

U. S. WAR MISSION ALREADY AT WORK, HOUSE AT ITS HEAD

Members Safe in England, Will
Help Plan to Defeat the
Kaiser.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The special American Commission to the Allied Conference arrived in London at midnight. It is headed by Col. E. M. House as Special Commissioner with the honorary rank of Special Ambassador.

The first thing they did was to go into conference, with Col. House presiding. The meeting lasted an hour. Col. House outlined a tentative program for the next few days, calling for a series of conferences with British officials. Each member of the mission will discuss his particular work with British officials in charge of similar activities in England.

The Commissioners were met by Ambassador Page, Vice Admiral Sims, Commander of the American destroyer squadron, and Foreign Secretary Balfour. There are twenty-seven persons in the party, including Admiral Benson, Gen. Bliss, Vance Metcalf, Chairman of the War Trade Board; Oscar T. Crosby, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Bainbridge Colby of the United States Shipping Board, Dr. A. E. Taylor, representing the Food Controller, and Paul Cracath. Wives of several Commissioners are in the party.

Mrs. House and two women who are acting in secretarial capacities are in the party. When the train bearing the mission reached London the big metropolitan station was almost deserted. Mr. Page and Mr. Balfour were on the scene early, and while waiting

walked up and down the platform for ten minutes, chatting about the war. Col. House and Admiral Benson, the first to alight, were greeted heartily by Mr. Balfour, who met them on his recent visit to America. Col. House, appearing to be in good health, greeted the American correspondents. Then he introduced Mr. Balfour and Mr. Page to Mrs. House and walked to the waiting automobile and was taken to the home of the Duke of Roxburgh, near the new American Officers' Club. After Admiral Benson and Gen. Bliss had shaken hands with Vice Admiral Sims they were driven with the other members of the mission to a West End hotel.

"I am here as a political representative of the American Government, acquainting myself with the latest developments in official circles preparatory to going to France to attend the Paris Allied Conference," said Col. House. "Our stay in England will be brief, and every hour will be crowded with conferences. As head of the mission I shall be consulted from time to time by the other members, although each of them, by the nature of his respective duties, is working independently of the other."

"The Russian situation is too delicate and too serious a subject for me to comment on at this time."

This afternoon the Colonel lunched with Mr. Balfour. He devoted the remainder of the day to conferences with British officials. The other members of the mission busied themselves at the American Embassy and in conferences with representatives of the British War and Navy Departments.

The voyage was uneventful, although several days of rough weather put the steamship of the Americans to a severe test. Notwithstanding this, daily conferences took place. The Commissioners examined the mass of statistics bearing on their respective departments and familiarized themselves with the important work before them on this side of the Atlantic.

The result of the election in New York City was the most interesting wireless news which the party received during the voyage. It was picked up early Wednesday and greatly interested Mr. Colby and the other New Yorkers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—American participation in the Paris Inter-Allied conference, beginning Nov. 15, means a complete change in the method of war direction, officials here were convinced today. In announcing the arrival of the mission in England Mr. Lansing said: "The conference is essentially a 'war conference' with the object of perfecting a more complete co-ordination of the activities of the various nations engaged in the conflict and the more comprehensive understanding of their respective needs, in order that the joint efforts of the co-belligerents may attain the highest war efficiency."

"In looking forward to the assembling of the conference it cannot be too strongly emphasized that it is a war conference and nothing else, devoted to devising ways and means to intensify the efforts of the belligerents against Germany by complete co-operation under a general plan and thus bring the conflict to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion."

All-Package Receivers. Former United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall and Herbert A. Emerson were appointed receivers yesterday of the All-Package Grocery Stores Company by Federal Judge Augustus Hand.

Boxing Blow Kills Naval Man. SAN PEDRO, Cal., Nov. 8.—Neal Beaton, baker at the naval station near here, died today as a result of injuries received in a boxing match with another enlisted man last night.

"Simple Home Woman"; Part of Time Without Maid

Mrs. Hylan Is Glad Woman Suffrage Won and Will Take Advantage of New Privilege Accorded Her Sex in New York—She Is Consulted in Everything by the Male Head of the House, Who Lays Much of His Success in Life to Her Good Judgment—Her Home is a Happy and Receptive One, Not Quarantined Against Outside Ideas—New York Is Going to Like Her.

By Nikola Greeley-Smith.

"I'm glad the ladies won," Mrs. John F. Hylan said to me. "I think that women ought to vote, and I shall certainly exercise the right, now that it has been granted us."



The wife of New York's next Mayor is a pretty woman. She has real features; soft, silvery hair and exceedingly sweet blue eyes. When I called at the Hylan home at No. 959 Bushwick Avenue she opened the door for me herself, and my eye fell instantly on a red and white Hylan button pinned on the shoulder of her simple blue silk dress.

"Have you always been a Suffragist?" I asked. "No," Mrs. Hylan answered frankly. "I have not, but some time ago I became convinced that women needed the vote and should have it. I believe the war will put more and more responsibility upon the women of this country and the vote will help them to meet it."

"Are you doing any war work yourself?" I asked. "In my own quiet way, I am," Mrs. Hylan answered. "Knitting?" I asked. "No, not knitting," answered Mrs. Hylan. "I have no time to knit. I have been without a maid part of this year, and taking care of my home has kept me busy."

It is a simple, pleasant American home the Hylans have in the middle of a block of uniform brownstone on Bushwick Avenue. "I am just a simple home woman," Mrs. Hylan continued, "and there is very little I can say about myself. We all love our home and spend a great deal of time in it. My daughter, who has just finished her education, does not care for society at all. She is satisfied with the sociability of her family and a few friends."

"Is your daughter going to adopt a profession?" I asked. "Why, she has studied very hard and we want her to have a rest," Mrs. Hylan answered, "but if she should wish to do anything like that I would not think of opposing her. I don't believe in standing in the way of other people."

"We live our lives together," Mrs. Hylan continued, "share our reading and our amusements. We like to go to the theatre now and then and to make little trips. I don't care much for motoring, though very much the occasional trips we take to Palm Beach. I hope," Mrs. Hylan added, "that Judge Hylan's election will not interfere with our having the same simple, quiet home life."

I THINK Mrs. Hylan told the whole story of her happy and successful married life in the four words, "We do everything together." Before she married young John Hylan she was slender, blue-eyed Maria O'Hara, living on a farm near the O'Hylan home at Hunter, Greene County, N. Y. Judge Hylan has said often that he never makes an important decision without consulting his wife. Their marriage occurred when the young farmer boy from Greene County, who will be Mayor of New York, was an engineer on the Brooklyn elevated earning a little more than \$100 a month. The young engineer had a younger brother who was studying law. This brother died, and it occurred to John F. Hylan that he might study and take his brother's place at the bar.

"When I had finally determined that this course was possible," says the judge, "I branched the subject to my wife. It was our first big problem. Her advice was good then. It has always been good since and I consult with her about everything—even politics. She told me to take a chance. I had determined to become a lawyer. I framed up a programme for myself which would allow me to pursue my studies and at the same time run my engine on the Brooklyn L. I."

DURING the years of hard work and poverty which followed Mrs. Hylan was always her husband's greatest friend and helper. A month before his graduation from law school young Hylan was reported by an inspector for studying law in the cab of his engine and was dismissed by the Brooklyn Elevated. During his first month's law practice he took in \$26; in the second \$46, in the third \$51. When her husband went into politics, Mrs. Hylan took a keen interest in political questions. She was intensely absorbed in her husband's campaign for the Mayoralty.

"I made a point of going to two meetings a week to hear Judge Hylan speak," she told me yesterday. "New York will like Mrs. Hylan, I think. She is as she says herself a simple home woman, but she has not made of her home a quarantine against outside ideas. That she keeps abreast of the times was, I think, sufficiently indicated by her first words to me, 'I'm glad the ladies won!'"

Trolley Car Crashes Half Way Through House. PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8.—A trolley car filled with passengers jumped the rails today, leaped the curb and crashed half way through a frame house occupied by three families. Nobody was hurt.

Wife of the Mayor-Elect His Chief Aid and Adviser

They Worked Hard Together in Early Days of Poverty



MRS. JOHN F. HYLAN AND MISS VIRGINIA HYLAN. CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

ROCHESTER SUNK; FOUR IN CREW DEAD AND 14 ARE MISSING

Torpedo Destroys First U. S. Ship to Brave Ruthless War of U Boats.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The American steamship Rochester was torpedoed and sunk at dusk on Nov. 2.

Four sailors are known to have lost their lives. A boat with the second mate and thirteen men is missing.

The captain and twenty-two men have been landed at Buncrana. One lifeboat with nine survivors reached Ross Port, in the County of Mayo, yesterday.

The steamship Rochester was the ship that, with the Orleans, first braved the submarine zone after Germany renounced her promise to the United States. The Rochester was owned by the Kerr Steamship Company when she made her trip, leaving New York Feb. 11.

The Rochester, shortly after this journey, was taken over by the Furness-Withy Company, a British shipping company. It was stated, and now is presumably under British registry. She was of 2,551 tons, a steel screw steamship, built in 1912 at Ecorse, Mich. The Orleans was sunk several months ago.

HAM AND BACON PRICES CUT 5 TO 10 CENTS IN CHICAGO

Food Administration Figures These Eventually to Be Standard for Whole Country.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Prices of ham and bacon to the consumer were cut 5 and 10 cents by the Illinois Food Administrator today. The Government's complete control of the packing industry lends importance to the announcement.

AMERICAN SOLDIER TAKES TWO GERMAN PRISONERS

The capture of two German prisoners by an American soldier of Gen. Pershing's command is revealed by George Clemenceau, former French Minister of the Interior, in a special despatch to the New York Courier des Etats-Unis, describing a visit to the Chemin-des-Dames.

TO RAZE TOWN FOR MINE.

HIBBING, Minn., Nov. 8.—This thriving iron town must be sacrificed to Mars. Answering the world wide clamor for steel, mining companies here will soon begin clearing a forty-acre tract in the heart of the village to get the most valuable iron ore in this county. A dozen blocks, including the City Hall and practically all stores and offices, will be razed.

U. S. GUNNERS BACK FROM BATTLE GET FRENCH OVATION

Children Put Wrath on Artillery Piece That Fired First Shot at Germans.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 8. (By the Associated Press).—The first American artillery unit to establish contact with the Germans has come back to its billets. The men were tired and muddy, but still as enthusiastic a lot of soldiers as ever came out of gun pits. The artillery had a longer stay at the front than the infantry and they came back, men and horses, wet to the bone, covered with mud and ready to sleep.

Their "home-coming" was one that will long be remembered in this section of France. It was late in the day when long lines of marching soldiers and straining horses were seen rounding a small mountain many miles away. From the village toward which they were marching the column could be seen winding around the mountain to the valley, up on a nearer hill and then down again. The rain was beating in their faces and a village gurgled in a valley came into their view as they crossed the crest of the hill.

Below them stood a group in uniform, above this group floated the American flag, and a number of children were gathered about. Suddenly the band for the group of uniforms was a band—started a tune that brought a smile to the face of even the most tired artillerymen in the column. It was "The Campbells Are Coming." Some of the artillerymen cheered and the bearers of the red battery pennants raised themselves in their saddles and waved the pennants.

The entire command was immediately drawn up in a hillside and a gun covered with camouflage paint was drawn out in front. On the gun shield an artilleryman had written in chalk: "The first gun for the Germans." The Colonel in command spoke to one of the townspeople a moment, and addressing the men, told them the people of the village wished to do honor to the gun and its crew and to the American Army. The children gathered around and placed a floral wreath over the grim barrel and a bunch of wild flowers lined the empty case of the first shot fired. The regimental band then played the American and French national anthems.

That was all the ceremony, but the sight of Americans returning from combat with the Germans cheered the populace of the village so that when the troops disembarked many out met and many women came up to them eager to shake hands or to put their arms affectionately around their shoulders. There is not much sentiment in the makeup of an American artilleryman. His one idea is that he

COURT DENOUNCES LOAN CO.

Gives Judgment to Depositors of Eagle Savings Concern.

Supreme Court Justice Cressy of Brooklyn bitterly denounced the Eagle Savings and Loan Company this morning in giving a decision against that concern in suits brought by three depositors. The court held that the company had been guilty of "fraud and deception."

CONSUL BURNS RECALLED.

Mexican Will Not Return Because of "Recent Events" in New York.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 8.—Juan T. Burns, Mexican Consul General in New York, has arrived in Mexico City, having been called home by the Foreign Office. It is said that on account of recent events he will not return to the United States in an official capacity.

TRY IT!



ALLIED TROOPS MAKING RAIDS ON GERMAN LINES

Paris and London War Offices Report Minor Successes in France and Belgium.

PARIS, Nov. 8.—"During the night we made two surprise attacks, one on the enemy trenches east of Rheims, the other in the Woëvre east of Nouilly, and brought back prisoners," says today's official statement. "In Upper Alsace the attack which we made yesterday on the German positions at Schoenholz, it is now learned, caused the enemy to suffer heavy losses. The number of prisoners captured by us has reached 121, of whom two are officers. Important materials, which we have thus far not been able to enumerate, fell into our hands."

LONDON, Nov. 8.—"Welsh troops conducted a successful raid last night in the sector of Armentieres," says today's report from army headquarters. "Fourteen prisoners were captured by us and other losses were inflicted on the enemy. Our own casualties were small. Two German attempts to penetrate our lines north of Roux were repulsed, leaving a few prisoners in our hands."

TWO AMERICANS DEAD IN THE CANADIAN FORCES

Ottawa Casualty Report Lists Nine Others as Wounded at Front in France.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 8.—The Canadian overseas casualty list contains the following names of Americans. Killed in action: L. Cravens, Kansas City, Mo. Died of wounds: J. H. Walters, Berwyn, Ill. Wounded: Lieut. G. H. Beaman, Detroit, Mich.; F. Smith, Colfax, Cal.; R. H. Quick, Oak Grove, Del.; W. L. Collins, Vebien, S. D.; L. D. Arnold, Grand Rapids, Mich.; J. Ferguson, Chicago, Ill.; G. A. Flint, Minot, N. D.; J. J. Melville, Boston, Mass.; H. E. Patten, Tipton, Ind.

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