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WILSON VISITED THE AMERICAN TROOPS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

REVIEWED 10,000 MEN AT U.S. HEADQUARTERS

He Then Boarded Train and Was Carried to Calais, Where He Took Passage for Dover, Arriving There This Morning.

London, Dec. 25.—President and Mrs. Wilson are in Buckingham palace this afternoon after a journey from Calais to London during which they were accorded all the honors ever given royalty.

The drive of the short procession from the station to the palace was made through streets lined with the guards regiments in khaki.

Fresh flags hung overhead and covered the buildings, while windows, balconies, sidewalks and open spaces were filled with people, many of whom wore the American colors.

First came the sovereign's escort of troops from the Household Cavalry. Then came the carriages with King George and Queen Mary.

Between Piccadilly and Buckingham palace stretches Green park, which was dark with people.

Probably the most interesting part of the spectacle for the president was the people who were crowded everywhere to greet him.

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St. James street made a brave display of decorations. Across the street was a huge blue banner with the words: "The Citizens of Westminster Welcome President Wilson."

Sightseers poured in during the morning from all points. There were thousands of soldiers and sailors, many hundreds of school children shepherded by nuns and teachers, hundreds of flag vendors, burnt cork minstrels, with banjos, coasters on donkey carts, bishops in black gaiters, generals in various uniforms and women and girls in their new Christmas furs.

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As He Saw 10,000 Veteran Troops Pass in Review at Chaumont on Christmas Day He Became "All Choked Up," as He Himself Admitted.

On board President Wilson's special train en route to Calais, Dec. 26 (By the Associated Press).—President Wilson left Chaumont for England late yesterday, feeling more strongly than ever the magnificent part American soldiers took in the winning of the war.

When addressing his troops as "fellow countrymen," he told them that he believed that he could "promise them a happy New Year."

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TROOPS DESERT BACK FOR WAR, PREMIER EBERT; REVOLT GROWS

Nearly 100 Persons Reported to Have Been Killed in Street Fighting in Berlin, Which Began on Tuesday Morning—Many Revolting Sailors Are Coming from Kiel.

London, Dec. 26.—The Alexander and Franzer regiments have openly joined the revolting sailors in Berlin, and it is predicted in advices sent from Berlin late Christmas night that nearly the entire Berlin garrison will support them, leaving the government without troops.

These advices were transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. They add that large numbers of sailors are reported to be coming from Kiel to join their comrades in Berlin.

Nearly 100 persons were killed in the street fighting which began in Berlin on Tuesday morning, according to the latest reports from the German capital, transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen.

The dreadnought passed up the Hudson and anchored from 55th to 123rd streets and preparations were then made for 10,650 men to disembark for the land parade down Fifth avenue this afternoon.

The ships welcomed home, after eighteen months of strenuous patrols of seas infested by enemy submarines, were the Pennsylvania, Arizona, Oklahoma, Nevada, Utah, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming and Florida.

In addition to Secretary Daniels, the reviewing party included Secretary of War Baker, Secretary of Agriculture Houston, General Peyton C. March, chief of staff of the United States army; Admiral Grant of the British navy, and the senior naval attaches of the allied nations.

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This unpropitious weather came with the dawn while the fleet still tugged at its anchors off the Ambrose channel. The war vessels soon were hidden from observers on shore.

All the way into the harbor, as the warships moved through the snow they presented a winter spectacle. Scarcely visible, a giant kite balloon preceded the Arizona, leading unit of the fleet, into the harbor—an aircraft towed, 800 feet up, by the gunboat Gloucester. Behind it, a armada of masts and funnels were pulled along shaft the Florida, the last warship to enter. Above the slowly steaming dreadnoughts airplanes dipped and rose—obscure snowbirds which gave to the scene a picturesque touch as they darted about above the basket masts.

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MAY REOPEN LITTLE SCHOOL.

If Legislature Changes Word "Shall" to "May" in School Law.

Is the little red schoolhouse to come into prominence again? It would seem for the state board of education for some time has been considering the matter, and it is found that the changing of the word "shall" to "may" in the present law will rearrange affairs so that the towns may occupy the school houses that have been deserted for some time. The present law provides that the town shall afford transportation certain dislocations were made in the leg from "shall" to "may" will provide that if conditions warrant it they may transport and if conditions seem best then the schools that have not been used recently may be opened again. Probably the report of the commission to the legislature will enlighten the situation.

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BACK FOR WAR, BATTLESHIPS GET WELCOME

Ten Superdreadnoughts, the Vanguard of America's Victory Fleet in European Waters, Reviewed in New York Harbor by Secretary Daniels.

LAND PARADE HELD ON FIFTH AVENUE

Over Ten Thousand Jackies Marched Through Crowded Thoroughfare and Were Given a Noisy Greeting After 18 Months of Strenuous Work.

New York, Dec. 26.—Led by the superdreadnought Arizona in great battle-ships in command of Admiral Henry T. Mayo—the vanguard of America's victory fleet in European waters—steamed majestically up New York harbor today in review before Secretary of the Navy Daniels and were greeted with a tumultuous reception by harbor craft and hundreds of thousands of persons who lined the shores.

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GLENUGIANS DANCED.

Merry Party Was Held in Clan Gordon Hall Last Evening.

Christmas night, always a memorable date in the calendar of the Glenugians, was the occasion for a merry assembly in Clan Gordon hall, the reunion taking the form of the club's annual banquet.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Alex. McFaffie; toast to the absent members; vocal duet, James Bennett and Miss Leona Lamb; highland dancing, Misses Clubb and Miss Pirie; solo, Miss Lamb; toast to the ladies, J. Fraser; toast to Buchanan, James Clubb; who lauded the land of the club's forbears in the absence of James K. Pirie, unavailably detained; vocal solo, George McLeod; song, "The Glenugie Ode," J. Ingram. Before the program was concluded, the committee was given a hearty vote of thanks for its activity.

Dancing to excellent music by Mr. Cooper and Miss Smith was the crowning event of the evening, and it was well after midnight before the grand finale engaged the energies of everyone. The committee in charge of the banquet included Mrs. Keith, Mrs. Cowie, Mrs. McBayne and Mrs. Downer. The club committee was made up as follows: Charles Keith, chairman; Alex. Matthews, vice-president; Alex. Cowie, James Freeland, secretary; Alex. Cormack, James Massie, George Riddell, Daniel McBayne.

EARLY EVENING ROBBERIES.

Houses Between 5 and 8 O'clock Chosen by Thieves.

Thrift stamp thieves who operate in the soft lights of a winter dusk are causing householders about town no end of worry and while the old-fashioned practice of locking the front doors is coming into vogue again, the police are running down perhaps a score of trails, most of which seem to turn out cold.

Within a few days three houses have been visited and sums of money taken. At the home of C. A. Spear, 21 Park street, \$60 worth of war stamps were spirited away late one evening, while every member of the family was away. The thief did a good bit of ransacking, but the principal booty was stamps.

At 18 Eastern avenue Sunday school money tucked away in a drawer was removed by the thief. This time the intruder forced the bolt of a door. Less successful was the visit paid to the home of E. P. Carter on Sheridan street, but the prowler left many signs of his visit.

The police and the sheriff's department, for both are interested in breaking up the chain of thefts, have observed that most of the visits are made between 5 and 8 p. m.

A house on Elm street is reported to have yielded booty of \$80 in money to the marauders on the night previous to the Spear house robbery.

DEATH OF WILLIAM STILL.

Occurred This Morning After Two Months' Illness.

William Still died at the home of Charles Keith, 105 North Seminary street, this morning at 7:30 o'clock, the end following an illness which developed from an attack of the influenza two months ago. The deceased if survived by his wife and two children, who are in Scotland; by his sister, who lives in Buffalo, N. Y.; and by two brothers, one of whom is in Scotland, while the other is in the British army of occupation.

Mr. Still was born in Deer, Scotland, in 1871, and learned the granite-cutter's trade in his youth. He came to Barre in 1901 and for a number of years he had been employed by C. W. McMillan & Co. He was a member of Clan Gordon, No. 12, O. S. C., and also belonged to the Glenugie club, being highly esteemed in both organizations.

The funeral will be held at 106 North Seminary street Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. Edgar Crossland officiating. Interment is to be made in Hope cemetery.

WAS PROBABLY GASSED.

Private Gerald J. Mason, Old Co. C Man, Mentioned a Slightly Wounded.

Private Gerald J. Mason of C company, 103d U. S. infantry, and a veteran of C company in the old list Vermont infantry, whose name appears in today's casualty list, is believed by his mother, Mrs. Sadie A. Mason of the East Montpelier road, to be on his way home. Official notice that Private Mason was slightly injured came to Mrs. Mason a few days ago. Previous to that, letters written by her son assured her that the gassing which he received Oct. 31 was not sufficiently serious to keep him in the hospital long.

Finally came a letter, dated Nov. 25, in which the soldier reported that he was about to be moved, intimating that it was in the direction of home. Mrs. Mason, having been in frequent communication with her son, believes the "slightly wounded" of the casualty report refers to the gassing.

PROBABLY 7,000 MEMBERS

In Washington County in the Christmas Red Cross Drive.

The estimate of the membership in the Red Cross obtained in Washington county of 7,000 members will stand for the present at least. There does not seem to be enough of an increase over the report of Saturday night materially to change the figures. Montpelier is still lacking on its report and is estimated to have obtained 3,000 members, while Barre is estimated at 2,500 members. The reports of some other chairmen up to noon today were: Horn of the Moon 17, Putnamville 65, North Montpelier 110, Woodbury 62, North Calais 40, Calais 53, Marshfield 76, Middlesex 60, Waitfield 288, Waterbury 600 (the last estimated).

LEAKING GAS CAUSED FIRE.

Montpelier Man Knocked Off Gas Jet and Then Lighted a Match.

The Montpelier fire department was called out a little before 11 o'clock this morning for a fire in the cellar of the Lane house on Pitkin court which was caused by leaking gas. Mr. Holden, who occupied the house, went the cellar after wood and knocked off the gas jet. He lighted a match to see about fixing the jet and there was enough gas leaking out so it caught fire, with the result that it flamed up against the ceiling of the cellar. The gasmen and firemen were called and the fire was put out before damage was done.

\$5.52 A DAY AT CONCORD.

New Wage Scale Becomes Effective There After Feb. 1.

CHRISTMAS JOY REIGNED

Drab Weather Could Not Dampen Spirit of the Day

CHURCH AND HOME CENTER OF EVENTS

The Barre Merchants Report an Unusually Good Business

Outwardly Christmas in Barre was a dreary sort of a day, but sudden skies and a landscape made drab by rain and near-snow did not succeed in erasing the symbols of Yuletide that are expressed in family reunions, gift giving, carol singing and Christmas trees. It was not the snowbound, tinseled holiday of the frost-red Christmas past, yet it was more than the ordinary Christmas for the emotions it stirred, being the first peace-time anniversary of the Nativity since 1913, probed deeper into the human heart. Christmas day in 1918 celebrated the beginning of the era of "peace on earth, good will toward men," ushered in by the cessation of hostilities.

Christmas eve in the business section presented an animated scene and the excellent volume of business reported by merchants indicates that the crowds were abroad for a purpose. Yesterday silent streets were in sharp contrast to their appearance the night before. In a number of the city churches Christmas services were held Sunday, while Christmas eve and the holiday itself were set apart for the less solemn Christmas tree exercises.

Hundreds of worshippers crowded St. Monica's church for the midnight celebration of high mass. Rev. Fr. P. M. McKenna, the parish priest, officiated at the services and was the celebrant at two masses Christmas forenoon, the first at 9 o'clock and the second two hours later. The interior of St. Monica's breathed the real spirit of Christmas. Attractive decorations were used in the nave and the sanctuary was alight with tapers and incense-burners. Christmas offerings in the parish were unusually large.

Apart from the customary homecoming of boys and girls the presence of many soldiers and sailors was an inspiring feature of family reunions. Out of doors there was little to tempt one to adjourn the festivities of the fireside, although moving picture theatres did a thriving business in the afternoon and evening. More than 100 persons dined at Hotel Barre.

A few shops and stores maintained holiday hours and the windows at the postoffice remained open until 10 a. m. The postoffice force creditably handled a heavy Christmas mail and the delivery service was all that could be expected. Banking institutions, business offices and granite manufacturing plants were closed. It was a quiet Christmas in which thanksgiving and songs of gladness, whether offered aloud or in silence, had a conspicuous part.

HAD SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. J. Stewart of Park Street Were Honored Couple.