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Troopship and Freighter Crash in the Harbor Long Beach Robbers Slay Woman With Hammer

OLD 22D ENGINEERS HOME, LEADING THE 27TH DIVISION; ROUSING WELCOME GIVEN

Relatives and Friends Welcome
1,225 Officers and Men of
102d Engineers.

942 NEW YORK MEN.

Aquitania and Maui Bring
9,000 More Soldiers Home
From France.

A foretaste of the reception in store for the infantrymen of the 27th Division of New York was given to-day upon the arrival of the Rochambeau with the 102d (old 22d) Engineers, the first unit of the Division to reach home with honors from the war. The entire engineer regiment with the exception of Companies E and F came home on the Rochambeau, which docked at 15th Street, North River, shortly after 2 o'clock.

In the wake of the Rochambeau came the Aquitania with 5,893 troops and the Maui with 3,691, making the arrivals for the day 10,744 out of 15,593 scheduled to arrive to-day.

The return of the New York Engineers was like the first days of the home-coming transports, barring the blast of tug and steam whistles and the bellowing of shore sirens. The police boat patrol, with a band and the Mayor's Welcoming Committee, and the Correction, with another band, went down to Quarantine to greet the returning heroes.

On the Patrol were the committee of the new 22d Regiment and on the Correction were nearly 800 fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, wives and sweethearts of the engineers. Both boats approached the transport from the starboard side and the doughty engineers scampered up on the rails, lined the sides, climbed the smokestacks and the shrouds to give cheer for cheer to their welcoming relatives, friends and fellow countrymen.

The bands played with a new zest and from the Rochambeau's deck came the returning blare of the 102d's own band. Colors were dipped as the Rochambeau went up the North River, after saluting the Statue of Liberty and the skyscraper windows were filled with row upon row of girls with waving handkerchiefs and flags. It was a sight to do the hearts of the boys good and they showed their appreciation with their cheers and the tears which streamed down the faces of many.

The biggest jam of humanity ever seen on any pier to welcome a returning transport was in evidence on the French Lane pier. At least 2,500, mostly women and the majority of them in diamonds and furs, were within the pier inclosure on the ground floor among the trucks, and thousands of them were lined up on both sides of West Street outside the pier. The roadway was congested with automobiles. Lunch carts which usually cater to the longshoremen did a thriving business among the well-dressed women.

When the Rochambeau neared Fifteenth Street, and the girls of the Red Cross and the K. of C., the nurses and canteen girls, left their hot coffee and sandwiches to rush to the end of the pier to wave and cheer. That was the turn of the tide, and there were more tears and big lumps

BIG TRANSPORT HITS FREIGHTER; LATTER SINKING

Lord Dufferin, Struck by Aquitania off Bedloe's Island—
Crew Taken off.

The transport Aquitania, bringing 5,893 soldiers home from France, collided with the freighter Lord Dufferin off Bedloe's Island at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The freighter was soon reported to be in a sinking condition.

Its crew was taken on board the police boat patrol, which had gone down the bay to welcome the transport.

HARBOR MEN VOTE STRIKE, BUT GRANT BRIEF DELAY

Time for Walk-Out to Be Set If Agreement Is Not Reached by This Evening.

Officers of the Marine Workers' Affiliation of the Port of New York to-day ratified their previous vote to strike.

Committees of the various unions involved will confer with representatives of the boat owners in a last effort to effect a satisfactory settlement of their grievances.

If no settlement is reached by 5 o'clock this afternoon the officers of the harbor workers will set a definite time to strike and tie up all harbor traffic. Interpreting the information given out by several officers of the unions, it is believed the strike will take place at midnight to-morrow night, if no settlement is reached this afternoon.

NO IMMEDIATE RETURN OF RAILROADS BY U. S.

Hines Notifies Congress Wilson Approves Delay to Get Constructive Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Director General Hines announced to-day with approval of President Wilson that the railroads would not be relinquished from Government control until there has been an opportunity to see whether a constructive permanent programme of legislation was likely to be adopted within a "reasonable time."

The Administration's attitude was stated in a letter sent by Mr. Hines to Senators Smith and Martin, Chairmen respectively of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce and Appropriations, and to Representatives Sims and Shoberly, Chairmen of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and Appropriations. The letter said Mr. Hines had discussed the matter of the roads' return with the President and made his statement with the latter's authority.

WIFE OF PHYSICIAN SLAIN AS HUSBAND BATTLES ROBBERS

Mrs. Wilkins's Skull Crushed With Hammer at Long Beach Home When She Screams.

District Attorney Charles R. Weeks and Sheriff Seaman of Nassau County, L. I., appealed to-day to Capt. John Coughlin of the Brooklyn Detective Bureau for assistance in running down the three young men who, discovered last night in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Walter Wilkins at Long Beach, killed Mrs. Wilkins with a hammer in an attempt to stop her cries for help.

Many fingerprints having been discovered to-day in the Wilkins house, some of them outlined in blood, Capt. Coughlin sent to Long Beach Sgt. Frederick Zwiss, fingerprint expert.

Sheriff Seaman took from the house to-day the hammer with which Mrs. Wilkins is believed to have been killed, the cloth covered lead pipe with which her husband was beaten, a cloth topped button, a bloodsoaked handkerchief and a mauve veil, presumably for examination by Detective Zwiss.

Stirred by the murder of Mrs. Wilkins, representative men among the year-around residents of Long Beach talked to-day of the organization of a Vigilance Committee.

An inquest was held to-day in the Army Hospital at the Nassau Hotel, Long Beach, to get at all the facts surrounding the murder. Edward T. Neu, J. P., of Lynbrook, presided.

An autopsy was performed under Corner Neff's direction, by Col. John J. Moorhead and Major Edward Neff of the Army Hospital. It revealed ten small scalp wounds and two fractures of the skull.

Detectives to-day expressed the belief that the murderers came to and went from Long Beach by boat. The only road from Long Beach is by way of the automobile bridge across Reynolds Channel.

This road is manned by Provost Guards. The only other avenue left to the robbers was by boat. The beach, about a quarter of a mile from the Wilkins place, is bulkheaded for a stretch of ten miles.

The murder was the first in the village and there is promise of a movement to offer a substantial reward.

Two detectives left for Manhattan this afternoon to interview a woman with whom Mrs. Wilkins is said to have had differences. Noting that the house had been ransacked from top to bottom but neither silverware nor other things stolen, the police believe the three men were after jewels Mrs. Wilkins keeps in a safety deposit vault in New York.

One night last August when Dr. and Mrs. Wilkins reached home from the city they found a ladder resting against an open second-story window. The would-be intruders had been frightened away by the collie.

On the same night thieves entered the home of neighbors and stole jewelry valued at \$1,000.

Dr. Wilkins, retired physician, sixty, (Continued on Thirteenth Page.)

Mrs. Wilkins, Who Was Slain, Husband and Long Beach Home



Cross indicates where Mrs. Wilkins was murdered by robbers.

UNITS OF THE 27TH DIVISION COMING ON THE LEVIATHAN LISTED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

105th and 106th Regiments and 105th Machine Gun Complete With Two Battalions of 107th.

UNITS of the 27th Division on the Leviathan, due here March 5, were announced by the War Department to-day as follows:

Major Gen. O'Ryan and Division Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 45 officers and 241 men.

Brig. Gen. Debevoise and 2d Infantry Brigade Headquarters.

106th Infantry, complete, 72 officers and 3,034 men.

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Field and Staff, First and Second Battalion Headquarters and Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H of 107th Infantry, 34 officers and 1,943 men.

105th Machine Gun Battalion, complete, 15 officers and 631 men.

VICTORY LOAN BILL WILL BE FORCED THROUGH SENATE

Unless It Is Passed, Wilson Warns, the Troops Cannot Be Brought Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—On the third working day before sine die adjournment Congress went to work to-day with a long night session in prospect, but with congestion of bills increasing and the fate of many important measures still in doubt.

In connection with the President's reiterated declaration that he did not intend to convene the new Congress until he returned from France, Administrative leaders took steps informally to develop the attitude of Republicans on the remaining important bills, especially the Victory Loan measure. They said they had decided that after to-day no more bills, private or general, would be passed until after disposal of the Victory Loan measure.

This will be brought up to-morrow and kept before the Senate exclusively.

Republicans already have announced opposition to a provision giving the War Finance Corporation one billion dollars for foreign commerce extension. The bill, Administration leaders said, was absolutely essential to the April loan campaign, and if it failed of passage they intimated the President might be forced to call the new Congress almost immediately.

Leaders also were dubious over the possibility of passing the bill appropriating \$750,000,000 for the Railroad Administration. It has passed the House, but is held in the Senate Appropriations Committee with plans for its addition to the Sundry Civil Bill, which House leaders hoped to pass late to-day.

Warning has been given that unless the Victory Loan bill is passed the troops cannot be brought back from France.

Just now there is a great clamor throughout the country for the return of the troops. Much of the agitation is due to the propaganda of the filibusters who are now holding up legislation in an effort to force the President to call an extra session of Congress at once.

The President's fighting blood, of which he spoke in his Boston address, is up. He sent word to the Senators and Representatives to-day that he would not be clubbed into calling an extra session until he returns from France, even if they defeat every appropriation bill and the Victory Loan measure.

The President has gone further. He has warned Congress that if, by playing politics, it refuses to pass these measures, the country at large will know in pretty plain language who is to blame.

No party will ever care to go before the public with a record of having obstructed the speedy return of the troops from France, and in this lies the President's undoubted strength.

EX-KAISER GOES BROKE.

WEIMAR, Thursday, Feb. 27 (Associated Press).—The former German Emperor, who is barred from competent service, recently appointed to the German Revolutionary Government for money.

Here Humboldt, it is said, declared he already had been forced to borrow 10,000 marks from the Dutch government but continue as a debtor. He asked that he be allowed at least a portion of his private fortune. The Government agreed to allow him transportation of 500,000 marks.

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FIGHT OVER WORLD LEAGUE BREAKS OUT IN THE SENATE, LODGE LEADING THE ATTACK

Hitchcock in Reply Says Charter of League Does Not Limit in the Slightest Way the Right of Any Nation to Defend Itself.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Sharp differences of opinion over the League of Nations Constitution were voiced in the Senate to-day by Chairman Hitchcock of the Foreign Relations Committee and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, who will be Chairman of the committee in the next Congress when the Republicans take control.

After Senator Lodge had delivered a prepared speech before crowded floor and galleries, warning the American people to weigh the Constitution and insist upon revision, Mr. Hitchcock took the floor and denounced as preposterous the Massachusetts Senator's suggestion that the League would deprive the United States of its right of self-defense.

"I desire," said Mr. Hitchcock, "to repudiate the suggestion that the League would in the slightest degree limit the privilege and the duty of any nation, the United States or any other, to defend itself when attacked, either by a member of the League, or not."

LODGE INSISTS THE LEAGUE CHARTER SHOULD BE CHANGED. Senator Lodge replied that he took that view, while the committee Chairman was entitled to an honest difference of opinion. The conflict, Senator Lodge declared, illustrated and emphasized necessarily for re-drafting the League charter to make dispute of construction impossible.

"Let's have it stated in the contract just what it means," said Senator Lodge.

"When war starts," replied Senator Hitchcock, "the right of self-defense supersedes everything else, and the Senator knows it."

Senator Hitchcock devoted himself chiefly to an attack upon an account of the White House conference Wednesday night, in which some Senators were quoted as saying the President showed an amazing lack of familiarity with the League plan. He denied that any such statements had been made by any member. He said they had found the President "generous, frank and sincere."

Reading from statements attributed to Republican leader Lodge, Senator Brandegee of Connecticut and Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, the Nebraska Senator said:

"I renew my statement on behalf of the Senators named that they never used any such language."

BIG CROWD IN SENATE TO HEAR THE DEBATE.

The Senate in session until 1:15 o'clock this morning, working on its congested legislative programme, met again at 10 o'clock, and when the Republican leader began to speak soon afterward, nearly every Senator was in his seat. The diplomatic gallery was filled and in the other galleries crowds overflowed into the corridors where the people waited in lines.

Before Senator Lodge began his address, Vice President Marshall warned the people against applying which has broken out frequently in discussion of the League, a part of the strictly enforced Senate rule. When a wave of laughter swept over the chamber following a brief colloquy between Senator Lodge and Senator Reed of Missouri, Mr. Marshall ordered that the galleries be cleared but agreed to rescind the order after Mr. Reed, Senator Poindexter of

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