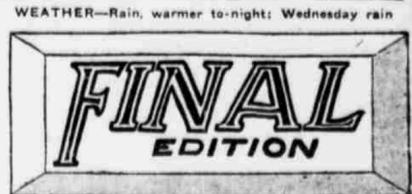


27TH N. Y. DIVISION SAILED TO-DAY; O'RYAN, 3 REGIMENTS ON LEVIATHAN



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PUBLIC BACKS LEAGUE, WILSON SAYS

BOLSHEVISM WORLD HORROR, SAYS AMBASSADOR FRANCIS; MARRIAGE MADE MOCKERY

Weddings by Mere Declaration Sanctioned and Children Put in Asylums.

DIVORCE JUST AS EASY.

Envoy, Back From Russia, Tells of Disgrace of Soviet Rule.

Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—David H. Francis of St. Louis, who returned to America on the George Washington after three eventful years as Ambassador to Russia, reached Washington this morning on the President's special train from Boston.

Ambassador Francis shows the effects of the wearing years in Russia—the Russia of the Czar, of the Kerensky Government and now of the Soviets—and of the operation which he underwent in London.

After a month or six weeks' rest in this country, in which time he plans to visit St. Louis, Ambassador Francis intends to return to Paris, where he was in conference with Secretary of State Lansing just prior to sailing.

In Washington Mr. Francis will report to the State Department and probably will be called upon to testify before the Senate Committee investigating Bolshevism.

The Ambassador talked freely today of his experiences in Russia and his conclusions regarding that revolution-ridden land.

SOVIET RULE A DISGRACE TO CIVILIZATION. "The Soviet Government," he said, "is a disgrace to civilization and has inflicted irreparable damage on Russia."

"Will the Government endure?" he was asked.

"I still have confidence in the patriotism and good sense of the Russian people," the Ambassador replied. "I believe that after they have given Bolshevism a few weeks or months longer they will rise and wipe it out."

"Bolshevism," he continued, "is proscribing all over the world. If it dominates Russia it will result in Germany's exploiting Russia and utilizing its vast resources and organizing its man power, and in a decade, perhaps less, Germany will be stronger than at the beginning of this war."

"Germany has been studying Russia's character and resources for thirty to forty years. If the war had been postponed five years Germany would have had a secure foothold in Russia and could not have been dislodged."

Questioned about Lenin and Trotsky, the Ambassador said:

"I think they accepted German money, but only in order to demoralize Russia; they would have accepted money from any country for the same object—to start a world-wide social revolution."

"One principle of the Soviet Government," the Ambassador digressed, "is that it will permit no man to vote who employs another man."

He was asked whether it was true that women are "nationalized."

EVERY ENLISTED MAN HAS TWO MONTHS' PAY COMING ON DISCHARGE

Bonus of \$50 Provided for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in Revenue Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The United States now owes nearly 2,000,000 men \$50 each.

With the signing by the President of the \$5,000,000,000 Revenue bill, every soldier, sailor and marine who has been honorably discharged is eligible to claim a \$50 bonus from the Government. It was announced at the Treasury Department today.

This is approximately the equivalent of two months' pay for an enlisted man in the army.

The House today adopted the conference report on the bill permitting soldiers, sailors and marines to retain their uniforms when discharged and allowing them 5 cents a mile for travelling expenses home. The measure now goes to the President.

A Senate bill providing for the conversion of the term insurance issued by the War Risk Insurance Bureau to men in the military service during the war into various forms of ordinary insurance, was ordered reported favorably today by the House Interstate Commerce Committee.

COL. BILL ISN'T WED YET— QUASH THE REPORT, HE SAYS!

Hayward, Head of Famous Fighting Regiment, Just Wrote on Card With Mrs. Turner, That's All!

Report that Col. "Bill" Hayward of the 509th Infantry, the famous fighting colored regiment, had married a Mrs. Wesley J. Turner, in charge of a Red Cross hospital in Noyen, France, before he left for the States, absolutely untrue. Talked with Hayward at noon Feb. 25 at Union League Club, where he is registered. Here is his story:

"Last September I was in Paris. By accident I met a Mrs. Turner there at a cabaret. I had met Mrs. Turner three times before in Lincoln, Neb. Her family is well known there, as is my own family. In this cabaret were distributed postal cards to be sent to friends. I mailed a card to one J. B. Dorgan, joint friend of both families. Mrs. Turner wrote something of a light nature on the card. I did not know, however, neither communication intimated that there had been a wedding, nor even hinted at a courtship. This man Dorgan, however, spread the news that 'something was in the wind.' I learned of this unfortunate rumor and called him to my room."

"Mrs. Turner is a splendid woman. But I am not a marrying man. It would be a terrible thing for me to marry to gain money. For God's sake quash it!"

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105TH, 106TH AND 107TH SAIL; OTHER REGIMENTS TO FOLLOW

Infantry Units Made Up of Manhattan, Brooklyn, Bronx and Upstate Men Leave France on Giant Leviathan With Maj.-Gen. O'Ryan—Other Transports at Brest Being Loaded With Other Units Will Follow.

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BREST, Feb. 25.

Gen. O'Ryan and staff with 9,000 men of the 105th, 106th and 107th Infantry Regiments of the 27th Division sailed to-day on the Leviathan for New York.

Several transports are now loading with the other units of the New York Division and will follow.

The Leviathan should arrive in New York early next week, possibly Monday or Tuesday.

I am on the Leviathan with Gen. O'Ryan.

Mr. Green's cable comes as a great surprise and will be received with delight by the people of New York. Previous despatches were all to the effect that the old New York Guard Division would not leave before March 4. The troops on the Leviathan are made up of men from Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx, and up-State.

The 105th Regiment is made up principally from the old 1st and 3d, all from up the State, and is in command of Col. James Andrews.

The 106th is comprised largely of the old 14th and 23d of Brooklyn and is commanded by Col. Franklin P. Ward.

The 107th, as everybody knows, is the old 7th, the pride of New York, which was recruited with New York boys to its full strength when it left the city for Spartasburg.

The 105th and 106th Regiments form the 53d Infantry Brigade, which is in command of Col. Charles Debevoise, formerly Colonel of the 1st Cavalry. The 107th is part of the 54th Brigade, commanded by Gen. Palmer E. Pierce.

LIQUOR IN HOMES SAFE UNDER SENATE MEASURE

Subcommittee Approves Sheppard Dry Enforcement Bill With Drastic Provisions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A favorable report on the bill of Senator Sheppard of Texas to enforce the wartime Prohibition Law was ordered today by a Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee. It is similar to the bill reported by the House Judiciary Committee, defining intoxicating beverages as those containing more than one-half of 1 per cent. of alcohol and authorizing search and seizure of liquor believed held for sale.

The bill does not prohibit storage of liquor for personal use.

\$1,000,000 COAL LAND TAX BASIS NOW \$100,000,000

Increase in Dauphin County, Pa., Follows Evening World's Disclosures.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.—The tax assessed valuation of the coal lands in Dauphin County have been increased to \$100,000,000. Last year they were assessed at \$10,000,000.

In the United States Senate coal investigation, growing out of The Evening World's exposure of conditions in the coal fields, the manner in which the valuations had been juggled through influence was clearly brought out. The increase is the first move to correct the scandal.

GEORGE H. ROBEE IS SLAIN LIKE HIS FRIEND PHILHOWER

Tragedy Takes Place Across the Street From the Home of J. Pierpont Morgan.

George H. Robee, bachelor proprietor of a fashionable boarding house at No. 223 Madison Avenue, opposite the home of J. Pierpont Morgan, was found dead in his chamber on the parlor floor at 7 o'clock this morning by a negro cook. Bed linen and chamber floor were blood-soaked. Three diamond rings had disappeared with his slayer.

Robee's body, clad only in the coat of his pajamas, was lying upon the floor. There was the mark of a violent blow upon his forehead. The police say he was struck by some blunt instrument which thus far they have been unable to find.

Everything about the affair called to detectives and others the killing of Robee's intimate friend, Winfield Scott Philhower of No. 118 East 30th Street, who was slain some time during the night of Jan. 18 by a man he had brought home with him. Philhower, wealthy bachelor, was an electrical inventor and art collector. Philhower and Robee were friends.

The murder of Robee was discovered by George McCain, colored, on the latter's arrival at the house to make ready for breakfast. Receiving no answer to his knock at Robee's door the colored man pushed it open. McCain notified Mrs. Kenton, the head man's sister, whose apartment is on one of the upper floors, and called in Patrolman Ryan of the West 30th Street station.



Maj. Gen. JOHN F. O'RYAN
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TAX BILL SIGNED; PRICES OF DRINKS AND SMOKES GO UP

President Affixes Signature to Measure Raising \$6,000,000,000 in Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Signing the Revenue Bill by President Wilson on his special train en route to Washington last night puts into operation the machinery for collecting \$6,000,000,000 of taxes this year.

Higher taxes provided in the new bill go into effect to-day on liquor and soft drinks, including near beer, grape juice, soda water and mineral waters and on tobacco and on so-called luxuries. Anticipating the imposition of new taxes, thousands of gallons of whiskey had been withdrawn from Government bonded warehouses within the last week, with tax paid at the old rate of \$3.20 a gallon, to escape the higher rate of \$6.49 a gallon now effective.

Articles in the "luxury" class on which new taxes go into effect to-day include automobiles and motor accessories, pianos, sporting goods, chewing gum, cameras, candy, firearms, slot machines, toilet soap and art goods. This tax is paid by the manufacturer.

Other features of the tax bill, legally effective to-day but retroactive, and which consequently are not practically affected by the time of the signing of the bill, include the following:

Taxes on incomes, excess profits and war profits, estates and inheritances, and excise taxes on a number of special businesses, such as brokers, banking, insurance companies, theaters and amusements, place proprietors, and liquor dealers.

Drastic measures to prevent the narcotic drug traffic become effective at once.

On April 1 new taxes on railroad

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WILSON, DISCUSSES LEAGUE WITH MEMBERS OF CABINET; GETS PLEDGES OF SUPPORT

Back at Desk in Washington, Almost His First Act Is to Telegraph Former Senator Burton He Is Confident of Success.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Practically the first act of President Wilson on reaching his office to-day was the sending of the following despatch to former United States Senator Theodore E. Burton, President of the League of Nations Union:

"Am confident that the people of the country will rally with practical unanimity to the support of the League of Nations plan, in which the whole world is looking to them to be the leaders."

This message was the President's opening move in Washington in this fight for American approval of his course in the Peace Council.

In his despatch to the President, Mr. Burton said:

"League of Nations Union, merging World Court League and New York Peace Society, welcomes you as recognized leader of League of Nations movement, and pledges co-operation in rallying public opinion and in securing united action in support of League."

Other telegrams pledging support and expressing the belief that the country will approve the League of Nations plan poured into the White House, some particularly praising the President's speech at Boston yesterday.

Mr. Wilson presided this afternoon at the first meeting of the Cabinet since his return from the Peace Council. It is understood that he placed before the members his plan for arousing the nation to support the World League. It is believed members of his official family will tour the country making speeches in favor of the League.

When Secretary Wilson reached the White House he said the Department of Labor was arranging for a conference of Governors March 4. Washington has been selected as the meeting place instead of New York. The President, he said, would be able to confer at length with them on labor problems.

WILSON TO MARCH IN THE PARADE OF SOLDIERS.

The President was at his desk shortly after 10 o'clock. It was announced that the President will march in and not simply review the parade for returning fighters Thursday.

Secretary Tumulty said no definite date has been set for the President's conference with Governors on the labor situation, but the President is anxious that this be arranged. However, it may be postponed because of fact that many Governors are now closing up the work of State legislatures.

Secretary Tumulty is making plans to clean up all executive business by March 5, on which date the President plans to start back to Paris.

The President arrived in Washington at 5 o'clock from Boston, where he landed yesterday from the transport George Washington. Because of the early hour he and Mrs. Wilson remained on the train until 8.40, when they drove to the White House.

Passing through the station Mr. Wilson found a cheering early morning crowd awaiting him. He acknowledged the applause by lifting his hat and smiling. Many scores of soldiers in the crowd stood at attention as the Commander in Chief passed by.

Since his departure from Wash-

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