

WILSONS HAVE ROYAL GUEST ROOMS

Age-Long Tradition at Buckingham Palace Broken.

BELGIAN SUITE RESERVED

President and Wife to Have Quarters Hitherto Used Only by European Crowned Heads.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The "Belgian suite," reserved exclusively for royal guests until now, will be occupied by President and Mrs. Wilson during their stay in London.

It was given its name during Queen Victoria's reign and was always known as the house of the King of the Belgians, when royalty was entertained here.

At the request of President Wilson, who evidently found that too much is being crowded into his short stay in England, the proposed dinner at Lancaster House on Saturday night has been eliminated.

Palace Attendants Puzzled. Those in charge of the details of the arrangements, particularly the officials at Buckingham Palace, are at times puzzled over the niceties of etiquette, the result of the unique situation that there will be no royal guests at the palace.

When President Wilson ceases to be the guest of France at Calais at 12:30 o'clock Thursday the British Admiralty will assume the role of host. The President will go directly from his train to a cross-Channel boat, probably the Brighton, which is an Admiralty-controlled vessel.

No Americans in Escort. No American crews are included in the plans for the escort. The American Army and Navy will participate in the reception only through the attaches in the diplomatic service.

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 23.—Although far away from the Christmas spirit, the usual 40-pound turkey, President and Mrs. Wilson will enjoy something of the spirit of Christmas, even though the day is spent in the battle zone.

Mrs. Wilson has also been shopping alone at odd times and when Christmas morning comes it is fairly certain that Santa Claus will have visited the President's special train while en route to Chaumont.

Return January 1 Expected. The latest changes made by the British government in the itinerary of President Wilson's visit to England would bring him to London on Monday, Yea's day he will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday in London and will have conferences Saturday. The President will be in Paris on Sunday and will make an important speech in Manchester on Monday. He would return to London Tuesday and leave the same day for Paris, where he will arrive Wednesday.

The President's Christmas programme provides for his leaving on a special train at 10 o'clock in the morning, the schedule for the run providing for the train's arrival at Chaumont, General Pershing's headquarters, at 7 A. M. The party will take automobiles thence to Langres, where the review of American troops will take place. The President will take lunch at midday with the troops, returning to Chaumont in the afternoon. On the return the train will leave Chaumont at 4 P. M. and reach Paris at 9 o'clock in the evening.

U. S. INFLUENCE PARAMOUNT

Viscount Grey Discusses Prospects for League. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Viscount Grey, former Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has written at the request of the research committee of the League of Nations Union an introductory note to a pamphlet entitled "The Peace Conference and After." After urging the great opportunity afforded by the peace conference for taking a practical step in the direction of forming a league of nations, Viscount Grey says:

"It is not necessary for the peace conference to create a league of nations. The conference will in itself be a vital beginning of such a league. All that is absolutely necessary is that it should not commit suicide, but keep itself active by adjoining and leaving a permanent organization, instead of dissolving itself and destroying its machinery."

"This is not all that is desirable, but it is all that is essential. A beginning that has in it the seeds of a more complete and more attractive creation that has no life. One is a living thing while the other is a piece of furniture."

SAFETY FIRST. Avoid the crowds of the department stores and do your Christmas shopping in comfort and safety at the specialty stores. You pay no more, and secure better service. Ben Selling LEADING CLOTHIER Morrison Street at Fourth.

POWERS APPEAR DILATORY

U. S. ENVOYS ONLY ONES YET OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

Peace Terms to Be Proposed by Britain About Ready and Will Be Known Soon.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The United States is the only country which has definitely and officially announced the composition of its delegation to the peace conference. News reports have contained names of British, Italian, Belgian and Japanese delegates, but the French Foreign Office has received no notification of these appointments.

The work of the American commissioners will not be delayed by President Wilson's visit to England. It is stated that the daily conferences will continue among the delegates and the corps of specialists with such representatives of the entente and neutral governments as may wish to communicate with the American delegates. Such discussions will naturally be purely informal.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Cabinet, it is said, will be able to finish by tomorrow night the task of framing the terms to be proposed by Great Britain at the inter-allied conference preceding the peace congress. The final draft should be ready by Christmas day. It will be discussed at the conference between President Wilson and the War Cabinet.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson's conference today and tomorrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will lay the principal part of the groundwork for the actual peace conference.

Mr. Wilson considers the most pressing problem before the peace conference nations in a fair way toward being solved. This is the question of supplying food to the starving peoples of liberated countries. It now seems probable that the work will be handled principally by the United States through its loan.

The visit of Premier Romanones, of Spain, to Paris has brought about a definite understanding concerning the status of neutral nations before the peace congress. A member of the American Peace Commission said to the Associated Press today that whenever a question arose affecting the interest of any neutral nation it would have its opportunity of being heard, probably through delegates called in when their interests are affected.

It developed today that Premier Romanones of Spain plans to return to Paris in the near future to confer with the allied premiers and the American representatives on questions vitally concerning Spain. The Spanish premier is credited in some quarters with the project of raising the question of the return of Gibraltar to Spain and laying it before the peace conference.

BRITAIN TO GIVE ITS BEST

President Not Coming for Politics, Says London Paper.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Commenting upon the visit of President Wilson to England, the Daily Mail says: "We shall give him of our best. Mr. Wilson is not coming here for politics. His visit is for international connection and is to visibly cement the two English-speaking peoples, cradled in whose hands reposes the new-born peace of the world."

Catholics Appeal to Wilson.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Wilson is the recipient of numerous petitions from American Catholics, both clerical and lay, including several bishops, directing his attention to the Irish question and expressing the hope that he will endeavor to aid in its solution.

Wilson Against Sinking Ships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It may be stated authoritatively that President

Wilson will oppose in the most direct fashion proposals from any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice.

MR. STETTINIUS TO REPORT

Second Assistant Secretary of War Returns From Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Edward R. Stettinius, Second Assistant Secretary of War, an American member of the inter-allied munitions council formed for unifying allied shipments of war supplies and material to ship tonnage, returned today on the steamship Cedric. Mr. Stettinius, who was formerly a partner in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., has been abroad since July and will return to Europe about January 15, after making a report to the War Department. He left for Washington soon after his arrival here.

THREE CHARGES DISMISSED

Mooney Associate Scores in San Francisco Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Three charges of murder against Edward J. Mooney, co-defendant of Thomas J. Griffin in the preparedness day bomb murder cases here, were dismissed by Superior Judge Franklin A. Griffin today because of lack of evidence. Judge Griffin is the judge who tried and sentenced Mooney to be hanged following his conviction as one of the bomb murderers. Mooney's sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment. Five charges of murder remain against Nolan in two other counts.

VERSAILLES SEEKS HONOR

City Would Be Capital of Society of Nations.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The foreign affairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies is considering a bill which would make Versailles the capital of the proposed society of nations. The bill is backed by the deputies from Versailles and the department of Seine-et-Oise. It proposes to put the buildings at Versailles at the disposal of the states represented at the peace conference, giving them extraterritorial rights.

Rhine Speedily Bridged.

MAYENCE, Sunday, Dec. 23.—The Rhine threw a pontoon bridge across the Rhine at Nierstein on Friday. This bridge, which is over 1000 feet in length, was built in five hours.

DREADNAUGHTS LEAD LINE

POWERFUL FLEET WILL REACH NEW YORK THURSDAY.

After Parade All Officers and Crews Will Be Allowed to Visit Relatives and Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Steaming home from participation in the bloodless allied victory over the German armada, America's overseas battle fleet, nine super-dreadnaughts, with the Pennsylvania, flagship of Admiral Mayo, commander of the Navy, as escort, will arrive off New York harbor just in time to lead the great peace review by Secretary of the Navy Daniels Thursday morning.

Though officers on the staff of Vice Admiral Grant, commander of the "home fleet," were unable tonight to state the position of the westward cruising squadron, they announced that the returning warships "would not pass the Statue of Liberty before 9 o'clock on the morning of the 26th."

Owing to delay of the destroyers and small craft in the overseas fleet by storms, it was said, only 6000 officers and men, two-thirds of the complement of Rear-Admiral Rodman's and Rear-Admiral Rodgers' battleship squadrons, will march in the parade. This will start immediately after the naval review, probably shortly after noon, and upon its conclusion shore leaves, affecting in rotation every officer and man aboard the returning vessels, will be put into effect.

6025 SOLDIERS ARE LAUDED

CEDRIC AND GEORGE WASHINGTON AT NEW YORK.

Rijndam Reported to Have Left France December 19 With 3000 Officers and Men Aboard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The United States transport George Washington, which took President Wilson to France, and the steamship Cedric arrived here today, bringing 6025 men from overseas in time to celebrate Christmas in the United States.

The Cedric, from Liverpool, with 65

BIG FREE SHOW. The Liberty's Annual Free Show for the Kiddies of Portland—A Present for Every Child—Santa Claus—Bill Hart—Charlie Chaplin—"Fatty" Arbuckle 'n Everything. THIS MORNING PROMPTLY AT 9 A.M. LIBERTY. LAST TIMES TONIGHT. "Two Years in Hell and Back With a Smile" With "PRIVATE PEAT" STARTING TOMORROW. FOUR THRILL FILLED DAYS. "The Midnight Patrol" moves faster than the action of a Browning machine gun. THOMAS HINCE.

officers and 2168 enlisted men, docked first and was accorded a rousing reception, but the welcome to the George Washington, which arrived an hour later, from Brest, was perhaps the most enthusiastic the city has yet given a returning transport. The big liner had on board 331 officers and 3461 men, more than half of them members of the "Cyclone Division," made up of Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia National Guard troops. The George Washington's 963 sick and wounded, contrary to custom, were in possession of their honorable discharge papers when the transport landed. They received them last night with cigarettes and candy, at a novel Christmas celebration, arranged by Chaplain P. F. Bloemhardt, of the George Washington.

Colonel Halstead Dorey, of Washington, wearing the four wound stripes, was one of the officers on the George Washington. After being gassed twice and wounded once in the leg, Colonel Dorey's hip was injured at Verdun by an explosion shell. He is a veteran of Cuba and the Philippines and a former member of the staff of Major-General Leonard Wood, before sailing for France he commanded the first Plattsburg training camp for business men. Lieutenant George W. Buryear, of Memphis, Tenn., who escaped from Germany by swimming the Rhine, after being in five German camps, was another passenger. Lieutenant Buryear was captured when he descended after a German aviator he had shot down, and landed, to his surprise, behind the German lines.

A Hot One. Chili Con Carne... 5c. Liberty Sandwich... 5c. Good Cup of Coffee... 5c. A whole meal for... 15c. AT WOOD'S QUICK LUNCH 101 Sixth St., Corner Stark.

COLUMBIA ALL THIS WEEK. ALREADY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE CHUCKLED, GIGGLED AND LAUGHED at MARGUERITE CLARK IN "LITTLE MISS HOOVER". Pictograph Mutt and Jeff. NOTE: Here is probably the most delightful Christmas offering in the city this year. You chuckle and laugh all the way through it. And you go out with a smile. IT'S "WORTH-WHILE"

Give Living Presents. Cheerful, Different, Interesting, Lasting. Another Shipment of Extra Fancy Stock Due This Morning. Canary Birds. We have a beautiful lot of singers in full song. Call and see them and hear them sing. You will be pleased. Parrots, Fancy Finches, Cage Birds, Cages, Bird and Pet Supplies. Gold Fish. Our supply was never better. 25c to \$5.00. Puppies, Kittens. Scotch Collie, Fox Terrier and Boston Toy Bull Persian Kittens. Flowering Plants, Ferns, Palms, Etc. Very appropriate to ANY ONE. Perhaps you know some ONE whom you can remember in NO OTHER WAY. We have a very large and varied stock of house plants, FERNS, PALMS, POINSETTIA, BEGONIAS, PRIMULAS, CYCLAMENS, etc. from 75c to \$7.50. Early shoppers tell us we have the largest display at the MOST REASONABLE PRICES. Xmas cards free. Plants well wrapped and delivered free. Holly Wreath, Cedar Hoop, Cut Holly, Mistletoe, Xmas Trees. Routledge Seed & Floral Co. 145 Second St., Bet. Morrison and Alder. Store Open Evenings and Xmas Until Noon. PHONE YOUR WANT ADS TO THE OREGONIAN, Main 7070 A 6095