

WEATHER REPORT: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday Probably rain. Cooler tonight in west portion. Gentle to moderate S. W. winds.

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PRESIDENT WILSON DECLINES AN INVITATION TO GERMANY BY WIRE

REFUSES TO CONSIDER SUCH SUGGESTION

ONLY AFTER LONG YEARS OF REPENTENCE CAN GERMANY ATONE FOR HER CRIME AND SHOW SINCERITY IS ADVANCE REPLY

NO AMERICAN COULD VISIT GERMANY

By Associated Press
Paris Dec 10.—According to wireless from the United States ship George Washington President Wilson had been in formed that Premier Ebert and Foreign Secretary Haase, of the Berlin government and Premier Eistener, of Bavaria, were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany, states Macel Hutin in the Che de Paris.

President Wilson is quoted as having made this reply "only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crime and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do by strictly official obligations, that is to say I decline in advance to consider any suggestion of the kind."

KAISER ADVISES WITH EXPERTS

London, Dec 10.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor had several interviews at Ameringen with two German experts on international law with whom he discussed his personal positions according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Daily Express.

SCANDAL OVER WAR BUILDINGS

(By Associated News Service)
Washington Dec 9.—The disintegration of the agencies which have been assisting the government in the conduct of war has commenced. This, with the reduction of the tremendous force of war workers employed by the government is producing chaotic conditions here. Already there is a suggestion of scandal in connection with the construction of certain war buildings in Washington, and Senators have used strong language in describing the conditions. One Senator declared that whoever was responsible for continuing the construction of the temporary buildings, now that the war is ended, should be pilloried.

WON'T RETURN HUN COLONIES

By Associated Press
Sydney, Australia, Dec 9.—Correspondent of the Associated Press.—Pronouncement by Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary of state for foreign affairs that Germany's

HAVE TICKETS FOR BERLIN

A very interesting letter from Sergeant R. J. Williams to Mr. Robert Shields, of Hobgood, dated in France October 26 is well worth repeating as it shows how the fellows over there have been feeling about the matter of surrender. In part he writes.

"The French people are very kind to the boys over here. They stand ready always to help the soldier boys in any way they can."

"Since I have been in France I have had nothing to kick about at all. I have had plenty to eat and drink and the boys get plenty of tobacco of every kind so it seems that Uncle Sam has no hard job in taking care of his boys even though they are three thousand miles away."

"There is a lot of talk about peace now and everybody seems to think that the Kaiser will soon quit, but it seems as though nobody is worrying a whole lot whether the Kaiser quits or not. They all have their tickets for Berlin and expect to be there some time in the near future and if I should by luck get there with the bunch I will give King William your regards and wish him a long and miserable life."

BURLEY TOBACCO BRINGS GOOD PRICES

(By Associated Press)
Louisville, Ky., Dec 9.—Kentucky farmers who produce about thirty per cent of the country's tobacco have experienced unprecedented prosperity since 1915 and this autumn were able to get nearly three times the price with which they would have been content at the beginning of the war.

colonies will not be returned to her after the war revives in Australia, and New Zealand animated discussion of the future of all the islands in the Pacific south of the equator.

Whatever conclusion is reached by the allies at the peace conference as to the disposition of German New Guinea and German Samoa, not to mention the Marshall Caroline and Ladrones groups, it is generally admitted that an entire recasting of various administrations of the British islands is needed to develop their great potential wealth, afford security for trade and ensure adequate defence.

It is believed that a federation of all the British archipelago under a central authority having its seat of government at the most convenient centre will eventuate after the war.

2,450 SOLDIERS LANDED N. Y. C.

(By Associated Press)
New York, Dec 10.—The British transport Empress of Britain arrived here today with 2,450 American soldiers.
Among the troops were four hundred and five wounded men.

PARIS FILLED WITH OFFICIALS

By Associated Press
Paris, Dec 10.—Every train arriving brings a large number of officials attached to various delegations to the peace conference.
All the largest of the allied nations are continuously sending parts of their working personnel and by the time the delegates gather the number of officials of all nationalities are expected to be between three and five thousand.

If the proposed international police fleet has the characteristics of a city police force, is it not likely to be pretty constantly stranded on a bar?

WAR CABINET JOIN WILSON IN PARIS

INDUSTRIAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET WHICH REGULARLY MEET AT THE WHITE HOUSE NOW TO ATTEND HIM IN FRANCE

CONSIDER RECONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

Washington Dec 10.—Industrial Gent as an unit in Paris and act members of President Wilson's as his advisers at the peace conference cabinet, which met at the White House every Wednesday during this country's participation in the war, will join the president in the war, will join the president in the war.

TO COMMAND THE OCCUPATION OF GERMAN TERRAIN.



The American Third Army has been designated as the army of Occupation. It will be under the immediate direction of General Dikman. Photo shows the General on horseback reviewing his troops "Somewhere in France".

FRENCH ENTER AIX LE CHAPPELLE

By Associated Press
Cologne Dec 10.—French and American troops officially entered Aix le Chapelle on Saturday and took over the occupation of the German city from the Belgians.

YANKEES ENTER MAYEN CITY

(By Associated Press)
London Dec 10.—The American forces reached the Mayen near to and directly west of Coblenz. This was reported by the Wolff Bureau of Berlin as an into Mayen.
Washington, Dec 10.—The American army of occupation marching into Germany has reached the Rhine, General Pershing, under last night's date, reported.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	28.00	28.00	27.56	27.56
January	26.50	26.50	26.42	26.42
March	25.43	25.43	25.30	25.30
May	24.59	24.59	24.40	24.40
July	23.85	23.85	23.73	23.73
Local Market NOMINAL				

KAISER MAKES ATTEMPT ON LIFE

NEWS COMES FROM LEIPSIK TAGEBLATT WHICH SAYS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE FOLLOWED SOME MENTAL DEPRESSION

ATTENDANT INJURED IN PREVENTING END

MRS. W. C. CHILTON AT HOBGOOD

Tomorrow night Mrs. William Calvin Chilton, monodramist, who is known throughout the south as one of the best interpreters of the drama, will give a monodramatic recital of "Polly and the Circus," and "The Lady from Oklahoma," in Hobgood.

The former being a drama of strong dramatic situations and the latter a bright and delightful comedy show the range of Mrs. Chilton's ability as a reader. Her dialect and humorous selections are said to be incomparable.

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec 10. William Hohenzollern, former German Emperor, has attempted suicide following mental depression, according to the Leipsic Tageblatt, which is quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange telegraph.

It was a member of the former emperor's retinue who prevented Hohenzollern from carrying out his suicidal intent and received a wound himself thereby, it is said in Hobgood.

TRAIN SERVICE BECOME NORMAL

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec 10.—Restoration of normal train service has now been undertaken by the railroad administration, said Director General McAdoo, in a statement made today.
Trains, he announced, will be added to the existing schedules within the next two weeks.

SELLING BABIES TO SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press)
Paris Dec 9.—"Selling babies to soldiers," is Murry G. Sawyer's characterization of his activities as a Red Triangle man with the American Expeditionary Force. Mr. Sawyer comes from Minneapolis, Minn.

"Horrible, isn't it, but true," he said to a friend. "My particular outfit of men have sold ten babies in the last ten days and we expect to sell a hundred more within the next two months. Why, it's the greatest business in France today—this selling of babies to soldiers."

"There are 59 men in a platoon, and we suggested that platoon should adopt a baby on pay day. It costs 500 francs to take care of a baby for one year, and that meant that all but five men in a platoon should pay 5 francs each on the first installment, and five francs each on the following pay day. Making a payment each time of 250 francs, or 500 in all. Each platoon elects a leader who acts as a go-between, of the babies are bought through the Baby Department of the Stars and Stripes. On the payment of the second and final installment the leader gets seven pictures of the child in various poses."

The Senate intends to be represented at the peace conference. If it can't receive appointments, it means to go along anyhow.

FEW MESSAGES SENT WILSON

(By Associated Press)
Washington Dec 10.—Communication between the White House and President Wilson at sea has been limited to routine and executive business and the number of messages have been comparatively small, said Secretary Tumulty today.
So far it has been found necessary to bring only a few matters to the President's personal attention.

ROANOKE FACES BAD EPIDEMIC

Roanoke Va., Dec 10.—More than ninety new cases of influenza were reported here today bringing the total since December first to more than seven hundred.
The city council issued an appeal to the public to desist from gathering in public places.
No nurses are available here and the health authorities say they may send a call to Washington for nurses within a few hours.

DUTCH PLANNED KAISER'S FLIGHT

Paris, Dec 10.—The city council at Spa has documentary evidence proving that a Dutch general came to Spa to meet the former German Emperor before his flight into Holland, according to Le Matin.

It would appear therefore that his reception and that of the Crown Prince and their suite on the Dutch frontier was merely a "Comedy", the newspaper continues.