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WILSON AND GEORGE DISCUSS PEACE

BRITAIN TO QUELL GERMAN BOLSHEVISM

15,000 SEA HEROES FROM GREAT FLEET START FOR HOMES

Sailors and Marines, With Souvenir-Laden Bags, Come Ashore for Furloughs.

CHEERED BY CROWDS.

Sight of Fleet in Hudson Fascinates Throngs—Fighters Tell Experiences.

Sailors and marines of the two big fleets in the Hudson River to the number of about 15,000 packed up their souvenirs in their old sea-bags and came ashore to-day, bound for home.

From the Overseas Fleet the sailors were landed at piers from 79th to 97th Street and from the home fleet they were put ashore further up the river. Landings from all the "battle-wagons" were made at every hour of the day until the last man had started for his home, whether it was in far away California or right here in New York.

At 1 o'clock this afternoon the ships of both fleets were thrown open to visitors, and thousands took advantage of the occasion to go through the historic craft. Little boats and big boats carried the crowds and no permits were necessary to board many of the fleet. The ships were open to the inspection of the public from forecastle to the quarterdecks.

The bronzed veterans from across the seas and the weather beaten boys who did just as important work off the Virginia Capes were equally joyful when the furloughs granted them set their faces toward home. All were a mite disappointed at their inability to spend Christmas ashore, but all grouches were dissolved in grins when the boys with ponderous bundles leaped to the land from the sailing launches, which ferried them from the fleet to the river front.

Furloughs were timed according to the location of the sailor's home. If he lived in New York or thereabouts, his furlough was for ten days; if in the Middle West, fifteen, and the coast of far away Texas drew a leave of twenty-one days.

Part of the crowd which welcomed yesterday the sailors and the 'soldiers of the sea" was at the various landing stages to see something more of the sons of Neptune. They cheered again for the lads, but mostly the greetings were of homely phrases, wishing them good luck and a happy home arrival. And the boys waved to them or grinned to them, and were quickly on their way.

RIVER FILLED WITH CRAFT OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

But the big fleet furnished fascination enough for the admiring crowds. The thought of what the dreadnoughts and their crews had been through afforded plenty of reflection, and there was lots of life buzzing about besides. The Hudson was filled with craft of all descriptions. Motorboats and tugs and dingies and cutters were churning the water for the better part of the day. Officers on leave and men on furlough were returning to their

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"IN FLANDERS FIELDS."
The greatest poem of the war, as a calendar for 1919, will be given with the New York Herald next Sunday, Dec. 29.—Advt.

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SMITH PLANS LEGISLATION PERMITTING PEOPLE TO FIX PRICES OF STAPLE FOODS

Would Make Eggs, Meat, Butter and Milk All Public Utilities.

NO TIME WILL BE LOST.

New Governor to Present Proposal to Legislature at Earliest Moment.

Governor-elect Alfred E. Smith will request at the earliest possible moment of the next Legislature the drafting and passing of laws making all fundamental foods public utilities, and putting control of them directly into the hands of the people.

Embraced in the list of fundamental foods are eggs, milk, butter, bread, vegetables and meat.

This was learned this afternoon after a conference in District Attorney Swann's office between the district attorney, Chief Magistrate McAdoo, Deputy Commissioner of Public Markets Laura A. Cauble and Assistant District Attorney John T. Dooling.

"The Governor-elect is thoroughly in sympathy with us in this movement," said Mrs. Cauble, "and no man ever entered the Governor's office with a better knowledge of social conditions in this city and State. Making fundamental foods public utilities will give the people the right and opportunity to find out the actual cost of production and permit them to say whether high prices are justifiable.

"It will give the people power to regulate prices and will work for the betterment of conditions for producer and consumer alike. It will do much to adjust the food situation."

The John Doe inquiry into the high cost of milk was resumed to-day before Chief Magistrate McAdoo. Assistant District Attorney Dooling continued his examination of John D. Miller, general counsel of the Dairymen's League.

"Wonderful! wonderful," said Dr. Jonathan Day, Commissioner of Markets, when told of Gov.-elect Smith's plans. "Making public utilities of the food business will be of untold public benefit."

Dr. Day said he believed it would be advisable to extend the list of products affected, and would make ice and coal also subject to public utility control.

He had consultations with Governor-elect Smith on two different occasions when the plans were under consideration, and it is believed some of his ideas are included in the programme.

FOURTH LIBERTIES, 94.24.

New Low Record for Last Issue of Bonds.

The Liberty Fourth, 4¼ per cent. bonds, the recent issue, sold at 94.24, a new low record, on the Stock Exchange to-day. A block of $200,000 par value changed hands at this figure.

BUILDS NEW STRENGTH.
Father John's Medicine is a pure, wholesome food tonic. No dangerous drugs.—Advt.

MRS. DANIELS GREETS MANY NAVAL PATIENTS IN BROOKLYN HOSPITAL

MRS. JOSEPHUS DANIELS in Y.W.C.A. UNIFORM

Secretary's Wife Finds Men Contented and Grateful for Remembrances.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, paid a visit of cheer and comfort to-day to patients in the Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

At the conclusion of her visit Mrs. Daniels paused at the door and, turning toward the soldiers, said:

"I am here at the request of the Secretary, bearing his Christmas love and also bringing my own. The Secretary is as interested in you as if you were his own."

The Secretary's wife talked for several minutes with Robert Murphy and Scott Russell, two Western marines, who have been awarded the D. S. C.

Mrs. Daniels, who is in New York for the celebration of the returned war fleet, was accompanied to the hospital by Lieut. W. P. Frost, U. S. N. R. F., aid to Rear Admiral Usher, Commandant of the Third Naval District; Capt. George A. Lung, U. S. M. C., commandant of the hospital, and Lieut. S. B. Burke, U. S. M. C. She greeted personally every sick or wounded sailor and marine at the hospital, giving words of encouragement. She is particularly interested in the welfare of the marines, of which her son is a member.

Mrs. Daniels said she found the disabled men a happy, contented lot. They told her that everything was being done for them that could be desired, and that the Red Cross and other organizations had sent them many gifts. Many of the men, Mrs. Daniels said, told her they were faring far better at the hospital than they did at home before they joined the service.

$25 Men's Overcoats & Suits, $14.95.
The "Hub" Clothing Corner, Broadway, corner Barclay Street, opp. Woolworth Building, will sell to-day and Saturday 1,125 Men's & Your'g Men's Suits & Overcoats, blacks, fancy grays, browns, greens & dark mixed, belt or Military model; all sizes, 32 to 44. Our special price to-day and Saturday, $14.95 & $17.95. Open Saturday night till 10. The Hub Clothiers, B'way, cor. Barclay St.—Advt.

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Watch for To-Morrow's Special.—Advt.

EX-KAISER'S MOTTO WAS 'SAFETY FIRST,' HINDENBURG'S, TOO

Both Had Funk Holes Where They Ran to Cover From Distant Guns.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

SPA, Belgium, Dec. 16.—The former headquarters of the Kaiser and his General Staff is disclosing some queer facts about the men who engineered the world war. Take, for one, Hindenburg, Germany's super-man, around whom reams of poetry have been written disclosing him as a fearless Napoleon leading his troops to victory. As a matter af fact, he spent a great deal of time in a wonderfully constructed "funk hole," or dugout, underneath the grounds of his villa here.

Spa is almost on the German border and so far from where battle lines used to be that it was almost a day's journey in a fast motor car to get within sound of the big guns.

The Kaiser had a similar hiding place at Neubois, near a comic opera trench system about which he is said to have paraded for motion pictures. At each of their villas there were delicate electrical instruments which would set up a furious buzzing when an airplane approached. At the very first sound from this contrivance Hindenburg and the Kaiser used to run to shelter, it is reported. People who worked about Hindenburg's establishment said he was continually running for cover.

America's representatives on the International Armistice Commission are now occupying Hindenburg's headquarters, and they were amazed when they discovered the underground refuge of the great warrior. The entrance was through the dining room. From there a flight of steps led down to a tiled ante-room, which now serves as a very good pantry for the Americans.

From the tiled room there was another flight of steps that led down to the real dug-out. This was blocked by a huge iron door about one inch in thickness, which could be locked from the inside only. Within it was fastened by a double bolt which would do credit to an American banking establishment.

The dug-out was luxuriously equipped. On the floor was a heavy flowered carpet, and a Louis XV. table and chairs added to the artistic arrangement. The walls, which were of corrugated iron, were paintd solid white, and the whole place brilliantly illuminated by electricity. The room was about 14x12 feet and was protected by four to six feet of earth above it.

The Emperor's dugout was similar except that it was much deeper under ground and there were two entrances, one through the villa and the other from the grounds. The main entrance was from the house and led down a long flight of steps.

Another touch to the picture was added to-day when a German resident of Aix-la-Chapelle said the Crown Prince spent virtually all his time in amusement.

KAISER ASSASSINATED, IT IS REPORTED IN PARIS

Rumor Circulated in the Chamber of Deputies, But It Lacks Confirmation.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Rumors that the former Emperor of Germany had been assassinated became current in Paris, notably in the Chamber of Deputies, last evening.

There is no confirmation of the report.

PRESIDENT GIVES BRITONS VIEWS ON FREEDOM OF SEAS

League of Nations and Armaments Also Come Up at Their First Conference—Good Progress Reported Made During Intimate Discussion

LONDON, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's conferences to-day with British statesmen are described in American quarters as having been very satisfactory. The President spent more than three hours before Premier Lloyd George's luncheon in most intimate discussion with the Premier and Foreign Secretary Balfour at Buckingham Palace, going over the general aspects of the fourteen points of his peace programme.

The President and the British statesmen resumed their discussions at the Prime Minister's house in Downing Street after a luncheon there in his honor.

It was nearly 5.30 o'clock and darkness had fallen when the President came out to return to Buckingham Palace. As President Wilson appeared the crowd, which had waited for hours for his reappearance, raised another great cheer. There were shouts of "Wilson and "Good Old Wilson." The President, his hat off, bowed and smiled. He walked immediately to his car, from which he continued to bow and smile and wave his hand as he drove off.

The masses of people in Whitehall were so great that the motor car got through with difficulty, and the cheers of the crowd followed the President until his automobile disappeared.

At Buckingham Palace before the luncheon President Wilson, the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary met in one of the rooms of the President's suite before a cheerful, open fire, with no secretaries or documents to lend any air of formality to the discussion. It was an informal conference intended to develop the most intimate aspects of the situation.

WILSON TAKES THE LEAD IN THE DISCUSSION.

The President did a great deal of the talking, and it was said afterward that nothing developed to show that any substantial difference in principle or in fundamentals existed.

The discussion ranged about the freedom of the seas, the League of Nations and the attendant proposition of the reduction of armaments. None of these three subjects was discussed specifically or by itself, as they are considered inseparable in the final analysis, so the first purpose of the conference was to develop what may be the differences of opinion to the point where they may be clarified.

There may be an inkling of the results attained at to-day's conferences in the addresses which President Wilson will deliver to-morrow in the Guildhall and on Monday at Manchester.

About all that can be said at this time, it is indicated from American sources, is that the President found the spirit of accommodation and open-minded consideration which he expected.

To-day's conferences are considered as the most important proceedings in the peace conference negotiations with the exception of the actual deliberations at Versailles. Out of the results of his personal discussions with the British statesmen the President is represented as quite confident the groundwork for the further proceedings in Paris will be laid before he departs from England.

The President's plans for returning to France next Tuesday are not fully matured. If necessary he would remain to continue the conferences. The results of to-day's meetings will d

BRITAIN WARNS GERMANY NAVY WILL SHOOT BOLSHEVIKI; RADICALS NEAR TO VICTORY

Berlin Gets Drastic Ultimatum Against Red Activities in Fleet.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (United Press).—A Reuter despatch from Copenhagen to-day quoted Swiss reports as stating Field Marshal von Hindenburg is leading an army of loyal troops against Berlin, with the consent of the Allies.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The British Admiralty is prepared to take drastic measures against the propagation of Bolshevism in that part of the German fleet remaining in German hands, according to a Berlin despatch to-day. The sinking of vessels displaying the red flag and the execution of crews infected with Bolshevism is threatened, it is declared.

The text of the order attributed to the British Admiralty in the message reads:

"Vessels under the red flag will be sunk without warning. Vessels without officers will be dealt with in accordance with the laws of war. If a single man is caught propagating Bolshevik ideas the entire crew of the vessels in question will be shot."

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Bolsheviki have occupied the courts in Essen, ejecting all the Judges, according to a Zurich despatch received by Le Journal to-day. The despatch said the German press is becoming more pessimistic regarding the new revolt.

BERLIN, Thursday, Dec. 26, midnight (Associated Press).—As a result of to-day's deliberations, it is believed in some quarters the majority Socialists will retire from the Cabinet and leave the Independents in full control of the Government.

The Cabinet was in secret session the greater part of the day. The leading independents in the Government were also in conference, and this gave rise to a rumor that Hugo Haase, the leader of the Independent Socialists, would be called on to organize a new Government.

The crisis is likely to continue for

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ALLIES OCCUPY MANNHEIM, IN GERMAN NEUTRAL ZONE

Foch Sends Troops to Watch Prison Camps Where Soldiers Were Murdered.

ZURICH, Dec. 27.—A battalion of infantry has occupied Mannheim by order of Marshal Foch in order to watch the prison camp near where 10,000 Allied prisoners await liberation, according to the Badische Landeszeitung. The paper adds that this step was taken because of the bad treatment of the prisoners, several of whom were murdered.

Mannheim is on the east bank of the Rhine, south of Mayence. It is within the neutral zone east of the Rhine outlined by the terms of the armistice.

DEWEY'S ASSORTED HOLIDAY CASES.
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VICTOR BLUE, WHOSE FLAG AS A REAR ADMIRAL HAS BEEN RAISED ON THE TEXAS

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Rear Admiral Victor Blue, recently appointed Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, who has just returned from Europe in command of the battleship Texas, will take up his duties at the Navy Department Monday, Secretary Daniels announced to-day. His new Rear Admiral's flag is now flying on the Texas in the North River.

PUPILS SO NOISY PASTOR CAN'T PREPARE SERMONS

Asbury Park Minister Sues City in Complaining of School Children at Play.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—Declaring that children of a school here make so much noise playing ball and other games in the street that he cannot read or prepare his sermons, the Rev. Marshall V. McDuffie has filed suit against the City of Asbury Park.

With his sermons, he says, he earns part of the money to support his family. He seeks to restrain "the excessive, unwarranted, unnecessary and injurious noises" made by the children.

Mr. McDuffie complains that the noises destroy the comfort and enjoyment of his home, impair the rentals and other rights of his property and injure the health of his family. He and ten other residents of the neighborhood have complained without avail to the Asbury Park Board of Education and to the City Commission.

STOWAWAYS ON AIRPLANE.

Two Discovered After Big Machine Sailed With 50 Passengers.

Now comes the airplane stowaway.

Harold Jensen, Minneapolis, and William Kidde, Garden City, L. I., have the distinction of being the first ones, according to W. L. Gilmore of the Curtiss Engineering Corporation.

Gilmore said to-day that when the fifty-passenger Curtiss plane was making its trial trip Jensen and Kidde concealed themselves aboard and didn't appear until the machine was above the clouds.

The skipper was powerless.

SEAPLANES AND "BLIMPS" GIVE WELCOME TO FLEET

Two Coastal Airships Act as Escort for Dozen Fliers Over City.

The seaplanes from Rockaway Beach which were to be a part of yesterday's naval parade, but which were prevented from participating by the mist and snow, had their innings to-day when a dozen of them flew over lower Manhattan and then sailed up the North River above the fleet of dreadnoughts.

The most attractive feature of the air procession was the escort of the planes, comprising two "Blimps," coastal airships, which are about 150 feet in length, sausage shaped and white. The air parade attracted the attention of thousands and was especially welcomed by the crowds in the neighborhood of the big fleet of sea warriors.

$15 LAMP IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR CROPSEY, SAYS HYLAN

Justice's Bill Cut From $110, the Same Figure as Benedict Asked.

Two expense items from Brooklyn lay before Mayor Hylan at to-day's meeting of the Board of Estimate. One was for a $110 desk lamp for Supreme Court Justice Cropsey, another for a $15 desk lamp for Supreme Court Justice Benedict.

"I have been advised," said the Mayor, referring to the items, "that the Justices selected their own lamps. I can't see why Justice Cropsey should have a lamp costing $110, while another Justice gets one for $15. I want the cost of the Cropsey lamp reduced to $15 before I vote."

The other member of the board evidently agreed with the Mayor, for the appropriation for the Cropsey lamp will be the same as that made for the Benedict lamp—$15. The vote was unanimous.

GIRL HELD FOR SETTING FIRE IN YONKERS APARTMENTS

A confession that she attempted to set fire to the fashionable Park Hill apartments, No. 246 South Broadway, Yonkers, where twenty-four families live, is alleged by the police to have been made by Florence Wiseman, 17, of No. 17 Willow Place.

George Leister, the janitor, offended her, she is reported to have said, and she thought no would lose his job if there was a fire. On Christmas eve she set fire to some paper in a dumb waiter, it is charged, but the fire was extinguished by Leister before any great damage was done.

The girl was held for the Grand Jury in $1,000 bail on a charge of arson by Judge William F. Bleakley to-day in the Court of Special Sessions.