

PRESIDENT WILSON GOES TO CHURCH TWICE ON HIS FIRST SUNDAY IN PARIS

Lays Wreath on Tomb of LaFayette, Has Brief Conference With Clemenceau and Another With Colonel House, Resting in Evening in Preparation For Sirenuous Week's Work.

MAKES SHORT CALL ON THE FRENCH PRESIDENT

Paris Still Enthused Over Presence of Americans and Every American Appearing on Streets Is Honored—Americans Preparing For Peace Parleys, Which Start Before Long.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—President Wilson spent his first Sunday in Paris by going twice to church, laying a wreath on the tomb of LaFayette and having a brief conference with Premier Clemenceau and another with Colonel E. M. House.

Attends Church.

In the morning, the president, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Admiral Grayson and by secret service men went to the American Presbyterian church in the Rue De Berri.

The Rev. Chauncey W. Goodrich, the pastor, took his text from the ninth verse of the ninth chapter of Isaiah. He dwelt on the necessity of impregnating political and civil life with idealism and showed how the evolution of humanity was reaching the last stage in the constitution of a society of nations.

Bishop Officiates.

In the afternoon President Wilson went to a church of Mrs. Wilson's denomination as is the custom in Washington when he goes twice on Sunday.

The president visited the tomb of LaFayette in the Picpus cemetery, and in the southeastern section of Paris, while returning home after the morning church service.

Stood Silent.

As the president placed the wreath on the tomb, he bowed his head and stood silent before the resting place of the famous Frenchman who helped America in her fight for liberty.

In the meantime, all the residents of Paris apparently had turned out in the hope of getting a glimpse of the president. It was remarked that the Wilson luck was continuing, for the sun broke from the murky clouds for the first time in days and began to dry up the muddy streets.

To a foreign observer it appeared that every one in Paris was on the boulevards. There was no space on the sidewalks. A great crowd gathered in the Place De La Concord before the headquarters of the American mission.

Americans Popular.

American army automobiles were surrounded and cheered whenever they stopped. All one need, apparently, to be taken into the hearts of the crowd was to just look like an American.

Getting Settled.

The members of the American mission now are devoting their time to getting themselves settled and to or-

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FRENCH DELEGATES. PARIS, Dec. 15.—(Havas) The Paris news that the French delegates to the peace conference will be Premier Clemenceau, Marshal Foch, Foreign Minister Pichon and Leon Bourgeois, former premier. It adds that Captain Andre Tardieu, head of the general commission for Franco-American war matters, probably may be named.

PRESIDENT PAES OF PORTUGAL IS SHOT AND KILLED

Struck by Three Bullets and Dies Within a Few Minutes

ASSASSIN KILLED BY CROWD, IS STATED. Healed Revolt in December, 1917, and Was Later Proclaimed President

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight Saturday, while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto.

Dr. Paes was a professor of mathematics in the University of Coimbra when he entered the Portuguese cabinet in 1911 as minister of public works. At the outbreak of the war he was Portuguese minister to Germany and remained in Berlin until the early part of 1916, when he returned to Lisbon.

While provisional president, Dr. Paes declared that Portugal would continue in agreement with the allies against Germany. One of his first acts after being proclaimed president was to take active steps for greater participation in the war by Portugal.

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TRANSPORT LEVIATHAN, FORMERLY VATERLAND, IS HELD UP BY THE FOG

Unable to Dock at New York—8,000 Men Are Aboard

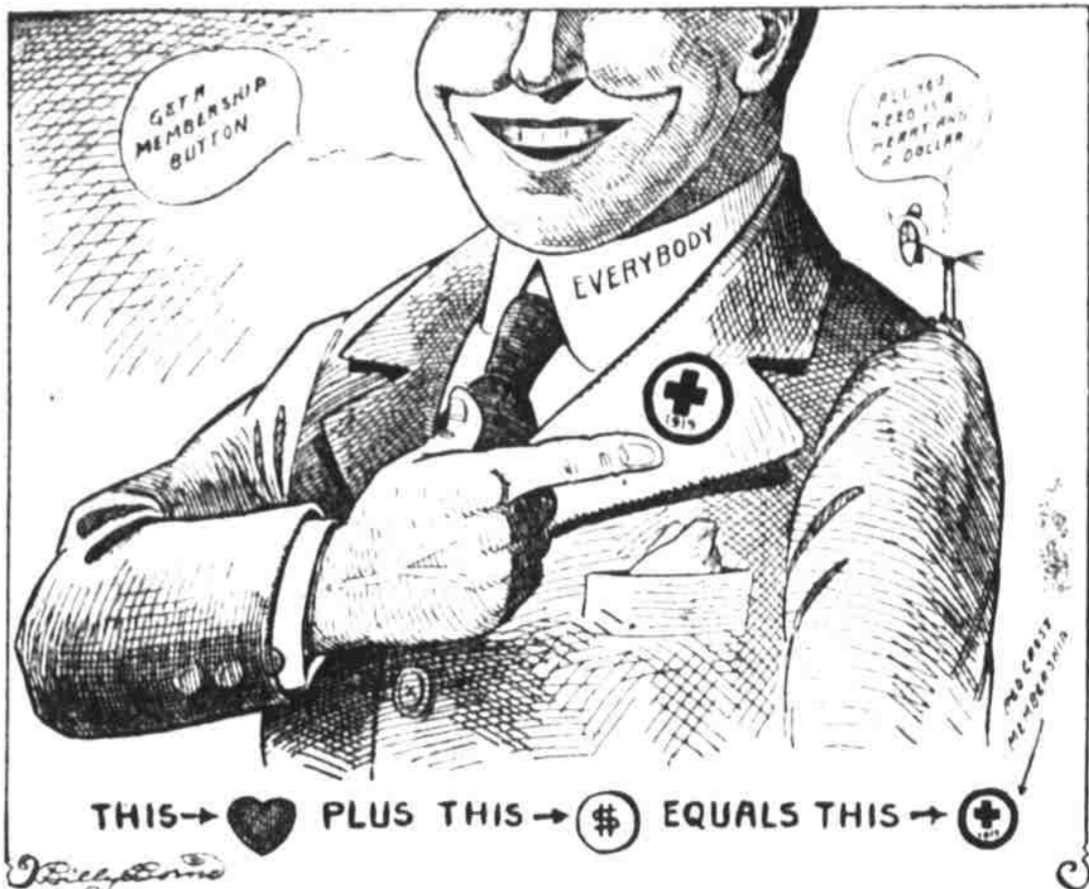
ACCIDENTS IN FOG

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Due to a heavy fog which has hung over port for the past twenty-four hours, the American transport Leviathan with more than 8,000 American soldiers and sailors from France was unable to dock today.

The French line steamship Chicago, which went aground early today in the lower harbor, while outward bound, was freed at high tide and proceeded on her voyage to Bordeaux. The Norwegian steamship Niles, with cargo which sailed this morning struck a submerged wreck in the lower harbor and was forced to run on a beach to prevent sinking.

The fog all but stopped the movement of harbor craft and ferries. Several ships which made quarantine during the night, among them the Ward line steamer Monterey with passengers from Mexico and Cuba, managed to reach their docks under low speed. Blinded by the heavy fog, the motor-

Wear a Red Cross Button and Smile



TWO MEXICANS KILLED AND AMERICAN SAILOR WOUNDED IN CLASH BETWEEN SAILORS AND MEXICAN CUSTOM GUARD

Members of Armed Naval Guard Mix With Mexican Officials With Bad Results For the Latter—Guard Claims That Chief Gunner's Mate Was Attacked and That the Balance of Crew Went to Rescue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—In a clash on November 28 between the armed navy guard of the American steamship Monterey and Mexican customs guards at Tampico, Mexico, one Mexican was killed, a Mexican soldier mortally wounded and a chief gunner's mate, named Berry, in charge of the American guard, was seriously hurt.

Officers Silent. Members of the armed guard and officers of the ship refused to discuss the incident, but details were learned from passengers on board at the time. According to them, the fight occurred shortly after 5 a. m. after members of the navy guard went to the rescue of Berry, who had been attacked. The Americans at first responded to the call without arms, but upon the Mexicans opening fire, they secured their weapons and responded in kind.

The fight, passengers said, was brief, the Mexicans running away as soon as the Americans opened fire, leaving their dead and wounded. Later, officials of the port took the matter in hand, the passengers assumed the captain of the Monterey, the armed guard he delivered up to them pending an investigation.

This the captain declined to do, his

action being supported, it was said, by officers of two American gunboats in the harbor. Later the matter was disposed of by a decision to leave the entire subject to diplomatic settlement.

Abore on Ermaid. It was said that the gunner's mate had gone ashore on an errand just before the Monterey sailed. Several blocks from where the ship was tied up was a saloon and as Berry was returning to his ship passing in front of this saloon, he was called upon to "wait."

They needed no second invitation, one of the passengers said, and all who were in sight on hearing joined in the fray. Seeking reinforcements, a small party of the Mexicans opened fire. No one was hit on the ship. The naval guard then secured arms and as the firing continued, they returned the shots with the result that the Mexicans fled. With the show of arms, the Mexicans fled, leaving the gunner's mate free to return to his ship with his men.

Sound of the firing attracted a con-

siderable crowd, but no further demonstration was made. Threats were heard, however, and during the twenty-four hours that the Monterey was detained pending the investigation of the incident, every precaution was taken to guard against a surprise attack.

On arrival of the Monterey here today, the gunner's mate and his men went to the navy yard to make an official report of the matter. Officers of the ship were also questioned by naval authorities.

LEFT TO DIPLOMATS.

WASHINGTON, J. C., Dec. 15.—The clash between the armed guard of the Wardline Monterey and Mexican soldiers at Tampico has been left to diplomatic negotiation and is now the subject of negotiations between the Mexican and American governments. This announcement was made today by the state department.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS IS PROUD OF MEMBERSHIP

Sends Message to State Director of American Red Cross.

GREENSBORO, Dec. 15.—W. C. Jackson, state director for North Carolina for the Red Cross Christmas roll call today received from Secretary Josephus Daniels a message in which the secretary says he is "proud to be a member of this organization" and "I hope every American will enroll as a member of it during the Christmas roll call."

The message from the secretary reads: Washington, Dec. 14, 1918. "W. C. Jackson, State director, Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, Greensboro, N. C.:

"In this war the ministrations of the Red Cross have touched all parts of the world, chiefly those portions where suffering was the greatest. I am proud to be a member of this organization, and I hope every American will enroll as a member of it during the Christmas roll call. It enables all members in this worldwide organization to help where comfort and cheer are given to those who need the knowledge of help even in a small way and brings home the truth that it is more blessed to give than to receive. (Signed) 'JOSEPHUS DANIELS.'"

REACH BRIDGEHEAD.

MAYENCE, Dec. 15.—(Havas)—The French forces of occupation have reached the extreme eastern limit of the bridgehead in this region. In its forward movement the Tenth army has found more of a spirit of cordiality among the population than of hostility. The regular authorities have been recognized by the French and no attention has been paid to the workmen's committees.

Food supplies seem to be ample and the inhabitants appear to be in good health. Activity has been suspended in most of the industrial centers otherwise life in this region continues normal.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GOVERNORS OPENS TODAY

Members of Cabinet and Other Notables Will Be at Meeting.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15.—Members of President Wilson's cabinet and the executive heads of more than three-fourths of the states of the nation will gather at Annapolis tomorrow morning to participate in the tenth annual conference of governors which will continue for three days.

Important questions looking to the framing of policies of reconstruction and readjustment of conditions arising out of the war will occupy practically the entire time of the conference.

Governor Harrington who will act as official host in behalf of Maryland, will open the conference tomorrow morning with an address of welcome and the response will be by Governor Manning of South Carolina. Tomorrow night the executives will be the honor guests at a reception to be given at the executive mansion. Cabinet heads who are expected to participate in the conference are Secretary of the Navy Daniels; Baker of the war department; Houston, of agriculture; Lane of the interior and Wilson of labor.

NEGRO SOLDIER HELD.

ANNISTON, Ala., Dec. 15.—Sergeant Ernest Cardwell, a negro attached to the 157th depot brigade, charged with killing a street car conductor and wounding the motorman here, was captured tonight by an armed military policeman after military guards and civil possees had searched for him for hours. He was taken to the stockade at Camp McJannet, where he will be held until the feeling here subsides.

Cardwell was ejected from the street car by the conductor after he was said to have refused to remain in the section of the car reserved for negro passengers. He opened fire killing the conductor with his second shot and later wounded the motorman when the latter sought to capture him.

FORMER KAISER STILL LEADS LIFE OF RECLUSE

No Truth in Rumor That Former Empress Has Been Seriously Ill.

AMERONGEN, Holland, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—The former German emperor continues to lead the life of a near-recluse. He is virtually cut off from communication with the outside world. Reports that he was in constant communication with his former advisers are not true.

There is no truth in the rumor that the former empress is seriously ill. She has been troubled for years with an affection of the heart and after her arrival here desired to have her former physician in attendance. He arrived at the castle yesterday and said that her condition showed no change.

Whenever there is a break in the incessant drizzle customary in Holland, William Hohenzollern and his wife walk in the rain-soaked grounds with one or two attendants. Sometimes they take a trip in a closed motor car.

The correspondent inquired into the rumor that the former emperor intended to move his quarters and learned that Herr Hohenzollern is not interested in other houses in Holland and is not likely to move anywhere until he knows more regarding his future.

WILL BE CHIEF STATION.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15.—With the transfer of the majority of clerks now on duty at the Norfolk navy yard to the naval operating base on January 7, the base will be made one of the chief distributing and supply stations along the Atlantic coast. It was learned today. Extensive building preparations, including plans for the erection of additional office buildings and depots, have been recently completed.

SOCIALISTS RESIGN.

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—(Havas)—Hugo Haase and Herr Barth, two of the three independent socialist members of the committee of six, which constituted the German government, have resigned, according to reports received here. The reports add that George Ledebour, a leading socialist, has severed his connection with the government.

CONGRESS STARTS TODAY ON THIRD WEEK OF SESSION

Usual Pre-Holiday Congestion of Legislation Awaiting Action

SENATE WORKS ON WAR REVENUE BILL

Mooted Question of Government Ownership of Utilities Comes Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Congress tomorrow begins the third week of its new session with the usual pre-holiday congestion of legislation. The senate will resume work on the most important sections of the war revenue bill, while appropriation bills will occupy most of the time of the house.

At the same time committees of both houses will be unusually active with hearings and investigations. Government Control. The mooted question of government control or ownership of utilities is pressing to the front in both branches of congress, but few leaders expect definite legislation on this subject at this session.

The senate committee will meet Thursday to consider procedure with railroad legislation, including Director-General McAdoo's recommendation for retention of government control to January 1, 1921. Investigation of the railroad situation probably after the holidays and by the existing senate and house committees generally is expected.

Hearings on Secretary Daniel's bill for permanent government ownership of radio lines will be resumed next Tuesday by the house merchant marine committee, which will hear opposition arguments from the Marconi and other interests. The administration bill proposing permanent government ownership of telegraph, telephone and cable lines probably will not be considered by the house committee until after the holidays.

Packers' Hearings. Hearings on the administration measure for federal regulation of the packers will begin Thursday with members of the federal trade commission as the first witnesses. Investigation of German propaganda by the senate judiciary subcommittee will be resumed Tuesday with Samuel Untermyer, of New York, testifying at his own request. Thursday the committee expects to hear Assistant State Attorney Becker of New York, who is counted upon by members of the committee to make important disclosures regarding the activity of German agents.

Resides working on the revenue bill, the senate this week may dispose of the resolution proposing termination of the disloyalty proceedings against Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin. Peace debate also may be resumed. Senator Cummins, of Iowa, republican, plans to call up early in the week his resolution proposing a session. (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.)

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN LONG DISTANCE TOLL RATES ARE ANNOUNCED

Basic Charge of 6 1-4 Mills a Mile, Airline Mileage, Is Declared

BURLESON'S PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Sweeping reductions in long distance toll telephone rates by the adoption of a basic charge of 6 1-4 mills a mile, airline mileage, and half the day rate night service up to midnight and one-fourth the day rate after that hour were announced today by Postmaster-General Burleson. They become effective next January 21.

The new rates were recommended by the first report of the committee on rates standardization and Mr. Burleson's statement said their effect is to equalize the toll and long distance charge for night service up to midnight and one-fourth the day rate after that hour were announced today by Postmaster-General Burleson. They become effective next January 21.

"A night service rate," said the statement, "which is one-half the day rate is established between 8:30 p. m. and 12 p. m. Between midnight and 4:30 a. m. the night rate is one-fourth the day rate. These are greater reductions in night rates than have ever been made in any country, and doubtless will be extensively used, especially for social and family purposes. A person might talk from San Francisco to New York for about \$4, whereas the day rate is approximately \$16."

"A station to station service is established such as now exists in the balance of the world, that is, when a connection is established with a man's home or office, the opportunity to converse is provided and the station to station rate, which is the basic rate, applies and is payable whether the particular person desired responds or not. This rate up to twenty-four miles is at the rate of five cents for six miles and for greater distances five cents for each eight miles, or about six and one-fourth mills a mile. The distance is computed by airline methods and not by pole line or public highway. The airline distances are commonly about 100 miles when the other way is run or 150 miles. It is stated by the committee that more than sixty varieties of toll rates have existed in the United States up to the present time."