

PRESIDENT ARRIVED IN FRANCE

GREAT WELCOME GREETINGS AMERICAN CHIEF EXECUTIVE AS HE LEAVES THE STRIP

MILITARY SALUTE FROM SHORE BATTERY

Is Welcomed by the Mayor of Brest as the "Messenger of Peace and Justice"—Mrs. Wilson Precedes Husband, Carrying Small American Flag.

BREST, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—President Wilson stepped on French soil at 3:22 this afternoon. Mrs. Wilson preceded the president, carrying a small American flag. Mr. Wilson and his personal party left the George Washington in a tug flying the presidential flag. As he neared the landing slip, shore batteries fired a salute of twenty-one guns and the band struck up "The Stars and Spangled Banner."

The hills rising from the water front were crowded with Breton women and girls in quaint costumes. Mayor Hervagault, heading the reception committee, saluted President Wilson as the "messenger of peace and justice," saying: "You bring to tormented Europe the comfort of your authoritative voice in a debate which will end our quarrels."

Eight American caisson workers presented Mrs. Wilson with a bouquet of flowers as she stepped on the pier. They were the only women participating in the ceremonies.

The president responded to the cheers of the doughboys and sailors, as he entered an automobile that took him to the station. The road was lined with soldiers. Groups of school children sang national songs of France and America. A special train left immediately for Paris.

Arrived Just After Noon.
The George Washington, with President Wilson and his official party aboard, arrived off Brest, shortly after noon. She entered the harbor, steaming slowly toward her anchorage, at 1:10 p. m.

Passed Over Lusitania.
LONDON, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—The George Washington, bearing President Wilson and his official party, passed over the grave of the Lusitania, southwest of Ireland, late yesterday. Many ships from Queenstown met and saluted the liner.

The Situation Critical.
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—President Wilson's arrival in France means the American participation in the discussion of the problems of inter-European politics, in which the United States is interested solely to prevent this country from again being drawn into a Transatlantic war. Every other power at the conference will have very positive material rights to safeguard and improve.

In Viewing the international situation from a different standpoint than America, continental Europeans still hope for the realization of territorial ambitions which the conference will certainly not justify, but to America, jealousies and deadly enmities are without reason, and only a desiring there to be curbed, for if they are not it may end in another war, involving innocent neutrals and thereby drawing the United States into another conflict to defend neutral rights.

DEATH OF RELATIVE

Mrs. Ellen H. Cross Receives Word That Nephew Died in France.

Mrs. Helen H. Cross, of this city, has been notified of the death of her nephew, Major Wilbur D. Straight, of New York City, who died of pneumonia in France on December 7. Besides his wife, immediate family he only sister, Mrs. Sanborn, of New York, is left to mourn his untimely death. Owing to falling health and the prevailing sickness Mrs. Cross will not be able to go to New York at the present time.

TROOPS NEAR SAXONY CAPITAL

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—A town in Saxony just south of the border of Saxony has been occupied by the Czech-Slovak troops. The town, Saxony capital, is forty miles northwest of Zwettl.



Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, a conspicuous figure during the Boer war but now a valued member of British military advisory circles, is said to be planning a trip to the United States.

ORGANIZATION WILL CONTINUE

QUESTION DECIDED AT MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen to Remain as Peace Organization

Last evening the members of Local No. 14, District No. 11, Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, composed of the employees of the George Palmer Lumber company's plant, met at the Odd Fellows' hall to receive reports of the recent convention held at Spokane, which convention was attended by employes and employer representatives from all logging and sawmill operations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho east of the Cascade mountains.

The meeting was well attended and enthusiastically and unanimously endorsed the program for the continuance of the organization as outlined at the Spokane convention. It is the aim and purpose of the employes to make the organization 100 per cent at the La Grande plant and they were assured the hearty support and cooperation of the management.

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CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP

Resolution on the Subject Introduced in the House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Representative Moon, chairman of the house postoffice committee, today presented a resolution for the permanent governmental control and ownership of the telegraph and telephone system of the United States.

METHODISTS TO LAUNCH DRIVE

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN LA GRANDE DEC. 18 AND 19

Meeting is for the Purpose of Inaugurating a Joint Centenary Campaign.

Dr. Ira E. Aldrich, district superintendent for the La Grande district of the M. E. church, gives out the following statement which will not only interest the members of the church but the general public as well:

Ministers and lay delegates of the La Grande district of the Methodist Episcopal church, composed of the six eastern counties of Oregon, are to meet in a District Conference and Centenary Institute at La Grande, December 18 and 19, for the purpose of inaugurating the movement known as the Joint Centenary campaign, designed to meet the new century upon the church for Christian leadership in all parts of the world by the brave advance of democratic ideals. This involves the enlistment of every member of the church.

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WAR PLANS WERE MADE CAREFULLY

GERMANY SENT OUT HUNDREDS OF MEMORANDA IN MONTHS OF JULY 1914

DAMAGING EVIDENCE OF GERMAN INTRIGUE

All Men Sent Out Were Skilled Diplomats and They Were Instructed from Berlin that a Great War Would Be Precipitated—Ten Years Preparation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(United Press)—With her plans completed for plunging the world into war, Germany in July, 1914, dispatched a hundred and thirty trained propagandists to the United States, South America, Mexico and China. They were informed on July 19th by German officials at Berlin, that there was to be a war, being thoroughly instructed in their tasks.

Captain Lester of the Army intelligence department, gave out this information today.

All Skilled Publicists

Thirty-one of these propagandists, arrived in the United States in August, 1914, just after the war was started.

Lester submitted a mass of evidence from the files of the army. Much of the evidence is being withheld as a basis for future action.

The hundred and thirty propagandists assembled at Berlin were skilled publicists who had been spreading pro-German propaganda for ten years before the war.

FIRE UPON RIOTERS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Extensive riots occurred Wednesday in Austerlitz, Bohemia, according to dispatches from Prague, and machine guns and rifles were used against the mobs. Three persons were killed and five seriously injured and a great number wounded slightly. Troops also resorted to their arms in the neighboring village of Schenwiesen.

A TRAGEDY OF THE GREAT WAR

IS MADE SUBJECT OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

America Is Called on to Lead the World in Relief for Refugees of the Near East.

On November 29th President Wilson issued the following proclamation:

For more than three years American philanthropy has been a factor in keeping alive Armenian, Syrian, Greek and other exiles and refugees of Western Asia.

On two former occasions I have appealed to the American people in behalf of these homeless sufferers.

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ON SIXTY-MILE FRONT

American Guard Long Stretch in the Rhine Region

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE RHINE, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—Americans are encamped along the Rhine on a front of nearly sixty miles. Patrols are guarding the left bank.

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

Word has been received of the death in Bremen of Mr. Abernethy, father of George Abernethy and Mrs. Jack Hilary, of this city. Mr. Hilary was called to her father's bedside several days ago and his death, on account of his very advanced age was not unexpected. The deceased made his home in La Grande several years ago.

EVENT IS INSTALLED

Grand Hotel Dance and Concert at a Later Date.

The G. W. R. & N. band dance and concert which was to be held on Tuesday, December 17, has been postponed to a later date. Those who had tickets for the event are requested to retain the same as they will be available when the date is definitely made. In the meantime, if the weather conditions permit, the band will appear in a concert on the streets and this will be their initial appearance in public.

JOSIAH BRILL YIELDS LIFE

LA GRANDE YOUNG MAN MAKES SUPREME SACRIFICE

Was Previously Reported in the Casualty List as Among the Slightly Wounded.

Mr. H. H. Brill has received an official message of the death of his son, Josiah L. Brill, in France. In the casualty list of just a week ago the young man's name appeared in the list of those who had been slightly wounded.

Josiah L. Brill was previously reported in the casualty list of the local young men who yielded all in the cause of their country.

CONSERVING OF FUEL

Pamphlet in Cool Saving Ready for Distribution.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—"Cool Saving in the Home," a pamphlet of hints on how to conserve fuel in heating furnaces, steam heaters, hot water plants and kitchen ranges, is now ready for distribution at the office of Fuel Administrator Fred J. Holmes.

Copies may be secured from County Fuel Administrators and fuel dealers through the schools and other groups, according to B. E. Kennedy, state conservation director, who is in charge of distributing the leaflets. The pamphlets will also be supplied on request at the state fuel administration office, 1927 Northwestern Bank building.

By proper care of the furnace and by observing precautions such as keeping the air tight, 25 per cent of heat may easily be saved that now goes up in the chimney to be wasted in other ways, according to the pamphlet, and although Oregon loses by fuel shortage, the effort involved and the possibility of an emergency in the form of paralyzed traffic because of storms in the mountains should be incentives for every person desiring to utilize every unit of heat possible.

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CLAMOR FOR THE AID OF THE ALLIES

SCHIEDEMANN HAS PREDICTED THAT AMERICANS WOULD SOON BE IN BERLIN

UNITED STATES DOES NOT APPROVE PLAN

Belief is That It is a Plan to Instill Fear in the German Masses—Official is Made That Any Such Occupation is Contemplated—No Intention to Interfere.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—The German government will ask the allied armies to occupy Berlin if the Bolshevik movement continues to grow, Philip Scheidemann declared in a speech at the capital today, according to Berlin dispatches.

Scheidemann predicted that American troops will soon arrive in Berlin, upon which the audience cheered.

Will Not Interfere

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Scheidemann's statement regarding American occupation of Berlin is considered here as largely a play by the Socialist leader to instill fear of the United States military forces into the German masses.

The war and state departments persistently denied that such occupation is contemplated. While a state of utter anarchy would undoubtedly cause a shift of the allied plans, there is no intention to interfere internally in Germany.

\$5,000,000,000 NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Five to five and a half billion dollars more of bonds will have to be issued to finance the government this year, Secretary McAdoo told the house ways and means committee Thursday in discussing financial questions. He based this on an estimate of \$18,000,000,000 in expenditures and members of the committee said the estimate was not too low.

FOUR MINUTE MEN TO SPEAK

WILL ASSIST IN THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As a Farewell Appearance They Will Discuss Benefits of the Great Organization.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—Four minute men, who have performed such splendid work since the United States entered the war by carrying the messages approved by the government, to the people by word of mouth, will give their valedictory in the Red Cross membership drive. The Red Cross campaign, which opens Monday, December 16, will close December 23, and on the day following the organization an adjoining district, has appointed.

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JOHN H. ROSSITER



John H. Rossiter of San Francisco, director of operations of the United States shipping board, had one of the biggest war jobs in Washington. He directs the movements of Uncle Sam's shipping, a business which is growing more rapidly than any other industry in the country. Before coming to the shipping board he was vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

CONDITION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT SUBMITTED BY SUPERINTENDENT

Great Progress Has Been Made and All Concerned Have Shown Intelligent Interest.

The following general report of the public schools in Union county is submitted by Mrs. A. T. Franke, superintendent:

Union county schools, in my opinion, are second to none. Progress is the watchword. From the largest to the smallest district, there runs one continuous line of connected and energized school work.

We have built some new school houses—out at Ladd canyon, a one-room rural, modern and attractive building; also at Hot Lake and at Medical Springs. The latter is a two-room school—furnace heat and well equipped as well as architecturally attractive. In this far away district, two teachers are employed and the boys and girls are instructed in the grades above the eighth—a long-felt want of the district. The Park school,

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DEMOBILIZATION DELAYED

Forms and Instructions Fail to Arrive at Eugene

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 12.—Work on the papers necessary to the discharge of the Students' Army Training Corps at the University is expected to begin the first of this week. Due to delay in receiving printed forms and instructions from the war department work has been delayed for a week.

About forty men have signified officially their intention of leaving school as soon as they get their discharge. Most of these men are business men who wish to return to business life. Many of them have families, and entered the S. A. T. C. for the military training only. These men will receive their discharges first. Men who desire to return to the University next term to take the regular college work will be the last to be discharged.

The business office has received numerous inquiries from former students concerning the work which is to be offered next term, since many of them now in army camps in this country expect to be able to return to college as soon as they get out of the army. This office will make up for any loss that may result from the disbanding of the S. A. T. C. according to Karl W. Outbank, secretary to President P. L. Campbell.

The naval unit at the University, consisting of fifty men, will probably be disbanded the same as the army corps students, Ensign Hesperian said. So far none have signified their intention of staying in the navy, but should any do so they will be sent to some naval training station.

Men of the navy will receive their pay up to the time of their discharge. They will not, however, be paid for the period from October 1 to 14, the date of their formal induction. Colonel Down said on receipt of orders from Major P.

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BARGAIN COUNTER PROPOSAL

CHAIRMAN KIDDLE HAS A GENUINE OFFER ON RED CROSS CHRISTMAS BOLL CALL

CHANCE TO RECEIVE SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

Campaign Managers and Team Captains are in Readiness for the Drive, Which Will Open Next Monday, December 16, and Continue for One Week.

Mr. Ed Kiddle, chairman for the Union county Red Cross Christmas roll call, announced:

"This is the only time that I have been able to tell the people that we have a bargain counter proposition in shape of a drive for war purposes. In the Christmas Red Cross membership roll call of Union county we are able to give the people something for nothing and throw in 10 Red Cross Christmas seals to boot. Under the arrangements of our War Chest drive all those who pay their quota are entitled to a membership in the Red Cross for each member of their family and are entitled to buttons, service flag and 10 Red Cross Christmas seals for each member."

"Any person who did not contribute to the War Chest fund may procure a membership in the Red Cross upon payment of one dollar to any of the 'Red' workers or at headquarters."

The campaign will be carried on under the supervision of the following campaign managers:

Allou—Mrs. Phyllis Egan—P. E. Smith; Island City—Mrs. Elsie Bidwell; Grand Hall—E. W. DeLong, Hilgard—Wm. Condit; Imbler—Sam Bridger; Cove—Lois Carter; Hot Lake—O. Dash; Kamela—J. D. Fontaine; La Grande—Mrs. Geo. Cochran; Union—L. W. Wright; Summerville—V. E. Long; Ladd Canyon—Mrs. Peabody; Tolocanet—L. B. Hyatt; Mod. Springs—Dunham Wright; Mount Glenn—Mrs. E. D. Whiting; Starke—W. H. Briggs; North Powder—C. B. Mays; Perry—Earl Stoddard.

Wallawa county is under the jurisdiction of the La Grande chapter. Mr. Wade Stier, of Enterprise, has been appointed campaign manager of Wallawa county and will have full charge in Wallawa county.

The teams are being organized in all parts of the county under the supervision of the different chairmen and Union county will show up with the usual promptness in the fall.

La Grande has been organized with Mrs. George T. Cochran, campaign manager, the executive committee consisting of Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Albert Hunter and Mrs. John Thelston. The headquarters will be in Pattison's grocery store.

Mrs. Omer is chairman of the field workers and has appointed Neutons to assist her and is looking after the details to make a short whirlwind campaign. Her helpers are: Mrs. Will Mitchell at Island City; Mrs. C. P. Thompson, Mrs. H. L. Lyon; Mrs. Grace Moller; Mrs. L. H. Russell; Mrs. E. T. Andrews; Mrs. W. H. Safford, all of La Grande.

Each lieutenant will have supervision over about fifteen captains.

OPERA-GOERS PATRIOTIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(United Press)—More than 2,000 opera glasses and telescopes were furnished the navy by patriotic Americans for use in important optical instruments, according to the naval observatory annual report today.

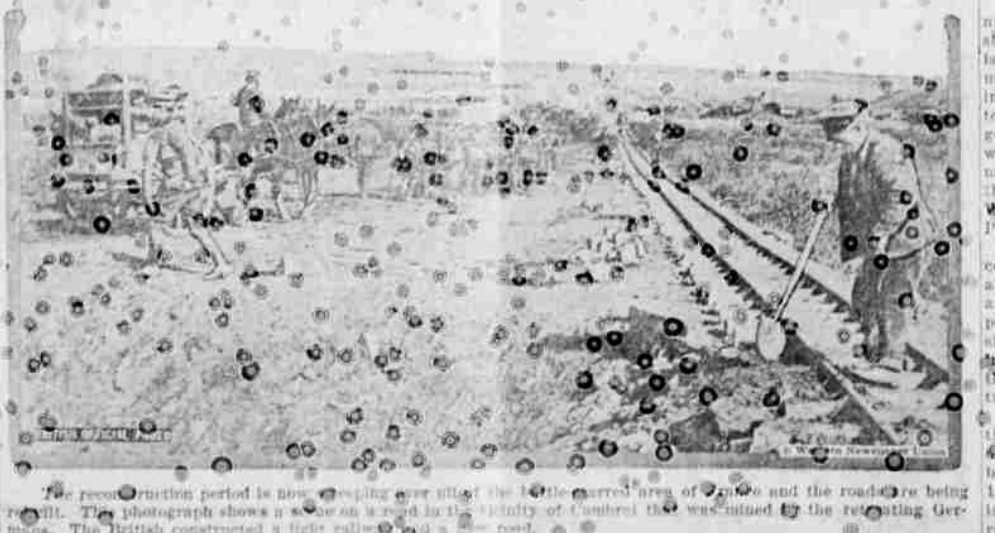
The observatory carried important astronomical observations during the year, in addition to its optical and time work.

Fort Holua, Moht.

The barracks, which have housed 200 men of company A, will revert to the University. No definite plans have as yet been made for the use of the building, although it may be moved onto the campus and used for offices.

All the men will be issued their uniforms, which will be allowed to retain for four months after discharge. At the end of this time they must be turned over to the depot quartermaster at Fort Mason, San Francisco.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK IN DEVASTATED FRANCE



The reconstruction period is now opening over the devastated area of France and the roads are being rebuilt. The photograph shows a view on a road in the vicinity of Cambrai that was ruined by the retreating Germans. The British constructed a light railway to aid the road.