

WILSON'S GUILD RECEPTION NOTABLE EVENT

Tremendous Ovation Accorded by Great Crowd.

STIRRED BY HIS SPEECH Declares for Concert of Power for Peace Against "Balance of Power" to Upset It.

London, Dec. 28.—Speaking today in the historic Guild hall at a ceremonious gathering of Great Britain's most distinguished statesmen, President Wilson reaffirmed his principle that there must no longer be a balance of power which might unsettle the peace of the world, but that the future must produce a concert of power which would preserve it.

The President's reception at the Guild hall was so spontaneous and hearty that it carried an unmistakable note of friendship and admiration. When he arose to speak there was a prolonged outburst of handclapping and cheering, and his talk was frequently punctuated by applause. At



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the continuation of his address the audience rose with one accord and cheered, and he kept up the applause and cheering as he passed out.

The President was given a notable ovation on rising to begin his speech, and again on the point when he renewed applause were his tributes to the armies of the associated governments and his declaration that people throughout the world wanted peace, and wanted it immediately—not, however, by conquest, but by agreement of mind.

The distinguished government and other officials received by the lord mayor before the President's arrival included Premier Lloyd George, Field Marshal Hatzfeldt, Secretary Balfour, Admiral Sims, former Premier Asquith, Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer and the ambassadors of the principal allied governments.

After President Wilson's arrival all were grouped on the dais, the lord mayor in the center and the President on his right, next to the Duke of Connaught. The Royal Artillery band in the gallery played a solemn air, ushering President Wilson in with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

At the close of his speech the President declared the soldiers had fought to do away with the old order and establish a new one. The old order, he said, had for its center the "unstable thing called the balance of power, determined by competitive interests, "jealous watchfulness" and an "antagonism of interests."

The suggestion for a concert of power to replace the balance of power, he remarked, was coming now from every quarter and from every sort of mind. The concert to come, he declared, must not be a balance of power of one powerful group of nations set off against another, but "a single, overwhelming power, a group of nations which shall be the trustees of the peace of the world."

The minds of the leaders of the British government, the President said, were moving in the same lines as his own, and that thoughts had been the guarantee of it, and not the items of it. The items of it, he added, would be worthless unless a concert of power stood back of them.

No such potent union of purpose had ever been seen in the world before, he said, as that which now demanded a concert of power to preserve the world's peace.

Whereas it had been the thought of students and academic men, he now found the practical minds of the world determined to get it.

"I am particularly happy that the ground has been cleared and the foundations laid," he continued, "because we have already accepted the same body principles. Those principles are clearly and definitely enough stated to make their application a matter which should afford no fundamental difficulty."

Want Peace Now. "The peoples of the world want peace," he said, "not merely the conquest of arms, but by agreement of mind."

Such an achievement, the President characterized as this great, may I not say final, enterprise of humanity.

There had been just a hint that the President's address would be the key to the conference he has been holding with British statesmen, and the address, as it was delivered today was interpreted in American intimations that these conferences had been satisfactory from the President's viewpoint.

At the outset of his address President Wilson declared he did not fancy that the welcome of Paris and London to him was purely personal, but rather that the voices of the people were expressing not only emotions of gratification that the fighting had ceased, but also their conception that the peace must guarantee that the war could not be repeated.

"It now rests upon others to see that those lives were not lost in vain," the President added.

The President concluded his address amid a great demonstration, and then proceeded to the luncheon at the Mansion house with the lord mayor.

Reception Without Parallel. The oldest observer in the Guild hall today declared no reception ever accorded any dignitary there approached in spontaneity and volume that which greeted the President's appearance and the address which followed.

The procession from Buckingham palace to the Guild hall was through a crowd that cheered continuously. As the President left the Guild hall after his address the crowd in the yard took up the cheers that had been echoing within the building. The President, with Mrs. Wilson, entered their carriage, and as they drove through the lanes of boisterous hat and handkerchief waving throngs they were greeted with three cheers for Wilson. They were given with such

1,500,000 Soldiers of France Killed

25 per cent of the French army has been killed in battle, another 25 per cent have been seriously wounded. This terrible sacrifice of half its magnificent army has been freely made by heroic France that liberty might live. The world, and especially America, owes France an enormous debt of gratitude, not only for this but for the discovery by French peasants of a perfect remedy for stomach, liver and intestinal disorders which is reported to have saved many thousands of men the world over, prevented innumerable surgical operations and alleviated incalculable suffering. Geo. H. Mayr, a leading Chicago Chemist, imports the ingredients and sells this remedy in America under the name of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. John S. Blake Drug Co., Liggett's-Jordan Drug Store, Charlotte Drug Co., and druggists everywhere.—Adv.

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a will that the President smiled delightedly and rose and bowed again.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS IN GUILD HALL

London, Dec. 28.—The text of President Wilson's speech at the Guild hall this afternoon is as follows: "Mr. Lord Mayor: We have come upon times when ceremonies like this have a new significance which most impresses me as I stand here. The address which I have just heard is most generously and graciously conceived, and the delightful accent of sincerity in it seems like a part of that voice of counsel which is now everywhere to be heard. I feel that a distinguished honor has been conferred upon me by this reception, and I beg to assure you, sir, and your associates, of my very profound appreciation, but I know that I am only part of what I may call a great body of circumstances.

"I do not believe that it was fancy on my part that I heard in the voice of welcome uttered in the streets of this great city and in the streets of Paris something more than a personal welcome. It seemed to me as I heard the voice of one people speaking to another people, and it was a voice in which one could distinguish a singular combination of emotions. There was surely the deep gratefulness that comes from the knowledge that the pride that the fighting had had such a culmination. There was that sort of gratitude that the nations engaged had produced such men as the soldiers of Great Britain and of the United States and of France and of Italy—men whose prowess and achievements they had witnessed with rising admiration as they moved from business to the front.

"But there was something more in it, the conclusion that the business is not yet done, the consciousness that it now rests upon others to see that those lives were not lost in vain.

"I have not yet been to the actual battlefields, but I have been with many of the men who have fought the battles, and the other day I had the pleasure of being present at a session of the French academy when they admitted Marshal Joffre to their membership. That sturdy, serene soldier, and uttered not the words of triumph, but the simple words of affection for his soldiers and the conviction which he summed up in a sentence which I will not try accurately to quote, 'In France must always remember that the small and the weak could never live free in the world unless the strong and the great always put their power and their strength in the service of right.'

"That is the thought that I think that something must be done now; not only to make the just settlements... that, of course... but to see that the settlements remained and were observed and that honor and justice prevailed in the world. As I have conversed with the soldiers I have been more and more aware that they fought for something that not all of them had defined, but which all of them recognized the moment you stated it to them, and to do away with an old order and to establish a new one, and the center and characteristic of the old order was that unstable thing which we used to call the 'balance of power,' a thing in which the balance was determined by the unstable jealous watchfulness and an antagonism of interests which, though it was generally latent, was always ready to erupt.

"End Now and Forever." "The men who have fought in this war have been the men from the free nations who are determined that that sort of thing should end now and forever. It is my duty to observe, from every sort of mind, from every concert of counsel there comes the suggestion that there must now be not a balance of power, not one powerful group of nations, set up against another, but a single overwhelming, powerful group of nations who shall be the trustees of the peace of the world.

"It has been delightful in my conferences with the leaders of your government to find how in these matters we move along exactly the same line and how our thought was always that the key to the peace was the guarantee of the peace, not the items of it; that the items would be worthless unless there stood back of them the concert of power for their maintenance. That is the most reassuring thing that has ever happened in the world.

"When this war began the thought of a league of nations was indeliberately considered at that time, and I thought of closed students. It was thought of as one of those things that it was right to characterize by a name which, as a university man, I have always resented. It was said to be academic, as if that in itself were a condemnation of something that men could think about, but never get. Now we find the practical leading minds of the world determined to get it.

Never Witnessed Before. "No such sudden and potent union of purpose has ever been witnessed in the world before. Do you wonder, therefore, gentlemen, that I am in company with those who represent you I am eager to get at the business and write the sentences down? And that I am particularly happy that the ground is cleared and the foundations laid for the work that we have all to do together? The principles are clearly and definitely enough stated to make their application a matter which should afford no fundamental difficulty.

"And back of us is that imperative yearning of the world to have all the disturbing questions quieted, to have all these great peace silences, to have just men everywhere come together for a common object. The peoples of the world want peace and they want it now, not merely by conquest of arms but by agreement of mind.

"It was this incomparably great object that brought me overseas. It has never before been deemed excusable for a President of the United States to leave the territory of the United States, but I know that I have the support of the judgment of my colleagues in the government of the United States in saying that it was my paramount duty to turn away from the important tasks at home to lend such counsel and aid as I could to this great, may I not say final, enterprise of humanity?"

PROFESSIONAL BONDSMAN CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

Ashville, Dec. 28.—C. C. Willis, professional bondsman, was arrested by the police this afternoon on the charge of offering a bribe to Desk Sergeant Hugh Sowers, in connection with a forfeited bond. Willis, who makes bonds for pay, had gone on two bonds for \$100 each, and the prisoners were failed to show up. It was during the settlement of this case that a bribe of \$20 is alleged to have been made to the desk sergeant.

FACT COMES TO LIGHT WHEN ATTORNEY MAKES APPLICATION FOR PLACE—CITY ALL "HET UP"

Special to The Observer. Asheville, Dec. 28.—Letters written by Marcus Erwin, a local attorney, to Congressman Weaver, applying for the Asheville postmastership, in the event of the removal of Postmaster Gudgey, have brought to light the fact that efforts are being made to have the Asheville postmaster removed. Mr. Gudgey stated tonight that he has had no official information of any charges against him, but that he had been advised once before that efforts would be made by First Assistant Postmaster General John C. Koons to remove him, if he failed to acquiesce in the reappointment of two clerks dismissed from the Asheville office.

Mr. Gudgey stated tonight that the whole case had grown out of the dismissal and reappointment of two clerks in the local office, and his refusal to recommend the dismissal of Frank Brinkmeyer, against whom some of the same clique had attempted to prefer charges.

The first assistant postmaster general, it is stated, was once chief clerk to James Britt, at that time third assistant postmaster general and later congressman from this district, and Mr. Britt was attorney for the clerks dismissed.

Rumors of the proposed removal of the Asheville postmaster have aroused the liveliest sort of speculation here.

HARDEN SAYS SUPERIOR STRATEGY OF THE FRENCH GENERALS DEFEATED HUNS

German Editor Says Foch is Far Above Ludendorff as Military Leader; Hindenburg a Figurehead.

Paris, Dec. 28.—(Havas)—Maximilian Harden, the German editor, in an interview, has declared that the superior strategy of the French generals, Marshal Foch, he declared, was a military leader far above Ludendorff, who had never been beaten by the superior strategy of the French generals. "Marshal Foch," he declared, "was a military leader far above Ludendorff, who had never been beaten by the superior strategy of the French generals. Von Hindenburg, the editor characterized him as little more than a figurehead.

Harden expressed fear that the loss of Alsace-Lorraine would be for Germany a wound like that suffered by France, but he hoped that the horrors of the catastrophe had had not the courage to say "no" at the last moment.

Concerning the present situation in Germany, Harden believed it very serious. In his opinion an industrial revolution was in the air, and the revolution becoming more and more the agitation of delirium. He feared the extension of the bolshevik movement in Germany, if that country were obliged to make too great sacrifices.

RED CROSS KNITTERS TO "STACK NEEDLES" NOW

Washington, Dec. 28.—America's Army of women knitters, who did not cease work with the signing of the armistice, today were ordered by the United States War Department to "stack needles." An inventory of articles in reserve shows sufficient on hand to meet the needs of the fighting men in this country and abroad and of Red Cross relief commissions.

More than 10,000 sweaters, socks, mufflers, helmets and mittens were turned out in the 17 months preceding the overthrow of the central powers. Virtually every man in the army was given woolen accessories fashioned by the tireless fingers of thousands of women who chose that method of aiding to win the war.

THRIFTY MENUS BY BIDDY BYE

To paraphrase the newspaper's famous message: "Now is the time for all canned things to come to the aid of the housewife." Eggs and meats and poultry are still but occasional luxuries for the average purse. Fruits and vegetables are more limited in variety each week. It is time to draw on the food stores in the cellar and on storeroom shelves. All the good things from last summer's garden now furnish forth the feast. String beans, soups, beets, peas, asparagus and other summer delicacies relieve the daily services of potatoes, carrots, onions and parsnips. Canned fruits, with simple sponge cakes and cookies supplement pies and puddings. They were stored against this season's need.

Sunday. Breakfast—Wheat cereal, with sliced bananas and milk; toast, cocoa. Dinner—Broiled shoulder of lamb, with green peas; apple and cranberry jelly; baked sweet potato, fruit salad, cheese, coffee. Supper—Oyster stew, wafers, apples and nuts.

Monday. Breakfast—Buckwheat cakes, maple syrup, coffee. Lunch—Bean soup, corn sticks, canned berries, cookies. Dinner—Cheese polenta, tomato sauce, string beans (canned), green pepper and cabbage salad, fresh gingerbread, tea.

Tuesday. Breakfast—Stewed apricots, oatmeal and cream and sugar, toast, coffee. Lunch—Boiled cardines on toast, stewed prunes, cookies, tea. Dinner—Cream of corn soup, boiled tongue with vegetables, lettuce salad, canned peaches and cream, coffee.

Wednesday. Breakfast—Stewed apples, cornmeal scrapple, syrup, coffee. Lunch—Escalloped potatoes, apple, celery and nut salad, tea. Dinner—Vegetable soup, country sausage cakes, boiled hominy, sliced oranges, coffee.

BRITISH SHIPS TO BRING 30,000 HOME IN JANUARY

New York, Dec. 28.—The British government will be able to transport to the United States between 20,000 and 30,000 American troops in vessels under the English flag during January, it was announced here today by T. Ashly Sparks, director general of the British ministry of shipping, on authority of a cablegram from the shipping controller in London. It was further announced that in addition to the Mauritania, due here tomorrow on her second voyage, with 5,000 American soldiers, since the armistice was signed, 14 British steamships with a total troop capacity of 32,000, have been offered to the United States government, and will be ready to leave the other side between now and January 10.

TEA GIVEN MRS. WILSON BY MRS. LLOYD GEORGE

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day preceding to welcome President Wilson, which will be shown to the public in the afternoon. Mr. Lloyd George will also visit the White House home here in another day. He will also visit the White House in the afternoon, which his father built, and will be shown the room which his mother occupied.

Mr. Edward Booth, pastor of the Lowther Street Congregational church, received a message from London this afternoon stating that the President would attend service Sunday.

The Cavendish house, at 23 Warwick road, is two-stories high. It stands behind four holly bushes and is now owned by Edgar Sawyer, a banker, who lives there with his family.

Mr. Sawyer bought the house because it was the only one obtainable in the city. He had no idea, he said today, that it was of historic interest. The room where President Wilson's grandfather conducted school is now used as a dining room.

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