

FOG HALTS DOCKING OF TWO TROOPSHIPS

Dense Mist Paralyzes Shipping and Transports Remain Outside Sandy Hook.

5,000 ON THE LEVIATHAN

Big Vessel Due in Port This Morning—Several Others Coming This Week.

The densest fog that even old Skipper Wood and Williams could recall, and the reminiscences of these partners of the Barge Office and the ship News go back to the days of the great Eastern, settled over city and harbor yesterday. There was almost no movement of vessels, except the Indianapolis ferry traffic, and these boats drifted helplessly with extreme caution. Now and then a tugboat rooted through the fluff, bawling incessant warnings. All day the moaning of fog whistles echoed to the shores.

Ferry Collides With Lighter.

Service on some of the ferry lines was suspended temporarily. Only one accident occurred. That was a collision between the Hamilton avenue ferryboat Montauk and the navy lighter Charles Runyon in Buttermilk Channel about noon. No one was injured but the passengers on the crowded ferry suffered a few moments of tense excitement.

The French liner Chicago, which was to have sailed at 3 P. M., remained at her pier until 5:30, and the Empress of Britain, which was to have left at noon, did likewise. During the morning hours the ferries to Governors Island, Mills Island and South Brooklyn discontinued their service. Other ferry lines remained in operation, but ran their boats on a greatly reduced schedule.

Special trains had to be provided for the 5,000 employees of the Standard Shipbuilding Company, who are usually taken to Shooter's Island on a special ship provided by the company. Quarantine reported that it was impossible to see the vessels lying outside.

Several transports carrying a large number of soldiers were due in port, but none got past Sandy Hook, no doubt the commanders considering the risk too great. The Doehra and the Santa Anna should have come in, but are outside somewhere in the impenetrable mist waiting for better conditions to sweep clear the pathways. It was such a fog indeed as simply paralyzed shipping. One could not see twelve inches from the Battery wall toward Governors Island.

The Leviathan is due early this morning and should dock, provided the fog lifts, at Pier 4, Hoboken, at about 10 A. M. The big transport carries more than 8,000 soldiers and sailors. The military complement is made up of sixty-two officers and 4,744 men. There also are 1,425 civilians aboard, including four officers and 1,421 men; two officers and 193 sailors of the merchant service and fifteen nurses. Among the passengers is Major Gen. George Barnett, commanding the United States Marine Corps; Lord Decles, Master of Horse in the Household of King George, and Frank I. Cobb, recently editor of the New York World.

At the office of the port of embarkation at Hoboken last night it was stated that the Leviathan would surely dock, provided the fog lifted. Opinion seemed to hold that the fog may hang on a day longer and continue to hold back the incoming troop ships.

Some Other Vessels Coming. The Siamese Prince may get to port here. This vessel carries 298 wounded, all surgical cases. The rest of the fleet is due this week and includes the Maui, with 64 officers and 2,151 men, many of them wounded; the Celtic, with 155 officers and 2,122 men, due Tuesday, and the H. R. Mallory, with 148 soldiers, including 921 sick and wounded, and 35 officers.

Newport News the Martha Washington is expected early in the week, bringing the 118th United States Field Artillery, the first complete unit to be returned from France. It is made up of 59 officers and 1,513 men, and besides the vessel carries 5 officers and 151 men of the 116th Field Artillery and 539 sick or wounded men.

HIGGINS—VAN LENNEP.

Three Cousins Attend Bride of Major at Wedding in Church.

Miss Claire Trumbull Van Lennep, daughter of Mrs. Frederic Van Lennep, was married to Major Charles H. Higgins, Ordnance Department, yesterday afternoon in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin. The church was decorated with palms, ferns and autumn flowers. The bride entered the church with her cousin, William Trumbull of Litchfield, Conn., who gave her away. She wore a gown of soft white satin trimmed with old point lace which her mother wore at her own wedding, and her veil of the same lace was held with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley, white roses and gardenias. Her attendants were three cousins, Miss Hester and Miss Margaret Trumbull of Boston and Miss Elizabeth Dodge of California. They wore costumes of pink satin trimmed with silver lace, and hats of pink tulle finished with scarfs of bluet chiffon. They carried bouquets of pink roses.

Ralph Higgins, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were Major George Paul, Major R. E. T. Riggs, Capt. George Fox of Philadelphia, Julian Beatty, Henry Morgan Post and George Vondermuhl. A reception followed in the home of Mrs. Van Lennep, 160 West Fifty-ninth street. After their wedding trip Major and Mrs. Higgins will go to Washington.

FIELD—FLETCHER.

Andover Girl Becomes the Bride of Brooklyn Man.

Special Despatch to The Sun. Boston, Dec. 14.—Miss Hertha Norton Fletcher, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fletcher of Andover, was married on Thursday to John John Field, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Field of Buffalo. The wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bradley Martin of Brookline. The bride is the daughter of Miss Josephine Martin, to Lieut. Kenneth Lander Sills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lincoln Sills of Mount Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Knowles of Somerville have announced an engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary D. Knowles, to L. B. Heere of Brookline.

ACKERMAN—HATCHER.

Belmont Man Wed Portchester Girl—Will Live in Aurora.

Special Despatch to The Sun. GREENWICH, Conn. Dec. 14.—Miss Madeline F. Hatcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hatcher of Port Chester, N. Y., was married last evening to Lloyd Ackerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ackerman of Belmont, N. Y., in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, in Port Chester. The Rev. Harry Head officiated. A supper followed the ceremony. The couple will live in Aurora, N. Y.

MISS LEBY A DEBUTANTE.

Mother Gives First of Series of Luncheons at Sherry's.

Mrs. George Mallory Lynchon, 420 Park avenue, gave the first of a series of luncheons yesterday at Sherry's to introduce her daughter by a former marriage, Miss Marie J. Leby. After luncheon Mrs. Lynchon took her guests to the Cort Theatre. Among the young women in the party were Mrs. Harold C. Lynchon, Mrs. Elliott D. Phillips, the Misses Edith Gould, Polly Lincoln, Blossom Gray, Victorine Kellogg, Elizabeth Hauck, Vera McNair, Hester Hyde, Julia Shanley, Helen La Petra, Alice Light, Marie Cook, Emma Peabody, Catherine Blaylock, Geraldine Graham, Marion Hooper, Bertha Barclay, Barbara Kerler, Dorothy Clapp, Genevieve Babbitt and Marion Carpenter. Mrs. Lynchon will give another luncheon for her daughter on January 11.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Mrs. Newman D. Waffel of East Orange, N. J., has announced the engagement of her daughter by a former marriage, Miss Edith Dwight Reynaud, to Lieut. H. Whitcomb Nicolson, Flight Commander of the Twenty-seventh Aero Squadron, son of George Llewellyn Nicolson of Washington. Miss Reynaud is engaged in Red Cross and other war relief work. Lieut. Nicolson was graduated from the Stevens Institute of Technology and has been in France for more than a year. The engagement was announced yesterday by Mrs. Scott Morton Bryan of Guilford, Conn., of her daughter, Miss Katharine Hunt Bryan, to Marvin Schenck Van Brunt of Brookline.

SOCIALIST PAPERS QUOTED AT SPY RIAL

"Kill All Who Refuse to Kill"—U. S. Programs.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Ales printed in the American Socialist in opposition to war and the 18th law were read to the jury by Attorney Clyde at today's session of the trial of five Socialists led for violation of the espionage act.

One of these called "The Killing Programme," from the American Socialist of May 1, 1917, defined the Government programme as: "Kill free speech, kill the free press, kill the right of free assembly, kill all good labor legislation, kill the right to strike, kill human teaching, kill the Ten Commandments, kill all who refuse to kill." Portions of an address made by Adolph Geyer, one of the defendants, of the gallist party at Rockford, Ill., Jun 17, 1917, were read by Thomas Stone, a court reporter who took down the speech as it was delivered by the secretary. This paragraph was included: "The war is not to make the world safe for democracy nor to make Germany democratic, but is only in the interest of munition makers and Wall Street. Under the guise of fighting the Kaiser's military machine, there will be built up here a military machine which will make the Kaiser look like a piker." Other excerpts of the German address were read to the jury by counsel or the defendants, one of these extracts being, "You cannot force democracy on any people."

Second Traffic Court Asked.

The Board of City Magistrates will be requested to take early action toward establishing a second branch of the Traffic Court, it was announced yesterday. Magistrate House, who presides, has frequently broken down under the strain of disposing of an average of 125 cases daily, and motorists who are served with summonses frequently have to wait twenty-four hours before their cases can be heard. There is space in the Traffic Court building for the proposed new part.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDERS

CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT. To take effect 8 A. M. December 15: PATROLMAN. James Murray, 223 Prec., assigned to bicycle duty. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS. INSPECTOR. James S. Dolan, 43 Prec., to Headquarters Div., for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15. PATROLMEN. Joseph Browley, 46th Prec., to Headquarters Div., to duty in Record Room, 250 Mulberry street, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15. Henry P. Haddo, 56th Prec., to Headquarters Div., to duty in office of Chief Clerk, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15. Charles G. Orr, 97th Prec., to Headquarters Div., office of Chief Inspector, to duty in Uniform Inspection Bureau, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15. Michael Steinmetz, 11th Prec., assigned as acting attendant for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15.

5 A. M. December 15. From precincts indicated to 1st Insp. Div. to duty in raised premises, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: Lewis Owens, 1; Edward Mullins, 15; Michael Reagin, 23; Harry Bauer, 27; Edward C. Wolfe, 35; Luke Garvey, 43; Joseph Van Vort, 45; Joseph Pessano, 52; James J. Ginn, 57; Thomas Middleman, 61; James Gallagher, 65; Thomas Lynch, 66; William J. Smith, 67; Albert G. Rail, 68; Alexander Evans, 103; Jacob Wassig, 116. From precincts indicated to 2d Insp. Div. to duty in raised premises, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: Edwin J. Long, 1; John Fitzgerald, 10; Daniel McGuire, 21; Thomas McClatchey, 22; Frank Burdick, 23; Christopher Damm, 25; Thomas Logan, 26; Michael McJohnness, 27; John Peasey, 27; John Burns, 37; George Kaib, 47; John Steppe, 48; John Cronin Jr., 58; Charles Witscher, 58; James E. Mitchell, 61. From precincts indicated to 5th Insp. Div. to duty in raised premises, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: Patrick Flynn, 21; Frank Peterman, 116; William Devlin, 48. From precincts indicated to 8th Insp. Div. to duty in raised premises for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: William Mayer, 22; Daniel Cronin, 46; James O'Neil, 47. From precincts indicated to 1st Prec., assigned to duty at 2d Prec. station house for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: Daniel Haggerty, Hugh Gilroy, 164. From precincts indicated to Headquarters Div., to duty in bureau of telegraph, Manhattan, for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: James J. Byrne, 77; James P. Gaffney, 103. From precincts indicated to Headquarters Div., for 15 days from 8 A. M. December 15: Charles Kaitenmeier, 66; Henry Bauer, bureau of telegraph, Timothy Brown, 33. From Div. of National Defence (special pay) to precincts indicated, for 20 days from 12:01 A. M. December 13, indefinite leaves of absence are hereby revoked: John W. Peasey, 22; John J. Murphy, 22; Walter T. Hourigan, 22; Edward A. Kumm, 22. The following leaves of absence are authorized, with full pay: INSPECTOR. Dominick Henry, 4th Insp. Dist., for 10 days from 12:01 A. M. December 22, balance of vacation. Without pay. SERGEANT. Eber I. Kinn, 4th Prec., for 3 days from 8 A. M. December 14. PATROLMEN. John T. Egan, 1th Prec., for 1 day from 12:01 A. M. December 25. John J. Feldhaus, 17th Prec., for 1 day from 4 P. M. January 1. Bernard Loughlin, 17th Prec., for 1 day from 8 A. M. January 1. Albert Spitz, 17th Prec., for 1 day from 4 P. M. December 24. James J. McKeirick, 25th Prec., for 1 day from 8 A. M. December 25. Albert Bruggeman, 42d Prec., for 1 day from 8 A. M. December 25. Paul A. Siermer, 50th Prec., for 3 days from 4 P. M. December 24. Bernard Manning, 50th Prec., for 1 day from 4 P. M. December 25. Charles Mannkopf, 67th Prec., for 1 day from 12:01 A. M. January 1. David A. Fitzgerald, 25d Prec., for 1 day from 8 A. M. December 25. Francis E. Manwarine, Traffic Div., motorcycle squad No. 1, for 1 day from 8 A. M. December 15. The following application for full pay while on sick report is approved: LIEUTENANT. Camillo C. Fiore, 11th Insp. Dist., from 12:45 P. M. December 4, to December 10. Relieved from suspension and restored to duty. PATROLMAN. Robert E. MacDonald, No. 2959, 7th Prec., to take effect 12:54 P. M. December 12. Suspended from duty without pay. PATROLMAN. Robert E. MacDonald, No. 2959, 7th Prec., to take effect 12:54 P. M. December 12. Amendment. S. O. 257, c. a., is amended by adding thereto the following: PATROLMAN. Thomas J. Doyle, Ferguson street and Myrtle avenue, Corona, 113th Prec. Revocation. So much of S. O. 247, c. a. as relates to the following named patrolman is revoked: PATROLMAN. Henry F. Gibney, 44 Eighth avenue, College Point, 15, 113th Prec.

Advertisement for Ovington's gifts, featuring a clock and a pair of gloves. Text: "GIFTS" and "Ovington's" are two words which ought to be inseparably associated in your mind as "Merry" and "Christmas" or "Happy" and "New Year." Think of a person, think of a Christmas gift, and then think of Ovington's. We have thought of the particular gift for that very person. And we have it. OVINGTON'S The Gift Shop of Fifth Avenue 312-314 Fifth Ave., New York

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Advertisement for Women's Reliable Quality Pure Silk Stockings. Text: "A Very Timely Offering Monday Women's Reliable Quality PURE SILK STOCKINGS Special \$1.15 pair A most appropriate gift at a small price. These are made with fine lisle tops and soles; full fashioned, black or white. Regularly sold for \$1.50 pair" and "Exceptional Values—Main Floor Tables In a Noteworthy Holiday Offering of WOMEN'S GLOVES at \$1.50 pair REAL FRENCH PIQUE KID GLOVES, all white or white with black stitching. Also REAL ARABIAN MOCHA GLOVES in grey with self, black or combination embroidery."

Advertisement for Men's and Women's Silk Umbrellas. Text: "Men's and Women's SILK UMBRELLAS At Very Attractive Prices. Women's Silk Umbrellas, good quality, in desirable colors and black, at \$3.95 Men's & Women's Silk Umbrellas Superior quality; Bakelite decorated with sterling silver, \$2.25 and 2.95 Men's & Women's Silk Umbrellas Superior quality; Bakelite handles, sterling silver and 14-karat gold decorated, \$4.95 and 6.75 Men's Walking Sticks of snake wood, malacca and turtle ebony; decorated with solid gold and sterling silver, at moderate prices."

Advertisement for Give a Pretty NEGLIGEE. Text: "Give a Pretty NEGLIGEE This Christmas! In our comprehensive displays on the Second Floor there are interesting types to satisfy every taste, in Crepe de Chine, Meteor, Zenana Cloth and other wanted materials, for as little as \$9.75 to 35.00 Special for Monday only REST ROBES Of Waterfall Velvet; draped model in attractive colorings; lined throughout, at \$24.50" and "T-O-Y-S Of every description for boys and girls of every age. DOLLS From the best American and French manufacturers. GAMES Both new and old for both young and old. All are conveniently displayed on the fourth floor, grouped to aid selection, by suggestion."

Advertisement for A Fortunate Purchase of WOMEN'S BLOUSES. Text: "A Fortunate Purchase of WOMEN'S BLOUSES Enables us to offer regular \$9.75 values at \$4.75 High-class models in dressy or tailored styles, made of Washable Satin, Radium Taffeta, Georgette, Plain and Striped Crepe de Chine, Men's Wear Crepe and Japanese Silk, light colors and suit shades."

Advertisement for HANDKERCHIEFS. Text: "HANDKERCHIEFS For Men and Women On the Main Floor Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with fancy initials, Box of six 90c, \$1.40 and 2.50 Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered; assorted patterns to each Box of six \$1.50, 2.10 and 3.00 Women's Madeira Handkerchiefs, hand scalloped; with initials; box of six \$3.00 MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS Pure linen; initialed; dozen \$2.85 to 5.70 Pure linen; hemst'd; dozen \$3.75 & 4.95"

Advertisement for CHIFFON VELVET BAGS. Text: "CHIFFON VELVET BAGS Stunning new models with jeweled, gold-plated mountings \$15.00 Regular \$25.00 Values OTHER VELVET HAND BAGS Regularly \$6.50 to 15.00 at \$5.00, 6.75 and 9.75 Fitted Toilet Cases, For Men or Women at \$5.00 to 35.00 Writing Portfolios, Of fine English leathers at \$5.00 to 32.50 Men's Collar Bags, Of Indian calf leather at \$1.00 to \$6.75 Men's Bill Books, Solid gold corners at \$5.00 to 15.00"

Advertisement for C. C. SHAYNE & CO. FINE FURS. Text: "1865 1918 ESTABLISHED OVER HALF CENTURY FINE FURS both useful and beautiful make the selection of a Christmas Gift a pleasure, and the gift will afford genuine satisfaction. COATS AND WRAPS of every fashionable fur and the latest models in extreme and conservative design. NECKWEAR stylish and beautiful, in Russian and Hudson Bay Sable, Chinchilla, Fox, Mink, Ermine, etc., with ruffs to match. C. C. SHAYNE & CO. Manufacturers of STRICTLY RELIABLE FURS 126 West 42nd Street New York"