

SAFE AND SANE WELCOMES RULE

Treasury Department to Prevent Accidents in N. Y. Harbor.

Enthusiastic greetings accorded incoming overseas transports in New York by other vessels have so nearly resulted in a serious accident several times that restrictions have been placed by the Treasury Department upon the movements of welcoming vessels.

Cautioning of naval transports have reported great difficulty in navigating their ships safely up the harbor due to the noise of whistles and sirens and streams from fire boats.

While it is desired to interfere as little as possible with the welcome accorded the returning overseas soldiers, the Treasury Department has requested all vessels in New York harbor to comply with the following regulations:

(1) That all such craft shall keep at a distance of at least 200 yards from an incoming transport, unless it is necessary to approach nearer to permit the vessels to pass in the ordinary course of their navigation;

(2) That such craft shall not blow their sirens or whistles within a distance of one-half mile from an incoming transport, except to give the usual and necessary navigation signals;

(3) That such craft shall not shoot streams of water from their hose within a distance of one-half mile from an incoming transport, unless necessary to extinguish a fire; and

(4) That no band shall be permitted to play in the vicinity of such transport while the same is approaching its dock.

The captain of the port has been instructed to enforce the new rules in the interest of the returning soldiers' safety.

HUNS THINK SHOOTING TOO GOOD FOR KAISER

Socialist Member of Government Would Make Him Rebuild Belgium.

London, Dec. 27.—Shooting the former Kaiser and his co-conspirators against world peace would be letting them off too easily, in the opinion of Richard Barth, socialist member of the German government. The best punishment would be to make them rebuild Belgium and northern France, he declared in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Express.

"Personally I believe the war originated in Berlin," said Barth, "the main reason being that the Kaiser wanted to rule the world. The others responsible are the Crown Prince, Admiral Von Tirpitz and Gen. von Falkenhayn. Their punishment cannot be too severe. The allies may try them and shoot them, but I think the best punishment would be to make them rebuild Belgium and northern France."

No More Hun Titles.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The German government has announced that no more titles, honors or decorations will be conferred. Those now existing can be retained.

DEPORTED BELGIANS USED AS PRISONERS

Subjected to All Cruelties By Germans in Salt Mines.

Belgian civilians deported to Germany for industrial purposes were treated the same as prisoners of war, a Belgian government announcement here yesterday declared. It was stated that no discrimination was made by the Germans between free citizens and prisoners and that both classes were subjected to all cruelties. The advices describe recent conditions in the Rubolandt where the Belgians were forced to clear up the German munitions, the munitions factories at Linden-Manover and the salt mines at Rhonnenberg.

The announcement stated that the Belgians at each place were assigned more work than they could finish and that additional ill-treatment would follow.

TO RECLAIM SWAMPS.

Nearly 100,000 Acres May Be Saved in Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 27.—Reclamation of swamp lands in Virginia already has been sanctioned by the State legislature. The matter was carried to the Supreme Court, which held that the law was valid, and work of reclaiming land is expected to be started shortly.

According to surveys and estimates, it is said that nearly 100,000 acres of land in Virginia can be reclaimed.

TWO WOUNDED D. C. HEROES AMONG PARTY JUST ARRIVED

Lieut. Kohr, of Tank Corps, and Private Dwyer, Former Guardsman, Reach Walter Reed Hospital with Other Men.

Two District boys, Second Lieut. R. P. Kohr, 196 Monroe street, northwest and Albert Dwyer, 719 D street southeast, a former National Guardsman were among a party of forty-three wounded soldiers which arrived in the Union Station en route to Walter Reed Hospital last night.

As a member of the 301st Heavy Tank Corps, which was a British unit with American men detailed for service with it, Lieut. Kohr saw much of his foreign service in the St. Quentin section in Flanders.

This corps worked as an advance guard in front of the Twenty-fourth Division, an entirely American organization. With no definite assignment, however, to a particular unit, the corps went into action wherever the need was greatest.

When the war broke out Lieut. Kohr left the University of Michigan to enter the first officers' training camp at Ft. Myer. He was commissioned in the engineer corps and completed his training in this country at the American University and Bellvoir. In March he went to France with the Twenty-fourth Engineers, a shop regiment, and joined the tank service in June.

He is the son of H. A. Kohr, of the adjutant general's division in the War Department. Mr. and Mrs. Kohr received their first word of their son's arrival in Washington from a Herald reporter last night. Lieut. Kohr is a graduate of the McKinley Manual Training School of this city.

Albert Dwyer, son of Mrs. S. Bradshaw, 719 D street southeast, was a former National Guardsman who saw service with Pershing on the Mexican border. While overseas he has been with Company L, 326th Infantry.

Without waiting to be mustered out at the conclusion of the Mexican campaign, Lieut. Dwyer was sent to Camp Lee, Va., until he was sent for foreign duty May, 1917. His company landed at Southampton, England, later being sent to Havre, France, whence they went on to the Toul Sector. His company was in the midst of the St. Mihiel offensive of September 12. They later took part at the Argonne Forest fight at Verdun.

Private Dwyer was wounded October 1 and was later sent to Base Hospital No. 22. He returned to this country December 5 on the steamship "Mamie."

Other men arriving with the group last night were from Ohio and Tennessee. Seventy-three of the men were detached from the contingent to report at Camp Lee. Two cars, containing sixty-three slightly wounded cases, were attached to a Southern train for Camp Oglethorpe, Ga. At 1 o'clock last night 25 men, bound for southern hospitals, of Camp Jackson, South Carolina; Camp McPherson and Camp Shelby, Mississippi, passed through the Union Station on their way from New York.

PLENTY OF EGGS

70C PER DOZEN

Strictly Fresh Article for Sale at Farmers' Produce Market.

Strictly fresh eggs from the country will be plentiful at the Farmers' Produce Market on Louisiana avenue today, and unless the farmers have read the weekly fair price list issued yesterday by the District Food Administration, Washington housewives who are willing to get up early can buy as many dozens as they like for 70 cents or less.

Although the so-called fair price list issued yesterday by the Food Administrator, and effective through the week ending January 4, reports that retailers have to pay from 70 to 75 cents a dozen for fresh eggs, they sold in the Farmers' Market for 65 cents a dozen on Wednesday.

The fair price list sanctions the charging at retail of 77 to 80 cents a dozen, yet, according to an official of the District Bureau of Markets, dealers have only had to walk across the street to get supplies at from 65 to 66 cents.

This District official purchased nine dozen eggs at the Farmers' Market on December 19 for 65.30 and again on December 11 bought nine dozen for the same price, or at the rate of 70 cents a dozen. He points out that anyone who will take the trouble to go to the market can buy for the same price.

At this time of the year the farmers do not have much produce left on their hands, as generally they have no good facilities for storing. They generally only come into the market during the winter in large numbers on Tuesdays and Saturdays, bringing with them the eggs which have accumulated during the week.

4-MINUTE MEN TO BE HONORED

War Speakers Will Receive Certificates Showing Service to Nation.

Certificates of honorable discharge are to be issued to the 50,000 Four Minute Men who participated in the national loan raising campaigns. Theaters which have given service to the nation during the flotation of the liberty loans will also receive certificates.

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Boys' Working Reserve Begins Enrollment Jan. 20

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Juvenile Protective Association Fails to Raise Needed \$5,000.

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Those desiring to contribute toward protecting the children of Washington should address their subscriptions to John Dolph, chairman of the finance committee, 203 Eye street northwest.

NEW GAS BILL PROTEST MADE

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With reference to the protest filed with the Commission by E. W. James, of the Office of Public Roads, who resides on Blair road, against a bill rendered by the company for November, the Washington Gas Light Company notified the Commission yesterday that a test of Mr. James' meter showed that it registered 9 per cent fast. A public hearing will be held by the Commission on this and six other cases from Takoma Park section on January 5.

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Return of binoculars, telescopes, spyglasses, sextants, chronometers and other navigation instruments loaned to the navy soon after America's entrance into the war in response to an appeal by Assistant Secretary Roosevelt to the public to supply "eyes to the navy," has been ordered. Over 100,000 of these articles were sent out in response to the request.

Each article will be returned as soon as practicable, and owners are requested to refrain from unnecessary communications to the department, as this will tend to delay rather than expedite return and distribution. Considerable delay is to be expected in many cases, as these instruments have been in use in various parts of the world on ships and at stations, and it is probable that it will be more than a year before the last of them reach this shore. Permanent changes of address of owners should be communicated to the Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C.

Permanent Aviation Force.

The naval authorities are working on a plan for the development of a permanent aviation force for the navy. According to present indications there will be a personnel of 1,000 or 1,200 officers and 10,000 enlisted men, while the Marine Corps branch of aviation will be composed of 250 officers and 2,000 enlisted men. The advocates of the combined army and navy aviation branch have abandoned their plan of consolidation, having found that the service view of the subject is unanimously against any such arrangement. It is considered that the duties devolving upon the military and naval aviation branches are entirely distinct. The types of machines used and the method of their employment are independent, and this prevails to such an extent that the Marine Corps will have an aviation branch which is separate from the naval branch, so far as personnel and material and operation are concerned, the funds for equipment and maintenance being derived by an allotment from the naval aviation appropriation.

No Aerial Mileage.

Travel by airplane under regular travel orders, when not on aviation duty, does not entitle an officer to mileage under the provisions of existing laws relating to payment of mileage. It would seem, however, according to the Comptroller of the Treasury, that such officer is lawfully entitled to reimbursement of actual necessary expenses incurred by him in the travel performed in obedience to orders. The mileage laws relate to land travel and to water travel other than that designated "sea travel." There is no law authorizing payment of mileage for sea travel or for air travel. This question was recently decided by the Comptroller. The Secretary of War requested a reconsideration of the specific point as to whether or not travel by airplane under regular travel orders, when not on aviation duty, entitled an officer to mileage. The Comptroller holds to his original decision against such payment.

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