

Britain Will Maintain Supremacy of Seas

SHRINERS TO CELEBRATE VICTORY AND WAR'S END

GORGEOUS SPECTACLE IS PLANNED

Assisted By Medinah of Chicago, Orak of Hammond Is to Give Allied Army Pageant Monday.

After subordinating all ceremonial, fraternal functions for nearly two years to the winning of the war, Mystic Shriners of Orak Temple of Hammond composed of Nobles from a dozen cities are going to get back on the map next Monday in the most spectacular pageant ever seen in northern Indiana.

With E. J. Jacoby of Murat Temple, Indianapolis, Imperial Potentate of the order of Shriners, as its distinguished guest and assisted by the 100 strong Oriental band and Patrol of Medinah Temple in Chicago, Orak Temple will stage its most elaborate ceremonial and Allied Victory Pageant in Hammond on Monday.

A GREAT SPECTACLE. It will be a gorgeous and glittering spectacle and though the Shriners of this section of Indiana have put on many a fine affair, the coming pageant is to eclipse all of them.

The function will celebrate Orak Temple's splendid war work activities for 18 months. It will crown the war duties of Orak's oriental band and patrol which organization has furnished music gratuitously and at all times of the day and night for scores of parades and meetings in Hammond, Gary and East Chicago. It will be a public appreciation of Orak Temple's praiseworthy war work.

ALLIED ARMY PAGEANT. The ceremonial at Orak Temple will be the last of the year and in connection therewith it is going to put on an Allied Army Pageant on Monday afternoon in which the combined Oriental bands and Patrols of Medinah and Orak Temple will participate and in which 200 Nobles of Orak Shrine will take part. Every country that took part in the war against Germany will be represented. There will be a flag bearer and six soldiers in the costume of each nation represented and it will be a riot of color and military splendor.

ALL CITIES INVITED. All Orak Temple nobles from various northern Indiana cities are urged to be present.

WILL RICKENBACHER RETURN TO RACING?



Capt. Eddie Rickenbacher beside his pursuit plane in France.

Eddie Rickenbacher, former auto racing star, proved to be one of the great American heroes of the war. As an aviator he became a famous ace, downing dozens of German planes. He is said by some correspondents to have fired the final shot of the war, also. He undoubtedly will return to America now that his services as a flier are no longer needed. Racing enthusiasts are wondering if he will return to auto racing or go in for air racing—doing aerial stunts for exhibition purposes. The movie field awaits him—with the fabulous salary and chance to bask in the public eye. The stage will bid for his services. Will the movies or some other attraction or a desire to settle down keep him from re-entering the athletic world?

'FLU' TAKES MORE U. S. LIVES THAN WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Influenza has killed more Americans than German bullets, shells and poison gas.

Since September 15 between 300,000 and 350,000 deaths from influenza and pneumonia have occurred among the civilian population of the United States, according to public health service estimates.

American soldiers in France who died from all causes, killed in action, wounds and disease, numbered only 58,478. The total number of casualties, including minor ones, in France, numbered only 262,693.

A recrudescence of the influenza now is occurring in many communities, but this is believed to be sporadic.

Insurance companies have been hard hit, government reports indicate. The government incurred liabilities of more than \$170,000,000 by insurance of soldiers in army camps, not including those in Europe. About 20,000 deaths occurred in the camps of the United States, 8,363 fewer than the number of Americans killed in action abroad.

WELL KNOWN LADY CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Clara Poppenhusen, Wife of Hammond Man, Succumbs to Malady.

The many friends of the H. A. Poppenhusen in Hammond and East Chicago were distressed beyond measure to learn today that the home of the family in Glendale, Hammond, was saddened by the death of the wife and mother, Mrs. Clara Poppenhusen, which occurred last evening. Mr. Poppenhusen is vice president and general manager of the Green Engineering company of East Chicago. Mrs. Poppenhusen's death is attributed to influenza and complications.

She was a Philadelphia girl and her father, who is over 90 years of age, survives her. Three daughters, Caroline, Eleanor and Clara survive the devoted mother, whose virtues in the neighborhood where the family lives, were both beloved and respected.

Interment in Chicago Friday, and by reason of the malady the funeral will be necessarily private. Profound sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband in both the industrial and social circles in which he moves.

WANT MAIL SERVICE MUCH IMPROVED

And It Is High Time, Too, That It Was Improved, Says Region.

Hammond and Crown Point are co-operating with East Chicago in an effort to induce the postoffice department at Washington to make some arrangement such that mail from Indianapolis and the south that passes through Hammond need not go to Chicago in order to get to East Chicago.

As it is, mail from the capital of the state as well as from the county seat is very much delayed between those points and East Chicago.

The plan suggested is that a truck be provided to make mail deliveries between Hammond and East Chicago. This would not only give better service on mail between East Chicago and points down the state but would be a great convenience to those having correspondence between Hammond and East Chicago.

HUNS NOW UNDER YANK AUTHORITY

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICANS IN PRUSSIA, Dec. 4 (night).—Several hundred thousand Germans are now under American authority and are accepting the situation with remarkable quietness. In all occupied towns farming and industries are working under normal conditions. The Americans are gradually taking supervision of the telephone, telephone and postal systems. American trains are daily arriving with supplies at Treves. The most advanced element of the Third army has occupied three additional villages.

CLAUDE CARSON MISSING IN FRANCE

HAMMOND BOY MISSING IN ACTION

Claude Carson, Formerly of Inland Steel, Reported Missing.

Private Claude B. Carson of Hammond, formerly a chemist at the F. S. Bets plant and later with the Inland Steel plant at East Chicago, was last night reported by the War Department as having been missing in action since Oct. 13, in France.

A telegram apprising his sister, Mrs. George Carson, 187 Oakley avenue, last night, said that further information would be sent as soon as obtained. Carson, who is 21 years old, was a member of a hospital company, 205 Infantry, and enlisted in the service last spring. The last information from him came about a month ago in which he stated he was then ill in the hospital.

TIMES STORY LEADS TO IDENTIFICATION

Corp. Wm. Opperman's Relatives Found by Publication of Sad News.

Through the publication in this newspaper last night of the death in action of Corp. W. J. Opperman of Hammond, in France, identification of the hero has been made. When the telegram from the war department came to the address given by him when he enlisted in April, it was found his mother, Mrs. Emma Opperman, had died and the family moved away from 1137 Jackson street. His father, Fred Opperman, three brothers and a sister survive him. A brother, Christ lives at State and Calumet, Hammond, a brother, Gus, in Whiting, a brother, Ed, at 100th street, and a sister, Mrs. Anna Height, in South Chicago. The father, Fred Opperman, heard from the deceased three weeks ago. He was in a hospital with a wound in his foot at East Chicago. Corp. Wm. Opperman was employed by the South Shore Railway company and is another gold star for them.

BEN POTESTA IS SEVERELY WOUNDED

Ind. Harbor Infantryman Falls on French Battlefield October 21.

Ben Potesta, a lad of 19 years, who has spent the greater part of his life in Indiana Harbor before his enlistment in service and his departure from this country last June, has met with injuries believed to be of a very critical sort according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Marie Potesta, of 4119 Euclid avenue, last evening. In an interview with her she tells of the arrival of a post-card from the adjutant-general received here last Friday with information that her son had received multiple gun-shot wounds, and was confined to the mobile surgical hospital No. 1. The telegram of last night declared that he was severely wounded as a result of the battle fought on Oct. 21st. Ben belonged to Co. E, 5th Inf., and was a long time stationed at Hattiesburg, Miss., before his unit was sent across. He worked here with his father in the Gibson railroad yards and was very well known and universally liked. He has a brother James, also in across seas' action.

ARTHUR BREMMER KILLED IN ACTION

Well Known East Chicago Young Man Dead on Field of Battle.

An East Chicago mother supplants the blue star in her window for that of gold in honor to her son who sacrificed his life on the battlefield of France. Nov. 19, Mrs. Henrietta Bremmer, of 4810 West avenue, received official word last night that her son, Arthur of the 236 Inf., was killed in action. The young man was one of ten children and before his entry into service worked at the Interstate Mill. His father died last winter. He drilled at a Chillicothe camp before U. S. division was sent across last June. Up to the time that the message was received no word had ever come from him and his mother became so alarmed that she enlisted the aid of Rev. George R. Jones, pastor of the M. E. church, to assist her in obtaining some information regarding him. The message of last night told the sad tale.

ADDRESSES HAMMOND MEN ON RECONSTRUCTION WORK

C. O. Frisbie, president of the Cornish-Wood Products Co., former traffic manager for Armour & Co., and a director of the Association of Commerce of Chicago, addressed the Hammond Chamber of Commerce at the weekly luncheon on the subject of "Reconstruction." In part his talk was as follows: "Reconstruction Means To Pull Down and that, of course, is the farthest from anybody's mind. The proper word in my judgment would be 'Readjustment.' "The farmers are receiving better pay for their live stock and produce than has been known ever before and the result is that they are able to buy almost anything desired by them, and—at the market price. "The outlook is that the farmer will continue to receive good prices for live stock and produce; and, as the farmer is the foundation of the prosperity of this country; and as the United States must feed the world, so that the supply will be less than the demand, who can say, or who will say that the price of food products will be reduced, at least, until such time as the world has been supplied? "If the farmer receives his price, the retail merchant will receive his, and the manufacturer, in turn, will receive his price. "The second factor entering into the situation is the labor cost; and outside of the munition factories, munition supplies, guns, etc., and ship-building operations, there probably will be very little, if any, readjustment in wages. And, rightfully so, too; because the cost of food and the necessities of life cannot come down. "Our investigation develops that the outlook for building is very bright. As we all know, outside of construction for war purposes, building has been at a standstill for a period of two years; and the outlook is that the farmers in this part of the country and in the middle (Continued on page two.)

WHADDJA MEAN? RETRENCHMENT

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Declaring that November expenditures of the government set a new record, Senator Borah today asked democratic leaders what had become of the retrenchment policy which was to become effective at once. Borah said the first month of the economy program shows an expenditure of \$1,235,243,000. Senator Martin replied that he had been assured by Secretary Baker and others that immediate reduction would be made. Borah asked administration senators to tell how long a large force of American soldiers will remain in France.

ROLL OF HONOR

The following Lake county men are reported in today's casualty lists by Gen. Pershing: KILLED IN ACTION. JOHN DEUTSCH, Indiana Harbor; reported in Times. WOUNDED. CLARENCE E. McDONALD, Crown Point.

NO SENATORS TO PEACE CONFAB

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The senate foreign relations committee today killed the Cummins resolution to send a committee of eight to the peace conference. It is practically the committee's action spells the end of any effort to send a committee from congress abroad.

Lake County's work is not done till she has bought more W. S. S.

JAMEL BORN UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG



A British officer and the mascot of his regiment.

ROBBERS SUCCEED AT LEAVENWORTH

Many Thousand Dollars Worth of Bonds and Other Securities Taken.

LEAVENWORTH, IND., Dec. 4.—Three men blew open the vault in the Leavenworth State Bank about midnight last night and escaped with many thousand dollars' worth of Liberty loan bonds, War Savings stamps and other securities.

A safe within the vault, in which the bank's money was kept, was not molested. Nitroglycerin was used by the robbers to force the doors.

The holdup was discovered at 8 o'clock this morning by Elmer Merrill, the cashier of the institution, when he went to the bank to open up for the day's business. Papers which the bandits had regarded as worthless, were strewn over the floor in large number. This indicated that the robbers had taken plenty of time in selecting what they desired.

DEPOT ROBBERY IN HAMMOND

Two Yanks Arrested in Michigan City, Implicated in Holdup.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.) MICHIGAN CITY, IND., Dec. 5.—As a result of a case of highway robbery committed at the Michigan Central station in Hammond, Walter Arnet and Joe Allen, both 18 years old and giving their home as Jackson, Mich., were taken off an eastbound Michigan Central train at 11:59 last night by Capt. Hildebrand and Detective Peters, at the request of the Michigan Central.

A man was robbed of his grip and \$35 in the Hammond station by three men, and these two young men were suspected as being members of the trio. They deny the robbery, but admit that a third man was with them, and insist that if a robbery was committed that this third man, not themselves, did it. This third man proceeded across the street as Arnet and Allen hoped a train to beat their way to Jackson, and Michigan Central officers are now seeking the third man.

Arnet and Allen had no grip or money when they were arrested, and Thomas L. La Mar, local special agent of the company, filed an affidavit in the city court today to hold them on the charge of unlawfully boarding a train.

GLASS' NAME SENT TO SENATE

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The nomination of Carter Glass of Virginia to be secretary of the treasury was sent to the senate today by the White House.

"I would be presumptuous on my part to give out any statement before the senate confirms my appointment," Glass said. His friends say he took the position against his wishes.

"I expected it would be," was his sole comment. Although he has just come back from Europe Glass is said to be fully alive to the problems of the treasury and prepared to grapple with them.

A few minutes after the news of his appointment had reached the house, he walked the floor and answered to roll call. Three hundred representatives arose and applauded him for several minutes.

100 KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 5.—One hundred persons are believed to have been killed in an earthquake yesterday which destroyed Vallena and practically destroyed Copiapo in Chile. Reports today said that the bodies are still buried under the ruins. The shocks lasted four minutes.

Copiapo is an important mining center of 10,000 and the capital of the province of Atacama. Vallena, population 6,000, is 80 miles southwest of Copiapo.

REVOLUTIONISTS IN BATTLE

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) AMSTERDAM, Dec. 5.—Serious fighting has occurred in Krenschen in which revolutionists were defeated by army officers. It was reported here today. Officers forced the revolutionists at the point of pistols to haul down the red flag. Following the removal of the wounded officers cheered the former Kaiser.

WILL STAND NO QUESTION AS TO NAVY

Wilson Will Talk On His 14 Peace Principles When He Reaches France.

(BULLETIN.) (By Wireless.) ABOARD U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—President Wilson is busy at work on the tentative draft of the speeches he will deliver in France.

There is every indication that the president will declare plainly for the grading down of armament on sea and land and that no sea power can be supreme.

By ROBERT J. BENDER (United Press Staff Correspondent.) ABOARD THE U. S. S. WASHINGTON (At sea by wireless), Dec. 5.—President Wilson will talk plainly on his fourteen principles when he reaches France. That he will make speeches is shown by the concern felt over his slight cold. After disposing of his routine work the president rests much of the time under orders of his personal physician.

The president attends the ship's movies and participates in all functions. The Washington is expected to arrive at Brest Dec. 12 or 13 by way of Azores. The ship's wireless is in constant touch with Washington. All the vessel's appointments are very plain. The president and Mrs. Wilson occupy the same suite which were built especially for the Kaiser and Kaiserin years ago.

(UNITED PRESS CABLEGRAM.) LONDON, Dec. 5.—Winston Churchill, minister of munitions in a speech at Dundee, declared that Great Britain is determined to maintain her naval supremacy.

"We shall enter the peace conference with the absolute determination that no limitations shall be imposed on our rights to maintain naval defense," he declared.

"No matter what appeals are addressed to us we do not intend to lend ourselves in any way to restriction which will prevent the navy from maintaining its well deserved superiority on the seas."

In regard to internal affairs Churchill said: "The government has decided upon nationalization of the railways but has not yet been decided regarding the nationalization of shipping which is a complex question."

NO INDIVIDUAL DISMISSALS IN EUROPE

(BY UNITED PRESS.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Discharge of 100,000 men from the navy as soon as convenient has been authorized by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He said the forces would be considered as units and no individuals would be dismissed in Europe.

SOCIETY MATRONS HELP FUND DRIVE



Mrs. J. Gordon Maupin. Many well known society matrons and debutantes in all parts of the U. S. were active in the United War Work campaign for funds. Among those who worked hard for the success of the drive in New York was Mrs. J. Gordon Maupin. She is shown above in her Red Cross outfit. She is a member of the Polish Reconstruction unit.