intelligence department of the navy, has received an honorable discharge, and will return to Greensboro by the first of the year and resume his duties in the office of the clerk of the superior court. Since the appointment of R. H. Wharton to the position of register of deeds, following the death of W. H. Rankin, Clerk of Superior Court Gant has been without experienced help in his office, and on his release, Joyner, and his return to Greensboro to resume his former position brings much pleasure to his friends.

CADET FLIERS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AT AMERICUS, GA.

Americus, Ga., Dec. 23.—Fifty-two DeHaviland bombing airplanes, the latest of the flying machine used by the United States army, have arrived here, it was learned today, and are being set up for the instruction of flying cadets.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO GIVE SOLDIERS BIG TREAT

New York, Dec. 23.—Hot plum pudding will be served to soldiers overseas on Christmas day from 45 rolling kitchens manned by Knights of Columbus secretaries, it was announced here tonight. Other holiday cheer sent abroad for soldiers and sailors by the Knights of Columbus includes 40,000,000 cigarettes, 50,000 pounds of hard candy, 60,000 pounds of chocolates, 50,000 pounds of lemon drops, 25,000 pounds of gumdrops and 1,000,000 packages of chewing gum.

SPANISH PREMIER VISITS INVADEN PORTION OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 23.—(Havas.)—Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, yesterday visited the invaded region of Champagne and also Rheims. On his return the Spanish statesman said that all Spaniards who would view the scenes of desolation wrought by the Germans would feel the same indignation as he felt for German conduct and the same admiration for the suffering and efforts of France.

Charges Against Nolan Dismissed

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Three charges of murder against Edward D. Nolan, co-defendant of Thomas J. Mooney in the preparedness day bomb murder cases here, were dismissed by Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin today because of lack of evidence. Judge Griffin tried and sentenced Mooney to be hanged after his conviction for one of the bomb murders. Mooney's sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment. Five charges of murder remain against Nolan in two other courts.

Another Transport Sails

Washington, Dec. 23.—Sailing from France on the transport Rigdon December 19, with about 3,000 officers and men, was announced today by the war department. The vessel probably will dock at Newport News, January 1.

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WILL REPEAL NEWSPAPER ZONE RATE, SAYS M'LEAN

Lumberton Man Member of War Finance Corporation, Discusses Activities of His Board.

By F. GROVER BRITT.

Lumberton, Dec. 23.—A. W. McLean, director of the war finance corporation, came Friday morning and will leave to return to Washington tonight. Asked as to effect of the armistice upon the activities of the war finance corporation Mr. McLean said:

"While the act creating the corporation provides that new business may be undertaken for a period up to six months after peace is declared by proclamation of the president, the directors, having in mind the act was essentially a war measure, suspended making advances to such industries as munitions plants, shipbuilding companies, street railways, power companies and others of a similar character immediately upon the cessation of hostilities. The principal activities now engaging the attention of the directors are lending money to preserve breeding cattle in the drought stricken sections of the southwest and some crop moving loans, also large loans to railroads under government control. The latter will aggregate large sums. It is difficult to tell just how long this business will continue for the reason that the duration of government control of the railroads is uncertain."

Mr. McLean brings from Washington the news that the postal zone system applying to newspapers and periodicals certainly will be repealed as a part of the new revenue bill about to be enacted by congress. Further referring to this matter Mr. McLean said: "I have always considered the legislation as unwise but in any event it was a war emergency measure which should now be repealed."

"The newspapers and periodicals are an important part of our system of general education and publicity and are imperatively necessary in a great democratic country like ours, where public opinion is the supreme force back of all government. I believe that any consideration of the public welfare requires the most liberal treatment of these great agencies so that they may circulate freely and cheaply among the masses of the people. The press performs a most important public function in connection with all government needs in time of war and also in peace times."

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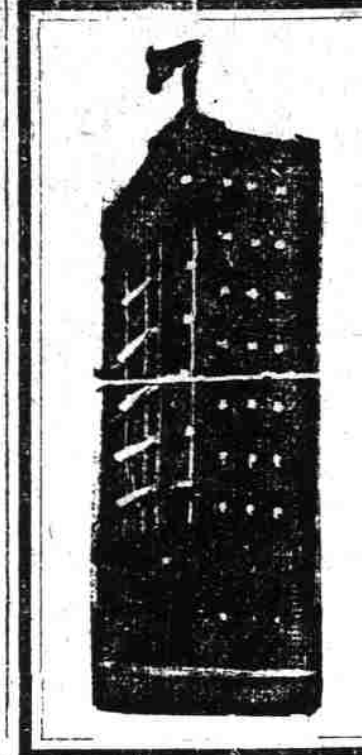
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