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### WILSON ARRIVED IN ROME THIS MORNING

WAS MET AT STATION BY KING VICTOR, QUNN HELENA, GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES AND BY AN IMMENSE CROWD

### KING WILL DINE WITH WILSON FRIDAY

(By Associated Press.)

Rome, Jan. 3.—The program arranged for President Wilson's entertainment includes a luncheon with "Mother Margherita", a reception by the parliament, a state dinner with King Victor Emanuel, followed by a visit to the President of a deputation from the Quirinal.

Tonight the citizenship of Rome will be conferred upon Wilson.

Saturday there will be a luncheon at the American Embassy in honor of the President, and this also is the day set for his visit to the Pope and for his reception of the protestant bodies at the American church. He will also take dinner with the Italian court.

President Wilson expects to leave for Geneva Sunday and possibly go to Milan and arrived in Turin Monday for a short visit leaving for Paris on Monday night.

Rome Jan. 3.—King Emanuel has accepted an invitation to have luncheon with President Wilson and family at the residence of Ambassador Page on Friday.

Rome, Jan. 3.—President Wilson arrived in Rome at 10.25 this morning and was received at the station by King Victor Emanuel and Queen Helena, member of the government and representatives of the local authorities.

Immense crowds welcomed the President with great enthusiasm.

### 2,000,000 MEN BE DISCHARGED

Washington Jan. 3.—No decision has been reached by the War Department on the question of universal military service. Secretary Baker told the house military committee today, and he indicated that no definite project for a permanent military establishment would be presented to congress until the peace conference concluded its work.

Secretary Baker said that seven hundred thousand men had been discharged from the army since the signing of the armistice had been declared and that another million would be discharged within the next few weeks.

### COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
January	26.00	26.00	25.88	25.88
March	27.75	27.75	27.50	27.50
May	26.65	26.65	26.49	26.49
July	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.60
October				23.00
Local	27-12 cents			

### REV. MEREDITH REPORTED ILL

Rev. Reuben Meredith was taken down with fever on Tuesday and has had considerable temperature but today is somewhat better though he complains of pain in his back. He is very weak but it is hoped is progressing favorably.

Four of his children have also been taken down and have considerable fever, but Mrs. Meredith is attending them and it is expected that another day will show improvement.

### PREPARE FOR AFTER THE WAR

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—In preparation for the American after the war merchant marine, the United States Naval School of Turbine Engineering has been established at the Carnegie Institute of Technology here under the direction of naval officers. Several detachments of naval men, who have seen service as engineers of steamers operating reciprocating steam engines, have begun the course.

### AIRPLANES LOSS CRIPPLES HUNS

London, Jan. 3.—For the allies to take 2,000 airplanes from Germany in accordance with the terms of the armistice, means militarily crippling Germany in the air beyond hope of early recovery, and while immensely adding to the aerial strength of the Allies, says an aviation expert. This is emphasized, he says, by the war, Germany lost in aerial combat with the British alone something like 2,700 machines. To this total must be added the destruction wrought by the French and American air services.

The expert asserts that for several months before the armistice, Germany's capacity for producing airplanes was unequal to the task of replacing her immense losses. This he adds, was strikingly illustrated by the almost complete failure of her air arm during the final and most critical phase of the war.

### FIGHTING IN MUNICH STREETS

(Associated Press)

Berlin Jan. 3.—Munich newspapers received here publish reports of shooting in the streets of the city in New Year's evening when nine persons were wounded.

### 1000 SOLDIERS TAKEN ASHORE

(By Associated Press)

New York Jan. 3.—Information received today states that nearly one thousand troops including some wounded have been removed from the transport Northern Pacific which is aground off Fire Island.

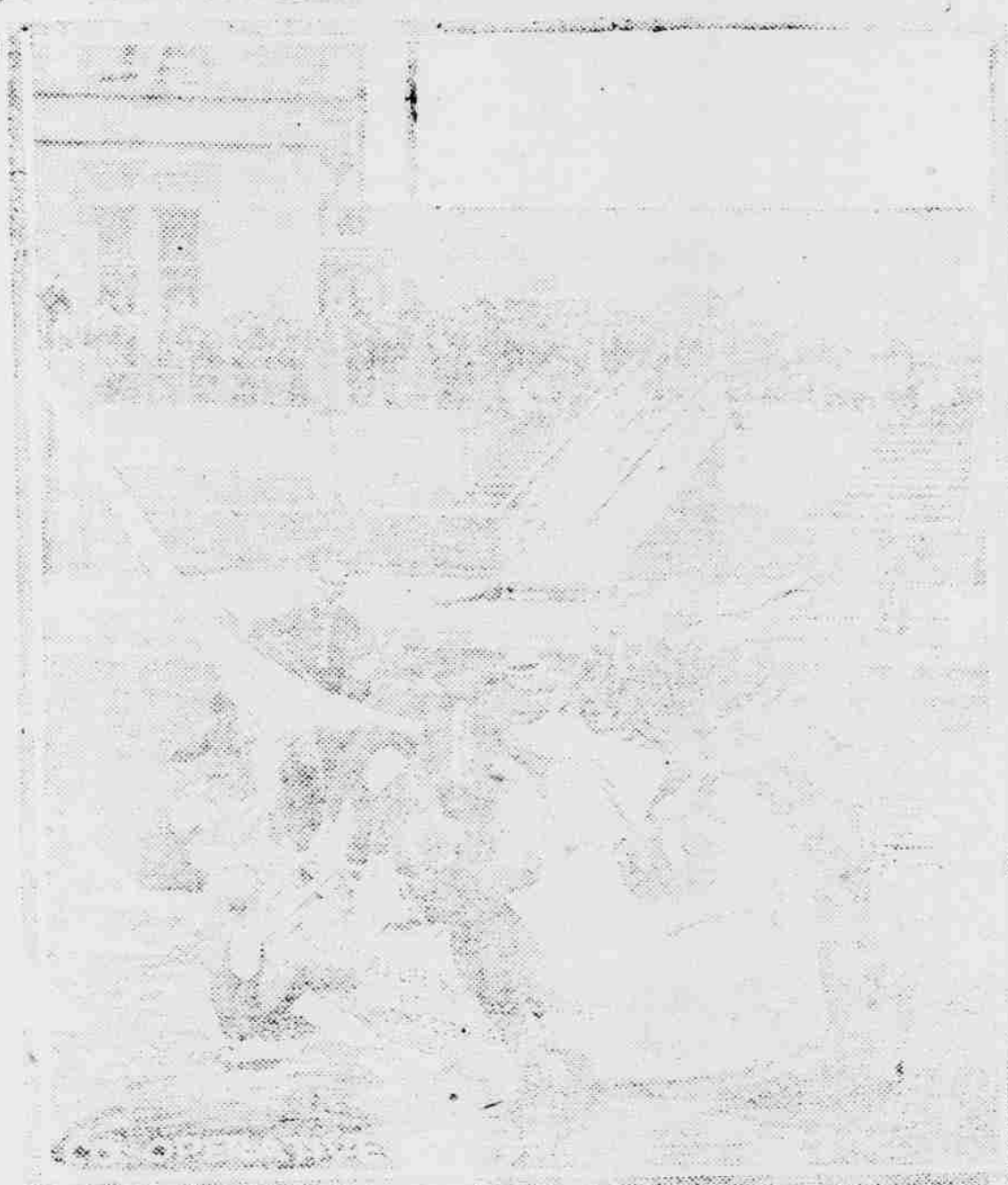
This indicated that less than fifteen hundred soldiers remain on the ship and that their removal is progressing favorably.

### RODMAN ASKS SHIP DESTRUCTION

(By Associated Press.)

Washington Jan. 3.—The destruction of all the capital ships of the German navy surrendered to the allies was recommended today by Rear Admiral Rodman who commanded the American fleet in the North Sea during the war.

### ATLANTIC CROSSED IN MID-WINTER BY HARDY ADVENTURERS IN ODD SHAPED 18 FOOT CRAFT



Would you like to cross the Atlantic in mid-winter in a boat 18 feet long? That's what a party of hardy adventurers did in a life-boat of the Brude type. Leaving Norway, they went to St. John's Newfoundland, thence to Boston. The odd craft, which is shaped exactly like an egg, is equipped with sails and has a covering which shields its passengers from exposure in stormy weather.

### AERONAUTS ARE FROST BITTEN

(By Associated Press)

London, Jan. 3.—While flying at the altitude of 20,500 feet in a British airplane yesterday at Ipswich yesterday Observer Blowers, who accompanied Pilot Long, collapsed when his oxygen bottle broke, but afterwards recovered. Both men were frost bitten during their flight.

### DISSOLVE HUN HIGH COMMAND

(By Associated Press.)

Basle Jan. 3.—The German armistice commissioners according to Berlin dispatch have informed the allied commissioners that on the western front except for the peace time garrisons there are now twenty divisions for which orders have been issued for their discharge.

It is added that the dissolution of the German High Command is proceeding.

### JAP STUDENTS FROZEN STIFF

Sendai, Japan, Jan. 3.—A party of nine Japanese students and teachers who went mountain climbing on a near-by range lost their way in a snow-storm and were frozen to death. Searchers found the bodies huddled together in a ravine, the arms entwined in a vain effort to keep off the cold.

### PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE HELD JAN. 13

THE FOUR LEADING ALLIES WILL CONVENE FOR THE FIRST CONFERENCE ON MONDAY WEEK TO DETERMINE PLANS FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

### BERTHELOT ONE OF THE SECRETARIES

(By Associated Press.)

### CHURCHES TO CLOSE SUNDAY

The local ministers, with the exception of Rev. Reuben Meredith, who is sick in bed, met this morning and discussed the local health situation and determined, in the interest of the community, that it was advisable to discontinue Sunday School and Church services this coming Sunday, after which it could be determined whether the influenza was abating and it would be safe to open the places of worship the following Sunday.

### NORFLEET SMITH WRITES PAPER

It was with the greatest pleasure that The Commonwealth received a card of Christmas greetings from Captain Norfleet S. Smith of the first light infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, which was written from the hospital at Paris.

That he expected to be back in Scotland Neck soon after the first of the year.

This card was mailed in Paris at 2 P. M. on December 6.

### TRIBUTE SAID SIGNAL CORPS

(By Associated Press)

Washington Jan. 3.—The Signal Corps of the United States army was paid a deserved tribute by Col. Granville Sevier, who has just returned from France, where he commanded a regiment of American artillery. "I must take my hat off," he said, "to the brave and gallant members of our Signal Corps, who kept open the lines of communication under the most merciless machine gun, big guns and rifle fire. The brave enlisted men of that corps were frequently called by their perilous duty into the uncanny precincts of 'no-man's land'. Colonel Sevier also praised the splendid work of the enlisted men generally, the gunners of the artillery and the drivers of munition wagons. Other army officers expressed the belief that the magnificent part the American artillery took in crushing Germany will not be fully appreciated until the war is over."

Paris Jan. 3.—There is every likelihood, according to the morning newspapers that the peace conference, or rather a preliminary conference, between the four great allies will open January 13.

The secretaries of the conference will be Philippe Berthelot, of the French foreign office, and Paul Dutasta, French ambassador in Switzerland, it is said.

Paris Jan. 3.—After the preliminary conference between the four great allied powers, which will convene on January 13, says the Journal, there will be a second conference at which other allied states will be consulted on questions concerning them.

### COLD WAVE REACHES EAST

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 3.—The western cold wave has moved southward today to the Gulf coast and eastward over the Appalachian mountains.

The temperature is below freezing and snowing on the Gulf coast, and below zero in the middle north and states of the upper Mississippi valley.

The lowest temperature registered is thirty-four below zero in the middle states, Moore.

The prediction is for fair weather tonight and Saturday, east of the Mississippi river, but much colder in Atlantic states.

### COMPENSATE RETURNED MEN

(Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 3.—Representative V. Frank James of Michigan has introduced in Congress a bill to compensate the American soldiers, sailors and marines who participated in the winning of the world war. The measure proposes to pay every enlisted man who leaves the service three months extra salary. Those who remain in the service are to receive one month extra pay. He says this will be but slight appreciation for the good work they did there.

Related mail in authentic and detailed history of the world war is written.

## Presidential Problem Big in Washington

Washington D. C., Jan. 3.—The Presidential problem of 1920 is being vigorously discussed here during the lull in the peace proceedings abroad. Politicians and Congressmen are canvassing the Democrats who express the belief that Hon. Champ Clark will have a strong following should he decide to enter the contest. It is known that one of Mr. Clark's greatest ambitions is to succeed to the Presidency. There are other Democrats who favor nominating President Wilson for a third term. Two names loom up prominently among the Republicans—General Pershing and Governor

Walter E. Edge of New Jersey who will take his seat as Senator March 4, next. It is said that several prominent Republicans have set out to sound General Pershing as to his wishes in the matter, provided it is proven beyond the peradventure of a doubt that he is really a Republican. The question as to the political faith has

arisen because of his long service in the army and the fact that he has participated but little in political affairs. Senators Lodge of Massachusetts is also mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination. Col. Barry Bulkeley a nephew of Governor Whitman of

New York, is an ardent advocate of Governor Edge. He says the New Jersey executive has demonstrated his popularity by being twice elected by great majorities against the expressed disapproval of President Wilson, in the latter's adopted state. It is the expectation that by the fall of the

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