

# HOMAGE IS PAID BY FRENCH TO LINCOLN

### Wreath Is Laid on Tomb and Comparison Drawn Between Civil and Present War.

### LEGISLATURE HEARS TALK

#### Springfield Gives Welcome to Representatives of Ally and Debt to France From Early Days Expressed by Governor.

SPRINGFIELD, May 7.—The French mission to the United States paid tribute to the memory of Lincoln at the emancipator's tomb here today, and received an enthusiastic welcome to the capital of Illinois.

Marshal Joffre silently placed a wreath upon the Lincoln sarcophagus. With bowed heads and doffed hats the hero of the Marne, Rene Viviani, vice-president of the French Council of Ministers, and the military and civil officials who accompanied them, filed into the tomb, paid honor to the war President and left without a spoken word.

At the State Capitol, however, where an official reception had been arranged, both Joffre and Viviani spoke. General Joffre briefly expressed appreciation of the cordial reception.

M. Viviani paid a tribute to Lincoln and to President Wilson, and told of the rejoicing that spread through France when the speech of President Wilson announcing the intention of the United States to enter the war was received. He predicted that with the aid of the United States it would be brought to a glorious conclusion.

"Before coming here to this hall of legislature," M. Viviani said, "we entered the chamber of silence and deposited a wreath upon the tomb of the immortal Lincoln. The homage of all France comes with us. We will have you to understand, no matter how far it is from Springfield to France, the vision of this splendid modern democracy is understood in France. You know that born among the people, not able to read, Lincoln arose by study and intelligence to be the emancipator of modern civilization. He attained his ends by plunging the country into civil war after exhausting every other means within his power.

"Lincoln understood human conscience and that is the reason he is proclaimed the 'immortal.' He accomplished this civilization and although he is now in silence, by his triumphs and his deeds he still lives in memory.

"Three years ago the German government violated the rights of man without any motive or right and sought to conquer France. The United States is now face to face with the same crisis. We are now together in this great world war to defend the rights and justice of man."

Governor Lowden had called attention, in his introduction, to French settlement of the Mississippi Valley.

"The first French came to discover the valley of the Mississippi and founded the first government in that valley," M. Viviani said. "It is here that we need the aid of our ancestors. As the Governor has said, 'We will take back to France the debt of gratitude we owe them.'"

"It is not to France you owe the debt, but you owe it to liberty and equality, because our children are now fighting to maintain this equality of man."

### SPECTATOR KILLED BY TRAIN

#### Peter Quick, 47, Loses Life While Decatur Welcomes Envoys.

DECATUR, Ill., May 7.—Decatur's enthusiastic welcome of the French mission today was followed by one of the first misadventures of the trip when the train killed Peter Quick, aged 47, a spectator, just as it was leaving the city.

M. Viviani made the following statement here:

"This war is not a war of cannon, of munitions or of courage in the fighting line alone; its continuation and final success depends as much on the farmers as on the soldiers, and the services rendered by those who cultivate the soil cannot be overestimated.

"Every bushel of wheat, every peck of potatoes counts as much as shells and bullets, and even more.

"In such a war as this all must serve if it is to be brought to a quick and victorious conclusion. The farmer and his field fights the common foe as efficiently as the soldier in the trench.

"In France our children have been taught to cultivate gardens and every spot of available land."

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William Nye, in charge of the United States Secret Service detail attached to the party, made a thorough investigation of the conditions surrounding the wreck and announced as his opinion that it was entirely accidental. Rene Viviani, French Minister of Justice and head of the mission, Marshal Joffre and other members of the party, were dining at the time of the accident. Only the forward truck of the diner left the rails. One car of the train, a day coach used as a buffer between the engine and the cars occupied by the party, upset. Three trainmen riding in the day coach were uninjured.

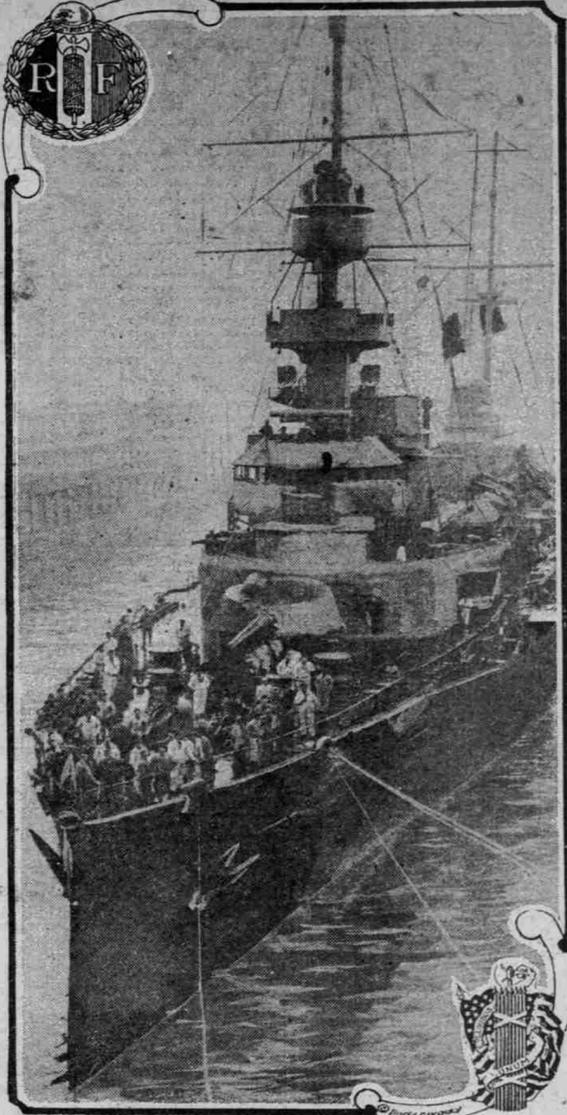
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### FIRST FRENCH WARSHIP TO ARRIVE IN A U. S. PORT.



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### FRENCH CRUISER ADMIRAL AUBE, LYING DOCKED AT A PORT "SOMEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES."

For the first time since the outbreak of the war a French cruiser stripped for action steamed into an American harbor with sides flashing fire as she returned the official salutes of the harbor fortifications. A rousing cheer as warm as it was spontaneous went up from the crowd gathered along the waterfront as the trim vessel passed. The crew were glad to get ashore—their first liberty in seven months. The captain of the ship is proud of his ship, his men and their records. On the forward turret of his vessel there is a brass plate placed there in commemoration of an engagement in which the cruiser's guns silenced a Turkish battery located in the bay of Soloum. The cruiser engaged with her main battery, and in 20 minutes had silenced the shore guns, completely demolishing the forts.

### FAITH BASIS TRACED

#### Tablet Reveals Messianic Hope of 4500 Years Ago.

### CHRIST THEN LOOKED FOR

#### Sumerian Documents in Pennsylvania Museum Show Fundamentals of Religion and Likely Are Copies of Older Ones.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—The doctrine of a messianic hope of the expectation of deliverance from sin and suffering by a God-man in the shape of a king goes back at least to 2500 B. C., when the Sumerian theologians and priests evolved a theory which has been the basis of Jewish and Christian religion ever since, according to tablets in the Nippur collection of the University Museum, just translated by Dr. Stephen Langdon.

The new tablets are of interest because they show that the Sumerians never lost hope that the restoration to a state of sinlessness and happiness through the agency of the gods would come and their faith was pinned on earthly kings, who were deified and worshiped in the hope that one would be a deliverer. Elaborate rituals were made for all of them, but each failed. Then came the Semite conquest of Sumer and the era of pessimism set in as shown by the famous epic of Gilgamesh, one missing link of which has just been found in the Nippur collection of the University Museum.

### ONE KILLED IN WAR PLANT

#### Explosion Is Being Investigated at Kingsport, Tenn.

KINGSFORT, Tenn., May 7.—An explosion early today at the Federal Dye-stuff & Chemical Company's plant, which makes munitions, wrecked a portion of the buildings, killed one man, fatally burned some others and left one missing. An investigation is being made.

### Coal Dealers Ask Regulation.

DAVENPORT, Ia., May 7.—The Davenport Coal Dealers' Club today sent to Iowa Representatives in Congress a

### WASTERS TO BE PUNISHED

#### Food Controller Secretary in Parliament Announces Plan.

LONDON, May 7.—An order will be issued in the near future providing that the waste of any kind of food shall be a punishable offense. Captain Charles Bathurst, parliamentary secretary of the food controller's department, made this announcement today in the House of Commons.

### BETTERMENT IS RETARDED

### U. S. GETS WARNING

#### Political Control of Railways Declared Failure.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Political control in a democracy is one of the evils that makes Government ownership of railways of dubious value, W. M. Acworth, of the British commission, which recently investigated Canadian roads, today told the joint congressional committee investigating transportation problems in the United States. He said Government ownership was unsuccessful in most countries that tried it.

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Mr. Acworth said some day the people might decide to constitute a branch of Government to run the railways which would not be subject to popular interference and be independent of parliamentary control. Such a board, he said, might remove many existing objections to Government roads.

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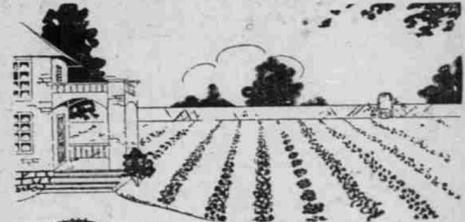
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French Train U. S. Students. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 7.—Soldiers' Field, so named when it was given to

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