

LONDON'S WELCOME WILL BE LUSTY ONE

Great Gathering to See President Assured.

LITTLE LEISURE IN SIGHT

Executive Hopes to Find Time for Inspection of American Soldiers in Metropolis.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's arrival in London on a public holiday makes it certain that there will be a great gathering of Londoners to welcome him. The only handicap to would-be observers is the fact that the distance from the station to the palace is so short that it is likely that many persons will be unable to get places from which they can witness the passage of the royal and Presidential parties.

A better opportunity to see the President will be offered the public when he goes to Guild hall Saturday to receive an address from the Lord Mayor of London. President Wilson then will traverse the route the king usually follows when he visits the city for public functions—through the Strand and Fleet street and past St. Paul's Cathedral and returning along the Thames embankment.

Various public bodies have expressed a desire to present President Wilson with addresses, but the President's time in London will be so occupied with official conferences that it is not expected he will be able to receive them.

The diplomatic corps is interested in the question of precedence which will prevail at the state banquet. The general view is that the foreign Ambassadors, as personal representatives of their sovereigns or governments, will precede all except the King and the President.

Speaking of his experiences at the American hospital, the President said: "I went through the American hospital at Neuilly with the greatest interest and the greatest satisfaction. I found the men admirably taken care of and almost without exception in excellent spirits."

Boys Keenly Interested. "Only a very few of them looked really ill, and I think that their mothers and their friends would have been entirely pleased by their surroundings and by the alert look in their eyes and the keen interest they took in everything about them."

"I am sure that they will go back to their loved ones at home with a new feeling of joy, alike in their recovery and in the fine service they have been able to render."

Going to the American Hospital with the expectation of remaining an hour, the President found four hours all too short, and he felt that he could not leave without speaking to every man, and he expressed regret only of his inability to clasp the hand of every American soldier in France.

The President looked tired and worn when the ordeal was finished, but notwithstanding the cheerfulness of the men and the care which they were receiving, there were many affecting cases in the wards.

When he came to one very badly wounded, the President stopped and asked where he was from and how he had been wounded. He admired his war crosses and decorations, and noticed many of his wounds were in the leg. The President asked:

"Why have you here no man wounded in the upper part of the leg?" "Men who were wounded above the waist are not here; they have gone on," answered the soldier simply.

One of the men the President came to stood proudly erect with medals on his blouse and one arm outstretched in an eagerness for restoring its usefulness. He looked suggestively like a traffic policeman on duty.

Ex-Policeman Cheerful. "I'm glad to see you look so cheerful," said the President. "You have seen me many times before, Mr. President," responded the soldier. "I used to be a traffic policeman at the Grand Central Station. Don't you think I look natural?"

The President laughed softly. It probably was the only merry moment he had in the hospital. Another strapping fellow gave his name as Private Wilson.

"I am proud to know I have a name-sake like you," said the President. "It is a very honorable name. I only tried to do it proud," responded the soldier.

One soldier had lost both legs by a shell. "I am thankful they didn't get an arm," he said cheerfully. More than 6500 wounded Americans from the battle of Arras are in the hospital. The 1200 remaining are the most serious cases, whom miracles of modern surgery are rebuilding to resume their places in civil life, though some will probably never leave the hospital.

The President abstained from attendance at church in order to make the visit. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Rear-Admiral Grayson and was met at the entrance by the commandant and his staff. But he made it plain that he wished no ceremony. "I just want to go in and visit the boys and have a chat with them," he said.

FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN WHOSE DEATH FOLLOWS RESIGNATION.



WALTER HINES PAGE.

his face shot away. His story was almost too terrible to repeat, but the President wanted to hear. So the doctors told it to him.

Soldier Has New Face. The boy entered the hospital with so little of his face remaining that his eyes were all that are now shown in the plaster cast which begins his record. For a year he took all his food through a tube. Now by addition of one of his own ribs, a bit of shin bone and teeth from a soldier less fortunate and some scraps of odds and ends, he has a face again. Today he sat up in bed and was chewing gum. At a distance of 20 feet his face looked quite normal.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(Havas.)—President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were guests of honor at a dinner given last evening at the British Embassy by the Earl of Derby, British Ambassador. Among the guests were Count Romanones, the Spanish Premier; Vittorio Orlando, Italian Premier; Baron Sonnino, Italian Foreign Minister; General John J. Pershing, Major-General Sir David Henderson, former president of the British Air Council; Admiral W. S. Benson and Colonel E. M. House. Many prominent figures in political life were present.

Earl of Derby Escort. Following the reception that succeeded the dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were escorted to the carriage by the Earl of Derby and the secretary of the embassy. President Wilson today visited the Red Cross Hospital at Neuilly, where he shook hands individually and talked with 1200 badly wounded Americans, for the most part survivors of the Chateau Thierry action. He spent more than four hours in the hospital, visiting every ward and stopping at every bedside. Later he visited the French hospital Val de Grace.

ROME, Dec. 22.—(Havas.)—President Wilson will arrive in Rome on January 1, according to an announcement made today in the Italian newspapers.

NORTHCLIFFE PRAISES WILSON

Britain's Welcome to Be Greatest Ever, Says Publisher.

PARIS, Saturday, Dec. 21.—Lord Northcliffe, chairman of the London headquarters of the British mission to the United States and England's greatest publisher, tonight gave a reception in honor of American newspaper correspondents in Paris. It was at this function that American writers received an invitation to be guests of the British government during President Wilson's visit to England.

Lord Northcliffe said the gathering of American newspaper men in Paris was the greatest ever seen in any European country, and he was sure their visit would have great influence on the relations between the American and European continents.

President Wilson, Lord Northcliffe added, would have the greatest welcome ever given a ruler when he goes to England. He pointed out that England had suffered more than the United States during the war because she had been called on to supply France with many things. Therefore, the correspondents would find a shortage of numerous things when they went to England.

The British people, Lord Northcliffe continued, had been obliged to submit to rationing without exceptions. The newspapers had been more fortunate than some of those in other countries, because they had been more careful in conserving raw materials. Nevertheless, they had been obliged to reduce in size to one-half that of 1914.

The speaker said a warm friendship had grown up between the British and American soldiers, who had fought together at the front, and this fact certainly would afford a basis for the development of closer relations between the two foremost nations of the world.

ALL LOOK TO MR. WILSON

(Continued From First Page.) brought along, which is topheavy, with more than 100 of all sorts of experts upon pertinent problems.

The President is absolutely indifferent to the activities of his Congressional critics at home, thereby confirming the belief that he will go ahead without regard for the wishes of Congress and propose a treaty, and let the Senate take it or leave it alone.

The hotel corridors and the newspaper columns reflect the activities of a wide assortment of propagandists. The British undertaking in this line is splendidly organized and intelligently directed. The British leaders are making effective use of the friendly expressions contained in the interview President Wilson granted to the London Times, particularly the generous praise accorded to the British navy. Naturally, it is interpreted by them as indicating comparatively fair play in dealing with the freedom of the seas issue.

President Wilson's statements are cited as refutation of the view that the United States will not be influenced by British partisanship in the definition of the term "freedom of the seas." The British propagandists are very busy in other countries—in Greece, Italy and Portugal, as well as in neutral countries—recruiting support for the policies to be proposed by it at the peace conference.

WALTER HINES PAGE, AMBASSADOR, DIES

Former American Representative in England Succumbs.

ILLNESS CAUSES RETURN

Condition Improves Until Thursday, When Patient Suffers Relapse. Family Present.

PINEHURST, N. C., Dec. 22.—Walter Hines Page, former Ambassador to Great Britain, died here late last night after an illness of many weeks. Mr. Page's health began to fail nearly a year ago and he gave up his post as American representative at the Court of St. James late in the summer.

Dr. Page returned to the United States on October 12 and he was moved directly from the steamer to a hospital in New York. For a time his condition showed improvement, but in November he suffered a relapse. Early this month he rallied and 10 days ago was brought to Pinehurst. For while he seemed to grow stronger, but suffered a second relapse last Thursday.

Most of the members of Dr. Page's family were with him when death came. They included Mrs. Page, his daughter, Mrs. Charles C. Poring, of Boston; his son, Ralph W. Page, and his brothers, Henry A. Page, Junius H. Page and ex-Congressman Robert N. Page. Major Frank G. Page, who accompanied his father home from England, arrived this morning. Another son, Captain Arthur W. Page, is now serving in England.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but it was announced that services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Page Memorial Church at Aberdeen, N. C.

DELICATE SITUATIONS HANDLED

As American Ambassador Mr. Page participated in many of the important diplomatic conferences and exchanges growing out of the delicate relations between the United States and Great Britain at the time when England was blockading Germany before the United States entered the war.

He presented the British government American notes in protest against the British treatment of American commerce, and he met numerous conferences with British statesmen over this and other moot questions rising from the war.

One of these was the American note to Great Britain protesting against the misuse of the American flag when the United States was a neutral. Mr. Page was at that time one of the agents through which the few diplomatic dealings between Germany and Great Britain were conducted. It was Mr. Page who offered an agreement between England and Germany under which the United States, as well as England, was enabled to feed the starving Belgians.

Mr. Page received numerous degrees and decorations for his diplomatic services abroad.

He resigned as Ambassador in the latter part of August, 1918, on account of ill health. Regret at his retirement was expressed by the British press and by American circles in London. He returned to New York in October, suffering from heart disease, and so ill that he was taken at once to a hospital.

Development Works Written. Virtually all Mr. Page's life before his Ambassadorial appointment had been devoted to literary work. He was the author of works on the development of the southern port of the United States, in which he was particularly interested as a native of Cary, N. C., where he was born August 18, 1855. At one time Mr. Page was engaged in journalism, being connected with the staff of the New York Post. For five years he was editor of the magazine, The Forum, afterward editor of the Atlantic Monthly and literary adviser to the Houghton Mifflin Co. He was editor of the magazine, The World's Work, and a member of the publishing firm of Doubleday, Page & Company, of Garden City, L. I., which appointed American Ambassador to Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—News of the death of ex-Ambassador Page reached officials of the State Department tonight, and was received with the deepest regret. The department will send an official representative to Aberdeen to attend the funeral.

Without experience in the diplomatic field until his appointment by President Wilson to the Court of St. James in April, 1913, Dr. Page soon manifested to the satisfaction of the State Department that the diplomatic business of the Government in Great Britain safely could be entrusted to him.

Dr. Page's health began to fail early last summer, and in August he sent his resignation to President Wilson.

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ARMY NURSE IN GERMANY. Miss Jeanette Downey Meets Camp Lewis Men in Belgium. TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Miss Jeanette Downey, an Army nurse who was stationed at Camp Lewis early after its establishment, met officers and men of the 91st Division in Belgium. Boys that she had known at the base hospital were more than kind to her over there, she told her sister, Mrs. Mary Berry, of Tacoma, in a letter just received. It is believed that Miss Downey is now in Germany, as she is attached to Mobile Hospital Unit No. 9. She was attached to the regular Army before coming to Camp Lewis, having entered the service after her graduation from a Tacoma hospital. Historical Meeting Abandoned. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The American Historical Association announces that upon the advice of the Cleveland, O., health authorities the annual meeting of the association, which was to be held at Cleveland December 27-28, had been abandoned.

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