

WEATHER REPORT: Rain and warmer tonight. Saturday rain and warmer in east. Moderate east to Southeast winds.

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## PRES. WILSON RECEIVED VOCIFEROUS WELCOME

CROWDS THROUGH THE STREETS OF BREST AND OFFER AMERICA'S HEAD MOST FRANTIC OVATION A-LONG ROUTE

### DELIVERS ADDRESS TO MAYOR GOUDE

(By Associated Press.)  
Brest, Dec. 13.—President Wilson arrived in the harbor of Brest at one o'clock this afternoon on the George Washington amid deafening salvos of artillery afloat and ashore.

His arrival was the culmination of an imposing naval spectacle which began as the presidential fleet rounded the outer capes, then passed the entrance of the forts and moved into the harbor where the George Washington anchored at the head of a long double column of American dreadnaughts and destroyers and units of the French cruiser squadron.

The presidential fleet was first sighted at eleven thirty this morning fifteen miles off shore. The sea was calm and the stately fleet moved landward under skies that were steadily brightening after a dark and gloomy morning, and it was more than an hour later that the ships were signalled at the entrance to the harbor and great cheers arose from the waiting crowd as a cloud of black smoke showed that the presidential fleet was near.

President Wilson witnessed a spectacle from the deck of the steamer of waving greeting and acknowledgements as the cheering throng ashore vied with the artillery in the Old World's first tribute to an American president.

As soon as the arrival of the fleet was effected Stephen Pinchon, French foreign minister and George Leyens, minister of marine met the President on behalf of the French government, and boarded the George Washington to extend first greeting.

Brest, Dec. 13.—President Wilson came ashore with Mrs. Wilson who carried an American flag and a bouquet.

Brest, Dec. 13.—President Wilson left Brest for Paris at four o'clock this afternoon.

The president's progress from the pier to the train was amidst a vociferous welcome from throngs in the streets.

Brest, Dec. 13.—President Wilson delivered a brief address after landing here, thanking Mayor Goude for the Breton welcome given him.

He then drove through the cheering crowds whose frantic ovation continued until he reached the railway station.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—An American squadron has arrived at Pola, formerly one of the principal Austrian naval bases, and has taken over the command of the port.

Jugo-Slav war vessels in the harbor hoisted American flags according to a telegram from Labach reporting the arrival of the Americans.

Brest, Dec. 13.—United States steamship, George Washington, with President Wilson and his suite aboard, entered the harbor of Brest shortly after noon today.

## NO SERVICE ON SUNDAY

As a precautionary measure against the spread of the influenza the ministers of the local churches have decided that it would be better not to have services on Sunday next.

It had already been decided that the Sunday schools be closed on Sunday as the gathering together of the children was considered dangerous at this time.

All the ministers regret that this course has become necessary but they feel they are conserving the public health and possibly preventing a spread of this virulent disease.

## MR. J. E. ROUSE BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mr. J. E. Rouse who died at Johnson-Willis Hospital, Richmond, at midnight Wednesday took place at noon today at Louisburg, the home of his wife.

Mrs. Joe Rouse, mother of the deceased, and Mr. Henry Rouse, brother, arrived in Louisburg from Magnolia last night and attended to the funeral arrangements, that were also looked after by the local Woodmen, at the request of this lodge.

Mrs. J. E. Rouse is ill at her home here, and also one of the children, and could not attend the funeral, but Mr. and Mrs. Rouse will be here this evening, and Mrs. R. R. Harris, mother of Mrs. J. E. Rouse, will arrive sometime tomorrow to be with her daughter.

Neighbors and ladies of the town are doing everything they can for Mrs. J. E. Rouse and she is receiving every possible attention.

## GERMANS PLAY U. S. ANTHEM

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 12.—(Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—A German band at a prison hospital near London played the Star Spangled Banner and several hundred wounded German soldiers sang it as if they enjoyed it in celebration of the signing of the armistice. The music was in honor of a parade of American wounded quartered in a hospital near the prison hospital.

If the sentiment of those prisoners may be taken as a criterion the German people will harbor no old scores against Americans for helping to deliver the final blow of the war. They entered heartily into the armistice celebration and were glad the war had ended.

Mr. Arthur Wright, is seriously ill at his home on eleventh street, with Spanish influenza.

## BERLIN REJOICES JANUARY FIRST

(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—January first has been fixed as the day of rejoicing in Berlin in honor of the revolution, according to the Zeitung Amittag of Berlin.

## YANKEE ARMY HALTS ON RHINE

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 13.—The American army marching into Germany has come to a stand on the Rhine.

General Pershing's report for yesterday said there was no advance on that day.

## NAVAL REVIEW AT NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 13.—Every capital ship of the American navy now in European waters will return home this month, Secretary Daniels announced today.

They may be expected to reach New York about December 23 and a naval review will take place there to celebrate their homecoming.

## ENGLISH GIRLS GET TRAINING

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 12.—Hundreds of girls employed at the Ministry of Food Registration Clearing House are receiving instructions during working hours for after-war commercial careers. The London County Council has taken charge of their education and each girl is given 1-4 hours every day except Saturday for instruction and study.

Classes are held three times a day. The girls are from 16 to 18 years old.

There are classes in bookkeeping, French and shorthand, and the girls are also given the choice of recreation classes in elocution and singing.

## EMPRESS HAS HEART ATTACK

(By Associated Press.)  
Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—The former German Empress has suffered another serious heart attack and doctors have been summoned from Berlin, according to dispatches received here.

## MORE SOLDIERS LEAVE FRANCE

Washington, Dec. 13.—Three more transports, Buitenberg, Amphion and Suwanee have sailed from France with troops.

## MOST PROPOSED GIRL IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Dec. 13.—Miss Helen Beller, daughter of the president of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, is probably the most proposed to girl in France today. It all came about because one night in one of the American camps she ran out of "encores", and sang a little nursery song called, "If no-one ever marries me." It goes like this:

"If no-one ever marries me,  
And I don't see why they should  
For Nurse says I am not pretty  
And I'm seldom very good."

## CUT BELGIAN WOMEN'S HAIR

(By Associated Press.)  
Bruges, Dec. 13.—(Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—An ancient form of punishment in favor of the Middle Ages has been adopted in Belgium for Belgian women who were too friendly toward the German invaders or who listened to their love making. They have been shorn of their hair. In Bruges several women have suffered this form of retribution and either remain indoors or patronize the wig makers. It is known that this method has been applied at least in one other place. The scenes attending the application of this punishment has been rather boisterous.

## FORMER KAISER NOW FEARS FOR HIS LIFE

SCORES OF DETECTIVES SHADOW HIS EVERY MOVEMENT WILHELM IS IN CONSTANT DREAD OF BOMB THROWERS AND ASSASSINATORS

### ALWAYS CARRIES A SMALL REVOLVER

## NO WAITING IN HOBGOOD

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 13.—Several scores of detectives are staying at Amerongen shadowing every movement of William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, according to an Amerongen correspondent of the Daily Express who claims to have talked with some of them.

The former Kaiser is said to be in constant dread of bomb throwers and their assassins and always carries a small revolver.

Effective Monday next, December 16, trains No. 68 and 69 will be operated between Hobgood and Scotland Neck Daily, except Sunday, making connection with the northbound train No. 90 at Hobgood and on return with southbound train No. 49.

By this arrangement, which this town has fought for all along, the morning train No. 69 from Weldon will run through here as usual and go on to Hobgood, then it returns from Hobgood as No. 68 at 10.10 A. M. arriving in Scotland Neck at 10.40 A. M. and waits here until 11.25 A. M. and arrives in Hobgood at 11.40 A. M.

This means that instead of leaving here at 9.30 and waiting in Hobgood for connections at noon we can leave here at 11.25 in the morning and have no wait in Hobgood.

This is one of the greatest benefits that has been offered Scotland Neck in some time and much of the credit for this convenience is due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Archie McDowell who has had the regional director here over the matter and also the superintendent of the Coast Line.

## MRS. JNO BIGGS REPORTED ILL

Word has come that Mrs. John Biggs, of Williamston, is very ill and her mother, Mrs. Kate Dunn, is staying by her bedside.

Dr. Biggs, who has been also ill with the flu is now reported better.

## NAVY SHOWS FEW VIOLATIONS

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Navy lived up to its best traditions during the war and sailors almost invariably conducted themselves better than in peace times. Despite the large number of men inducted into service from civil life, which increased the naval force 134 per cent, there were fewer violations of navy regulations. The percentage of court-martials decreased from 2.72 to 1.20 in the Marine Corps.

This fine record of the sailors' behavior was revealed today in the annual report of Captain George R. Clark, judge advocate general, who also took occasion to commend the improved conditions in naval prisons, which he attributed largely to the efforts of the Welfare League. In referring to excellent conditions at the Portsmouth, N. H., yard, the Judge Advocate General said the system there was initiated by Thomas M. Osborne, former superintendent of the New York State prison.

## INDEPENDENT OF FOREIGN SOURCES

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 13.—Reorganization of the Navy's Hydrographic Office during the war so as to make it largely independent of foreign sources of information is shown today in the annual report of Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, chief of the office which is maintained to supply the marine maps and charts and all sorts of scientific sailing advice to the navy and merchant marine.

"Our entry into the war made it an absolutely sine qua non," Admiral Schroeder said, "and although the final result cannot be immediately achieved of covering the more remote untraveled seas with our charts, the office has been definitely brought to a position of virtual independence and self-support. And that position will of necessity be maintained from now on."

Owing to the war, the only surveys now being carried on are around Guam, in the Gulf of Fonseca and near Guantanamo. Submarine operations, the report said, have added slightly to the sum total of hydrographic information.

## MOST SCHOLARS ARE DEFECTIVE

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Fifty per cent of the 25,000,000 boys and girls of school age have physical defects that impede normal development. Willard S. Small, School Hygiene specialist of the federal bureau of Education, said in an address before the American Public Health Association.

After declaring that the nation needs "physical education", the speaker pointed out that 2,500,000 men in the first draft were disqualified for active military service because of physical defects, and added:

"Being unfit for military service, they were therefore unfit to render full service in any capacity. They were unable to get full returns from life in work and happiness."

**COTTON MARKET**

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	27.45	27.50	27.45	27.50
January	26.20	26.20	26.04	26.04
March	25.04	25.04	25.00	25.00
May	24.24	24.24	24.15	24.15
July	23.60	23.60	23.50	23.50

Local Market 25 cents

WHERE THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED



Photo shows the ruins in the business sector of the French city of Senlis, in which city the armistice terms were signed. The city has been under both Allied and German bombardment since the beginning of the war.