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WILSON MAY RETURN TO U. S. EARLIER

GERMAN WAYS ARE STILL GERMAN WAYS

Reported That the President May Return to Washington Much Sooner Than Was Expected.

MAY SPEND "BOXING DAY" AS GUEST OF HONOR

Announcement to This Effect Necessitates Hurried Changes But Great Welcome Awaits Him.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—The reason given for President Wilson's desire to make a hurried visit to England is that it is found it might be necessary for him to return to Washington much sooner than he expected. Whether this means a change in the President's entire program, including his journey to Italy, is not known here.

An interesting feature of the discussion of the President's visit, beginning Thursday is that the present British cabinet is technically not in position to speak for the government until the result of the recent elections are known.

Hurried Preparations Must Be Made.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—News that President Wilson considers coming to London next week reached the British government through an official channel today. It caused considerable surprise and necessitated a hurried reconsideration of the plans of Premier Lloyd George who intended to meet the President for a brief conference in Paris and then proceed to Monte Carlo for a few days' rest.

The President will be welcomed whenever he arrives but the date now proposed—December 26—has handicapped as far as the public and officials are concerned. December 26 is a holiday and is known as "Boxing Day" an occasion peculiar to England. All who have country homes and live in London from the King downward spend the day in the country. Business in London on that day is customarily at standstill.

Will Not Prevent Dining With Troops

Paris, Dec. 18.—Some announcement concerning President Wilson's visit to England may be expected soon. It can be stated definitely that his trip to London will not conflict with his intention to dine with the American troops in the field, although the day of his visit will probably be earlier than had been anticipated.

VINCENT FLEMING IS DEAD IN FRANCE

Vincent Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fleming of this city, whose home is on West Council street, is dead in France, having died of bronchial pneumonia on the 22nd day of last October. A message was received in the city last night from the adjutant general's office at Washington addressed to the wife of the dead soldier, Mrs. Annie Lock Fleming, giving a report of the death.

Vincent Fleming was one of the service from Salisbury. He was a member of the 4th Company and went into the service at once war was declared, served at Fort Caswell and being transferred was sent to France some time ago. It was understood that he suffered a severe attack but this was not serious. The message only gave the fact that he died on the date mentioned of bronchial pneumonia. Young Fleming married before leaving for overseas service. The young wife, the sorrowing father and mother and one sister survive.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT REPORTED RESIGNED

Government Headed by Friedrich Ebert Said to Have Quit as Result of Tuesday Night.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—The German government headed by Friedrich Ebert has resigned as a result of events Tuesday, according to a dispatch received at Zurich from Stuttgart, says the Journal correspondent there.

Former Emperor Has Influenza

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and four children are suffering with influenza, according to a telegram from Vienna. The former emperor has very high fever.

Death Caused By Violence.

(By Associated Press.)
Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 19.—Miss Freida Weichman came to her death by violence, according to three physicians who today examined the body of the girl, because of whose death Milo H. Piper of this city is held on a murder charge.

BOY WANTED

Boy with a bicycle wanted to deliver the Evening Post. Call tomorrow morning and see Mr. Brown.

Publications of Day Showing That Germans Sought to Use the Spanish Against American Interest.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 19.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—German efforts to encourage the much discussed Latin-American Union between Spain and the Spanish speaking republics of Central South America as a weapon against Pan-Americanism came to light today in the German-inspired articles that appeared in connection with the observance of "The Day of the Race" as the Spanish speaking people designate the anniversary of the discovery of the Americas.

The Argentine newspapers and weekly magazines carried special articles pointing out the advantage of a union that would make the Spanish speaking nations independent of all others. Several of these were signed by men who are known for their pro-German views and were also noticeable that the articles appearing in the purely German newspapers were even more insistent in supporting such a union than the Argentine papers.

This union with Spain was proposed first from Spanish sources nearly two years ago and it was suspected from its antipathy to Pan-Americanism, that German schemes were behind the move. The proposal has been kept alive in this country ever since by pro-Germans and Spaniards who have made no attempt to hide the fact that their efforts are directed against the United States.

The principal argument is that South America must be protected from American Imperialism. Spain is pointed to as the great mother country that can supply all the needs and at the same time the sympathy and a common language and common religion. The Spanish clergy is aiding the propagandists in their campaign.

One of the articles published stated that the war had brought about new forms of international friendship and that this friendship in the future will be based on mutual gain and advantages. Questions of language, race and religion, it adds, may sow the seeds of new differences tomorrow and it therefore behooves the twenty Spanish speaking American nations, to unite for their common advantage. The argument closes with the statement that the League of Nations is a hopeless dream.

Another paper urges that this Latin-American Union should not be merely an economic union but one for common defense and offense. "In time of peace," it argues, "we must prepare for war." The passive defense of the frontiers of Spain and the South American republic is not enough against the powerful nations, especially against those which rule the seas, but a close defensive union of Spain and the South American republics would be sufficient against any aggression.

TRIBUTES TO WONDERFUL WORK OF RED CROSS

Washington, Dec. 18.—General John Biddle, commander of the American forces in Great Britain, and General Sappell, Italian minister of war, in statements made public today at the headquarters of the American Red Cross, praised the work of the Red Cross and urged the American people to support the organization in its Christmas membership campaign.

"I really do not know," says the statement of General Biddle, "what the American army would have done in England without the American Red Cross. Everywhere the Red Cross is giving the best that can be given for our men. Our men are being cared for as well as they can be and are helped by the Red Cross in every way. In all our camps throughout the British Isles it has given us many things which we either could not get without much delay."

The Italian minister of war paid the following tribute to the American relief organization:

"By its innumerable and marvelous activities the American Red Cross has won the good will of the army and of the civilian population of Italy and I, as a witness of all the work that has been carried out, seize this opportunity to express publicly to its representatives my approval and sincere gratitude."

RY. LEGISLATION HEARING

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—Inauguration of hearings on railway legislation will begin January 2nd and be concluded as soon as possible and will be distinct from House or joint congressional inquiry was decided upon today by the Senate inter-state commerce commission. Director General McAdoo is expected to be the first witness.

BILL SUFFERS CHILL AT AMERONGEN

Former German Emperor Said to Be Badly Indisposed and a Specialist is Called in to Aid Local Doctors.

(By Associated Press.)
Amerongen, Holland, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—Former Emperor William has been confined to his bed since Sunday with a severe chill. His indisposition has brought about a renewal of his old troubles, necessitating the calling in of a specialist, a professor from Utrecht, to assist the local doctors.

The constant worry of the last five weeks and his virtual imprisonment in Count Pentinck's palace here has changed William Hohenzollern's appearance considerably. Instead of the softly complexioned man he has become a thin, his hair and moustache gray and his features deeply lined.

CRESENTIALS OF DAVID ARE PRESENTED TO KING

Large Crowd Assembled Outside His Residence Cheers New Ambassador From America.

London, Dec. 19.—John W. Davis, the new American ambassador to Great Britain, today presented his credentials to King George at Buckingham Palace. Mr. Davis was accompanied to the palace by Naval Attaché Louchin and Military Attaché Wright and the two first secretaries of embassy.

The ambassador and his staff drove from the embassy to the palace in royal carriages sent by King George. The ambassador was attended by Sir Arthur Walsh, master of ceremonies who had assembled outside the ambassador's residence enthusiastically cheered Mr. Davis.

At the palace, Arthur J. Balfour, foreign secretary, introduced Mr. Davis and the members of his suite to King George, who cordially received them. The audience lasted half an hour, when the Americans were driven back to Mr. Davis' residence in the royal carriage.

HOG ISLAND YARD COST 63 MILLION

First Estimate Was for \$21,000,000 and This Was Later Increased to \$27,000,000—Should Be Completed Within 60 Days.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—The cost of the Great shipbuilding plan at Hog Island is estimated today at \$63,300,000 by Chas. Piez, general manager of the shipping board emergency fleet corporation. He said the yard which had delivered one ship and has 50 keels laid which should be completed in 60 days.

The original estimate of the cost of the plant on a smaller scale was \$21,000,000 and this later was increased to \$27,000,000.

Upon survey to be made January 1 to determine whether the American International Corporation is reducing operating expenses Mr. Piez said will determine whether the government will take over the ship yards.

GOVERNOR BICKETT COMING SUNDAY

Mr. Bickett Will Be Here and Speak in the First Baptist Church at the Morning Service—Representing the State-Wide Educational Fund of a Million Dollars.

Governor Thomas Walter Bickett is to be in Salisbury Sunday and will make an address at the First Baptist church at the 11 o'clock hour.

The Governor comes in the interest of the million dollar educational fund which the Baptists of North Carolina are pushing with splendid success over the state. The money is being raised to the better equipment and direction of the several educational institutions which the Baptist have in the state. The Governor is himself an alumnus of Wake Forest college and a leading layman of the church.

The First church is being asked for \$5,100 for this fund and the other churches of the city and county a sum also. It is asked that the donations be largely in government securities. Salisbury will give the Governor a warm welcome on this occasion and will hear him most gladly.

(By the Associated Press.)
North Carolinian Press.
Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 19.—W. B. Franklin of Canton, N. C., is named among those in today's Canadian overseas casualty list as having died.

JACK SCHROEDER DEAD AT SPENCER

Nine-Year-Old Lad Died at Spencer Home Wednesday—City Officers After Unsatisfactory Autopsy—Work Is Progressing.

(By A. W. Hicks.)
Spencer, Dec. 19.—Master Jack Schroeder, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Schroeder, residing over the Spencer Mercantile Co., died Wednesday night following a severe attack of appendicitis. He was operated upon with a hope of saving his life but this was too late. He had been ill since Sunday. The funeral and burial will take place this afternoon.

Death on Monday afternoon claimed Burnett Price, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Price, near Spencer, pneumonia being the cause of his death. The remains were taken to Gastonia for burial.

Officials of the town are making a canvass of the outlying districts in Spencer to ascertain the number of unsanitary closets now in use. This is following an ordinance passed by the aldermen some weeks ago requiring that every place provide a modern sanitary closet. It is said that the owner or occupant of every home or place of business will be required to build and use a closet built under the direction of the Sanitary Committee. These closets have been in use in other towns for several years and it is said are giving satisfaction that they meet the requirements of the State Board of Health and have proven to be sanitary.

The measure is one that should receive the hearty support of the people of Spencer. It is of course in the interest of health and in the interest of the people themselves that such a course is being pursued.

While only a small force of transient workmen are engaged in grading Salisbury avenue road projects is being made. Last week the big bank in front of the M. C. A. was graded down and the dirt used to build up a low place in the avenue near the intersection of Seventh street. This week the work of clearing the right of way was carried on along the avenue towards the depot, a number of trees and other obstructions being removed. The weather has interfered with the grading considerably but if the crowd keeps at it there will be a fine showing by and by. Something will have to be done to save the plant faces where the bank was removed from it or it will soon be in the streets.

The removal of the large billboards along the avenue will have a good effect on the appearance around town. Just when the ice storage house built in the street near the main shop rate will be moved is not known. Other buildings in the avenue are also to be moved at an early date, an agreement having been signed by at least some owners to move the houses within a given time.

The data has been completed for a new church directory which the ladies are getting out for Central Methodist congregation. It contains a good cut of the church, one of the new pastor, Rev. E. E. Williamson, one of Mr. B. L. Young, chairman of the building committee, and complete list of members. It will be a book of considerable interest especially to the membership.

Quite a large number of employees of the Spencer shops are still off duty with influenza and the various departments have resumed daily reports of the number out by illness. At one time the work of the shops was seriously interfered with on account of so many workmen being out. It is stated that a few of the employees have been so seriously ill that they will never be able to return to work and some have developed pleagra.

Several Spencer men now in France have written home since the war closed. The letters coming in now were written a day or so after the last fight and their relatives and friends here are of course delighted to get these good letters. The boys over there can rest assured the home folks have kept up with them in every respect.

One of the first soldier boys to return to a job with the Southern at Spencer after the war is G. M. Miller who re-entered the service today securing his old job and former standing with the company. It is stated that all employees of the Southern who joined the colors will hold their jobs and seniority with the same company when they return. A number of former employees are expected to return in a few days.

Unless conditions change quickly and very materially there will be no Christmas exercises in the various churches of Spencer. The closing ordinance prevents such gatherings and the Sunday schools have not made arrangements for the usual Christmas occasion for the children.

According to the heads of departments there will be but little rest for employees of the Southern during Christmas. The rush of business is so heavy just now that it will be difficult for any considerable number of the men to get off for the holidays. The condition on the road is about the same as in the shops and every department is rushed to meet the demands.

An interesting visitor in Spencer Monday was Mr. R. E. Carmichael, editor of the Twin-City Daily Sentinel, who was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Williamson, at the Methodist parsonage. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Williamson and (Continued on Sixth Page.)

RUSSIAN ESTHONIA IS NOW IN CONTROL

Esthonian Government Places Province Under Common Protection of Ententes Pending Decision of Peace Conference.

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 18.—The Esthonian provisional government controlling the territory covered by the former Russian Baltic province of Esthonia has placed the republic under the common protection of the entente powers pending a decision by the peace conference.

The Esthonian premier announced this action in a telegram reaching London tonight in which he calls attention to the difficulty Esthonian troops are experiencing in withstanding the Bolsheviks who are attacking the territory of the republic from the east.

MAY BE RATIFIED BY FEBRUARY 1

Washington, Dec. 18.—Ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution by the necessary three-fourths of the states by next February is predicted in a survey of the prohibition situation made public today by the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fifteen states have adopted the amendment and the board declares that 30 states, the legislatures of which will meet next month, will vote favorably upon the amendment for nationwide prohibition.

The states which the board says will ratify the amendment at the coming legislative sessions are: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming. Pennsylvania is classed as "hopeful," New York an "even proposition" and New Jersey "probably opposed."

TREATY PROPOSED BY POLISH GOVERNMENT.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Polish government has proposed that a treaty be signed by Poland, Bohemia and Czechoslovakia, says the National Zeitung of Basle, according to a dispatch received today. The plan would include military, railway and commercial agreements closely uniting this group of new states to the nations of the entente powers.

Poland would include all Prussian territory inhabited by Poles who number in the new country about 35,000,000 people. Hungary, according to the National Zeitung, which is considered pro-Austrian, desires to be included in the alliance and it is reported that the same tendency is being found in Vienna.

CLEMENCEAU-HOUSE VISIT PRES. WILSON

French Premier and American Peace Commissioner Talk Intimately for an Hour With Mr. Wilson.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 19.—Premier Clemenceau and Colonel House visited President Wilson this morning.

The French premier and the President engaged for more than an hour in an intimate discussion. Colonel House also conferred with the President during the morning.

The President's engagements for the day called upon him to postpone plans for recreation but he hoped to take a short drive with Mrs. Wilson.

GERMAN MINE EXPLODES

Fifteen Persons Killed in Bridge Explosion at Guise Long After Armistice Was Signed.

(By Havas Agency.)
A German mine which had been placed in a bridge at Guise exploded killing 15 persons and injuring 25 others, according to a Guise dispatch to the Matin. The date of the explosion is not given but the dispatch says that it occurred more than a month after the armistice went into effect.

SENATE WANTS INFORMATION

Resolution Presented Asking State Department Whether It Has Any Information Regarding Destruction of German Ships.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—A resolution asking the state department to inform the senate whether the American peace commissioners are advocating the destruction of German warships or other enemy property and if so by what authority was introduced today by Minority Leader Lodge and without discussion was left on the table.

HUN CONFERENCE TO FORM REPUBLIC

Government Decided to Convoke Conference of Representatives for Purpose of Establishing Republic.

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—The German government has decided to convoke a conference of representatives of all states of the former empire December 29 to elect a president of the German republic, according to a Berlin report.

BRITISH LABORS FAITH IN WILSON

Labor Herald Says "We Are Behind the President" and He Must Win to Preserve Best Conditions.

London, Dec. 17.—British labor will be conspicuous in the celebration attend President Wilson's arrival here. There will be an important meeting tomorrow afternoon of representatives of the Trades Union Congress and the political Labor Party to discuss preparation of the address which, as told on Sunday in a dispatch to The World, labor intends presenting to the President when he arrives.

Labor leaders said today the Government would not oppose such action, which would be similar to that taken in Paris by the French laborites and Socialists. George Lansbury, M. P., editor of the Labor Herald, said today:

"We are behind the President. If he fails at the conference there will be a period of competitive armaments between Britain and America which will make life nothing but a hell with the continual collision of our two nations."

Lansbury has sent a message to the President through Col. House, saying that British labor is depending on him to establish a just peace based upon disarmament on land and sea, no economic war league, free peoples, open diplomacy and a determined stand by him.

21 GERMAN TAKEN TO ONE AMERICAN.

A. E. F. Captured 44,934 Prisoners; Losses 2,082 to Enemy.

The following is taken from the Stars and Stripes, the official organ of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, of date of November 22, a copy of which has just reached the office of the Post:

The American troops in all their fighting in France took more than 21 German prisoners for every American captured by the enemy.

The total number of Germans captured by the Americans is 44,934, not including prisoners made during the last few days of hostilities in Poland of which no tabulation has yet been made. The number of American soldiers in German hands at the time of the armistice, as reported to the military attaché of the American Legation in Switzerland as of October 15, was 2,082.

LARGE OF NATIONS IS ONLY SAFEGUARD.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 18.—President Wilson this afternoon gave out the following statement:

"The Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune this morning in a dispatch reported to its correspondents at Washington, declared that before leaving France I gave a statement that I approved a plan formulated by the League to enforce peace. This statement is entirely false.

"I am, as everyone knows not only in favor of a League of Nations, but believe the formation of such a League absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of peace. But the particular plan of the League to enforce peace I have never directly nor indirectly endorsed."

TROOPS ON THE GEORGE WASHINGTON

Transport Taking the President to Europe Returns Back a Number of Overseas Men.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—Returning home on the transport George Washington which sailed from France December 15th, the war department announced today are the 139th field artillery; batteries A, B, D, and E; headquarters company of the 127th field artillery; officers of the 128th field artillery and a number of casuals.

ON INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—Joseph R. Pastore, of Massachusetts, has been chosen by President Wilson to succeed George W. Anderson as a member of the inter-state commerce commission.

TROOPS OCCUPY ODESSA.

(By the Associated Press.)
Odessa, Sunday, Dec. 15.—Troops under the command of the anti-German Ukrainian leader, Petura, today are occupying Odessa.

PRESIDENT SIGNS FIRST BILL ABROAD

Is a Joint Resolution by Congress Authorizing Advance Payment of December Salaries.

STATE DEPT. COURIER DELIVERS THE DOCUMENT

Signature Already Has Been Attached and This Procedure to be Followed in Like Cases.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—The first resolution of congress requiring the President's signature adopted since Mr. Wilson sailed for the peace conference has reached him in Paris and word of its signing is momentarily expected at the White House.

Secretary Tumulty was notified by cable of the arrival of a state department courier who had in his pocket the joint congressional resolution authorizing the usual Christmas payment of December salaries to government employees. Without the President's signature it would become law Saturday in time for payment, but the signature probably has already been attached.

LIBERTY BONDS ON MARKET

Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds Fell to 95 on New York Stock Exchange This Morning.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 19.—The fourth Liberty 4-1/4 per cent bonds today fell to the new low record of 95 on the Stock Exchange. There has been a steady liquidation of this particular issue ever since it was listed a few weeks ago. The maximum price was 98. The selling of these bonds is attributed in part to the necessity of the borrowers in the rather stringent money market.

INVESTIGATING LEAGUE

League's Alleged Reflection on Loyalty of Certain Members of Congress Is Being Probed.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 19.—Investigation of the National Security League of New York with respect to its alleged reflection during the last campaign upon the loyalty of members of congress was begun today by a special house committee headed by Representative Johnson of Kentucky.

AMERICAN PRISONER IS KILLED

Guards at the German Prison Camp at Stralsund Shoot and Kill American Stralund and Wound British Officer.

(By the Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—The killing of Lieut. Coehony, an American airman, in the German prison camp at Stralsund December 5th is reported by three British officers who have arrived here.

The American lieutenant, the officers say, went outside the barbed wire a moment and the German guards fired three times at him. Lieut. Coehony was killed by a bullet through the chest. A British officer was seriously wounded by the shot. The guards refused to allow Coehony's comrades to remove the body.

LEASE METAL CULVERT PLANT

The Metal Culvert company's plant on the main line of the Southern railway in this city, idle for some time, has been leased by Mr. M. C. Quinn, with his two sons, Messrs. Phifer and Clifton Quinn, and daughter, Miss Jeanette Quinn, will operate the plant under a lease and option to buy. Mr. Phifer Quinn, until recently employed by the government at Panama, is home and Mr. Clifton Quinn will ask for release from the navy that the plans for the operation of the plant by the four may be carried out.

The Metal Culvert company operated the plant under the management of Col. H. B. Smith until he left the city leaving the affairs of the company in a hopeless tangle, since which time the plant has been idle and the affairs of the company wound up. It is a splendid plant and gave promise of doing a nice business and with the proper management it can and will do well. Under the direction of the new operators it is believed and expected that the business will become firmly established and prove one of the best manufacturing plants in the community.

The company, Southern Metal Culvert company, is organized as follows:

W. Phifer Quinn, president; Clifton Quinn, vice-president; Miss Jeanette Quinn, secretary, and M. C. Quinn, treasurer and general manager. Active operations will begin in about 60 days.

The boldness of Bolshevism may be expected to fade with the passing of the German propaganda.