

LEVATHAN RETURNS
9000 OVERSEAS VETS

Big Transport Reaches Dock
With War Heroes.

NEW YORK CELEBRATES

Second Anti-Aircraft Battalion of
California Among Divisions.
Aboard Big Vessel.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Her decks
swarming with nearly 9000 blue and
khaki-clad veterans of America's over-
seas service, the liner Levathan, which
folded five submarine attacks while
transporting troops to France, docked
today.

The former German liner came up the
bay amid a din surpassing in volume
any previous welcome to a returning
troopship. Of her sick and wounded,
14 officers and 1421 men, the majority
were on deck, while her sailors were lined
with almost 5000 naval officers and
men, veterans of the submarine de-
fense patrol off the French and British
coasts, and 2500 soldiers, heroes of bitter
fighting.

Major-General Barnett, head of the
Marine Corps, returned from two and a
half months spent in France and at the
front, enthusiastic over the record of
his fighters, from Chateau Thierry to
the end of the war. He said the marines
were "wonderful."

Among the Army men aboard were
456 officers and men and a number of
wounded from the Second Anti-Aircraft
Battalion, which was in action on the
Toul front when hostilities ceased.
They are from formations in command
of Major James W. Wiley. Other aerial
units were taken on at Liverpool.

Many of the returned Americans were
decorations for brasses. Ty Cobb, the
Detroit American's outfielder, who has
been in service as a captain in a chemi-
cal warfare section, was a passenger.
They made him deliver a speech during
a minstrel show aboard ship last Sat-
urday.

After his speech he promised all on
board the big liner a free ticket to the
first ball game in which he takes part.
His speech was uproariously applauded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Passengers on
the French steamship La Lorraine,
which arrived here today, included Mrs.
Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Mrs. Vincent
Astor, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and Mary
Garden.

Johnny Evers, the baseball player,
who sailed for France as a physical in-
structor with the Knights of Columbus,
returned on the Lorraine with many
stories of the work done in France by
ballplayers.

He denied that the American soldiers
abroad had any sentiment against the
big-league players, as has been rumo-
red, and cited instances of prominent
ballplayers who had done their "bit"
in France, among them Eddie Grant, of
the Giants, who was killed; Grover
Alexander, of the Chicago Cubs; Eddie
Klepper, of Cleveland; Chuck Ward, of
the Brooklyn Nationals, and Hank
Gowdy, of the Boston Nationals.

NINE TRANSPORTS DEPART

War Department Announces Sailing
of New Divisions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The War
Department announced today the sail-
ing from France of the transports Man-
churia, Persia, Maru, Carrillo and Balite,
with returning American troops. An-
nouncement was made also that the
General Gorgas, the Saxonia, the Cedric
and the Mongolia are sailing from
France with American troops. E. H.
Stettinius, special representative of Sec-
retary Baker in France, is returning
aboard the Cedric.

Aboard the Manchuria are the 116th
and 117th Field Artillery, Headquarters
58th Field Artillery Brigade, 11th Ammu-
nition Train, Headquarters 4th In-
fantry Brigade, training units from
the 1st Division and 900 sick and
wounded.

A message from General Pershing
added about 3000 additional men to
those designated by him for early re-
turn to the United States. The units
are the 400th, 465th, 467th, 488th, 495th,
525th and 540th Aero Squadrons; the
First Gas Regiment at full strength;
the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School, De-
tachment and replacement battery.

Aboard the Mongolia are the 74d and
74th Coast Artillery and 18th Field
Artillery, with the headquarters of the
40th Coast Artillery Brigade. The ves-
sels also carries 735 sick and wounded
men.

Aboard the Cedric is the 322d Aero
Squadron and 10 casual companies and
a large number of sick and wounded,
unassigned officers and other general
casuals.

The Saxonia carries casualties and 563
sick and wounded. The General Gorgas
has only 14 officers, seven enlisted men
and one civilian. The Saxonia and
Cedric sailed from England on Decem-
ber 14 and the General Gorgas and the
Mongolia from France December 12.

JEWS DESIRE CITIZENSHIP

Right of Representation in All
Countries to Be Urged.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—Natural-
ization of Jews in whatever land they
may reside and that they be given the
right of representation was urged at
today's sessions of the American Jewish
Congress as one of the demands that
should be pressed upon the peace con-
ference in France.

It was also proposed that the con-
gress which has been called to devise
means whereby the Jews of all lands
may obtain civil, religious and politi-

cal rights, and the abrogation of dis-
criminatory laws, call a permanent
international or universal congress to
represent and to act for the Jewish
people throughout the world.

These proposals, among many others,
were referred to committees which will
make recommendations at the peace
conference regarding Jews in Pale-
stine, Roumania, Poland, Galicia, Russia,
Lithuania, Ukraine and the new Slavic
lands.

Reports were read on the aims and
hopes of the race in many countries.
Professor Isaac Hourwich, New York,
reporting on affairs in Russia, said the
many factions of Jews in that country
are all agreed that they want, in ad-
dition to liberty and equal rights, to
be recognized as a nationality and to
be entitled to minority representation.
Leo Wolfson, representing the Ameri-
can Union of Roumanian Jews, de-
clared that Roumania is making claims
that it has emancipated the Jews. He
urged that the peace conference annul
the clause in the recent treaty of
Bucharest relating to Jewish naturaliza-
tion on the ground that it enfran-
chises but 20 per cent of the race in
that country and that the peace dele-
gates substitute another giving the
Jews equal rights.

The report on Galicia recommended
that the Jews in that territory be
recognized as a separate nationality or
entity.

ADDED LOSSES 40,440

PERSHING GIVES A DEFINITE
STATEMENT OF CASUALTIES.

War Department Calls for Informa-
tion Regarding the Famous
"Wildcat Division."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—General
Pershing called the War Department
today that practically complete reports
of deaths in action among the expedi-
tionary forces should reach the de-
partment by December 20 and of se-
verely wounded by December 27.

The report from the American com-
mander was in reply to specific ques-
tions called by the War Department.
In asking regarding the casualties in
the 30th Division, the department said
there had been "much apprehension"
here about the losses of this unit which
helped the British army break the fa-
mous Hindenburg line.

General Pershing said that the num-
ber of unreported casualties in process
of verification at the central records
office of the expeditionary forces on
December 14 was 40,440. They were
divided as follows:

Killed in action, 230; died of wounds,
275; died of disease, 353; accidentally
killed, 21; severely wounded in action,
33,371.

These included all "suspense cases
under investigation," the general said.
Total casualties to November 23 in
the 30th (Wild Cat) Division (North
Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee
National Guard) were given as 7423.

The casualties were classified as fol-
lows:

Killed in action, 1148; died of wounds,
283; died of disease, 15; died of other
causes, 5; severely wounded, 1181;
wounded, degree undetermined, 805;
slightly wounded, 3973; missing or cap-
tured, 133.

General Pershing also reported that
the number of duplicated casualties
discovered in the central records office
since November 27 would not operate
to reduce the total for the entire ex-
peditionary forces given in his sum-
mary of that date, as additional casual-
ties reported more than offset the dupli-
cates.

RECORD CROP FORECAST

CONDITIONS REPORTED ONE OF
BEST EVER KNOWN.

Department of Agriculture Reports
49,027,000 Acres Planted.
Season Almost Perfect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A huge
winter wheat crop, larger by 50,000,000
bushels than any yield in the history of
American agriculture, was forecast to-
day by the Department of Agriculture.

The Government's appeal, made be-
fore the coming of peace was in sight,
saying an acreage of 47,500,000 was de-
sirable, and the guaranteed price of
\$2.20 a bushel for wheat, stimulated ex-
traordinary effort on the part of the
farmers, said the department's an-
nouncement. As a result, 49,027,000
acres were planted during a long and
almost perfect season.

The fall growing season has been
one of the finest ever known, resulting
in the crop being in the best condition
ever recorded on December 1, and giving
promise of heavy yields.

Washington showed the largest per-
centage of increase in winter wheat
acreage, it being 135 with the acreage
392,000. Iowa showed 100 per cent in-
crease with 750,000 acres. In Oregon
and California the condition of the crop
was 100 and the increase in acreage 25
and 42 per cent, respectively.

States have sown more than a mil-
lion acres of winter wheat, the percent-
age of increase and the condition of
the crop on December 1 follow:

Pennsylvania 1,655,000, 5 per cent in-
crease; condition 98.
Virginia 1,226,000 acres; 1 per cent in-
crease; condition 94.
North Carolina 1,025,000 acres, 1 per
cent (decrease); condition 91.
Ohio, 2,374,000 acres, 1 per cent; con-
dition 104.
Indiana, 2,891,000 acres; 22 per cent;
condition 101.
Illinois 3,352,000 acres, 35 per cent,
condition 100.
Missouri 4,243,000 acres, 26 per cent,
condition 102.
Nebraska 3,511,000 acres, 12 per cent,
condition 98.
Kansas, 1,154,000 acres, 13 per cent,
condition 98.
Texas, 2,109,000 acres, 30 per cent,
condition 100.
Oklahoma, 2,590,000 acres, 10 per cent,
condition 100.

TIE-UP OF HARBOR FEARED

Shipping Board Asks Employers to
Submit Wage Difference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Declaring
that the tie-up of New York harbor
at this time "would involve the gravest
of consequences, both to this
country and the allies," the Shipping
Board tonight called on operators of
harbor craft at New York to submit
proposals for the wages of their employ-
ees.

"There still are in the American
armies in Europe over a million and
a half men," said the board's state-
ment, "and it is inconceivable that the
American people or its Government
would permit of any action which
would impede the movement of food
and supplies to these Americans."
The board said it had been informed
that 15,000 employees on the harbor
craft have threatened to strike unless
their demands for readjustment of the
wage scale are met.

For severe colds, inflammation, con-
gestion of the lungs, bruises and
rheumatism, PUROLA Medicated Plas-
ter is a good remedy. Guaranteed to
give satisfaction or money back. At
any drug store—25c and 65c cans.—
Adv.

UNCLE SAM ADVISED
TO BUY ALL WRES

Federal Ownership Imperative,
Says Mr. Burleson.

PURCHASE WOULD BE EASY

Telegraph and Phone Systems Could
Be Acquired Without Appro-
priation From Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Ownership
by the Government of the telegraph
and telephone systems of the Nation
was characterized today as "imperative"
by Postmaster-General Burleson today
in a letter to Representative Moon, chair-
man of the House committee on post-
offices and post roads. Mr. Burleson
said the systems can be acquired
"without the appropriation of a dollar
from the public treasury" by applying
to an amortization fund for 35 years
the savings made under Government
ownership through elimination of du-
plications in plants and operating ex-
penses.

In support of the Government own-
ership resolution, introduced in the House
last week by Representative Moon, the
Postmaster-General quoted from the
recent letter of Theodore N. Vail,
president of the American Telephone
& Telegraph Company, and from the
annual reports of a number of Post-
master-Generals since the Civil War,
all of whom agreed, he said, that Gov-
ernment control or ownership would
greatly contribute to the efficiency of
service.

Economic Importance Great.

"The economic importance of the
proposition to acquire the properties by
the Government is very great," Mr.
Burleson wrote. "Private capital is
invested in public service enterprises
with the expectation of 7 to 8 per cent
and often a greater return upon the
investment. This, of course, the public
is expected to pay, while the govern-
ment can borrow money at 4 1/2 per cent.
"The public, however, pays the charge
in each event. The difference between
4 1/2 per cent and 8 per cent for the
money invested in the wire system of
the United States would maintain and
pay for the property in years and
nine months. The government as
owner would no more expect to charge
for interest on the investment than it
would for money invested in postal
facilities, Navy-yards or other public
property."

An justification for the permanent
taking over of the wire systems, Mr.
Burleson said:

Public Needs Paramount.

"To establish and maintain means of
communication is as much the function
of the Government as is the provision
for national defense. . . . Moreover,
it is essential to the development of
the country and to the progress and
prosperity of its people. It is a de-
fense of the national interests as much
in peace as in war. Extension of
the wire service should be deter-
mined by public needs, not the oppor-
tunity for private gain."
The Postmaster-General said he be-
lieved that an effective plan could be
worked out by which the waste of com-
petition could be eliminated and the ad-
vantages of private initiative in re-
search, investigation and experimen-
tation not be lost.

SHIP RULES ARE OPPOSED

Washington Senator Would Build
for European Nations.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Dec. 16.—With a view to forc-
ing the Shipping Board to lift restric-
tions upon construction of steel ships
for foreign buyers, Senator Jones, of
Washington, today secured the adop-
tion of a resolution calling upon the
board to tell what limit it now
imposed upon construction of either
wooden or steel ships and the reason
therefor. Senator Jones is informed
that the Foundation Ship Building
Company, with yards in Portland, Ta-
coma and other cities, has offers of
contracts for steel ships to the amount
of \$10,000,000 for French buyers, but
that the contracts may be lost to
American yards unless they can be
accepted at an early date. There was
no opposition to the resolution.

11 DIE AT MARSHFIELD

Undertaker Ill and Bandon Director
Takes Charge.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)
—With four funerals yesterday
and seven bodies in the morgue, Mar-
shfield this afternoon was without an
undertaker. Fred Wilson, who had been
continuing work, though ill with
fluency, taking to his bed with sym-
ptoms of pneumonia.

A mild quarantine has been in effect
for several days. George Cobb, the
Bandon undertaker, arrived in the city
tonight to assume command of the
burials, reception and shipment of
bodies.

LELAND BESTER WOUNDED

Youth Loses Arm as Result of Gun's
Accidental Discharge.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)
—Leland Bester, 16-year-old son of
Frank Bester, a dairyman of this
county, accidentally shot himself in the
arm so as to necessitate its amputa-
tion.

Young Bester had been hunting in a
rowboat, and upon his return the gun
was discharged as he was in the act of
drawing the gun out of the boat.

KING'S REMOVAL DENIED

Montenegro Declares That Reported
Union With Serbia Is Untrue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Reports
that a popular assembly of Montenegro
had voted to depose King Nicholas and
unite the country with Serbia, were
denied in an official note received by
the State Department today from the
Montenegrin government.
It was said that no such assembly
existed.

SPOKANE BARS RED FLAG

City Council Passes Ordinance De-
spite Socialist's Protests.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16.—An ordi-
nance prohibiting the use or display of
the red flag in Spokane was passed by
the City Commission today over the
protest of a Socialist leader.

Sawmills Close for Holidays.

SILVERTON, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)
The Silver Falls Lumber Company
will close Saturday night for the holi-
days and the Silverton Lumber Com-

Advertisement for Lucky Strike Cigarettes. Features a large image of a pack of cigarettes with the text "LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTES" and "IT'S TOASTED". A circular logo on the right says "It's toasted". Below the pack, it says "Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co. INCORPORATED". To the left of the pack, it says "20 for 15c".

pany's mill will close next Saturday.
More than 75 men came out of the
camps Friday and Saturday and the
work in the timber will be abandoned
for several weeks, partly on account of
much snow in the mountains.

Tells a Secret
Manufacturer of Famous Medicine
Tells Ingredients, So Public Can
Appreciate Pure, Reliable Medi-
cine.

Many people fear to take medicine
to check and abort colds, cure coughs,
catarrh, etc. This fear is groundless
with all the products of The Blackburn
Products Co., Dayton, Ohio. Not one
contains opiates, narcotics or harmful
drugs. Mentho-Laxene, for coughs, colds,
catarrh and all distress following a
cold, is a compound of Wild Cherry,
Tolu, Cascara, Grindelia, Mentho Am-
monium Chloride, and alcohol suffi-
cient to preserve and keep in solution.

Every ingredient is in concentrated
form and the medicine is so strong that
only ten-drop doses are to be taken in
the "raw" state. But the ideal way is
to make into syrup by emptying a 2 1/2-
oz. bottle of Mentho-Laxene into a pint
bottle and then fill the bottle with
granulated sugar syrup, made by dis-
solving a pint of sugar in a half pint
of boiling water. It is said by thou-
sands that this makes a most effective
home treatment for all cold troubles.
The manufacturer guarantees it to
please or money back. Sold by all druggists.—Adv.

STUMEZE TABLETS

Stop Stomach Distress

Aid digestion; relieve gas, heartburn,
bloating and that awful distress that
follows overeating. Help to make good
red blood and build up the nervous
system. Neutralize stomach acidity.
There is no better medicine made for
stomach troubles than Stumzeze Tablets.
At all Drug Stores—25 cents.—Adv.

Advertisement for Usco Rubber Heels. Features an image of a shoe with a rubber heel. Text includes "Usco Rubber Heels", "Increase Heel Mileage", and "United States Rubber Company Mechanical Goods Division".

Advertisement for Mam'selle hair cream. Text includes "NEVER-TEL", "DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR", and "Mam'selle".