

WEATHER REPORT: Rain tonight. Colder in west portion. Wednesday much colder and generally fair. To moderate fresh to S. E. wind shifting to the East and to the West winds.

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WILSON WILL REACH LONDON THURSDAY

HAS CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH AMERICAN TROOPS AT CHAUMONT EATING FROM THE SAME KIT AS THE SOLDIERS

RETURNS TO PARIS NEW YEAR'S DAY

By Associated Press
Paris, Dec. 24.—The president's plans for visiting the American army headquarters at Chaumont and then proceeding to England are now complete.

He will leave Paris tonight and not return until New Year's Day. The president will have Christmas dinner with the troops eating from the mess kit with the soldiers about him. He will have a formal dinner with General Pershing and his officers later.

After reviewing the troops the president will deliver an address, and will leave Chaumont late in the afternoon of Christmas day for Calais, arriving there next morning. He will cross the English channel directly to Dover where a special train will carry him to London.

AMBASSADOR CALLED HOME

By Associated Press
Paris, Dec. 24.—Ambassador Sharp has been called to America by the severe illness of his brother, Elvria, Ohio. He leaves this city tonight.

WILSON AND WIFE GO SHOPPING

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 24.—President and Mrs. Wilson did their Christmas shopping yesterday, visiting many of the principal shops during the two hour tour in the center of Paris.
Both had been about Paris before but this was the first time they had ventured into the shopping district together as they often do in Washington.
Few Parisians recognized them, but all Americans, with whom the centers of Paris teem, gave them greetings which the president and Mrs. Wilson returned with smiles and bows.

HINDENBURG TO BE RETAINED

(By Associated Press.)
Basle, Dec. 24.—An agreement has been reached between the Berlin government and the German general staff by which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Groener, chief quartermaster general, shall retain their offices, according to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin.

MILUKOFF SENT OUT OF PARIS

By Associated Press
Paris, Dec. 24.—Paul N. Milukoff former Russian foreign minister accused last July of being a German, has been obliged to leave Paris, according to Le Matin. His presence here was believed to be unnecessary.

GERMANS HIDE NEWEST SHIP

(By Associated Press)
Paris, Dec. 24.—The Germans have not completely complied with the clause of the armistice providing for the delivery of their submarines, according to Le Matin.
The newspaper points out the presence at Trondhjem, Norway, of the submarine cruiser U-157. This is a vessel of most recent type, 1800 tons burden and is credited with having made a four and a half months cruise without making port.

WILSON VISITS CLEMENCEAU

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 24.—President Wilson this morning visited Premier Clemenceau, but no information was given out as to the subject of a rather lengthy discussion.

KAISERS WEALTH ESTIMATED AT 900,000,000 MKS.

(By Associated Press)
Basle, Dec. 24.—The seizure of property owned by the Hohenzollerns would produce immediately nine hundred million marks according to figures compiled by the Frankfurt Nachrichten.

ALLIES WON'T INVADE RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 24.—An important conference is being held today in an effort to find a ground for the co-operation between the allies and the United States on the one hand and the patriotic element in Russia on the other.
The meeting took place at the Russian embassy here according to newspaper reports.
The entente government's press accounts declare that they are completely in accord in a decision to undertake a vast military expedition into Russia.

MEDALS SENT TO VOLUNTEER NURSES

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, FEELING DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE FOR HEROIC WORK OF NURSES, HAVE PRESENTED EACH WITH LASTING REMEMBRANCE

COMMUNITY PROUD OF NOBLE SACRIFICE

One hardly ever looks for the heroic in the staid communal life of a small North Carolina town, expecting to find deeds of valor only upon the battlefield or in the base hospitals on the fields of France, so that when the young women of our own town voluntarily assume the dangerous task of tending their fellow-citizens, stricken with influenza, knowing full well the hazard, it is more full well the hazard, it is more in the highest degree.

During the recent epidemic eleven of our local young women devoted themselves to the care of the sick in the temporary hospital, fitted up by a committee of ladies with funds generously donated by the business men of the town, and herein a large number were taken care of until well enough to be removed to their homes.

In token of the wonderful work done by these young ladies the hospital committee has had medals made and inscribed, which have been sent to each of the ladies.

The resolution on the minutes of the hospital committee's books

is as follows:
At the last full meeting of the Hospital Committee Mayor Shackell proposed that the volunteer nurses be presented with medals. This pleased the committee so the chairman, Mrs. Charles Anderson, instructed the committee to select the medals to be engraved with the following inscription:

Scotland Neck, N. C.
for
Volunteer Service
in
Emergency Hospital

and the name of the nurse to be engraved on the back of the medal. It was intended that these medals be presented to the nurses at a public meeting, but, on account of the influenza, this could not be done so the medals have been sent to the following nurses:

- Miss Mary White.
- Miss Joyce Harris.
- Miss Claude Knight.
- Miss Berdine Sumrell.
- Miss Bessie Dunn.
- Miss Edith Cross.
- Miss Jennie Leggett.
- Miss Bessie Gray.
- Miss Fannie Gray.
- Mrs. A. McDowell.
- Mrs. R. C. Josey Jr.

SANTA'S PRESENT TO THE WORLD FOR 1918.



GEN. RHODES IS IMPROVING

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Dec. 24.—The condition of Major General Charles Rhodes injured in an aeroplane fall at Louvres, northeast of Paris, on Monday showed great improvement during the night.
The pilot of the machine a brother officer was killed.
Rhodes is head of the American Armistice Commission and was the first American general officer to enter the German lines after the armistice terms were signed. He formerly commanded the "rain bow" division.

Halifax county must come to the front on the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. The record must be made this week.

MONTANA DRY AFTER DEC. 30

By Associated Press
Helena, Mont., Dec. 24.—State wide prohibition goes into effect in Montana at midnight December 30, this year or next Monday. With the passing of the saloon there will disappear one of the picturesque institutions of the West. At one time the saloon was an important feature in the social life of the hardy pioneers of the Treasure state.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	31.00	31.61	31.00	31.61
January	29.65	29.62	29.65	29.62
March	27.71	28.31	27.70	28.50
May	27.14	27.09	27.14	27.69
July	26.45	27.05	26.45	27.25

Local Market NOMINAL.

Lt. Bryan Tells of Advance Into Germany

Writing from Luxemburg under date of November 24, Lieutenant Herman Bryan states that his division had been for eight long days moving across the country toward the Rhine. He writes in part as follows:
"Five days after the armistice was signed five crack American divisions began to move up. All of these are picket divisions that have done most of the fighting."
"We came across northern France, through villages level with the ground from shell-fire, across "no man's land" and the old German line, across the frontier to France, into and across

Lorraine and into the Duchy of Luxemburg, where we are resting for another session tomorrow when we cross the river into Germany."
"It has been hard going, often all day without nothing to eat until night when we are billeted. It was quite a race to see which would cross the frontier first. My battalion was way up in front as advance guard. We were only two days behind the retreating German army, and in one day we took 280 prisoners straggling behind."
"The people of Lorraine welcomed us with great joy. The towns

were all decorated in French and American colors and large steamers bore the words "Honneur a nos Allies" and "Viva la Amerique." Everyone wore French colors in their buttonholes and one very enthusiastic young Lorraine lady pinned her colors on me and kissed me before the entire company. I still have them as a souvenir and am going to send them to me girl."
"We billeted one night at one of the Kropp's mines in Lorraine and I had a room in the managers home. Never have we been treated so royally. I signed the guest book twelve days behind a German

major general, in fact while they were there an American aviator dropped a bomb on the house, but it failed to go off. He showed me the bomb sixteen inches in diameter."
"My host said that five minutes before the armistice went into effect American aviators were bombing a town near here, and he lived in the cellar for three weeks."
"I went down into the mine while there and it was quite modern and still running. They have most modern machinery, etc., and it looked exactly like one of ours in the States."
"This country is far ahead of

France in that respect. France is still mediaval, while Germany is more progressive and modern—if they are HUNS."
"Metz has been occupied by the French, and one squadron of American cavalry, riding milk white horses, paraded there. My division was far beyond at the time, acting as outpost for them."
"The City of Luxemburg has also been occupied and by Yanks. General Pershing and General Foch reviewed them with the Queen and I had a copy of Pershing's speech, printed in German but lost it. The people almost went crazy over those Yanks, they

say, and the Queen delivered them the gates of the city."
"I have had chances to get all kinds of souvenirs but have no way of carrying them with me. German helmets galore we see by the road and I carried a Boche canteen full of water for two days but finally lost it early one morning."
"I understand our destination is Coblenz, but am not sure. If so it means another hundred miles of hiking."
"Christmas comes but once a year," and very fortunately Christmas bills follow the same custom.