PEACE CONFERENCE

Departure for France Is Set for December.

HOUSE GIVES NEWS

President Will Leave Right After Congress Opens.

TIME OF STAY UNDECIDED munition.

Presence of Nation's Chief Executive Is Necessary to Make Easier Exchange of Views.

sounced tonight officially.

He will go immediately after the convening of the regular session of Con- diers sent back to their lines. gress on December 2.

The announcement said it was not robable the President would remain resence at the beginning of the conference was necessary to obviate the disadvantages of discussion by cable determining the greater outlines of the final treaty.

Wilson to Sail in December. This official statement was issued at

the White House "The President expects to sail for of the regular session of Congress, for ures of the treaty of peace. It is not ormal peace conference, but his pres- not support their regime. once at the outset is necessary in order to obviate the manifest disadvantages of discussion by cable in determining the greater outlines of the final treaty about which he must necessarily be consulted. He will, of course, be accompanied by delegates who will sit as epresentatives of the United States

throughout the conference. Delegates to Make Trip. "The names of the delegates will be

month and probably longer.

Extended Tour Probable. What plans the President may have for his trip other than to attend the of messages. opening of the peace conference and to participate in the discussions among the representatives of the associated been revealed. He undoubtedly will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, and it is feet from the ground. expected here that besides visiting Paris, where the peace conference probably will be held, he will go to London and possibly to Brussels and

Mr. Wilson is expected to receive abroad a reception which has been accorded to but few men in any walk of life. He will be welcomed not only as the President of the United States and the commander in chief of its Armies and Navy, but also as the champion of

In visiting Europe the President will estublish two precedents. He will be he first chief executive of the United States to participate in a peace conference for the settling of issues growing out of a war in which this country participated, and likewise he will be the first President to leave North America during his term of office.

Entente Wishes Visit.

In reaching his decision to attend the peace conference the President is understood to have been largely influ- The Senate finance committee held a enced by representations from Premiers Clemenceau of France and other states-

men of entente countries. The principles and terms of settlement enunciated by the President have basis upon which peace is to be reestablished and it is understood that it is for the working out of the application of these principles that his presence is so earnestly desired by allied

Wilson to Act in Person.

Since the President is to sail for France early next month, it seems certain that he will reach Paris several expeditionary force, has arranged for weeks before the peace congress assembles. His purpose is believed here all the American troops shall write to be to participate in the conference home to father. Special delivery arnow proceeding at Versailles as the rangements are under way in order preliminary to the meeting of the peace that "Fathers' day" shall be as succommissioners. He thus will have opportunity to discharge in person for the first time the duties of his membership in the supreme war council in which he is now represented by Colonel

In the general view here the sessions of the supreme war council, which will Immediate Release to Carry No bring together the entente premiers with the representatives of the United States, are of first importance, for, in all probability, it will be at these sessions that the general programme States will be given the option of imwhich is to govern the peace congress | mediate discharge without commissions

The President will attend the open-

ALLIES CAPTURED BY **BOLSHEVIKI TORTURED**

PORTLAND OFFICER TELLS OF FIGHTING IN SIBERIA.

Lieutenant L. E. Johnson Declares War With Reds Is Bound to Continue for Some Time.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18 .- (Special.)-First-hand information of the fighting by the allied expedition in Siberia was brought to San Francisco yesterday by Lieutenant L. E. Johnston, U. S. A., of Portland, Or., who went to Vladivostok with the first American troops under General Graves. Lieuten ant Johnston is the first American Army officer to return from Russia.

"Fighting is bound to continue for me time in Siberia," said Lieutenant Johnston. "The Bolsheviki are well armed and seem to have plenty of am

Proof that the affled armies intend to stay for considerable time in Russia, according to the American officer, is the fact that the commanding officers of the different allied armies were looking for Winter quarters at Omak "Of course," said Lieutenant Johnston "fighting will be quite impossible during the Winter."

The Bolshevik army practiced many atrocities on wounded and captured WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- President Japanese at Nobarres, where severe Wilson will attend the opening sessions fighting took place several months ago, OCCUPATION, Nov. 18.—(By the Asof the peace conference. This was an- according to Lieutenant Johnston. In sociated Press.)-The Germans are several cases the eyes of the Japanese withdrawing as rapidly as possible. In were burned out and the mutilated sol-

In retaliation, the Japanese troops with English and Czecho-Slovak regiments, a few days later surrounded a throughout the sessions, but that his Bolshevik unit and killed all of them. Lieutenant Johnston said the American troops had done little fighting up to the time he left Siberia. He also said there were strenuous times on the trans- pistol shots, probably in an endeavor port on which he returned when 500 of the 600 persons aboard were stricken with influenza.

formation at the disposal of the Brit- | by serving food to the hungry "deliv-France immediately after the opening ish government, Foreign Secretary Bal- erers." Meat was scarce, but there was four declared in the House of Commons the purpose of taking part in the dis-cussion and settlement of the main fea-erate policy of the Bolshevik govern-abundance. ment in Russia is one of extermination likely that it will be possible for him to by starvation, murder and the wholeremain throughout the sessions of the sale executions of all persons who do

"CURE" FOR STATIC FOUND

Invention Expected to Revolutionize Wireless Communication.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18 .- An invention which has taken the static out of wireless telegraphy, removing the greatest obstacle to the clear transmission of How long the President will remain abroad he himself probably cannot say Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company to have been made from scraps of silk radio messages, has been perfected by now. The time for the convening of the peace conference has not yet been announced, but the peace conference has not yet been announced, but the great level announced by the great level anno ounced, but the general belief here president and general manager of the a that it cannot assemble before late company, who made the announcement, in December at the earliest. If such the invention not only makes possible proves the case, the President will be the sending of clear radio messages reabsent from the country for at least a gardless of atmospheric conditions, but eliminates "interference," thereby making possible the operation of innumerable radio stations, without "crossing"

The invention, Mr. Nally said, also does away with the necessity of construction of huge wireless towers, Pernations which will precede it, have not feet service can be obtained, he said, with antennae extending only a few

ANTWERP GAY WITH FLAGS

City Celebrates Third Day of Deliv-

erance From Hun Rule. ANTWERP, Nov. 18 .- (By the Associated Press.)-Antwerp today is celebrating its third day of freedom from the Germans. The city is gaily bedecked with entente flags.

Thousands of residents are crowding the boulevards and cheering the allied soldiers. The Germans left the city on Friday without any untoward incident and Belgian troops entered immedi-

URUGUAY LENDS TO ALLIES

Negotiations On for Approval of Good-Sized Credit.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Nov. 18 .conference today with the Minister of Lloyd George of Great Britain and Finance to expedite approval of a new loan to the allies of 15,000,000 pesos

gold. The British Minister- has informed the Uruguayan government that Great been accepted by both the associated Britain is most anxious that this credit nations and the central powers as the be extended notwithstanding the termination of hostilities.

"FATHERS' DAY" IS FIXED

American Soldiers in France Will

Write Home November 28. PARIS, Nov. 18 .- The Stars and Stripes, the organ of the American November 28, as the day upon which cessful as "oMthers' day," May 12 last It is hoped that the fathers will write to their sons on the same day.

OPTION GRANTED CADETS

Commissions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- All cadet aviators now in training in the United or of completing their training.

Instructions to this effect were sent ing sessions of the congress at which today to all aviation fields and camps the broad principles of the treaty will by Major Kenly, chief of the division Consider on Page 2, Column 5.)

BY YANKS IS HUGE

Swiftly Retreating Foe Gives Up Big Stores.

U. S. TROOPS ARE WELCOMED

Inhabitants of Towns Decorate Streets for Allies.

BANDS AMERICAN

French Women Make Flags Out of Old Pieces of Cloth Saved From Seizure by German Invaders.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF the towns now occupied by the Amerbeen found. At Tellancourt there is a hardt, the notorious German Ambassatentionally so. The hood of one ma-chine had been pierced by a dozen to injure the engine.

Business at Virton, northeast of Montmedy, was proceeding steadily an hour after the Americans entered, and LONDON, Nov. 18, 2:25 P. M .- In- restaurants afforded a great surprise some and sugar was plentiful. Coffee

> Town Mayors Confer. After the departure of the Germans the Mayor of Virton called a confervillages for the purpose of outlining a plan of procedure under the new military supervision. The townspeople opened soup kitchens for the repatriated who continued to stream back throughout the day, and the wounded prisoners in hospitals were cared for

by a local committee. It was America's day in Belgium The residents had decorated their shops and homes with thousands of flags of brand new uniforms, which they had

Big Guns Turned Over. various kinds of material used by en- and not much hope is held out for his gineers were formally turned over to recovery.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES PROPAGANDA WARNING

LENIENT PEACE TERMS SOUGHT FOR DEFEATED NATION.

American People Asked to Be or Guard to Discourage Sympathy Plea.

(By the Associated Press.) LONDON, Nov. 18 .- A long wireless disputch signed by Dr. Solf, the German Foreign Secretary, addressed to the American, British, French and Italian governments, has been picked

The dispatch asks for elucidation "in a mollifying sense" of the conditions of the armistice concerning the left bank of the Rhine, without which "we shall inevitably advance toward more or less Bolshevist conditions which might be come dangerous to neighboring states."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- Government agents see evidences that Gerpropaganda machinery in the United States is being put in working order again to promote sentiment of leniency toward Germany in peace

Consequently, Department of Justice officials today warned that the public should remain watchful against resumption of propaganda by interest formerly active pro-German and for

Official reports show German representatives in various parts of the world still actively engaged in spreading propaganda to create and enhance icans great stores, including machine feeling of hostility toward the United guns, cannon and ammunition, have States and the allied countries. Eckleft were damaged, some apparently in- doing his utmost to make Mexico

SHIPPING LOSSES SMALL

Soldiers and Poodstuffs Suffer Little From Submarines.

LONDON, Nov. 17 .- (British Wireless Service.)-Since allied shipping has been convoyed, more than 26,000,-000 tons of foodstuffs and 35,000,000 tons of war munitions have been brought to England alone.

The total number of vessels which have crossed the seas in convoys up to ence of the Mayors of the neighboring a date late in October, was 85,772, with a total loss of .51 per cent.

In moving the Argentine grain crop. 307 ships, with a total gross tonnage of 1.465,000 tons crossed the Atlantic in convoys to British, French and Italian ports with the loss of only one ship. One of the largest convoys was organ ized for the movement of Dominion troops and comprised 32 ships. The vessels were convoyed without loss, from the Far East to European waters.

MORMON PRESIDENT IS ILL Head of Church, at Age of 80, Has

Small Hope of Recovery. SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 18 .- Joseph F. Smith, president of the Church of carried 10 12-Twenty-two large caliber guns and great stores of lumber, barbed wire and mon), is critically ill at his home here,

Lieutenant Carl Schling, of the pion- he addressed the members briefly. He with eight 15-inch rifles each. Both carried arms and white celebrated his 80th birthday only a (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.) week ago.

OF SEA STRENGTH

News of Surrender of Big Fleet Not Given Out.

INTERNMENT PORT

Half of Dreadnaughts and All of Battle Cruisers Taken.

HUN WAR CRAFT ARE FAST

Derflinger, of 28,000 Tons and 718 Feet Long, Carries Eight Big Guns and Goes 30 Knots.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- There was the delivery of the fleet of battleships. battle cruisers and light cruisers which Germany was required under the terms of the armistice to surrender today to the associated nations.

Nor was there any information as to big airdrome, but most of the planes dor at Mexico City, again is reported the names of the ports at which the vessels were to be interned. There disposition of the ships, but in the absence of any official information or natter would be left until the peace Engineers. The citation reads: onference meets. The armistice provided that the vessels were to disarm before they left Germany and that they board.

Fleet's "Backbone" Taken

Publication of the names of the battleships and cruisers which were designated by the associated governments for delivery reveals that Germany is stripped of at least half of the fleet of dreadnoughts which it had in commis sion or building when the war began and of practically all of its battle

The dreadnoughts Kronprinz Wilhelm, Grosser Kurfurst, Magdegraf. and Koenig are of the same type, 580 feet long and of 26,000 tons. They were designed for a speed of 23 knots and had just been completed when the war They were armed with 10 12-inch and 14 5.9-inch guns. The Pringregent Luitpold, Konig Al-

bert, Kaiserin, Kaiser and Friedrich Der Grosse were completed in 1913 and gerous that ferry service between Que- favored, to say nothing of her favoring are 564 feet long, with a speed of 21 bec and Levis had to be discontinued.

knots and of 24,000 tons. They also carried 10 12-inch guns each and 14

New Battleships Obtained.

Available naval records here do not show a battleship Bayern, but it is rehe Americans by the Germans today at He suffered a paralytic stroke last garded as possible that this is one of Bouligny. Much of the material is new. April, and since that has been confined the three new dreadnoughts completed When the Americans entered Bou- to his home with the exception of the since the war started. These were auligny they were met by Lieutenant occasion of the semi-annual conference thorized in 1913 and 1914 and were to William Schmidt, of the artillery, and of the church here last month, when have been of 23,000 tons' displacement Besides the craft delivered, Germany

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BELLIGERENT POWERS' WAR BILLS GIGANTIC

TOTAL TO MAY 1 ESTIMATED AT \$175,000,000,000.

Cost of All Expected to Reach Two Hundred Billions by End of This Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- The direct cost of the war for all belligerent nations to last May I was reported at \$175,000,000,000 by the Federal Reserve bulletin issued today, and it is estimated that the cost will amount to nearly \$200,000,000,000 before the end of this year.

The calculations were compiled by he board from various sources, and while their accuracy is not vouched for, the board believes the figures are substantially correct.

For purely military and naval pur poses, it is estimated that all belligerents expended \$132,000,000,000 to May 1 or about three-fourths of the total wa costs. The balance represents interest on debt and other indirect war expenses.

About \$150,000,000,000 of the total war cost has been raised by war loans. The public debt of the principal entents allies is calculated at \$105,000,000,000 or more than twice as much as the aggregate debt of the central powers, set at \$45,000,000,000. This does not no announcement here today regarding include debt incurred since last May.

HONORS WON IN BATTLE

Oregon and Washington Men Get Distinguished Service Cross.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 .- The commander-in-chief, in the name of the was much speculation as to the final President, has awarded distinguished service crosses to First-Class Private Gilbert W. Wilcox and Corporal Tom otification many officers thought this F. Barto, both of Company D. Fourth

"For extraordinary heroism in action on the Vesle River, near Ville Savoy, France, August 11, 1918. Corporal Wilwere to be interned at neutral or allied cox volunteered to go into Ville Savoy ports as the associated governments at a time when it was under a heavy might direct, with only caretakers on bombardment to rescue a wounded offi-

Corporal Barto is the son of Mrs. M. question; she aired her views of indus-E. Barto, 724 Gordon street, Belling- trialism, poverty, crime, the wage ham, Wash., and Private Wilcox is the son of Mrs. Nathan B. Wilcox, route bonds, militarism, vice, I. W. W. songs, No. 1, box 193, Linnton, Or.

LOWER QUEBEC FLOODED

Damage Caused by Flood Tide May Reach Nearly \$1,000,000.

QUEBEC, Nov. 18 .- Damage which may reach nearly \$1,000,000 was caused here within an hour tonight when the Mooney trial were touched on. She flood tide swept in by an easterly gale said she helped raise defense funds for flooded the streets of the lower town. Mooney and for the I. W. W. recently Havoc was caused along the river front, where boats were driven against ferred to as "class war prisoners." wharves and navigation made so danaway and several barges broke their of the world. sunk.

was discontinued as the tracks were

FOCH PRAISES

Hammer Blows Dealt Decisive Factors in Crushing Enemy.

PARIS, Nov. 18, via Montreal.-Marhal Foch, in a speech at a luncheon given in his honor yesterday by Field She said she was requested by Amos Marshal Haig at British Army head- Pinchot and others to stage a demonquarters, said that the hammer blows stration against the preparedness padealt by the British were decisive fac- rade and did her best to follow instructors in the final crushing of the tions.

enemy. The marshal afterward received the British Army commanders, congratulating them warmly upon the tenacity of their troops.

The Weather. YESTERDAY'S-Maximum temp degrees; minimum, 43 degrees degrees; minimum, 43 degrees.
TODAY'S-Cloudy; probable rain; easterly

Official casualty list. Page 7. Bolsheviki torture captured ailies. Page 1. Americans take much war booty. Page 1.

Foreign. Fact of Kaiser's abdication not yet officially established, Page 3. German people want no more dictators, says ex-Chancellor. Page 2. American editors experience Scotch hospital-ity in abundance. Page 4.

Alsace again French, rejoicing is great. Page 4. National. Allies strip foe of sea strength. Page 1. German propaganda seeks lenient peace terms. Page 1. Germany's ability to pay huge war debt under investigation. Page 2.

Domestic. No absolutism wanted in America, say man-ufacturers. Page 3. Pacific Northwest.

Public Service Commission asks Postmaster-General for plain statement. Page 5. Sports. Oregon and O. A. C. elevens well matched, Hurlburtdeath reports conflicting. Page 12. Commercial and Marine.

Pelt buyers anticipating decline in prices. Page 17. Corn continues to advance as result of food shortage in Europe. Page 17. Stock trading narrows with gains recorded at close, Page 17.

Portland and Vicinity. her anti-preparedness demonstrations.

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Representative McArthur voices confidence and had asked for it to be sung.

The cross-examination will be

DR. EOUI ASSERTS

Avowed I. W. W. Advocate Blames President.

DISLOYALTY IS FLATLY DENIED

Views of Industrialism, Militarism and Vice Aired.

FUNDS RAISED FOR MOONEY

Demonstration Against Preparedness Parade Declared Staged at Request of Amos Pinchot.

That she was simply a humble forower in the footsteps of the illustrious opponent of preparedness, President Woodrow Wilson, and her arguments against preparedness came from Democratic literature, was the gist of the explanation of Dr. Marie Equi in justification for her opposition to military

preparedness. Dr. Equi, the stormy petrel of local W. W. circles, now on trial in the Federal court charged with violation of the espionage act, was a voluble, frank, elf-possessed witness in her own behalf when under cross-examination yesterday by United States Attorney

Witness' Tongue Loosed. Not even the warnings and protests her lawyer, George Vanderveer, could tighten the brakes on her tongue The woman would answer a question scale, child welfare, child labor, Liberty L. W. W. principles, who started the war, and sundry and various kindred

She claimed authorship of the eighthour bill and claimed to have had a hand in framing the minimum wage bill. Since the cannery strike she has been active in the emancipation of

labor. Conscription, preparedness and the convicted in Chicago, whom she re-And a certain kind of sabotage she the I. W. W. programme to abolish the wage scale and take over the in

When the Preparedness parade was held in Portland, Dr. Equi carried a Streetcar service in the lower town banner with the legend: "Workingmen, prepare to die for J. P. Morgan and profits!" The banner was knocked from her hand by an indignant citizen and it has been testified in the trial BRITISH that an American flag was offered her n Heu of the banner and that she tore the flag and threw it to the

ground with a sulphuric anathema. Presidnt Her Inspiration. Dr. Equi boldly admitted carrying the banner, but denied the flag incident.

preparedness?" demanded Dr. Equi of Mr. Haney, "The President was not for preparedness and I received Democratic literature against preparedness and I voted for him because of the plea INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS that 'he kept us out of war'." "Don't you know," said Mr. Haney, that three days before the prepared-

"Why shouldn't I have been against

tess parade in Portland the President led a preparedness parade in Washing-"No," responded the witness, "and if you'll look up your records you'll find that he didn't lead the first prepared-

ness parade and wasn't in favor of pre-Views Change After War.

Under cross-examination the witness said she thought at first that the war was brought on by a crowd of rich men, but she changed her mind when the American boys went into battle, Later she said her change of mind came before the President declared war. She wasn't quite certain yet that Cost of war to date nearly two hundred the rich men didn't have a hand in causing the war but when the causing the put the question whether she believed or disbelieved the President stated the United States Supreme Court refuses to review case of Thomas J. Mooney, Page 6.
Wilson to attend Peace Conference, Page 1. tion of war, she said she couldn't remember what the President had written on the subject. Yes, she had read the statement many times, but couldn't remember It.

"Anyway, I was for America and not for Germany at any stage of the game," she declared. Likewise she denied that she had referred to the Star-Spangled Banner as "a dirty flag."

Government Being Deceived. "I've never heard anyone speak that way of the flag-not even Germans, to

give the devil his due," she snapped. The Government was induced to act against the I. W. W. in Chicago by the lumber trust, Dr. Equi asserted. The Government thought it was doing right, but was being deceived by the trust. She maintained that her criticism has Twenty-five per cent of Portland school always been against conditions and not against the Government or the system of government. She admitted being Page 11. Victory jubilee is postponed until peace is arrested five or six times, and that declared. Page 10. "The one rate controversy far from settlement. Red Flag" sung at the L W. W. hall

The cross-examination will be re-Weather report, data and forecast, Page 17, sumed at 10 o'clock this morning,



DIE WACHT AM RHEIN.