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REPUBLICANS NOT TO HARASS WILSON—MANN

G. O. P. Leader in House Declares Party Will Not Seek to Embarrass President, But Sherman Raps Course.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—In a statement today declaring factional strife should not be permitted to interfere with President Wilson's mission abroad, Representative Mann, of Illinois, Republican leader in the house, said there would be no concerted effort on the part of house Republicans to embarrass the president, and that he did not believe the American people would "tolerate any meddling in that which so vitally concerns them."

Senator Sherman, of Illinois, Republican, introduced today his resolution proposing that the office of president be declared vacant upon President Wilson's departure for Europe, and that the vice-president assume the executive's duties. He was given unanimous consent for an address criticizing the president's course.

Postponement until after the peace conference of questions regarding forming of a league of nations and any "sweeping changes" in ancient international laws of freedom of the seas is proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, Republican, former secretary of state.

President Wilson is expected to leave Washington this evening for New York, from which port he and the other American representatives to the peace conference will sail on the liner George Washington for Europe. Official announcement as to the time of the president's departure was not forthcoming today. It was understood that the regular Tuesday cabinet meeting was held this afternoon and that fact precluded departure of the president before evening.

TRANSPORT ALL READY TO RECEIVE EXECUTIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The transport George Washington, newly painted a battleship gray and handsomely decorated, has steam up today at her dock in Hoboken, in readiness to carry President Wilson and the peace delegates to France. Officials seem expectant that the ship will get under way about noon Wednesday.

One of the principal tasks of the special force of 500 workers was to inclose the promenade deck in glass to ward off December gales. Decorators and fitters gave particular attention to fitting up the suite of three rooms, which the president will occupy. Mrs. Wilson's quarters will be directly opposite those of the president. Forty-nine staterooms have been prepared for possible occupants.

The dining hall, formerly the officers' mess hall, will accommodate 40 persons. The ship's cuisine will be in charge of a well-known hotel chef and 50 assistants and waiters. The navy yard band has been assigned to furnish music.

HUNS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAND OVER ENGINES

PARIS, Dec. 3.—It apepars the Germans will be unable to hand over all the 5,000 locomotives stipulated in the armistice agreement by Dec. 17, according to the Matin, and it is possible that the allies will grant more time to the

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FRENCH LODGE LEGAL COMPLAINTS ON KAISER

PARIS, Dec. 3. (Havas.)—French citizens are lodging complaints with Attorney-General Lescouve regarding crimes committed by the German armies under William Hohenzollern, the former emperor. Several persons who lost relatives in the bombardment of Paris by the German long-range guns have filed their complaints.

In the case of Madame Prieur, whose husband was killed on the torpedoed mail steamer Sussex, the attorney-general declares that the steamer was an extension of French soil and consequently the French authorities are competent to make an investigation.

A decision with regard to complaints against the former emperor will be reached within a few days. If it is decided that French tribunals are competent to open proceedings, a judge will be appointed.

One of the first acts of the judge will be to ask for the extradition of William Hohenzollern.

SAYS GERMANS BURNED ALL WAR EVIDENCE

PARIS, Dec. 3. (Havas.)—The German foreign office destroyed by fire all damaging documents in the archives of the German general government at Brussels and destroyed all documents in Berlin which might be useful in placing responsibility for the war on the German government. Herr Meikenbuhr, a former socialist member of the reichstag, declared in a speech in Berlin, according to advices received here.

The revelations of Meikenbuhr, the Paris newspapers declare, throws a singular light on the proposal of Dr. Solf, the German foreign secretary, to have a neutral commission inquire into the origin of the war.

Tiger's Son Aids France In Battle

CAPT. CLEMENCEAU.

Premier "Tiger" Clemenceau, of France, was not the only member of his family who aided France in the war. Clemenceau, it was who strengthened the morale of the French and steadied the government when the Germans staged their great drive at the beginning of the war. His daughter was interested in many branches of war work. His son, as captain in the French army, rendered valuable service. Incidentally he was the first French officer to enter St. Mihiel.

NEW U. S. PLANE RECORD BREAKER

Wonderful Performance of Monoplane Surpasses European Combat Ship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Development of a new American type of two-seated monoplane was announced today by the war department in a statement disclosing that in a recent test at Dayton, Ohio, the machine attained a speed of 145 miles an hour with full military load, and an altitude of 25,000 feet with two passengers in remarkable time, exceeding the record of any European single-seater combat machine.

The plane, known as the Leoning, is American designed and American built and embodies new and original ideas. It weighs about 2,400 pounds loaded for service and is driven by a 300-horsepower motor. Its fuel capacity is sufficient for three and a half hours' flight and it carries four machine guns.

The statement says the machine was designed and built by Grover Cleveland Loening, of Long Island City, N. Y., an aeronautical engineer and author of a number of textbooks used by American air service.

LITTLE ROCK GETS COTTRELL'S SERVICES

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—H. M. Cottrell, agricultural expert of the farm development bureau of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, has agreed to become manager of the profitable farming committee, an organization of the Little Rock board of commerce, providing certain requirements are met, it has become known here.

The question of salary, it is understood, has been settled, but that of co-operation on the part of business interests here still remains to be definitely decided.

Mr. Cottrell left Memphis Monday night for Little Rock in response to a long-distance call from that city. He could, therefore, not be seen for confirmation or denial of the foregoing from the correspondent of The News Scimitar at that point.

It was said Tuesday at the offices of the farm development bureau that Mr. Cottrell would return to Memphis Wednesday.

DISABLED SOLDIERS TO DRAW $65 MONTHLY

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Soldiers disabled during the war will be paid $65 a month during the period of their reeducation, which will be directed by the federal board of vocational training, Dr. C. A. Prosser, director of the board announced today. He said that the government had authorized the board to make this payment to the soldiers, with an additional $10 if they have dependents.

KILLED IN ACTION.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—Lieut. William Bushong, of Morristown, Tenn., was killed in action Oct. 8, according to information received by his father, W. D. Bushong, of Morristown. He was a member of Company K, 326th Infantry. Lieut. Bushong received his commission at Camp Gordon. Prior to the outbreak of the war he was in the regular army.

THE TWO EXTREMES YOU BRING TOGETHER

"Dear Mr. Goodfellow:—As I am poor an have nobody to get me anything I am writing you an trusting that you may give me some thing.

"my father ran off an left my mother with three children an she is old an unable to work.

"I am fourteen years old an go to school an have only one dress to wear will you please help me in some way an I have to little sisters.

"Please remember us God will bless you if you will help us. Your frend —— ——."

Goodfellows Club:—Enclosed please find my check for $5, which I wish to contribute to the Goodfellows club.

Somehow, I do not feel that I am giving this, but that I am paying something I owe because, I think, we who are surrounded with all the blessings of life should consider it a privilege and a pleasure to spend our money in such a worthy cause.

I sincerely hope these few dollars will be the means of making some poor little fellow happy on Xmas morning.

Hoping the hearts of the people will be opened generously to this most worthy cause, I am, yours very truly, J. F. Fogleman, Marion, Ark.

BY A. GOODFELLOW.

My message to you today, Goodfellows, is in the form of two letters. The first one, a plea for remembrance, tells its own story. A childish, simple, pencil-scrawled missive that fairly wrings the heart. A letter conclusively proving that you and I, mature though we may be, know absolutely nothing about the misery of poverty. My throat tightened as I read it through, and in submitting it to you I do so with the confidence that it will bring you to a realization of the task facing us this year, knowing that in your generosity you will find your own reward:

The second letter came as a balm to the ache in my heart. It, too, tells a story, but from a different angle, the point of view I know that deep in your heart you entertained for those neglected youngsters of the poor to whom we administer once a year—the one day in the year that belongs by right of heritage to the children, rich or poor.

It is these two extremes that you Goodfellows seek to bring together through The News Scimitar's Goodfellows club. That is our enjoyable task and we assume the responsibility, gladly, willingly, hopefully.

Goodfellow John D. Canale, of D. Canale & Co., renewed his membership in the club today.

"Just put me down for five barrels of big, red, juicy apples and five boxes of Florida oranges," he informed the club's quartermaster. "You know me, Al, eh?"

I should say we do know you. You are one of those big-hearted fellows the club welcomed into the fold six years ago, and here you are again. We thank you in the name of "the least of these."

I wish to take this opportunity to urge the necessity of doing at once what you intend to do later. Don't delay. Get in the game now. Let's put the Goodfellows over like we did the soldiers, and the Liberty bonds, and the war savings stamps, and the Red Cross fund, and the war work campaign fund.

Carry on!

Encouragement To Goodfellows

Please accept inclosed check for $2 to go toward making some little children happy Christmas morning. With congratulations for your noble efforts and best wishes for your good.—Mrs. B. B. M., Clarksdale.

It gives me much pleasure to again be able to inclose my check. —A. H. B., for O'Donnell-McCormack Co.

We are sending $1 each to make some little child happy, as we are very happy because the war is over and our daddy is coming home from France.—G. and E. J.

I am sending this to help make the children happy, as I am in the 70's and have not forgotten Santa Claus yet.—Mrs. J. B.

Goodfellows' Roll of Honor

Previously acknowledged	$626.27
North Memphis Service Club	15.00
Sergt. R. B. Jones	1.00
A Merry Xmas L. B. L.	1.00
Henry Halle, Jr.	5.00
J. F. Fogleman, Marion, Ark.	5.00
T. A. Andrews, Jackson, Tenn.	1.00
Mrs. B. B. Montgomery, Clarksdale, Miss.	2.00
O'Donnel-McCormack Co.	15.00
Mrs. J. B. Burney	1.00
Grace and Elizabeth Johnson	2.00
Total	$673.27

FOUR MEMPHIANS GET COMMISSIONS IN WEEK

Four prominent Memphians will complete their courses at the officers' training school, field artillery, Camp Zachary Taylor, near Louisville, Ky., within a week, and receive commissions as second lieutenants in the reserve army. They are:

W. Lyle McKee, of Sternberger, McKee & Co., and president of the Memphis Cotton exchange; Hal Howard, of Pioneer Pole and Shaft company; Geo. Gunther, of M. H. Gunther & Co., and Harry Thomson, confidential clerk of W. A. Gage & Co.

This information was brought to Memphis by W. Meacham Stewart, of Meacham Stewart & Co., cotton buyers, who has just returned from Camp Taylor, where he received honorable discharge after two months of intensive training.

Leo G. Carter, W. A. Bickford, S. Gordon Brent, Carl Zimmerman, Chas. Wells and Joe Fleece, all of Memphis, have either left Camp Zachary Taylor for this city or will do so within the next day or two, according to Stewart, before completing the course.

FIND TENNESSEE BOYS IN HUN PRISON CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A list of American prisoners of war in Germany, issued today by the war department, includes:

At Camp Rastatt: Private Boyce Wofford, Lackhart, S. C.; Mechanic Richard Fisher, East Nashville, Tenn.

At Camp Friedrichsfeld: Private Lee Ramsey, Newport, Tenn.

At Camp Fuernstenfeld Brueck: Private William Hudson, Boones Mill, Va.

Reported in good health at an unknown camp: Privates Paul Denton, R. F. D. 5, Hickory, N. C.; William I. Craton, Dallas, Ga.; Edgar Bell, 2009 Wollcott avenue, Wilmington, N. C.; Robert A. Beadle, Statesville, Tenn.

ONLY FOUR PERSONS ENTER STATE PRISON

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—Only four persons, three men and a woman, all of them negroes, were received into the Mississippi state penitentiary during the month of November, according to the monthly report of the registrar, Mrs. O. M. Spickard, who announces that only 1,216 convicts are on hand at present.

One thousand two hundred and forty were in the penitentiary the first of November, the following deductions having been made during the month: Discharged, 13; pardoned, 1; escaped, 6; died, 6; suspended sentence, 1; returned to court, 1; total, 28.

HOLLAND STOPS ALL EXPORTS TO GERMANY

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The Dutch government has decided to stop all exports to Germany in reprisal for the stoppage of the export of German coal to Holland, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

LETTERS INDICATE ERROR.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—M. A. Reeves, father of Private Homer Reeves, now with the United States infantry in France, who was officially reported as missing in action since Oct. 5, has received two letters from his son since receiving the telegram from the war department, both of the letters being dated later than Oct. 5, indicating an error on the part of the official notification.

DIES OF WOUNDS.

DRIVER, Ark., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—Official confirmation of the news of the death in France of Private Joe A. Jobe, of Driver, has been received by John A. Jobe in a telegram from the war department. Private Jobe died Nov. 7 from wounds received in action.

DENY RUMOR OF DANISH TREATY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Denmark has made no arrangements to furnish large monthly shipments of food to Germany, as reported recently by the Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende, according to an official dispatch today to the Danish legation from the foreign office at Copenhagen. The Tidende report said as a result of negotiations between Denmark and Germany, the latter would receive each month 75,000 tons of fats, 150,000 tons of meat and 230,000 tons of wheat.

This, the Copenhagen foreign office cables, was due to a misunderstanding. "The Berlin correspondent of the Berlinske Tidende on Nov. 19 informed his paper," the dispatch said, "that the German food administration had concluded an investigation of the food conditions in Germany, and as a result had stated that to feed the German people through the winter it would be necessary for Germany to import the above mentioned quantities of food from outside. But nothing was said of Denmark furnishing Germany with these immense quantities of food."

NITRATE PLANT STRIKE NOW INVOLVES 1,000

SHEFFIELD, Ala., Dec. 3.—The striking electricians and boilermakers at United States Nitrate Plant No. 2 were joined yesterday afternoon by the plumbers and steam-fitters, increasing the number of men on the walk-out from about 600 to approximately 1,000.

It is understood the electricians are striking for an increase from 87½ cents per hour to $1 per hour, and the steam-fitters and plumbers are asking for an increase from $1 per hour to $1.25.

The enforcement of the eight-hour day, giving the men 48 hours per week only, has materially reduced the earnings of these men, and they are asking the increase because of this fact.

It is understood that the national councils of the bodies involved have refused their sanction to the strike at Muscle Shoals, and officials of the plant seem to feel little or no concern over the action of the workers, and so far as can be learned they are making no effort to settle the difficulty.

Orders were received immediately after the signing of the armistice to cut the force at Nitrate Plant No. 2 by about 5,000 men, reducing the total working force to slightly more than 10,000 men.

These orders have been carried out and officials state that the plant can be completed by the reduced force within the next 60 days regardless of whether the dissatisfied workers return to work.

HOLD MANY MEETINGS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—Public meetings in connection with the "conservation week for world relief" campaign of the food administration were held today practically in every community in the country under the direction of state and county administrators. Speakers at the meetings emphasized that failure of the American people to conserve food would result in famine in Europe and famine in turn would bring collapse of peaceful conditions.

THE WEATHER

Tennessee—Fair, little change in temperature.

Mississippi—Fair, somewhat warmer in south.

Arkansas—Fair.

Alabama—Fair, slowly rising temperature.

Kentucky—Partly cloudy; Wednesday fair.

Louisiana—Fair, frost, not much change in temperature.

Oklahoma and West Texas—Fair.

East Texas—Fair, frost to coast.

South Carolina and Georgia—Fair; warmer Wednesday.

Florida—Fair; slightly warmer Wednesday.

PROOF OF HEALTH BEFORE MARRIAGE TO BE DEMANDED

Medical Society Considers Proposed Legislation Requiring Certificates Before License Is Issued.

Certificates of health as an absolutely necessary requisite for a license to wed will become necessary in Tennessee if legislation under consideration by the Memphis and Shelby County Medical society results in enactment of a law to that effect.

Discussion of the proposed law will be participated in by members of the society at the annual business meeting called for Tuesday night at the courthouse, when Judge Israel Peres, chairman of the committee to draw up the proposed act, and Judge McKinney Barton will explain the results of their investigations on the subject from both legal and social standpoints.

"The idea is not one strictly along eugenic lines," declared Judge Barton, "although it may be said to come under that classification. While nothing definite has been reached in the scope and provisions of the proposed legislation the consensus of opinion is that certificates of health should be demanded from both sexes before any license to wed is issued.

"Many of the states already have legislation of this character and it is reasonable to presume that the results are all that science and society could demand.

"Such a law would tend to reduce to a minimum the great and ever-increasing prevalence of communicable diseases and its effect on one generation after another. In many individual instances presence of the disease is entirely unsuspected and the victim may go through life innocently ignorant of his menace to society and his family.

"Medical records are full of cases where defective mentality and diseases of the nervous system are directly traceable perhaps two or three generations back, to diseases of their sort. The insane asylums and institutions of every sort are crowded with patients who are innocently hereditary victims of these so-called social diseases.

"Think what it will mean to society in general, if by the simple expedient of proving physical fitness before marriage the defectives are barred by statute from further endangering the human race. It will mean, in the course of time, the practical cleaning out of insane asylums and institutions of like character. It will mean a sturdier and longer-lived generation and the ending of untold misery and suffering which is now being visited on the heads of the innocent."

Judge Barton became interested in the question at the request of the war department's director of camp activities, the government having taken the initiative in the schooling of its soldiers on this subject as a part of their regular camp training.

The Shelby delegation is to be asked to introduce the health certificate resolution at the January session of the state legislature.

NINE NATIONAL ARMY CHIEFS ARE PROMOTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Promotions in the regular establishment for several general officers serving in the national army were announced today in nominations sent by President Wilson to the senate. Lieut.-Gen. Robert L. Bullard, of the national army, was nominated for promotion from the grade of brigadier to that of major-general in the regular army.

The following colonels, serving as major-generals in the national army, were named to be brigadiers in the regular forces:

George W. Read, Charles T. Menoher, William G. Haan, John L. Hines, Charles H. Muir, James W. McAndrews, James G. Harboard, Charles P. Summerall.

TWO MORE VESSELS BRINGING IN YANKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Two steamers, the Empress of Britain and the Adriatic, sailed from Liverpool yesterday for New York with returning American troops, the war department announced today.

The Empress of Britain carries 76 officers, 10 nurses and 2,389 men. The Adriatic carries 80 officers and 2,208 men.

COTTON EXPORT BARS WILL BE LET DOWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Restrictions on the shipment of cotton from interior points for export will be removed by an order to be issued today by the railroad administration, Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, announced after a conference with Director Chambers, of the railroad administration's division of traffic.

Removal of the restrictions, Senator McKellar said, will permit direct shipment from interior points in the south of cotton to all allied and neutral countries except the neutrals contiguous to Germany and Austria.

CRIMINAL COURTS ARE BADLY HANDICAPPED

The two-week session of the federal court for the fall term is greatly handicapping the criminal courts of the county, owing to the fact that attorneys representing clients in the former court also represent clients in cases called for trial in the latter.

It is said the federal court has no calendar and there is no means of telling when a case will come up. Therefore attorneys in all cases are required to remain at the court for the two weeks until the docket is cleared and the term is over.

Gen. Bates said Tuesday that he would see Judge McCall and ascertain if some arrangement could be made to fix calendars for each day in order that attorneys not needed on a given day could appear for their clients in the two criminal courts.

Most of the cases in the First criminal court were continued Tuesday because the attorneys were held at the federal court to handle cases there when called for trial.

C. W. MILLER LEAVES ON INSPECTION TRIP

C. W. Miller, commissioner of fire and police, left for the North Monday night to inspect methods used by police in various cities. He will be gone about one week.

Commissioner Miller will call on police authorities in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton and other Ohio cities, as well as in Chicago and Detroit.

Made Minister To France By Mexico

SENOR PANI.

Senor Pani has been appointed minister to France by Mexico. He will leave Mexico City for Paris in the near future. He is known to America as he was a member of the Mexican mission to the United States.

CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Two army casualty lists together with a marine corps list of 135 names, made public here today contain a total of 1,636 names, divided:

Killed in action, 199; died from wounds, 88; died, accident and other causes, 11; died, airplane accident, six; died of disease, 318; wounded severely, 310; wounded, degree undetermined, 288; wounded slightly, 128; missing in action, 284; prisoners, four.

Included in the three lists:

TENNESSEE.

Killed in action: Corporal William L. Barcroft, 929 South Willet St., Memphis; Privates George Stanfield, Paris; Sam B. Kennerly, R. F. D. 1, Beehard.

Died from wounds: Privates Lavator L. Allen, R. F. D. 11, Sevierville; John W. Haynes, Altonpark; Jesse Sims, Athens.

Died of disease: Sergeant Edward E. Steele (marine), Chattanooga; Privates Charles W. Hamilton, R. F. D. 1, Wilcamsport, Johnny Hodges, R. F. D. 5, Westmoreland; George Gathey, Dover; John H. Ledbetter, R. F. D. 1, Parsons; Hershal C. McBride, Hilham; Edgar Manus, R. F. D. 1, Overall; Walter F. Nesbitt, 164 Deupree St., Jackson; Charles F. Roe, Elizabethton; Jim Ray, R. F. D. 3, Clifton; Benjamin F. Rutledge, R. F. D. 1, Unionville; Shelby Sanders, R. F. D. 4, Hartsville; John C. Sheley, Dickson; John E. Upton, Soddy.

Wounded severely: Privates Clarence Barnett, Wiseville; Robert E. Eaves, Chattanooga; Walter Cole, R. F. D. 4, Union City; John H. Daniel, R. F. D. 1, Lobelville; Willie Ball, Mosheim; Frank Polly, R. F. D. 3, Adams; Oscar C. Wood, R. F. D. 1, Chesterfield.

Wounded, degree undetermined: Sergeant Robert B. Puckett, Trimble; Privates Condia Lynch, Pruden; Robine E. Cooke, Lawrenceburg.

Missing in action: Lieut. Louis L. Caruthers, 46 South Second St., Memphis; Privates Leonard L. Atkinson, Trenton; Ernest M. Goode, Covington; Josh Lee, R. F. D. 4, Paris; Robert T. McAnally, Bolivar; James W. Rooker (marine), R. F. D. 7, Murfreesboro;

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CAMP PIKE COMMANDER PUT ON RETIRED LIST

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—Col. Charles Miller, commandant of Camp Pike since Maj.-Gen. Sturgis, commander of the 8th division, left Camp Pike with his division, has been put on the retired list, it became known Tuesday morning.

Col. Miller was before an examining board, having been slated for promotion to brigadier-general, when the examining board found that he had a lesion of the heart which incapacitated him for service. The board recommended an immediate leave of absence with retirement before its expiration. The colonel refused to take the leave.

It is probable that Brig.-Gen. Anderson, now ranking officer, probably will remain as commander since Maj.-Gen. Omar Bundy has been sent to Camp Lee, Va.

HOLD NEGRO FOR CAPITAL OFFICIAL

Arrested on a charge of stealing a mule and buggy from Mose Eddins, Collierville, Tenn., last week, George Bohammon, negro, alias Dave Mason, is believed to be wanted in Nashville on a charge of murdering his wife there on Sept. 13. Information reaching local police is that he used a heavy stick to commit the deed.

Bohammon is alleged to have stolen Eddins' buggy from the Collierville church when he was hard pressed by deputies armed with a warrant from Nashville. Bohammon pleaded guilty to the theft of the outfit and was held to the grand jury, but if the Nashville authorities want him he will be returned there first.

Bohammon is also said to have recently broken jail in New Albany, Miss.

MRS. W. M. WINTERS SEEKS DIVORCE

Because her husband had been convicted of a felony and sentenced to the penitentiary for one to five years, Mrs. Winters, wife of W. M. Winters, late Monday filed a suit for divorce in circuit court. This is a statutory cause for divorce, it is explained in the petition.

Winters and his wife were married in Memphis July 27, 1918. Her acquaintance with her husband before marriage was very brief, according to the document.

BIG CORN CROPS.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 3.—The corn crop in the Eighth federal reserve district is estimated to yield 1,010,734,000 bushels, and the tobacco crop in Kentucky and Tennessee is estimated to yield 451,188,000 pounds, according to the November report issued today by William McC. Martin, federal reserve agent. Commercial conditions are exceedingly good, the report states.

CLAIMS HE HAS NOT RENOUNCED REGAL CHANCES

OOSTERLAND, Holland, Dec. 3. (By the Associated Press.)—"I have not renounced anything, and I have not signed any document whatever," the former German crown prince declared to the correspondent today.

BERLIN DIPLOMATS ASK HUNS FOR PROTECTION

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The diplomatic corps in Berlin has asked the German government for protection against the anarchistic propaganda of the Spartacus group, which is agitating for the general arming of the proletariat, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam.

ALLIES DETERMINED TO SECURE KAISER

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A demand for the surrender of William Hohenzollern will be submitted to the Netherlands government in the name of the allied cabinets, according to the Express. The views of France and Italy have been fully communicated to the British government, and President Wilson has made suggestions relative to procedure in the case.

Authority is claimed by the Express for the statement that although there are some little differences as to points of law among allied jurists, Monday's conference in Downing street revealed unanimity relative to the bringing of the former German emperor to answer for his crimes.

The opinion is held that Holland will not be disposed to put obstacles in the way. She will not be asked to deliver Herr Hohenzollern under the ordinary extradition laws, but his status will be considered analogous to that of a pirate or slave trader who is not regarded as entitled to sanctuary in any country.

HAASE SAYS GERMANY IS AT SEA OVER PLANS

LONDON, Dec. 3.—"The German government is still undecided as to how to deal with the former emperor and the Hohenzollerns," said Hugo Haase, secretary for foreign affairs in the Ger-

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2,300 YANK CAPTIVES OF HUN IN GOOD SHAPE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Twenty-three hundred American prisoners of war at Camp Rastatt, Germany, were reported "well organized, well clothed and morale excellent" in a cablegram today to the American Red Cross from Lem G. Levy, of the prisoners' relief section, who has just visited Rastatt.

The German authorities, Mr. Levy reported, are willing to release the prisoners at once under charge of 19 American officers to be transferred from the prison at Karlsruhe, and he recommended that a train be ordered sent for them at once.

This message from Mr. Levy brought the first definite news received on this side of the situation at the big Rastatt camp since the signing of the armistice. Its favorable nature was regarded as particularly gratifying in view of varying reports concerning the treatment accorded prisoners by the Germans.

OVER 6,000 NEGROES INTERESTED IN SUIT

More than 6,000 negroes were interested in the suit brought against Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo to recover $68,000,000 collected in cotton taxes under a law that Cornelius Jones, negro lawyer, claimed was unconstitutional.

Jones testified in United States district court Tuesday morning that at a convention of the brigants held in Muskogee, Okla., the enrollment showed 6,100. He said that he did not know exactly how many negroes paid $1.75 and became parties to the suit. Jones, who acted as attorney in the case, is charged with using the mails to defraud.

United States District Attorney Kyser and Attorney Booth, representing Jones, waived their pleas to the jury and, after receiving the charge from Federal Judge McCall, the jurorrs filed out.

Eugene Martinelli, charged with theft from an interstate shipment, appeared for trial in federal court Tuesday afternoon.

TOTAL OF $71,385,000 LOANED TO WAR PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The war finance corporation reported to congress today that it had loaned $71,385,000 to war industries since its organization six months ago, and suggested changes in the existing law to permit it to continue "judicious use of its large resources" during the period of readjustment.

Since the passing of the war emergency the corporation has practically ceased receiving applications for advances.

"It is believed unless a new emergency should arise," the report says, "that meritorious enterprises can be financed through their accustomed channels."

Most of the corporation's loans were made to public utilities at interest rates ranging between 6 and 7 per cent.

AMERICA "AT SEA" OVER PRESIDENT'S PLANS FOR PEACE

Address of Wilson Before Congress Leaves Nation Still Without Knowledge as to Exact Views of Executive.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—It would be impossible to assert that in his address to congress yesterday President Wilson, in any slightest degree, increased the sum of the nation's knowledge of his plans and purposes in his European journey. He has left congress and the country where they were before he spoke—with one inevitable consequence. In the peace congress America will be represented by the president, but neither the president nor his associates can speak for America with any evidence, public or personal, that the country or congress agree with the views they present.

Mr. Wilson is going to Versailles to express his own views as to peace terms. Those views, in the broadest and vaguest terms, have been set forth in the various addresses of Mr. Wilson on and after Jan. 8. But in no address has he made clear what he means exactly with respect to any controversial point. Our associates have rejected his statement of the "freedom of the seas." Our British friends have clearly demonstrated that in this matter, vital to them, they will necessarily consult their own interests, which are matters of life and death for them. The British colonies have publicly affirmed their determination not to return German colonies, conquered by their arms, after serving as bases for attack.

We do not know what Mr. Wilson means to demand of Great Britain, either concerning her own naval power or her policy with regard to German

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BREAKING-UP OF AUSTRIAN NATION OCCURS RAPIDLY

VIENNA, Dec. 3. (By the Associated Press.)—The disintegration of the former Austro-Hungarian empire goes on apace and is accompanied by fighting here and there and the depredations of marauding bands. Meanwhile the food situation in Vienna becomes more perilous each day.

Czech-Slovak forces are reported to have occupied Bodenbach, near the German frontier, thereby cutting off from Vienna large stores of provisions belonging to the German-Austrian republic. It had been planned to send these stores to Vienna by way of Munich.

The Czecho-Slovaks have garrisoned the larger part of German-Bohemia and are said to be pressing toward the frontiers of Upper Austria. The rapidity of the Czecho-Slovak advance is illustrated by the report of a woman of Vienna who went to Haab, 50 miles southeast, recently, and found the town occupied by the Czechs.

In the south the Jugo-Slavs have occupied Marburg, which claims to be a German city. Their forces also have entered the provinces of Carinthia and Styria.

In the northeast the Poles continue their fight with the Ukrainians and are advancing over the Carpathians.

TRAVELERS ROBBED BY TROOPS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Dec. 3. (By the Associated Press.)—As illustrative of traveling conditions in the former Austro-Hungarian empire, the robbery of trains along the frontier of the various republics is daily reported. For instance, all the trunks of an Austrian arriving at Karlsbad, Bohemia, were stolen in non-Czech territory on the pretext that the soldiers were preventing the exit of food. On the other hand, travelers going from Czecho-Slovakia to Hungary declare the trains are held up outside of Pressburg and stripped by the Czechs.

It also is charged that the head of the police at Budapest, who was sent to take in hand the Hungarian defense of Pressburg, used his position to steal from the Czechs and from anybody else he arrested to the extent of three million crowns.

PINE BLUFF PASTORS OFF TO CONFERENCE

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 3. (Spl.)—Rev. W. C. Watson, W. W. Taylor and A. W. Mills left Monday afternoon for Hot Springs to attend Little Rock annual conference of the Methodist church which convenes there Wednesday morning. Rev. Watson will attend a cabinet meeting with the other presiding elders and Bishop Mouzon Tuesday. The other preachers from this city, Dr. Theadore Copeland, Rev. E. H. Steel and Rev. Walter Scott, will leave Tuesday afternoon and it is very probable that Rev. L. W. Evans may be prevented from attending on account of illness.

AIR ASSOCIATION IS PLANNED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 3. (Havas.)—French military aviators are planning the organization of an association to foster aerial sports and to place competent pilots at the service of the government and industry and business. The association will include the leading French aviators and will have the support of the government. Numerous aces already have signified their intention of joining.

WOUNDED YANKS TO BE NEAR HOME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Plans under which all wounded men returning from France will go to hospitals within 300 miles of the homes of their nearest relatives were announced today by the war department.

To this end base hospitals at training camps have been turned over to the surgeon-general, providing 75 hospitals with facilities to care for 104,231 men. Fifty thousand are expected to be sent to these institutions within the next four months.

Use of the training camp facilities will make it possible to return to their owners immediately properties which were to have been converted into general hospitals. These include:

State school for blind, Nashville, Tenn.; Sophie Newcomb school and Tulane University building and the Elks' hospital at New Orleans.

The 75 hospitals to be employed do not include those at the ports of debarkation, New York and Newport News. There the wounded will be received in 15 institutions now ready for them with a bed capacity of 22,068. From the ports the men will be taken on specially fitted trains to one of 16 localized hospital groups, where assignments will be made that each wounded man will go back to region from which he entered the service. Groups partially or wholly within the South follow:

No. 5—General hospitals at Markleton, Pa.; Richmond, Va.; Pittsburgh, Pa., and Camp, Lee, Va.

No. 6—General hospitals at Biltmore, Waynesville, Azalea and Hot Springs, N. C., and base hospitals at Camps Greene, Sevier, Wadsworth and Jackson.

No. 7—General hospitals at Forts McPherson and Oglethorpe, Ga., and base hospitals at Camps Gordon, Hancock, Wheeler, McClellan and Sheridan.

No. 12—General hospitals at Hot Springs and Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark., and base hospitals at Camps Pike, Beauregard and Shelby.

No. 15—General hospital Corpus Christi, Tex., and base hospitals at Camps Logan, Travis, MacArthur and Bowie, and at Forts Sam Houston, Sill and Bliss.

BAKER EXPLAINS CASUALTY DELAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary Baker, appearing before the senate military committee today to explain the delay in completing the publication of American casualties overseas, said he thought most of the unreported names were those of men slightly wounded and would come by mail.

"The department from the beginning," Mr. Baker said, "has never held up, withheld or delayed giving out casualty lists. Our policy has been to give a complete statement as soon as possible.

Senators were unable to understand why only something over 100,000 names have been published when it has been officially announced that the casualties number 262,693. The secretary said every effort consistent with accuracy was made to prevent delay, and that Gen. Pershing had been urged repeatedly to expedite his lists, sending the names of the dead first.

Gen. March, chief of staff, and Assistant Secretary Keppel were with the secretary. Mr. Keppel said the system of obtaining and verifying casualty reports in France had been slow at first, and if it had to be done over again it probably would be done differently.

Gen. March, discussing demobilization, said Gen. Pershing was selecting units for the occupational force of about 1,250,000 men, and that all the other American soldiers in France would be brought home as rapidly as shipping could be pro[illegible]