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FIRST RETURNING YANKS REACH PORT

All New York Is Ready to Welcome Troops.

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

Big Steamer Expected to Dock Early Tomorrow.

ROYAL RECEPTION PLANNED

Mayor Hylan Asks That Permission Be Granted Fighting Men to Parade Up Fifth Avenue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The British steamship Mauretania, returning to the United States with the first large body of American overseas troops, anchored in Gravesend Bay at 7:40 o'clock tonight. She was met by Navy and Army tugs. She will probably remain at her anchorage until early tomorrow morning, when she is expected to dock at Hoboken.

The Navy tug, it was reported, had been ordered to meet the Mauretania to bring ashore Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who was returning from England as a passenger. The Army tug, it was said, had orders to bring ashore an Army officer of high rank.

Health Precautions Taken.

Aboard the Mauretania, as announced recently by General March, chief of staff, are several thousand members of the air service, who were stationed in England.

The ship also carried a number of casuals.

When the transport docks at Hoboken, relatives and friends of those aboard will not be allowed on the pier, according to a recent announcement which added that to safeguard public health the soldiers would be taken directly to demobilization camps for physical examination. Barracks at Camp Mills have been prepared for their reception.

All New York Anxious.

Late today, however, Mayor John F. Hylan telegraphed Secretary Baker asking that troops aboard the Mauretania be permitted to parade up Fifth Avenue tomorrow. Permission also was asked to give a dinner tomorrow night in honor of returning officers.

In his telegram the Mayor points out that "the people of the City of New York are most anxious to welcome the troops," and the "Mayor's committee of welcome and city officials have been waiting all day to meet the Mauretania at Ambrose Channel."

Crowds Await Troop Vessel.

Battery Park was crowded all day with persons eager to catch a glimpse of the vessel bringing back to American shores the vanguard of the great Army which America sent overseas. Despite reports that the transport would not reach port until early tonight, the crowds stuck to their posts until darkness.

It was announced tonight that when the Mauretania and other homecoming transports reach their docks they will be met by a corps of Knights of Columbus secretaries, who will distribute among the troops thousands of "I'm safe and sound" cards which the men can send to their friends.

Greetings Are Exchanged.

The Mayor's committee of welcome made a trip down the bay tonight on the flagship of the police department fleet and circled the Mauretania. Members of the party were not at first allowed aboard the transport and so they used megaphones and wireless apparatus to convey the greetings of New York to the returned soldiers, but later a gangplank was shoved out and the civilians scrambled aboard. As the police boat's searchlight played on the Mauretania's decks, men and officers could be seen, crowding to the rail as they shouted greetings in return.

Back across the water, in reply to the welcome, soon came such queries as: "When do we eat?" and "Has the state gone 'dry' yet?"

When members of the party accepted an invitation to "come aboard" they were deluged with requests to "phone mother and let her know I'm here," and "mail this letter to my girl," and to perform similar services.

Ship Has Rough Voyage.

According to those on the Mauretania, the ship had a rough crossing. Four storms were encountered and at one time the seas ran so high that the clerical force at work in the cabin had to quit when their typewriters were hurled to the floor. The ship was commanded by Captain A. H. Rostron, of the British navy, who was in command of the Carpathia when that vessel picked up victims of the Titanic disaster in 1912.

There were rousing cheers when Admiral Mayo left the Mauretania and boarded the naval tug awaiting him. Among his fellow passengers on the trip from England were Harry Lauder, the comedian, who sang for the soldiers during the voyage home, and Major Ian Hay, of the British army.

2 MORE SHIPS LEAVE BRITAIN

Ascanius and Canopic Bringing Aero Squadrons and Casuals.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Notice was received by the War Department today

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YANK TROOPS CROSS PRUSSIAN FRONTIER

TREVES MOST IMPORTANT CITY THUS FAR OCCUPIED.

Generals Parker, La Jeune, Howes and Lassiter Head Troops as They Cross Boche Line.

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BY WILBUR FOREST.

AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Germany, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Riding at the head of their troops, Generals Parker, La Jeune, Howes and Lassiter, of the First, Second, Third and 32d Divisions, were the first Americans to enter Germany officially as the Army of occupation. Entering Rhenish Prussia at sunrise, the troops en route to the Rhine, with troop columns in perfect order and American flags waving conspicuously, made an inspiring spectacle.

(By the Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Dec. 1.—American troops crossed the frontier into Prussia at daylight behind the German rear guards. Treves is the most important city thus far occupied. American troops are also patrolling scores of villages, however.

General Pershing is in the immediate vicinity to observe the operations. His advanced headquarters will be established at Treves, where General Preston Brown will be the military Governor and General Harry A. Smith in charge of civil affairs.

The advance today averaged 16 miles.

Treves is situated on the right bank of the Moselle River, 57 miles southwest of Coblenz. It is perhaps the oldest town in Germany and is rich in Roman relics. The population at the outbreak of the war was about 60,000.

RACE FOR BREST IS ON

Transport Carrying Correspondents Has Two Days' Start.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 1.—The United States transport Orizaba sailed for Brest today with nearly 500 newspaper correspondents from all parts of the country, on their way to "cover" the coming peace conferences at Versailles. The party included several newspaper women and a score of motion picture men and newspaper photographers.

To the correspondents was given a two-day start before the George Washington, which is scheduled to leave Tuesday with President Wilson and his party, because the Orizaba is a slower boat. The George Washington is expected to overhaul the Orizaba shortly before the arrival at Brest, and a lively race for port is anticipated.

BOYS SHOT WHILE HUNTING

One Brought From Hillsboro to Hospital May Lose Sight of Eye.

Two 15-year-old boys were injured yesterday in hunting accidents, one seriously. Robert Martin, age 15, of 475 Burnside street, was shot through the left hand with a .22-caliber pistol, accidentally discharged while loading. The injured lad was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, his wound dressed, and he was later sent home.

Theodore Asbahr, aged 15, of 726 Base line road, at Hillsboro, will probably lose the sight of his right eye as the result of a gunshot wound suffered while hunting with other boys near that city. He was brought to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

BERLIN BANKS ARE DRAINED

Financial Head Admonishes People Not to Hoard Cash.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Addressing the central board of the Imperial Bank of Germany, Rudolf Havenstein, president of the bank, urgently admonished the people not to hoard cash. He said that between October 1 and November 23 there had been withdrawn from the bank 3,683,000,000 marks, as against 297,000,000 marks last year, and this after 4,000,000,000 marks of new currency had been circulated in the same period by means of coupons and the notes of private banks and communes, making the total hoarded money 5,000,000,000 marks between the above dates.

'FLU' RAMPANT IN SEATTLE

Total of 768 New Cases Reported in Past Week.

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—Spanish influenza is again on the increase in Seattle, according to the City Health Commissioner.

New cases reported during the past week totaled 768, compared with 276 for the previous week. Eleven deaths and 212 new cases were reported Saturday.

WIRELESS TO AID WILSON

Transport Has Powerful Apparatus to Communicate With America.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A new wireless apparatus, said to be the most powerful carried by any vessel, was installed today on the American transport George Washington so that President Wilson can keep in constant communication with America during his voyage to Brest.

BUCHAREST IS IN FLAMES

Peasant Revolts Break Out in All Parts of Roumania.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Bucharest is burning, according to reports from Berlin.

Peasant revolts are said to have broken out in all parts of Roumania.

JAPANESE-GERMAN PLOT IS ALLEGED

Treaty Said to Menace U. S. and England.

HUN PACIFISTS' AIMS BARED

Hohenzollern-Like Perfidy Is Credited to Nipponese.

RULE OF PACIFIC DESIRED

Secret Document Exposed in Berlin Purports to Show New Pact to Seize World Power.

BY ARTHUR L. DRAPER.

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LONDON, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—My Berlin correspondent has sent me a copy of an alleged draft of a treaty of alliance agreed upon between Japan and Germany under Chancellor Prince Max and which is now being circulated among independent Socialists and Extremists in Germany to expose the aggressive, imperialistic schemes of the self-styled pacifist government that included Scheidemann.

The treaty is couched in perfect diplomatic jargon and is insinuatingly made up with articles and memorandum attached.

The draft is very cunning and yet, if official, appears to be a forgery and clumsy in one essential point; for while it is easy to see that Germany would make an excellent bargain by it, the document seems to credit Japan not only with perfidy worthy of the Hohenzollerns, but a gullibility altogether unwarranted by her record.

Russia is Third Party.

A mere "reinsurance treaty with Russia and Germany," that is to say, under present circumstances with two political carcasses, could hardly be considered equivalent. In the draft of the treaty it is stated that it has received approval and has been initialed by representatives of both Germany and Japan and merely awaited ratification when the German revolution broke out. The treaty presupposes Russia as the third contracting party that is to be cleansed of Bolshevism and restored to a great power under lead of Germany and Japan.

Germany is to share the privileges and concessions secured by Japan from Russia in Central Asia and Persia, as well as the Japanese privileges and concessions in Southern China, to the exclusion of all other powers. Japan is to support indirectly German interests at the peace conference and is to promote a Russo-German military political and economic reinsurance treaty.

Secret Military Pact Proposed.

In return, Germany is to conclude with Japan a secret military and naval convention against the aggressive intentions of America and England. Particulars are to be settled after conclusion of peace.

A memorandum attached states that the treaty is to be the work of a for-

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Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Casualties reported today include 3027 names, of which 717 were killed in action, 289 died of wounds, seven of accident, five in airplane accidents, 727 of disease, 54 are wounded severely, 102 degree undetermined, 251 slightly and 875 are missing. Following is the tabulated summary:

	Reported.	Today.	Total.
Deaths—			
Killed in action	19,313	717	20,030
Lost at sea	396	....	396
Died of wounds	7,492	289	7,781
Died of disease	9,642	727	10,369
Died of accident	1,592	12	1,604
Total deaths	38,435	1745	40,180
Wounded	47,092	407	47,499
Missing and prisoners	11,311	875	12,186
Total casualties	96,838	3027	99,865

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Killed in action—
McCarthy, Geo. F. (Sergt.), Mrs. Gertrude Churchman, 695 Mehalen avenue, Portland, Or.
Greene, Jno. H. (Sergt.), Durant, Okla.
Knox, Jasper R., Salina, Oregon.
Beeson, Harry C., Enterprise, Or.
Lundquist, August W., Enterprise, Or.
Whitted, Robert R., Allegheny, Or.
Otte, George H., Falls City, Or.

Died of wounds—
Thompson, Albert, Richland, Or.
Mauerer, John A., Eugene, Or.

Died of disease—
Parrish, Lee L. (Sgt.), Merrill, Or.
Francisco, Clifford F., Corvallis, Or.
Moore, Gale, Mrs. Nellie Moore, 4735 58th street Southeast, Portland, Or.

Wounded, degree undetermined—
Phelps, Elmer L., Gresham, Or.

Wounded slightly—
Hewitt, Elton, Salem, Or.
Nelson, Gustaf, Astoria, Or.
Smith, Lawrence C., Baker, Or.

Missing in action—
Broomfield, H. (Lieut.), Gladstone, Or.
Gazzola, Marcello, Hillsdale, Or.
Gallucci, Rocco, Portland, Or.
Nosker, Cuba S., Mrs. Eva Nosker, Denver, Or.
Hollock, Jacob A., Merlin, Or.
Boyd, Laurel F., Wallowa, Or.
Matson, Albert, Oregon City, Or.
Gurnee, John I., Newport, Or.

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Killed in action—
Vanvoris, H. H. (Lieut.), Tacoma, Wash.
Smith, Y. M. (Corp.), Cosmopolis, Wash.
Owens, Wm. (Corp.), Monroe, Wash.
Spiane, W. A. (Mech.), Sedro Woolcy, Wash.
Danner, F. C., Everett, Wash.
Grason, W. G., Port Angeles, Wash.
Folsom, John U., Chewelsha, Wash.
Zik, Andrew, Stanwood, Wash.
Tuenzel, Herman E., Snohomish, Wash.
Florito, Crescenzo, Seattle.
Irons, Edward R., Bay View, Wash.
Simonson, Simon, Skamokawa, Wash.
Sheise, Tom, Raymond, Wash.
Schoenrock, William A., Alpina, Wash.
Griffin, Levi L., Asotin, Wash.
Stevens, Bert, Norman, Wash.

Died of wounds—
Ely, Robert W., Kennewick, Wash.
Roder, William A., Seattle, Wash.
Rancey, Arthur L., Spokane, Wash.

Died of accident—
Uddenberg, H. (Wag.) Gig Harbor, Wash.

Died of disease—
Cross, Leroy W. (Corp.), Valleyford, Wash.
Potter, Jess I., Snohomish, Wash.

Wounded, degree undetermined—
Blair, Lester C., Camas, Wash.

Wounded slightly—
Russo, Leonard, Seattle, Wash.
Rokstad, Ivor C., Seattle, Wash.

Missing in action—
Turner, H. E., Jr. (Lieut.), Seattle, Wash.
Hale, Chas. A. L. (Lieut.), Chester, Wash.
Cameron, Thomas (Mech.), Seattle, Wash.
Holt, O., (Sergt.), Mount Vernon, Wash.
Bailey, W. P., Coyle, Wash.
Carlson, Thomas, Tacoma, Wash.
Evans, D. L., Lehi, Wash.
Acheson, W. R., Chewaliah, Wash.
Allen, H. W., Yardley, Wash.
Kincaid, A. R., South Monroe, Wash.
Crumpacker, A. T., Pomeroy, Wash.
Turple, Charles, Washougal, Wash.
Turco, Ralph, Tacoma, Wash.
Gilliland, Frank E., Tumwater, Wash.
Gentry, Clarence D., Tacoma, Wash.
Krause, Fred, Spokane, Wash.
Lyphardt, Arthur P., Tacoma, Wash.
Kemble, Chas., Seattle, Wash.
Fay, Ernest, Rhinelander, Wash.

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Killed in action—
Hepworth, J. L. (Corp.), Blackfoot, Idaho.
Hillman, R. J., Rupert, Idaho.
Hagbery, R. A., Triangle, Idaho.
Maniates, Nicholas P., Ross Lake, Idaho.
Henderson, Cecil, Anthony, Idaho.
Toll, Leland W., Kooskia, Idaho.

Died of disease—
Burtenshaw, E. C. (Sgt.), Boise, Ida.
Long, John C., Bliss, Idaho.

Missing in action—
Taylor, Ray B., Juliaette, Idaho.
Malony, Otto F., Eden, Idaho.

ALABAMA.

Killed in action—
Ford, C. A., Birmingham, Ala.
Densby, George, Dayton, Ala.
Hall, Henry, Lynnewood, Ala.
Dean, John B., Mt. Meigs, Ala.
Martin, Chas. L., Calera, Ala.

Died of wounds—

Died of disease—
Callaway, Rufus (Lieut.), Maplesville, Ala.
Peters, J. A. (Corp.), Montgomery, Ala.
Cook, Earnest L. (Corp.), Havana, Ala.
Evans, Oscar, Oakman, Ala.
Foster, Richard, Spragan, Ala.
Bazer, Martin R., Montgomery, Ala.

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DEBATE LOOMS IN FACE OF MESSAGE

Wilson's Peace Plans May Evoke Criticism.

LEADERS ARE NOT SATISFIED

Senators Discuss Sending of Committee Abroad.

BREWERS' PROBE IN SIGHT

For First Time in Many Years Appropriation Estimates Are Not Ready for Presentation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Congress expects to hear from President Wilson tomorrow something of his plans for the peace conference.

On the eve of his departure for France the President will go to the Capitol shortly before 1 o'clock to deliver his annual address at the opening of the third and final session of the Sixty-fifth Congress. Few utterances of the Chief Executive have been awaited with keener interest and Congressional officers said tonight that never before has there been such a demand for admission cards to the House gallery for a joint session.

Spirited Discussion Expected.

Some Congressional leaders are certain that soon after the President speaks there will be spirited discussion in both Senate and House of his plans for the trip, if they are revealed, and of any proposed action on problems coming before the peace conference. General and virtually daily debate in the Senate also is expected while the peace delegates are sitting in Paris.

Many members of both Senate and House privately criticise the President for his decision to go to France and also for his failure to include a member of the Senate in the American delegation, but none of them will speak for publication. Nor have those members of the House who have been reported to be prepared to question the President tomorrow regarding the peace conference made any announcement.

Senators Talk of Sending Committee.

Some Senators are also said to have prepared resolutions for introduction tomorrow proposing appointment of a special Senate committee to go to Europe and keep the Senate informed on events at the peace conference. A special meeting of the Democratic steering committee has been called for tomorrow before the Senate convenes to discuss the general situation.

Besides dealing with the peace conference, the President tomorrow is expected to recommend legislation he regards as necessary for the transition of the country from a war to a peace basis. Few formalities for the opening day of the new session are planned. After Vice-President Marshall and Speaker Clark formally open the sessions of the Senate and House rolls will be called to disclose quorums, new members will be sworn in and committees appointed to notify the President

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DON'T BE AN OSTRICH.

HUN SHOPS WRECKED BY INFURIATED MOB

LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN 4,000,000 FRANCS.

Trouble Starts When Yank Is Overcharged; Four Americans Disperse Crowd of Rioters.

(By the Associated Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Dec. 1.—Four American soldiers dispersed a mob of thousands at Esch after it had wrecked 28 shops in revenge for the overcharging of American soldiers. Most of these establishments were conducted by Germans. The loss is estimated at between 4,000,000 and 7,000,000 francs.

The trouble began when a soldier was charged two francs for a cake of chocolate and the same amount for an apple. The Luxemburgers, who long have protested against high prices, resented the overcharging of their "deliverers."

They entered the shop, destroying its contents.

Someone raised the cry to wipe out all German establishments, and the mob soon grew to thousands, who began systematic destruction.

A department store owned by a Hollander was wrecked and he reported his loss to his government. He was the only foreigner other than Germans whose property was attacked. The anti-German spirit was superseded by ordinary mob enthusiasm and the destruction finally was extended to the shops of the Luxemburgers themselves.

Two American Lieutenants who arrived while the campaign of destruction was at its height, called upon four enlisted men to arm themselves and disperse the crowds. The soldiers shouted to excited men and women to go to their homes, and they dispersed quickly.

MRS. T. HANSEN IS KILLED

Clackamas Woman Struck by Car at Crampton-Street Station.

Mrs. T. Hansen, aged 64, was struck and instantly killed at 7 o'clock last night by a Milwaukie car of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company in front of the station at Crampton street. The car, which was outbound, was in charge of Conductor Shaw and Motorman J. W. Banham. Mrs. Hansen was thrown to the track and her body cut in two.

Mrs. Hansen resided in route 5, Oregon City, and had come to Portland to visit her daughter over Sunday night and Monday. She stepped from the incoming train to the station platform, but failed to see the outbound car, according to eyewitnesses.

Motorman Banham says Mrs. Hansen was seen by him near the track as his car was approaching. He told the Coroner that he thought the woman saw his car, and also that he had already slowed up to make a stop at the station.

The body was taken in charge by the Coroner. An inquest will be held.

EX-CHANCELLOR IS FREED

Herman Kauffman Released After Serving Six Months in Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Herman Kauffman, formerly chancellor of the German Consulate here, was paroled yesterday on account of ill health at the end of a six months' term in the Alameda County Jail.

He was sentenced after conviction in connection with the so-called Hindu conspiracy cases here last March.

EX-CROWN PRINCE TARGET

Formal Abdication Will Be Demanded, Petit Journal Forecasts.

PARIS, Dec. 1.—(Havas.)—The Petit Journal says it is convinced the associated powers will now demand the formal abdication of Frederick William, the former German Crown Prince.

BISHOP FUNSTEN IS DEAD

Death Comes Suddenly at His Home in Boise, Idaho.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 2.—Right Rev. James Bowen Funsten, first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Idaho, died suddenly at his home in Boise at 1 o'clock this morning.

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Ex-Emperor Says He Was Sent Away Against His Will.

IDEA TO MAINTAIN PEACE

Responsibility Laid on Shoulders of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Minister von Jagow.

(By the Associated Press.)

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 1.—Further revelations showing that former Emperor William of Germany is seeking to escape responsibility for bringing on the war are contained in an article by Dr. George Wegener, appearing in the Cologne Gazette, recounting a conversation which the writer had with the Emperor just before he fled.

In this interview the Emperor attempts to shift the blame for the world conflict to the shoulders of Dr. Theobald von Bethmann-Hollweg, former Imperial Chancellor, and Gottlieb von Jagow, former Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Norway Trip Undesired, Kaiser Said.

"Against my will they sent me to Norway," William is quoted as having said. "I did not wish to undertake the voyage, because of the gravity of the situation after the murder of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, which was clear at first sight. But the Chancellor said to me, 'Your Majesty must take this voyage in order to maintain peace. If your Majesty remains here, it undoubtedly means war and the world will lay to your charge responsibility for the war.'

"Well, I then undertook the voyage. During all this time I received no reports from my government concerning current events. Strictly speaking, I only learned from Norwegian newspapers of what was occurring in the world and in this way I learned of the Russian mobilization measures.

Kaiser Nearly Captured.

"But when I heard that the British fleet had put to sea I returned of my now accord. They had nearly caught me. On my orders German ships at once returned to the security of Norwegian harbors. Later it would not have been possible for them to do so."

The Emperor then mentioned declarations of General W. A. Soukhomlinoff, Russian Minister of War, during the investigations which occurred afterwards which he later altered to the statement that he had not ordered real mobilization but only readiness for mobilization.

Russian Mobilization Blamed.

The Emperor, however, insisted on the correctness of the first declaration, according to which the Czar had been induced by the Kaiser to recall his order for mobilization. He declared that General Nicholas Januschkevitch, chief of the Russian imperial general staff, deceived the Czar and the order was carried out in spite of him. This mobilization, the Kaiser would have it, was the final reason for the war.

The Russian war party at the court, the ex-Kaiser continued, had already in the Spring of 1914 compelled the Czar to make preparations for war. From that time Siberian regiments were gradually drawn westward.

Germany Invaded First, Kaiser Says.

They were told that maneuvers were the reason for these movements, and thus they marched on to Volga River and further westward until they reached Vilna, where they were suddenly handed out loaded cartridges and told that they were going to fight in earnest.

"In fact," said the ex-Kaiser in ending the interview, "Russian troops were already over our frontier before the war was declared."

CHEMAWA FIRE LOSS BIG

Nineteen Horses, 1000 Bushels of Grain, and Hay Destroyed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Nineteen horses were burned to death last night when fire destroyed a barn at the Chemawa Indian School. Several set of harness and 1000 bushels of grain and 50 tons of hay added to the loss. It is estimated that the loss will not exceed $10,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The watchman and farmer had visited the barn a short time before the fire was discovered. School officials do not believe the fire was of incendiary origin.

ANCIENT PLAGUE IMMINENT

Dreadful Days Coming Unless Little Things Are Fought.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—If New York and other ports of debarkation are not to be subjected to "the old Mosaic plague of lice visited upon Pharaoh and the ancient Egyptians," American soldiers returning from overseas must be thoroughly "deloused" before they are permitted to meet their relatives, declared Health Commissioner Copeland in a statement tonight, calling attention that typhus and trench fever are carried by "cooties."