

PRESIDENT IS MADE "CITIZEN OF PARIS" AT BIG RECEPTION

(Continued from First Page.) of an olive branch encircled with diamonds, superimposed on which were six white enamel peace doves. The weather this morning was cloudy and there was a light fall of rain, but it did not interfere with the brilliance of the spectacle as far as the crowds and the military display were concerned.

Following conference this evening with Secretary of State Lansing and Colonel House, the President and Mrs. Wilson and President and Mrs. Poincaré will be guests of honor at a dinner given by William J. Sharp, the American ambassador, and Mrs. Sharp.

President Wilson said: "The privilege of speaking has viewed emotions within me. It is with no ordinary sympathy that the people of the United States for whom I have the privilege of speaking have viewed the sufferings of the peoples of France. Many of our own people have themselves been witnesses to these sufferings. We were the more deeply moved by the wrongs of the war because we knew the manner in which they were perpetrated. I beg that you will not suppose that because a wide ocean separated us in space we were not in effect eyewitnesses of the shameful ruin that was wrought and the cruel and unnecessary sufferings that were brought upon you. Your sufferings have filled our hearts with indignation. We know that they were, not only, but we knew that they signified and our hearts were touched by the quick by the, our imaginations filled with the whole picture of what France and Belgium in particular had experienced.

"When the United States entered the war, therefore, they entered it not only because they were moved by a conviction that the purposes of the United States were being wronged and must be resisted by men everywhere who love liberty and the right, but also because the illiberal ambitions which they saw in the hands of the Germans attempting to realize had led to the practices which shocked our hearts as much as they offended our principles. Our resolution was formed because we knew how profoundly great principles of right were affected, but our hearts moved also with our resolutions.

"You have been exceedingly generous in what you have been generous enough to say about me, generous far beyond my personal deserts. But you have interpreted with clear insight the motives and resolution of the people of the United States. Whatever influence I exercise, whatever authority I speak with, I derive from them. I know what they have thought, I know what they have desired, and when I have spoken what I know was in their minds, it has been delightful to see how the consciences and purposes of freemen everywhere responded.

"We have merely established our right to full fellowship of these people here and throughout the world who reverence the right of genuine liberty and justice.

"You have made me feel very much at home here, not merely by the delightful words of your welcome, but also by the manner in which you have made me realize to the utmost the intimate community of thought and ideals which characterizes your people and the great nation which I have the honor for the time to represent.

"Your welcome to Paris I shall always remember as one of the unique and inspiring experiences of my life, and while I feel that you are honoring the people of the United States in my person, I shall nevertheless carry away with me a very keen personal gratification in looking back upon these memorable days. Permit me to thank you from a full heart."

Adrick Mithouard, president of the

Here Is What the Soldiers Want

Gifts suggested by the Red Cross that you may send to the wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital through The Times:

- Fountain pens. Tobacco in every form. Pipes, cigarettes and cigar holders and smoking equipment. Musical instruments. (These would probably not be given to individuals, but to groups for formation of musical organizations.) Phonograph records or phonographs. Athletic equipment such as boxing gloves, tennis racquets, tennis balls, baseballs, baseball gloves, bats, etc. (These might also be given to groups rather than to individuals.) Woolen gloves. Neckties. Razors. Books.

municipal council of Paris, addressing President Wilson, said: "I have the honor, in the presence of the President of the republic, to present to you the municipal council of Paris, whose interpreter I am in welcoming the chief of the great nation whose aid, arriving so opportunely, brought us victory and the upright man whose conscience fashioned his policy and whose diplomacy was made of joyousness."

Turning to Mrs. Wilson, Mithouard said: "Madame, Paris is infinitely happy, and is touched, that you who have accompanied the President, have been good enough to add to this occasion the charm and the grace of your presence. We have long been aware of your devotion and of the wise and beneficial activity you have shown by the side of your illustrious husband. Yet, nothing strikes so much at the heart of the people of Paris as to be permitted to know those who have already conquered by their goodness. Thus Paris by my voice salutes you and lays at your feet, Madame, the homage of its gratitude and its respect."

Finally, speaking again to President Wilson: "Mr. President, it is with deep emotion that the capital welcomes today the first President of the United States who has crossed the ocean, and our Hotel de Ville, cradle of French liberty, will mark in its annals the day on which it was permitted to receive the eminent statesman of the Union, the citizen of the world—dare we say, the great European interregation—whose voice, heard before the coming of victory called to life the oppressed among the nations.

"During weary months our soldiers have fought with stoic resolution in defense of the soil of their forebears and the land of their children. So great was the heat of battle, and so hard was the struggle that only after the passage of time did it seem possible that the grandeur of their accomplishment could be clearly shown forth. Yet your distance from the theater of war has allowed you to see while yet they lived the greatness of the monument they were building. From the other side of the world you have spoken in advance of the judgment of history.

"What a source of strength was it for these fighters suddenly to hear the voice of authority, resembling the voice of posterity, what joy to welcome those new brothers in arms hastening with ardor to claim their place in the field of battle, what comfort for them to feel that they were henceforth arrayed with the glorious army of General Pershing, the victor of the Argonne.

HALF-AND-HALF WILL BE RESTORED

The Senate Appropriations Committee subcommittee, headed by Senator John Walter Smith of Maryland, took up the District appropriation bill today and will lose little time in reporting the bill to the main committee. It is already stated that the half-and-half principle, which the House struck down, will be restored to the bill. The subcommittee will not find it necessary to have hearings on this subject.

The District Commissioners were before the subcommittee today. They went over the estimates in detail. The Commissioners urged the subcommittee to provide for some of the salary increases for which they sent in supplemental estimates to the House.

What action the Senate subcommittee will take with respect to increased salaries is not yet disclosed. On the one hand, Senators desire to economize and on the other hand they recognize that Government pay must be kept somewhere near the level of pay in private employment.

The District Commissioners have turned over to Congressman Shanon, chairman of the District subcommittee, their resolution for an emergency hospital here for use in combating the influenza epidemic.

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K. OF C. HORSES CHRISTMAS PLAN

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may care to visit us. We intend to have two Christmas trees in the new hut and to give the men a good time all around. You needn't be afraid that any gifts you send will not be appreciated.

"Great stuff!" said Lieut. Fred Hall, Thomas, physical director at the hospital, when he heard of Mr. Griffith's offer to supply the wounded soldiers with baseball equipment. "That's a gift that they will not only enjoy but it will do them a world of good."

Now, Lieutenant Thomas is a man who knows to know, for he is, none other than Freddie Welsh of the prize ring, an all-around athlete who has been sent here to give the boys in the hospital the special physical training suited to the peculiar needs of each.

Ticked To Death. Freddie—leg pardon. Lieutenant Thomas was tickled to death when he found out about the baseball equipment coming to the boys for Christmas. The lieutenant thinks a lot of those boys with whom he is now working.

"This gift will work wonders for these boys," he said, "and it will give them a lot of fun. I wish more people who wanted to give in this way. I know a lot of things around the gym and other athletic equipment details that would come in fine in just the same way."

For Three Teams. "I think that equipment for about three teams would do for the present. I have that many teams in prospect. This will give them a great chance to get in trim and keep in trim, and it spells keen enthusiasm and good games when the weather is good. It spells a whole lot of happiness, too."

When next spring comes and the warm, sunny weather gets here again, when those boys who have come back with the marks of the sacrifices they have made begin to recover a little more, why, then this gift will be of inestimable value.

"Say for me that all of us—and the boys and those who work with me among the boys—are mighty obliged that we appreciate this more than we can tell."

"It's wonderful to have a chance like this to give to the boys. I know how they feel about it. Everybody just naturally wants these boys to know that they are thinking about them Christmas. The Times is furnishing a fine medium for the expression of this sort of Christmas spirit. More strength to you old right mit, say I."

Christmas gifts suggested by the Red Cross as most needed for the soldiers continue to arrive at the Times today in ever-increasing numbers. Cigarettes, tobacco, pipes, gloves, books and other presents are being stacked in the "Santa Claus room" of the Times. And the piles of gifts are ever growing.

Don't delay in sending additional presents for the soldiers, because there may be nearly 2,000 men at Walter Reed Hospital on Christmas, and their gift needs will be numerous. The Times is prepared to fit up "Santa Claus room No. 2" in case the general mobilization of presents continues.

When you bring your gifts for the soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital to the Times, give them to the cashier on the main floor of the Munsey building. The cashier will take the gifts to the "Santa Claus room," and from there they will be delivered to the Red Cross officials at the hospital on the night of December 22.

City Anxiously Watched. Washington is being anxiously watched by many a Texas and Wisconsin and other States right now, because the heroes and husbands in Walter Reed Hospital, and they expect the National Capital to act as real hosts and hostesses for their loved ones on Christmas Day. And the soldiers themselves declare that a Christmas package has as much joy for them now as when they were just youngsters. That is why The Times is co-operating with the Red Cross to give the wounded Yanks a real Christmas.

The tendency of the givers of presents is to send tobacco or cigars, and the Times gift room already is taking on the appearance of a well-stocked tobacconist's. Since tobacco is coming in such great supplies, it is suggested to those planning to send gifts for the soldiers at Walter Reed to send other gifts, too.

EVERYBODY WHO SENDS SOAP SHOULD BE SENT, according to the Red Cross, as the men will be supplied with both BOOKS, RAZORS, NECKTIES, WOOLEN GLOVES, ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, PHONOGRAPHS AND PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, and other gifts suitable to the needs of convalescent soldiers are what the men want most.

Method of Distribution. The books, razors, neckties, gloves, tobacco, etc., will, of course, be given to the individuals. Phonographs and musical instruments will be apportioned among the various wards, and the musical instruments will be used by the various orchestras and bands organized by the men. The athletic equipment will be divided among the athletic teams formed at the hospital. The demand for athletic equipment is especially great, as the soldiers need exercise after weeks and months of inactivity on cots or in bed.

The two days from December 22 until the morning of Christmas Day will be taken up in dividing the gifts into individual packages for the soldier. On Christmas morning every soldier in the hospital will receive his present. The Red Cross, headed by Mrs. Henry T. Ross, will attend to the distribution of gifts among the various wards of the hospital.

All gifts should reach the "Santa Claus room" of the Times before December 22. Each gift should be addressed to "A Soldier at Walter Reed Hospital."

FOURTEEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CARRYING CHRISTMAS CHEER

Into the Homes of the City's Less Fortunate People

It is a tribute to the whole-hearted generosity of the readers of The Times that the human documents presented in its columns every Christmas are known as "Opportunities." No true-blooded American ever overlooks an "Opportunity" and there are no more worthwhile opportunities than the fourteen investments in human happiness offered this year.

From a long list in the possession of the Associated Charities these particular families have been selected because in every instance the need is pressing and the courage great. By coming forward now you are underwriting lives of future usefulness.

Fifty-nine Children Included.

This year's opportunities represent a group of seventy-five people, fifty-nine of whom are children and sixteen adults. Only five of the children are over fourteen, and four of them are at work, contributing what they can to the support of their brothers and sisters. The expenses of the family have been carefully studied in conformity with the mothers. It needs but a moment's reflection on the cost of living today to realize the modesty of the sums suggested.

The Associated Charities believe that the people of Washington are anxious to share with their less fortunate neighbors the joys of this most wonderful Christmas. Confident that such belief is well founded they present these opportunities for practical helplessness. Last year nearly \$8,700 was contributed to a similar list of "opportunities." Even a more generous response is asked this year, the total amount required being \$8,700.

Contributions may be sent directly to The Times or to the Associated Charities, 923 H street northwest, and will be promptly acknowledged. Here are the "opportunities" in detail:

No. 1—Holding the Home Lines.

Here is a neighbor of yours whose job it is to warm feed, wash, nurse and educate six prospective young citizens ranging from babyhood to ten years of age. But it doesn't give her time for much else, and since her husband died she has had to do everything for the family. She has a very small income and a carefully planned family expense account reveals the fact that she has a most precarious economy over and above any assistance church or relatives might be able to give. Her six kiddies have to have \$19.50 a week or \$1,914 for the coming year.

No. 2—Every Penny Counts.

The family begins with Johnnie, aged three. Johnnie is beginning to get around to dangerous places as his mother, who is a widow, takes him with her when she goes to work. She plans her day so as to be home when Johnnie is in bed. She has a very small income and a carefully planned family expense account reveals the fact that she has a most precarious economy over and above any assistance church or relatives might be able to give. Her six kiddies have to have \$19.50 a week or \$1,914 for the coming year.

No. 3—Sacrificing Independence for Her Children's Sake.

She could have worked out her problem independently, but she has had it not been for the discovery that she was losing hold on her two boys, who are her only children. She can't be controlled by others. So she had to arrange things so as to do what she could at home where she could rear her children to be the fine men she would like to see. Her husband, by deserting her some years ago, left the entire burden upon her not too long ago. Her only hope is that she is old enough to help, the income must be supplemented by \$7.50 a week, or \$390 a year.

No. 4—Stitch, Stitch, Stitch.

Do you remember when you were a new widow, sewing every moment she can spare from the care of her children, and when she has had to do even so, she is not able to earn enough to feed and clothe them without assistance? Two of the little girls have learned to sew and help to make their own clothes, and the older one can help support her little brother and sister, but it will be some time before she will be able to do so. Meantime \$10 a week, or \$520 for a year, is needed.

No. 5—Courageous Old Age.

Everybody will want to help these three old folks, an aged couple and their sister, all over seventy-five, who live together in a small room in a tenement. The women do all their feeble strength permits. A small amount of money would help them to get their own home, but they have no money. The old gentleman does the cooking and other household work, and makes a good deal of it. It is remarkable how much a little money will accomplish for them. Ten dollars a week or \$520 for the coming year is asked.

No. 6—Winning Odd Over Heavy Odds.

For years this mother has been battling against poor health and bad eyesight. With these handicaps she cannot do more than care for her growing children. Her husband, who is blind, did his bit last summer by taking a regular position, meantime studying typewriting and stenography. He was also blind, but the position was a good one. The mother is now blind, and the father is blind. The family will need \$10 a week or \$520 for the coming year.

No. 7—Her Children Her Sole Riches.

"Children are a heritage of the Lord, and happy is the man who is full of them." Thus said the scriptures. How about this widow who has no other riches than her fourteen? The family went to camp last summer, and the mother was always trying to help others as well as to help her own. If the children are an asset, this widow is surely rich, except for the one thing which explains why only \$15.50 a week, or \$800 a year, is needed.

No. 8—Good Team Work.

The co-operative spirit that animates all our reconstruction plans is being the household of a French-American family, consisting of four little girls and a "dear old" woman. Every one is contributing something. From Marie, aged ten, who is so proud of her cooking to Jeanette, the eldest, who is studying for the day when she will become a stenographer. While the children are at school the mother

SECRETARY LANE'S FEVER-SICKS BACK

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loved the meeting of the son and father, mother, and sister was touching.

When the party arrived in Washington today at the wharves on the Norfolk boat, Secretary Lane, when met by a Times reporter, said: "Although my boy is not a hero, he did his 'bit'."

"Gee, but it looks good to get back in old Washington once again. I like it over there, but I surely am glad to be back home." Lieutenant Lane told a Times reporter, as he stepped off the Norfolk boat.

"Have a good time," he was asked. "Greatest time in my life. Hated to leave it, was his answer."

His Iron Cross. In his upper pocket on the left side of his coat Lieutenant Lane had a German iron cross.

When asked where he got the cross, Lieutenant Lane replied: "I took it from a German officer. He was among the prisoners captured in an allied advance. He did not want to give it up at first, but I finally persuaded him to give it to me. I consider it a great honor."

The story of his work in Europe was in brief to The Times today by Lieutenant Lane. He is in Italy. "I left this country in January and stayed straight to Liverpool. We stayed there for a short time and were then sent on inspection trips through England. We visited all of the aviation bases in England. Part of the time we traveled by rail and part of the time by air. It was a great trip."

"Leaving England we crossed the channel and went to the American headquarters in Paris. France it was only a short time after we were in Paris that I received my first chance to fly a plane in Europe. I, together with several other aviators, made trips from Paris to the front. Part of the time we carried bombs, attacking railroad stations in German territory. A majority of these attacks were successful."

Ordered To Italy. "Leaving Paris I was ordered to Italy. It was in May and June that I spent in the land of the Italian. I visited Rome, Venice and numerous other cities. We visited and inspected all of the aviation bases. This inspection in France and Italy was in order to acquaint us with methods of French and Italian flyers."

"In June I left Italy and returned to France. Leaving France I went to Belgium where my group, a bombing group, joined the British air force. We were commanded by Capt. D. C. Hanrahan. From June until November I was stationed in Belgium. I traveled closely behind the allied advance. In our trips we flew over Chateau-Thierry during the memorable battle in the latter part of June. We also flew over Zebrugges, Ghent, Ostend and hundreds of other cities.

"On numerous occasions the bombing squadron to which I was attached was attacked by German close friends of mine were killed, some of them within ten feet of me. During our stay in Belgium we were constantly in danger. When we were not flying our airplanes sheds would be bombed."

"We had just finished a long trip at the time of the signing of the armistice. The German close friends of mine were still the very last minute. When it was all over we took our machines and flew over the allied and German trenches and all over Belgium."

UNITED STATES OF RUSSIA PROPOSED

Reunion of all the Russias in a federated body on a pre-war territorial basis will be the united recommendation of the democratic element in the various provinces. The interrupted empire to the peace conference, according to diplomatic disclosures here today.

Russian diplomats give three leading reasons for the United States of Russia in preference to any nominally independent states that would stretch from middle Europe to Vladivostok.

These reasons are: Commercial and industrial advantages and necessities. Probability of speedy absorption of weak states and elimination of their rights by more powerful ones. Ultimate danger from Germany.

Advices through roundabout channels from great Russia, Siberia, northern provinces, Baltic provinces and the Ukraine are declared to be indicative of the desire of the various peoples to re-establish the former unity of all freedom and development to each of the kindred nationalities.

It is admitted in diplomatic circles that this plan has the hearty endorsement of Russia in the United States who are of the opinion that a United States of Russia would have every chance of success if given the full support of America and the entente.

GOVERNORS TO CONFER UPON RECONSTRUCTION

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15. Reconstruction policy will be the chief topic of discussion at the tenth annual Governors' Conference which opens here tomorrow for three days. Governors and governor-elect from forty-eight States will be in attendance.

TO ABOLISH OVERTIME. To abolish overtime in railroad shops throughout the country, drastic orders have been issued. Although protest has been made from workers, it is understood the Administration will enforce them because the rule is intended to make easier the reconstruction of returning soldiers in industry.

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ITALIAN PRESS WARMLY GREETES THE PRESIDENT

ROME, Dec. 16.—The Italian press enthusiastically welcomes President Wilson.

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