PRICE FIVE CENTS

Further Campaigns for Funds Believed Necessary.

OUTLINES

Annual Christmas Roll Call for Members to Constitute Foundation Hereafter.

the United States but throughout the gratitude of our country." world were outlined in a statement isworld were outlined in a statement isPershing's departure for France to their training, were eager for the test.

roll call for members will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross. with the heads of all American Red

council of the Red Cross, the managers of the 14 Red Cross divisions of the United States. I am, therefore, able to speak now with knowledge and assurance in saying that the be-neficent work of the American Red

With Fighting Men to End. "Since America's entry into the war, the purpose of our Red Cross has been primarily to aid our army and navy in the care of our own men under arms, and, secondly, to extend relief to the soldiers, sailors and civilians of those nations which were fighting our battles along with their own. With the funds which have been so generously contributed by the American people, this war work of the Red Cross will continue and be completed with all possible sympathy ind energy.

may be, the Red Cross will stay with them until they are demobilized. The problems of reconstruction involving feeding and caring for the distressed civilian populations of Europe, are of such magnitude that

necessarily they must be met very largely by the governments of our allies, with whom our own government will co-operate. Great Tasks in Europe. "The great tasks of fighting tuber-culosis, promoting child welfare, and caring for refugees, with which the

Cross organizations, and the relief soof their own people. The war program of the American

Red Cross will thus steadily and rapidly merge itself into a peace pro-

the American Red Cross, but, even in individual plants and share in the our Red Cross must not act and can country's prosperity. Secretary Rednot act most effectively alone; we national Red Cross and relief societies of other nations, to the end that not alone the heart of America, but the heart of all mankind may be mobilized on behalf of suffering hu-

"The commissions which are now ican Red Cross in foreign countries, as well as the temporary war organ-

organization of the Red Cross. organizations upon a scale adequate to the new demands to be made upon

"For the completion of its war work and for the institution of its peace program, the Red Cross is fortunately in a healthy financial condi-What the American Red Cross needs now is not so much contributions of money as the continued devotion and loyalty of its members. Annual membership involves the payment of only one dollar. Roll to be Called.

"The moneys thus received not only defray all the administrative expenses of the organization, but leave a substantial balance, which, together with all funds subscribed directly for relief, are devoted solely to that purpose.

"The roll call of the nation is thus to be called at Christmas time, that through enrollment in their Red Cross the American people may send a message to our soldiers still over-seas and to the peoples of the world organization and control of labor in individual plants and manufactories, pose is that the love, the sympathy and the intelligence of all America shall be rededicated to the permanent who know the conditions. service of mankind."

BIG LEAGUES SURE TO

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The positive announcement that professional base-ball would be resumed in the major leagues next season, with government sanction, was made by President Ban Johnson of the American league to-

President Johnson's announcement was made after he had received a letter from General March, chief of staff, of the army, who advised that the war department, under present conditions, could see no reason why the game should not be resumed.

Pays "Supreme Tribute to Our Officers and Soldiers of the Line"-Striking Feature Is the Section Devoted to "Combat Operations," in Which Is Told the Story of the Fighting by the Man Who Directed It-Baker Publishes Report.

can expeditionary forces was given to the public today by Secretary Baker. It is in the form of a preliminary report to the secretary, covering operations up to November 20, after the German collapse. It closes ence of the allied premiers and com-with these words from the leader of manders and myself on May 2 by his feeling for those who served under

"I pay the supreme tribute to our officers and soldiers of the line. When Washington, Dec. 4 .- Future plans I think of their heroism, their paof the American Red Cross under tience under hardships, their unflinching spirit of offensive action, I am which the great organization built up filled with emotion which I am unable during the war will be devoted to to express. Their deeds are immortal, peace time relief work not only in and they have earned the eternal Tactics had been suddenly revolu-

sued tonight by Henry P. Davison, pave the way for the army that was Mr. Davison, who was speaking to the 3,864 chapters and 22 million members of the mercy organization, said it is confidently believed the section devoted to the striking feaure is and all other objectives, which were to smash German resistance on the said it is confidently believed there the section devoted to "combat op-need be no further campaigns for erations" where it told the story of funds. Instead the annual Christmas fighting by the man who directed it. General Pershing views the encoun-

ters before March 21 of this year in which American troops participated "Since the armistice was signed," which American troops participated said Mr. Davison's statement, "I have as a part of their training and discount of thei had an opportunity to confer in Paris misses them briefly. On that date, however, the great German offensive was launched and a crucial situation Cross commissions in Europe, and was launched and a crucial situation later in Washington with the President of the United States, the war four American divisions that were at which called for prompt use of the four American divisions that were at that time equal to any demands of battle action.

Orisis in Picardy.

"The crisis which this offensive de-Cross is to go forward on a great says, "that our occupation of an scale—not alone, as heretofore, for American sector must be postponed. purposes of relief in war, but as an On March 28 I placed at the disposal

Washington, Dec. 4.—General John allied armies, all of our forces to be J. Pershing's account of his stew-ardship as commander of the Ameri-quest the first division was transferred from the Toul sector to a position in reserve at Chaumont en Vexin. As German superiority in numbers required prompt action, an agreement was reached at the Abbeville conferthe great army in France, expressing which British shipping was to transport 10 American divisions to the British army area, where they were to be trained and equipped, and additional British shipping was to be provided for as many divisions as

ssible for use elsewhere. "On April 26 the First division had gone into the line in the Montdidier salient on the Picardy battle front. tionized to those of open warfare, and our men, confident of the results of On the morning of May 28 this divi-sion attacked the commanding Gervicious counterattacks and galling artillery fire. / Although local, this brilliant action had an electrical effect, as it demonstrated our fighting qualities under extreme battle conditions, and also that the enemey's troops were not altogether invincible." the There followed immediately

ward Paris was placed at Marshal Foch's disposal, come from its preliminary training in the trenches, was hurried to the

Its motorized machinegun

German thrusts across the Alane to-

A CAROLINA HOME NEWSPAPER, CONSTRUCTIVE, CLEAN, RELIABLE—"WHEN YOU SEE IT IN THE OBSERVER IT'S SO."

Two Republican Senators Introduce Resolutions.

REED AND WILLIAMS CLASH

Wilson's 14 Principles, League of Nations, Disarmament, Diplomacy Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- President Wilson's 14 principles and terms, the league of nations, international disarmament, open diplomacy and other subjects connected with the forthcoming peace conference were discussed in the senate today during five hours of debate in which many senators, both republicans and democrats, joined.

During the discussion, Senator Borah, of Idaho, republican, introduced a resolution proposing publi-cation of the peace treaty immediately upon its completion and open discussion of it in the stnate, while Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, republican, offered a resolution seeking interpretation by the President of the 14 points.

Both resolutions will be sent to the foreign relations committee, which today considered behind closed doors the resolution of Senator Cummings, Crisis Equally as Grave.

"The allies." General Pershing says, "faced a crisis equally as grave as that of the Picardy offensive in March. Again every available man arch. Again every available man row, with administration leaders and row, with administration leaders and some republicans reported opposing and the Third division, which had just its approval. The committee also decided to put over, until next week, the resolution of Senator Knox, republican, calling for postponment of action by the peace conference on the questions of a league of nations and free-dom of the seas.

Frelinghuysen Fires First. The senate's debate was opened by Senator Frelinghuysen, who, in offer-ing his resolution, declared the President had never elaborated on many of his 14 terms and demanded that the American people be informed of their concrete application.
In reply, Senator Walsh, of Mon-

tana, democrat, said delay in criticism of the 14 principles was ground for general belief that the country ap-proved them. Senators Poindexter, of Washington; Knox, of Pennsylof Washington; Knox, of Pennsyl-vania, and Johnson, of California, all President aboard the transport reference to Polish South Germany, vania, and Johnson, of California, all President aboard the transport reference to Polish South Germany, vania, and Johnson, of California, all They insisted that after their enun-ciation peace discussion generally had been frowned upon until recently and head of the treasury is to take effect ference. consequently there had been no general discussion.

Senator Knox said Congress had eral of railroads until January 1 or taken a position on an agreement be-tween nations when it attached a rider indications now are that a new dito the naval appropriation bill of February, 1918, authorizing the President mediately. to call an international conference, not later than the conclusion of the war, for discussion of military disarmament and general arbitration of interna-

tional disputes. Kellogg Favors League. During the day, Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, republican, delivered a prepared address in favor of a league of nations whose decrees should be ensive popular governments and not by force of a super-government or world court.

In replying to Senator Kellogg, who had expressed regret that the President had not taken the senate and people more into his confidence on peace questions, Senator Lewis, of Illinois, the democratic whip, declared sky, who during David's illness, was that in selecting the American peace setting as under-secretary at the forrepresentative the President had not intentionally slighted the senate. He said the President had at first favored appointing a senator but had relucgreater Berlin since the revolution tantly felt such a selection would be improper since the senate must finally pass on the treaty.

22 WARSHIPS TO BE AT BALTIMORE NEXT WEEK the arrival of the Lapland and the

Washington, Dec. 4.-Three battle-His Country Will Be Permitted destroyers will be sent to Baltimore for the annual meeting of the southern commercial congress next week Vienna, Tuesday, Dec. 4.—(By the that the warships will arrive Saturday and remain until December 16.

to the men.
As was the case when the Maure-Rear Admiral H. A. Wiley will be them at the pier. The soldiers were lined up jest long enough to roll call diana, and Massachusetts, and the de-"If we are permitted to attend the stroyers Mahan, Robinson, Craven, conference, I presume it will be mere-Radford, Reese, Walke, and Dorsey. Secretary Daniels will be one of the

"You may say that the Austrian reand has no ambition other than to

among the new republics of the empire was the first essential to peace and prosperity.
"There are but two eyentualities for

us," he added; "either to join the North German states or else have the territory desired by the Czechs, with the possibility of forming later a commercial federation with the other republics of the empire."

FIVE NORTH CAROLINA MEN GERMAN PRISONERS

OFFERED POSITION IN PRESIDENT'S CABINET?



of the Treasury?

Go to the Senate Immediately

If He Decides to Accept.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representa-tive Carter Glass, of Virginia, chair-man of the house banking and cur-

have been offered the post of secre-tary of the treasury by President

pected to go to the senate immedi-

Members of the house said today

that Mr. Glass' reluctance to sur-

render the seat in Congress to which

he has just been re-elected after 18

years of service was the only con-

talk further than to say that he was

not ready to make any statement.

The understanding both at the capitol and in official circles gener-

Secretary McAdoo's resignation as

upon the appointment of his suc-cessor. He continues as director gen-

FROM FRANCE SHARE IN

Transports Lapland and Minne-

New York, Dec. 4.—More than 5,-

today from England, on the trans-

shared as a part of their home-com-

ing reception the tremendous ovation

given President Wilson as he sailed

for France to help seal their victory

The Lapland, bearing more than

.000 officers and men, came in just

as the presidential ship was about to

men aboard, passed the George Wash-

The demonstration which attended

departure of the George Washington

had just begun to die away when the

Minnekahda hove in sight, but its ap-

pearance stirred the crowds into an-

Both troop ships were met at their piers by Red Cross workers, who dis-

tributed refreshments and cigarettes

tania arrived, relatives of the return-

ing men were not permitted to greet

before they were marched to the wait-

land as the troops were being de-

Secretary Baker visited the Lap-

Lapland and Minnekahda,

kahda Arrive at New York as

President's Ship Sails for

5.000 SOLDIERS JUST

Europe.

at the peace table.

ington in the narrows.

other tumultuous greeting.

sail.

ing ferries.

France.

possibly after Secretary Tumulty and Italian le communicates by wireless with the tion of new

rency committee, is understood

Wilson, and his nomination is

ately if he decides to accept.

His Nomination Is Expected to Armistice to Be Extended; Pre-

bilities.

WOMAN CHARGES KAISER WITH HUSBAND'S MURDER

Special Cable to The Observer From The London Times. (Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Co.) Paris, Dec. 4.—Mme. Preiur's action gainst William II, the ex-German mperor, has been forwarded by the ninister of justice to the public prose cutor. The charge is the murder of her husband by torpedoing the Sus

America on Peace Terms.

liminary Conference to Meet

Next Monday Week.

The London Times.

following subjects: The allies' pre-

The armistice will be extended.

cisions are tentative, pending consul-

Britain has nothing to do with Amer-

in their discussion of recent Ameri-

ica's internal discussions.

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London, Dec. 4 .- It is stated here

President Now Is Speeding Across the Atlantic Ocean.

CREW: DECK GUNS READY

Wilson Goes to Peace Conference Determined Against Militarism in Any Form.

Offered the Place of Secretary British People Ready to Meet New York, Dec. 4.-Bound on s mission, the principal objects of which are the abolition of militarism and the attachment of a just world peace, Woodrow Wilson, first President of the United States to visit Europe while in office, was tonight speeding across the Atlantic toward France to attend the greatest inter-national conference in history.

liner, manned by a navy crew

military position with the assistance land throngs waved and shouted a sideration holding up the appoint- of a map and, talking for an hour second farewell, and monitors, gunment. Mr. Glass himself would not and a half, discussed all the possiboats and artillerymen at Fort Hamilton joined in saluting gunfine, the George Washington met its ocean convoy—the superdreadnaught Penn-sylvania and a quintet of destroyers. With her official consort and 10 oth-The decisions reached relate to the ally is that President Wilson had liminary conference in Paris; the ex-the nomination prepared last night tension of the armistice; the extraer destroyers which joined the f for a cruise to the limit of Ameri territorial waters, the George Wa-ington disappeared over the east after a conference with Mr. Glass. If dition of the kaiser; indemnity and Mr. Glass accepts it, he will go in, compensation from Germany; French possibly after Secretary Tumulty and Italian local interests; the formalarly with according to persons who conterred with him before the George Washington sailed, determined against militarism in any form. He feels that the crushing of Prussian militarism is part of his plan for the future peace of the world, these informants said Czecho-Slovine aspirations for shipping; and also the general peace con-The preliminary peace conference, with President Wilson present, will

The begin Monday week next. All de-In emphasis, it seemed, of America's part in bringing about Germany's downfall, the presidential partation with the American delegates. Many columns are being printed here

sage is not required, as ample time remains for conferences preliminary to the main peace assemblage. Off The President of the United States. the French coast the President is assured of an overwhelming welbe welcomed by a squadron of American warships. French, and British and Italian vessels, also, it is expected, will join in the greeting at come in England and also at the peace conference, where his detached idealistic views are expected to be of the utmost assistance. All important newspapers express this point of view.

sea.

The liner's passenger list contains The dark days of March and April a group of prominent names, prob-ably without parallel for any single voyage in the annals of shipping. With the President are two of his last, when America so eagerly re-doubled her efforts to give immediate assistance of the allies, are still vivid in the minds of the people here. There has been considerable acerbfellow delegates to the peace conference—Secretary of State Lansing and ity of expression here by Americans, Henry White, former ambassador

is not abroad here that the views exthe French and Italian ambas The Minnekahda, with 3,039 pressed by some Americans here has been echoed in Washington as the Britain, high naval and military apyiews of Englishmen. Therefore, it thorities, representatives of various is recognized here that America's in-ternal discussions are "none of our staff of specialists to advise the Amer-business" and England is only too lean peace commission on problems glad to welcome America's officials of political, economical, trade and racial characteristics of nation

sincerity. There never was a day when England was readler to go across, to any possible distance, to-ward the realization of America's as-

MORE THAN 300,000

WANT ROADS RETURNED TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

pirations and policies.

Resolution Adopted by Executives Representing 90 Per charked and spent two hours chatting Cent of Rail Mileage.

New York, Dec. 4 .- Executives of railroads comprising more than 90 per cent of the rail mileage of the country, in conference here today, adopted a resolution favoring a return of the roads to private ownership and expressing the hope that the re-Allied Military Olympic Meet; maining period of federal control would be such as to leave the properties in the highest state of efficiency. Government ownership and oper ation of railroads was characterized

as "not conductive to the highest economic efficiency of the country, and it was suggested that "private in-Associated Press.)—Plans are under itlative, enterprise and responsibility way in the army for the most exten- in creation, extension, improvement sive series of athletic contests ever and operation should as a matter of itiative, enterprise and responsibility held. The series is to terminate in national policy, be fostered and prea great inter-allied military olympic served."
meet. While yet tentative, the plans The meeting also voted that "as-

have been approved by General Per- surance be given to the director genshing, and the finals of the contests eral of railroads and his associates will be held in Paris, if possible. of our earnest desire to co-operate The plans provide for competitive with them in the performance of their games, such as track and field sports. important and difficult trust in the When completed the program will adoption of plans for the return of embrace events for every branch of these properties to private manage-The army will be assisted by the athletic trainers of the Young Men's the owners of the properties and to the complex and other organizations in rounding out the men for the training of the service.

It is properties to private management and operation, which plans shall be just, alike to the public, to the owners of the properties and to the employes engaged thereon."

SHIP MANNED BY NAVY

Convoy Accompanies

Transport George Washington.

HEADING FOR BREST?

By Wireless to The Observer From

On the transport George Washing ton, one time German passenger with deck guns ready for action, and accompanied by a naval convoy, the President left New York harbor tohat tentative decisions of high importance have been reached by the allied conference here, which is now concluded. The exchange of views has been frank. In the course of one Disappears Over Horizon.

session Marshal Foch explained the Off Quarantine, where Staten

formants said.

Many columns are being printed here recording different viewpoints expressed in America on Wilson's visit and also on the principles of peace. It is needless to say they are read with keen interest, but the attitude of the British press is singularly correct in emphasizing the fact that British passes is not required as ample time.

can political developments, as is their freeborn privilege, but the impression

Guests of the President included John W. Davis, ambassador to Great

Indeed all Americans are being welcomed here in a spirit of frank sincerity. There never was a day when England was readier to go across, to any possible distance, toward the realization of America's as-

DEATHS FROM 'FLUENZA Toll Taken by the Disease

Among Civilians in America Since September 15.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- Between 300, 000 and 350,000 deaths from influenz and pneumonia have occurred amon the civilian population of the Unite States since September 15, according to estimates today of the public health service. These calculations were based on reports from cities and states keeping accurate records and public health officials believe they are conservative.

The epidemic persists, but deaths are much less numerous, according to

reports reaching here. A recrude cence of the disease now is occurre in many communities, but this is b lieved to be sporadic and not indica a general renewal of the severe op demic conditions.

Insurance companies have b hard hit by the epidemic, governmen reports indicate. About 20,000 death occurred in the camps in the United States, war department records show

RECRUITING FOR MARINE CORPS TO BE RESUMED

battalion preceded the other units and agency of peace and permanent hu- of Marshal Foch, who had been agreed (Continued on Page Two.) upon as commander in chief of the

Marne.

"Wherever our soldiers and sailors Redfield, Schwab and Wheeler Spartagus Group Has Posses-Deliver Addresses

dustrial Men Meet at Atlantic City.

thousand men representing virtually American Red Cross has concerned every branch of business and industry itself so effectively in France, Italy, and Belgium, will at an early date be every branch of business and industry in a reconstruction congress, listened assumed by the governments, the Red to messages on readjustment problems Cross organizations, and the relief so-delivered by Secretary Redfield, cieties of those countries, which, now Chrales M. Schwab, director general that they are released from the ter-rific burden of waging war, naturally desire to take care, as far as they can, Mr. Wheeler urged that American business should be represented at the peace conference in France. Mr. Schwab made an appeal for a great merchant marine, and declared that "Here will be the opportunity for labor should be permitted to organize country's prosperity. Secretary Red-field said that no rash hands should

must labor in co-operation with the be laid on wages; that the proper spirit of trade is not excessive profits, but service. There is some talk tonight that a committee of American business and industrial men might go to Europe

during the peace negotiations.

Largely State of Mind. Secretary Redfield prefaced his conducting the activities of the Amer- speech with the statement that his remarks were not to be taken as an official announcement. "I am more ter of course, ultimately merge their field, "in reading current discussions energies with those of the permanent and reflecting upon them, with the truth that readjustment is very largely "The chapters will maintain their a state of mind—that it requires not ganizations upon a scale adequate so much of a program of a fixed

line of procedure as an evolution."

Mr. Schwab said a great merchant marine is essential for the ultimate success of the United States, and its penefit of any one man or class of men or any one branch of business, but for the good of every citizen of he country.

Taking up the question of labor, Mr. Schwab said:

Schwab Discusses Labor. "I am one of the men who believe in the fairness of American labor. I am one of the men that believe that ence will arrive at a solution satisfac-the only foundation upon which any-tory to all the new republics of the thing can permanently rest is the empire, so that we may be able to economic use of everything, whether live peacefully in the future. We feel what not. Any foundation of organ- fair. ized labor or capital, that is on a false basis must fail.

"I am not opposed to organized labor. I believe that labor should organize in individual plants or amongst themselves for the better seas and to the peoples of the world negotiation of labor and the protecthat we are not therely content with tion of their own rights; but the seeing our arms united with our allies organization and control of labor in who know the conditions.

"In the years gone by, I seriously loubt many times if labor has received its fair share of the prosperity of this great country. We, as manufacturers, OPERATE NEXT SEASON have got to open our eyes to a wider vision of the present and the future with reference to our workmen. We have got to realize that many unjust demahd will be made by labor as they probably have been made by capitalists and employers in the past. That is one of the lessons this great war has taught us—true democracy."

Schwab Wants to Resign. Mr. Schwab said that he had tele-

Washington, Dec. 4.—A list of tol-diers reported prisoners of war in Germany, issued today by the war de-

partment, include the following: Reported in good health at an un-known camp: Corporals Joe Nathan-iel Pearcy, Robersonville, N. C.; John Hinton Seawell, Sunbury, N. C.; Pri-vates Ezaor Franklin Brown, Sea-grove, N. C.; Ambrose Franklin Pierce, Reddies River, N. C.; John Pucketl, Middlesex, N. C.

sion of Nauen Station.

Four Thousand Business and In- Frau Kautsky Has Foreign Archives, Especially Those Dealing With Beginning of War.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 4 .- Four Special Cable to The Observer From The London Times.

> (Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Co.) The Hague, Dec. 4.-The Rheinisch Westfalische Zeitnug learns, in view of the uncertainty of conditions in Berlin, all of the neutral legations nations whose decrees should be en-have taken measures for the safety of forced by popular opinion of respontheir staffs. The Spartacus group is circulating leaflets calling for the universal arming of the proletariat "for the coming decision." The group has in its possession the wireless station. at Nauen and the United States has consequently broken off its wireless service to Berlin.

Frau Kautsky, wife of Karl Kautacting as under-secretary at the foreign office, is dealing with the foreign archives, particularly those relating to the beginning of the war. All payment of taxes has stopped in

AUSTRIA HOPES TO BE HEARD AT VERSAILLES

ization in this country, will, as a mat- and more impressed," said Mr. Red- However, Dr. Klein Presumes Only to Receive Mandates.

> Associated Press.)-Dr. Franz Klein, former minister of justice, who will | represent Austria at the peace con- in command of the squadron which successful operation is not for the ference, said to the correspondent to- will include the battleships Iowa, In-

> > ly to receive its mandate, though we trust we will be heard. However, so speakers at the banquet in honor of far we have no information as to the diplomatic representatives of the when we shall attend or the condi- allies next Wednesday evening. tions attached to our attendance.
> > "It is to be hoped that the confer-

it be labor, material, manufacture or that the Americans surely will be public certainly wants no more wars

Dr. Klein sald that free trade

JO-JO SAYS



with the men. PLANS UNDER WAY FOR **GREAT ATHLETIC SERIES** OF CONTESTS IN ARMY To Terminate in Great Inter-

Finals Probably in Paris. American Army Headquarters in France, Tuesday, Dec. 3 .- (By the

will be held in Paris, if possible.

washington, Dec. 4.—Racrust the marine corps will be resulted to the American events will be confined to the American events will be confined to the American soldiers, but British, Fsench, Belgian and Italian soldiers will be asked to meet the Americans in the finals of other events.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Racrust the marine corps will be resulted to marine corps will be resulted to marine corps will be resulted to fine the track and the same of the marine corps will be resulted to marine cor