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## 30TH DIVISION COMING HOME

### GENERAL PERSHING DESIGNATES THE OLD HICKORY DIVISION FOR EARLY CONVOY HOME AND DEMOBILIZATION

#### LOCAL HEROES WITH THIS UNIT

Two Other Combat Divisions Are Mentioned for Early Convoy at the Same Time, Totalling in the Neighborhood of 83,000 Men.

#### DEMOBILIZATION IN FULL SWING

Troops in the United States and Abroad Designated for Early Demobilization and Already Out of Service Total 1,379,000 Men.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Three combat divisions, the 30th, 37th and 91st, have been designated by General Pershing for early return home from France, General March announced today.

The thirtieth division includes national guard troops from Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina; the 37th Ohio and West Virginia guardsmen, and the 91st Pacific coast troops.

These three divisions and the second army corps headquarters, which operated with the British army in Flanders under Major General George W. Reed, have been added to the priority list and will be returned home as shipping becomes available. The three divisions and the headquarters comprise about 83,000 men.

Units abroad assigned for early convoy in addition to those already embarked now total 292,000 men. Troops in the United States and abroad designated for demobilization, General March announced, total 1,379,000 men.

Demobilization of the army at home has now reached the last class, the combat divisions. Orders for the breaking up of these units already have been sent out and the task will proceed gradually under the week-to-week plan of letting the men out of service.

The process of demobilization is being maintained, official reports show and the incomplete total gives 630,369 men and 40,961 officers discharged up to January 3.

The army reorganization bill to be presented to Congress early next week will contain provisions giving authority to the war department to incorporate in the new regular forces those temporary officers who have made good in the war, General March said. There are no vacancies in the old regular army, all commissioned ranks being filled.

Officers who have indicated their desire to maintain their connection with the permanent forces are being held in camp and not discharged as their terms in reached. General Pershing has been instructed to use in the army of occupation officers of similar status abroad.

In reply to a query regarding persistent reports that batteries B and D of the 42nd division had been practically wiped out General March said that General Menoher, formerly in command of the 42nd who is now in Washington had stated specifically that these reports were unfounded. These units, he said, had not suffered any unusually heavy losses.

The foregoing news story confirms the information given in The Enterprise yesterday, secured from members of the machine gun corps of the 30th division, that the remainder of the famous unit would be returned home shortly. The news will be the source of much joy in the city, since a majority of High Point's soldiers are members of this division.

Previous official announcements stated that the 30th division was with the army of occupation, which made it seem certain that it would be several months before the men would be returned for demobilization. Recently word reached the city that the division had been moved to a point near a port of embarkation in France and on top of this members of the machine gun corps passed through the city Thursday en route to South Carolina camps to be mustered out.

### SEA OF WIRE WAS HINDENBURG LINE

Sergeant Chester Greer, Who Was With 30th Division in Break Through Writes of One Big Battle He Was in

The following excerpt from a letter written by Sergeant Chester Greer just received in this city will be ready with interest by the many friends of the local soldier, who left High Point early in the war with Company M:

"On the second of October I got a promotion from a corporal to a sergeant and on the third of October we went in the line—they called it a line but it was just a big whole in the ground that you could hide in. While in there Old Fritz would send his big shells over at us and I was covered up two or three times with them.

"On the eighth of October we 'went over' and it was 'some' trip, too, I must say. We had gone about 2,000 yards when we were held up by machine gun fire by the enemy. It took us about half an hour to knock out the post before we could advance any further, and while I was helping knock them out I was shot in the arm by one of them but I went on through the village with my company and we captured about 100 Germans and several Frenchmen who had been prisoners. Then I came back to the aid station and they sent me to the hospital.

"I could tell you lots more of the times we have gone over the top, but that was one 'battle' I was in and it was that way every day. I have heard 250 machine guns firing at once and have heard one of the largest barrages the allies have ever put down. The big guns were lined up, wheel to wheel, for miles and miles, and they all fired for 2-1-2 hour and that was some 'h—' of a fuss you can bet. The big shells fell every two feet apart and they didn't leave anything alive. And I have seen wire just as thick as it could be for a half mile square—that was at the Hindenburg line. The old 30th division helped to break that and put Jerry on the run and he hasn't stopped yet."

Rev. Bowers Here.

Rev. D. E. Bowers, of Waughtown, will be in the city tomorrow afternoon and will conduct services at the Bethel Reformed church at 8:45.

### Plan of Precedure of the Peace Conference Is Clearly Outlined

Paris, Jan. 4.—(Havas agency)—The peace conference, according to the Petit Journal, will proceed as follows:

First, a conference of the four great powers.

Second, representatives of Belgium and Serbia to be admitted for a study of the general situation.

Third, admission of other allies for conferences on the problems interesting them.

Fourth, presentation of conditions successively to Germany, Bulgaria, Turkey, German-Austria and Hungary and the signing of the peace preliminaries.

Fifth, a general conference concerning the questions of the league of nations, freedom of the seas, limitation of armament and related topics.

### Further Slump In Prices On Cotton Mart This Morning

New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 15 to 40 points under overnight selling orders brought in by the break of yesterday while there was also southern and Liverpool selling. Offerings were pretty well absorbed around the initial figure by buyer covering for the week end, while there was also some scattered buying on reports of sweeping reductions in ocean freight rates, both from Atlantic and Pacific ports.

Cotton futures opened steady January, 28.50; March, 27.10; May 26.90; July, 25.10; October, 22.80.

New York cotton closed: bare steady. January 28.50; March 27.01; May 26.00; July 25.15; October, 22.50.

### Great Yank Armada Is Now Dispersing In New York Harbor

New York, Jan. 4.—The great American armada which has been anchored in the Hudson river here since the arrival of the overseas fleet on December 26 will be entirely dispersed within a few days, navy officials announced today. The dreadnaughts Wyoming, Florida and New York left their berths yesterday and proceeded to the New York navy yard for repairs. All the other 17 battleships are under orders to proceed to their home yards for repairs, it is said.

### SPECIAL SERMON TO THE YOUNG BY MR. LAMBETH

Fred N. Tate announced at Wesley Memorial Methodist church last Sunday morning that the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, will preach to the young people and children a special sermon next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be reserved special seats for the young people at the front. The older members, excepting those who cannot hear well, are asked to leave room at the front for the children. Children who have horse-shoe magnets of their own will be especially interested in the pastor's "talking" magnet.

### CANDLESTICKS PRESENTED TO GENERAL BALFOUR

Southampton, Eng., Dec. 18.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Colonel Swalm, the American consul here, has presented to General Balfour, the military commander of the Southampton docks, a pair of handsome sword-handle candlesticks on behalf of the American troops who have passed through this port on their way to France or to camps in England. General Balfour, the consul said, had been uniformly courteous and kind.

### RATES WILL STICK IF ROADS GO BACK

Director-General McAdoo Gives As His Opinion That Return to Private Control of the Lines Would Not Mean Cheaper Rates.

### COMPETITION NOT AN "UNALLOYED BLESSING"

Wants Five Year Test Period, He Tells Senators, to Ascertain Just How Much Competition is Necessary to Bring Good Service.

Washington, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Existing rate structures would continue if the railroads were turned back to private control until the changes were made by orderly, legal procedure even where rates had specific rate laws in the opinion of Director General McAdoo, expressed today at the resumption of the senate interstate commerce commissions' hearing on railroad problems.

The interstate commerce commission has the power to prevent discrimination in rates and this power could be invoked to prevent inequalities between intra and interstate rates, Mr. McAdoo stated. He called attention to the fact that the courts have power to annul rates which might be confiscatory in view of the present high cost of operating.

The director general also expressed the opinion that railroads operating privately could maintain joint ticket trusts without violating the anti-trust laws.

Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, challenged this conclusion. "Don't you know," the senator inquired, "that when a committee of railroad presidents tried to unify the roads before the government took hold that the attorney general inquired by what authority they were acting and intimated that they were violating the law?"

"Do you believe in the elimination of all competition between railroads? Don't you think that the competition has been the principal factor in promoting good railway service?"

Mr. McAdoo replied: "I don't know yet whether it would be best to eliminate all competition. That is why I want a five year test period. do not think competition is an unalloyed blessing, but a longer trial will show how much of it is necessary."

### Confiscated Syrup Is Sold At Public Auction By Neil

The three large barrels of molasses which were seized by Deputy Sheriff J. E. Wagner, at an illicit still captured by him several months ago, were sold at auction yesterday afternoon by J. S. Neil, deputy collector.

After much lively bidding the price of the home made cane syrup was fixed at 75 cents per gallon, J. M. Hedrick, Tom Kivett and Mr. Plummer all buying a barrel. This syrup was used by the blockader in the manufacture of the so-called sugar head whiskey.

### IMPORTANT MEETING OF MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Ministerial association of the city will meet Monday at 10 o'clock at the Commercial club. All the ministers in the city are members of this association, and they are urged to be present at this meeting. The program committee will make a report, outlining the work of the association for the year, and such other business will be transacted as comes properly before the meeting.

### MRS. M. L. SMITH OF DEEP RIVER DIED YESTERDAY

Mrs. M. L. Smith died yesterday at the home of her daughter near Deep River. She is survived by three children and one brother, S. B. Perryman, of Louisville, Ky. The deceased was well known in this city being a sister of the late Mrs. Y. A. Burns. The remains will be carried to Mt. Pleasant Sunday morning at 11 o'clock for interment.

### MILITARY PROBLEM IN RUSSIA IN HAND

General March States American Troops Are Fed and Clothed Properly for Winter Campaign There—Only 86 Casualties in Force in Russia.

### JAPANESE TROOPS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM NATION

25,000 Japanese Troops Recalled, Leaving "Smallest Force Possible" in Siberia—Disunity Arises From Mutual Jealous, Says Report.

Washington, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—An official report received from the American military attaché with Ambassador Francis in Russia, announced today by General March, shows that deaths from all causes in the American forces in the Archangel region up to November 25 totalled 86. Of this number nine were killed in action, seven died of wounds, three were drowned, two died as a result of accident and 65 died from disease.

Later official reports, General March stated, show that the military situation in Archangel is entirely in hand and that the troops are adequately fed and clothed for a winter campaign in that section of Russia.

### WITHDRAWAL JAP FORCES CAUSES MUCH CRITICISM

London, Jan. 4.—Announcement that 25,000 Japanese troops would be withdrawn from Siberia is reported by a Tokyo dispatch to The Express quoting an official statement issued by the Japanese war office on December 27. The statement, according to the dispatch, says that Japan intends to maintain henceforth only the smallest possible force in Siberia.

"Public opinion here," says the dispatch, "deplores the withdrawal. Allied observers, American as well as British, speak bitterly of intervention being relatively a failure, owing to the disunity among the allies and their mutual jealousies."

### AFTER WEEK'S ILLNESS CLYDE SMITH SUCCUMBS

Clyde Smith, Popular Young Man of the City Died From Pneumonia Today at Noon.

Clyde Smith, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith died at noon today after an illness of several days from pneumonia. He is survived by his parents, one sister, Miss Nessie Smith, and two brothers, James and Harold. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the home.

The deceased was one of the best known as well as one of the most popular young men in the city. For the past several months he has been employed by the Climax Upholstering company.

### BUSINESS MAN SAID TO BE ASSAULT VICTIM

Thurlow Kearns, superintendent of the Crown Hosiery mills, it is alleged was the victim of an assault early this morning at the hands of John Sanders. It seems Mr. Sanders had become involved in some dispute regarding his time and as a result had been discharged from the employ of the hosiery mill of Mr. Kearns. Mr. Sanders early this morning assaulted Mr. Kearns and it is said he inflicted rather painful, although not serious injuries about his head and face.

The officers have not yet apprehended Sanders, but a warrant, charging assault has been issued for him.

### GIVE HUNDRED MILLION TO RELIEVE STARVING

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress was asked today by President Wilson in a message transmitted through the state department to appropriate \$100,000,000 for relief of famine sufferers in Europe. It is understood that the money is wanted chiefly to send food into the western sections of Russia, Poland and Austria-Hungary.

### ZERO WEATHER ON HAND AT ASHEVILLE SATURDAY

Asheville, Jan. 4.—The cold wave struck Asheville a severe blow this morning, the mercury at the official station registering zero at 8 o'clock, the coldest weather the city has experienced since December, 1917, when it was four below. Telegraph companies and telephone corporations are having trouble with wires.

### MEN ABOARD VESSEL ARE ALL TAKEN OFF

Removal of the 200 Wounded Veterans of European Battlefields on Board Northern Pacific Begun Early This Morning.

### LITTER CASES CAUSED WORK TO BE DIFFICULT

Clearing Skies and An Even Sea Made the Work Much Easier Than It Was Yesterday When Most of Men Able to Walk Were Taken Off.

Fire Island, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Removal of 200 wounded, the last of the army transport Northern Pacific's soldier passenger list aboard the stranded liner, was begun early today under clearing skies and on an even sea. Submarine chasers and naval launches carrying the men to the hospital ship Solace were expected to complete the operation before noon.

Powerful wrecking tugs made an effort at high tide this morning to free the vessel.

Four naval launches drew alongside the ship, which developed a heavier seaward list during the night and the hospital ship Solace took position closer in shore in preparation for the rescue of the wounded veterans of European battlefields. Many of those remaining on board are litter cases, much adding to the difficulties of rescue.

At dawn Red Cross and army workers were on the beach with supplies of steaming coffee ready for any emergency. Coast guard men and soldiers sought relief from the biting weather, around great bon fires.

### PURCHASE OF SITES IS NOW ADVOCATED

Assistant Secretary of War Crowell Would Buy Sites for Big Camps at Fayetteville and Two Other Points.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Government acquisition of all 16 national army cantonment sites with the decision for their future use to be made later was urged today by Assistant Secretary of War Crowell before the house military committee. He also advocated the purchase of land for establishing three big camps at Columbus, Ga., West Point, Ky., and Fayetteville, N. C., for future training of the army regardless of its peace time strength. The total cost was estimated to exceed \$66,000,000.

Efforts of the members of the committee to obtain a statement of the war department's policy for peace time from the several officers who testified were unavailing. The men questioned answered that the training camps would be necessary regardless of future policies.

### J. H. COPPLE DIED THIS MORNING IN THOMASVILLE

Father of J. E. Copple of This City Died This Morning From Injuries Received Tuesday.

J. H. Copple, of Thomasville, father of J. E. Copple of this city, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning from injuries sustained when he stepped off train No. 43 at Thomasville last Tuesday, on which he was returning to Thomasville from Burlington.

He was on the steps of the train waiting to get off and thinking that the train had stopped jumped down and received the injuries which resulted in his death.

Surviving are a widow and five children: J. A. Copple, of South Carolina; J. E. Copple, of this city; Everett Copple, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. L. Cramer, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Effie Copple, of Thomasville.

### ALL PLANES SURRENDERED ARE BRAND NEW ONES

Coblenz, Thursday, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Sixty more German airplanes were accepted today by the Americans. One hundred more which will be turned over to the Americans have arrived here and are being given trial flights by German aviators preparatory to their acceptance. So far all of the machines have been accepted. All were brand new.

### NO ULTIMATUM IS SENT TO GERMAN COMMANDER

London, Jan. 4.—The foreign office denies that a British ultimatum has been sent to the German commander in the Baltic region as reported. It is also declared that it has had no report of a large British force in the Baltic provinces.

### NEW GERMAN WARSHIP WILL BE SURRENDERED

Baden, Completed After the War Started, Soon to Be Given Up—170 Submarines Are Found

London, Jan. 4.—Germany's newest battleship, the Baden, will be surrendered at a British port within a few days, according to the terms of the armistice.

The Baden has a displacement of 28,000 tons. Owing to the fact that this ship was completed after the war began little is known as to its armament.

Subs to Be Given Up.

London, Jan. 4.—One hundred and seventy submarines, all under construction, were found when the interallied naval commission visited Germany to arrange for the carrying out of the terms of the armistice, according to newspapers here. These U-boats, it is said, will be turned over to the allies.

### WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN NEED OF BOOKS AND GAMES; MISS FISHER FORMER RESIDENT ASKS FOR AID

The people of High Point are asked to make the lot of the wounded soldiers returning from France to the cantonments in this country more pleasant by providing them with amusements. The plea is made by Miss Maryilly Fisher, of this city, now in the Y. M. C. A. "hut" service at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga. Books, games and donations, either one or all, are wanted and are needed immediately, according to a letter received by The Enterprise from Miss Fisher.

The men returning from France to Camp Gordon are of course incapacitated so far as military life is concerned and use the Y. M. C. A. "hut" at the camp as a home and seek something to amuse them. Miss

Fisher suggests that the ministers of the city call to the attention of their congregations at the services tomorrow morning the need of the soldiers and urge the sending of them at the earliest possible date.

"You have no idea," writes Miss Fisher, "how much it will mean to the boys."

Any kind of reading matter is needed at once, current magazines included. The incapacitated men will probably be kept at the camp for months, but right now, with thoughts of home foremost in their minds, the need for amusement and recreation is paramount. Donations of the people of the city may be sent direct to Miss Maryilly Fisher, Y. M. C. A. administration building, Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.