TITANS OF OCEAN REACH HOMELAND

Ten Overseas Battlers Anchor Off Sandy Hook.

SMALLER CRAFT OUTDISTANCED

Triumphal Procession to Enter Harbor Early Tomorrow.

REVIEW TO ATTRACT NATION

Exchange of Official Greetings Between Commanders Announces Coming of Great Fleet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- Ten great batoverseas armada returning to home shores after 18 months' service in Euter the harbor tomorrow in triumphal

Secretary Daniels. The titans of the sea, leading scores clad, the message declared, and clothing of smaller craft in the race for the and food were imperative. homeland, reached Ambrose Channel lightship at 3 o'clock this afternoon miral Henry T. Mayo aboard, convoxed President Wilson's ship to the coast of Rev. Joseph F. McGrath May Leave

Commanders Exchange Greetings.

today when the Despatch, the yacht be Bishop of Baker, Or. from whose mast now flies the flag of a wireless message from the Pennsylthe commander-in-chief, expressed to the officers and men of the home fleet the Christmas greetings of thousands of sailor men returning from

A few minutes later the radio apparatus of the Despatch crackled out this mensage:

The commander of Battle Force No I and the officers and men of Battle Force No. 1 sincerely appreciate the seasonal greetings received from the commander-in-chief. In return the commander of Battle Force No. 1 and the officers and men of his command wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the homecoming overseas

Smaller Craft Outdistanced.

Outdistancing the destroyers and smaller craft which left for home with them, the 10 battleships reported by wireless two days ago that they could steam into New York on Christmas day. They were ordered, however, to "loaf" along, as their reception was planned

But "loaf" as they might, the great craft could not forever put off the moment when they would reach these shores, and this afternoon they came to anchor about 40 miles from Battery Park. At once two ocean tugs, loaded to the rail with Christmas letters, raced down to Ambrose Channel and delivered their cargo.

Review to Attract Nation. Besides the Pennsylvania, the fleet comprises the New York, flagship of Division No. 19, with Vice-Admiral Hugh Rodman; the Texas, Nevada, Arkansas, Florida and Wyoming, all of Division No. 9; the Utah, flagship of Division No. 6, with Vice-Admiral

and Arizona of the same division. To New York falls the honor of acclaiming for the whole Nation the homecoming fleet and it is predicted that the review and land parade tomorrow will go down in history as the greatest spectacle of its kind this half of the world has ever known.

Thomas S. Rodgers; and the Oklahoma

Whistles to Shrick Welcome.

When the long column of fighting ships, led by the Arizona, enters the narrows tomorrow morning and moves to the anchorage berths in the Hudson it will be escorted by an aerial fleet of 21 seaplanes and two dirigibles from

the naval air station at Rockaway. Besides these aircraft hovering overhead, the giant battleships will be accompanied by three kite balloons. One, towed by the Gloucester and flying at a height of 800 feet, will move nearly a mile ahead of the Arizona, while be hind the Florida, the last ship in line,

will be towed the other two. Residents of every hamlet facing on New York Bay are eagerly awaiting their opportunity of being first to salute the homecoming armada.

Every factory whistle for miles around received a final inspection, so that they should not fail to speak their welcome. It is expected that not a square foot of soil on the heights of Brooklyn or Staten Island will be vacant, while millions will throng both banks of he Hudson to hall the returning ships as they come to anchor

Officials to Greet Ships.

At New York the overseas fleet will find awaiting to greet it great battleships of the home fleet and many swift destroyers which have been doing convoy and patrol duty in American waters. This home fleet is tonight anchored in the Hudson.

At the Statue of Liberty, to the west of the main channel, will be stationed the Presidential yacht Mayflower, carrying Secretary Daniels, who arrived here tonight from Washington for the (Concluded on Page 5, Column L)

AID FOR DESTITUTE IN NEAR EAST PROMISED

RELIEF SHIP TO LEAVE NEW YORK ABOUT JANUARY 15.

Cablegrams Tell of Appalling Conditions in Armenia and Syria. Millions Are Starving.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 .- An American relief expedition carrying relief physicians, nurses and supplies will sail next nonth for the Near East, it was an Committee for Armenian and Syrian

"The United States Government," the statement said, "has loaned to the committee a 7000-ton transport which will Stars and Stripes and Tricolor sail about the middle of January with a commission of agricultural experts, doctors, nurses, medical supplies and great numbers of modern American farm implements which will be used in increasing next year's crop."

The committee made public a series of cablegrams received by it, by J. P. Morgan & Co. and by the State Department, setting forth needs of the people in the Near East and describing onditions of starvation and death. One message, signed by Charles P. Gates, president of the Robert College, said the situation was "desperate." Another said "6000 children are destitute," and asked for \$600,000 for Red Cross purposes. Cables from Turkey tleships, the vanguard of America's said 2,000,000 deported Armenians, assembled at various towns in hopes of returning to their homes, were starving ropean waters, dropped anchor this aft- and that only 40,600 of these might which has been closely associated with ernoon off Sandy Hook. They will en- survive, Without immediate relief only the history of the American expedione-quarter of Armenia's population tionary worces in France and is now procession and under the shadow of could live until the next harvest, the headquarters of the commander in Liberty's statue pass in review before death rate amounting to 20,000 monthly. chief. It is the town from which More than 200,000 were virtually un- America's part in finishing the war

Tacoma Jurisdiction.

ROME, Monday, Dec. 23 .- Pope Bene-The first word that the battle fleet dict has nominated Rev. Joseph F. Mc. dent and Mrs. Wilson, who, after rewas about to enter home waters was Grath, parish priest of St. Patrick's sponding to the cordial greetings, received here shortly after midnight Church, Tacoma, diocese of Seattle, to passed through a salon hung with red

The nomination is also announced of Vice-Admiral A. W. Grant, picked up Rev. Edmond Heelan, parish priest of Infantry and a company of the 102d the Church of the Sacred Heart, in Fort American Infantry were drawn up to vania. This message signed by Admiral Dodge, Iowa, diocese of Sioux City, as render honors. titular Bishop of Herass (Gerasa?).

LIQUOR BAN EMPTIES JAIL Colville Has No Arrests for Liquor

Violations in Four Months. COLVILLE, Wash., Dec. 25 .- (Special.)-The Stevens County Jail has been without a prisoner for nearly four

months for violation of the prohibition Recent adoption of the bone-dry law has, according to the officers, rendered the jail almost useless to the com-

munity.

Chaumont, U. S. Headquarters, in Gala Dress.

month for the Near East, it was an-nounced here today by the American CITIZENS JOIN IN GREETING

Fly Everywhere.

SOLDIERS LATER REVIEWED

President and Mrs. Wilson Take Train for North Coast, Whence They Embark for England.

CHAUMONT, Dec. 25 .- (By the Asso clated Press.) - President Wilson received a most cordial welcome today from the people of Chaumont, a town was directed.

The Presidential train, which left Paris at midnight, drew into the Chau-They were headed by the superdread-nought Pennsylvania, which, with Adthe French officer commanding the zone: M. Fossien, prefect of the Department of the Marne, and M. Levy-Alphandery, Mayor of Chaumont, were on the platform to receive the Presitapestries and flags to the courtyard, where a company of the 199th French

Streets Brilliantly Decorated.

The exterior of the station and the courtyard had been decorated for the occasion by American soldiers with the French and American colors. passing the guard of honor in review the President took his place in a motor car and the party proceded to the City Hall. Dense crowds massed behind the lines of guards in khaki: the streets were brilliantly decorated and hung with banners bearing inscriptions of

As the party passed through the neo-(Concluded on Page 7, Column 1.)

Official Casualty Report.

nined, 1464 slightly, and 110 are miss ing in action. Following is the tabu-

lated summary:

WASHINGTON.

IDAHO.

GEORGIA.

INDIANA. R., Osgood, Ind. IOWA.

MAINE. Died of disease-freen, A. B., Winterville, Me. Demerritt, L. P., Sanford, Me. MINNESUTA. Died of disease-issen, J. A., Hutchinson, Minn, chason, Gillman, Brooten, Minn,

MONTANA. ported missing) -- Rollwitz, Carl P., Laurel, Mont. MISSOURI.

W lists today contain 3671 names, of which 24 died of disease, 1693 are counded severely, 980 degree undeter-

Total casualties 187,961 3671 191,632

Wounded severely—
Jarvis. F. A., Myrtic Point, Or.
Lingic, A. G., Boring, Or.
Yates, I. R., Banks, Or.
Tourlin, Erick, Astoria, Or.
Wounded, degree undetermined—
Cook, Mortimer P. (Lt.); Mrs. R. R. Cook,
450 East Fortich street North, Portland, Or.
Saul, T. W. (Lt.); Mrs. Mary Louise Saul,
440 East Seventeenth street North, Portland, Or.
Schiewe, George; Jacob Schiewe, 451 Webster
street, Portland, Or.
Schiewe, George; Jacob Schiewe, 451 Webster
street, Portland, Or.
Sparits, F. C., Pilot Rock, Or.
Missing in action—
Nicison, J. C., Tillamook, Or.
Wounded, undetermined (previously reported missing)—
Nivison, R. C., 283 Lincoln st., Portland, Or.
WASBINGTON.

WASBINGTON.

WASHINGTON.

Wounded severeiy—
Wilder, C. O., Spokane, Wash.
Payne, H. L. (Cpt.), Camas, Wash.
Johnson, D. Ls. Everett, Wash.
Serg, T. R., Tacoma, Wash.
Jarge, T. R., Tacoma, Wash.
Mohr, H. J. (Sgt.), Spokane, Wash.
Mohr, H. J. (Sgt.), Spokane, Wash.
Smith, F. G. (Sgt.), Seattle, Wash.
Dybdohl, A. G., Puyallup, Wash.
Helm, J. T., Okanogan, Wash.
Clark, Benton (Sgt.), Seattle, Wash.
Wounded, Degree undetermined—
Benson, Chris. Seattle, Wash.
Olsen, A. C. (Wag.), Spokane, Wash.
Clamstock, H. D. (Wag.), Walla Walls, Wash.
Oress, D. L., Marcus, Wash.
Oress, D. L., Marcus, Wash.
Wounded slightly—

Well, J. Scattle, Wash,
Kison, John, Ritaville, Wash,
Kravatr, James, Cushiman, Wash,
Wounded, undetermined (previously
ported missing)—
Evans, David i., Lehi, Wash,
Mell, Pietro, Scattle, Wash,

Wounded severity.

Rinker, L. E., Emmett, Idaho.
Milke, C. W., Kellogg, Idaho.
Milke, C. W., Kellogg, Idaho.
Pearson, George (Sgl.), Boise, Idaho.
Badgley, J. C. (Mech.), Hope, Idaho.
Wounded—undetermined—
Andrews, W. H., Downey, Idaho.
Young, D. A., Rupert, Idaho.
Wounded slightly—
Mock, C. E., Gilmore, Idaho.
Tiffany, B. G., Twin Falls, Idaho.
Cox, E. W., Parma, Idaho.
GEORGIA.

Died of disease-rickland, H. G., Watkinsville, Ga. R., Nemaha, Is.

Died of disease— Deveries, Gustave, Holland, Mich.

EADERS ASSURED

President Finds Agreement in Principles.

OLD FRIENDSHIPS RENEWED

Soldiers in Address by Their Commander-in-Chief.

(By the Associated Press.) CHAUMONT, Dec. 25.—In his address to the American soldiers today Presi-

his arrival here today President Wilson said;

"I feel that I have been peculiarly have given me, and it is the more de- already is his. lightful because it so obviously comes from the heart, and I cannot but becerity of the feeling of the United States for France.

Ancient Friendship Renewed.

upon a communion of principle. You have spoken very generously and beautifully of the relations which have sprung up between yourselves and our soldiers. That is because they came not only to associate themselves with you as the champion of liberty. but with personal affections in their hearts for the people of France and it must have been that which you realized. They did not come as strangers in their thoughts. They brought Lieutenant in the 18th Engineers, acfeel at home the moment they were at

Havre or at Brest in France.

PRESIDENT TO SPUR **DELEGATES TO ACTION**

PEACE COUNCIL DELAYS CAUSE OFFICIAL UNREST.

Mr. Wilson Will Use Britain Visit to Explain His Meaning of Freedom of the Seas.

BY HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE. (Copyright by the New York World. Pub-lished by Arrangement.)

PARIS, Dec. 25 .- (Special Cable.)here is growing feeling of dissatisfaction over the delay faced by the peace conference in getting down to business. President Wilson shares this inrest, arising from lack of speed, and land the occasion of an effort to expedite matters.

Because of the uncertainty of the conference programme he has declined to make engagements binding him too far in advance so that he can be free for action when the time for it comes. The difatory tactics in relation to the peace conference were made the subject for critical comments in several French papers today, some ascribing the delay to natural causes, while others insist that it was due to the fact that there was no definite policy. Those holding the latter view are found among the reactionaries, who are not supporting the league of na-

tions principle. Behind the President's visit to Britdent Wilson said he did not find in He will use it as an opportunity to confute the scoffer and to astonish the the hearts of the great leaders with make a special statement on his learned. It could not well be otherwhom he was co-operating any differ- meaning of the freedom of the seas. wise, then, but that childish hearts at ence of principle or of fundamental Already he has indicated his accept- Christmas time should be filled, be-In response to an address presented world maritime position which re- standing and with happy awe. to him at the Hotel de Ville soon after quires peculiar treatment. It is exfidence that he will interpret his at- the jewels of Aladdin won from the titude in a manner that will assure genie, there came a little boy and his nonored in the generous reception you full British support, which, in fact, daddy, to stand before the tall, spar-

The President declines to set a date for the Italian or Belgian visit until found duplication through a dozen relieve that it is an instinctive response the conference is arranged. It is reato the feeling that is in my own sonably certain that he will go to both breast, because I think that even you, countries, but his plans today, I am inwho feel contact with our soldiers, formed, do not include any extended cannot but realize the depth and sinvisit to the devastated regions.

Advices here indicate that his visit to Britain will equal or exceed that in France in the intensity of its welcome "It is an ancient friendship, but it The usual British phlegmaticism has has been renewed and has taken on been abandoned and preparations are a new youth. It is a friendship which being made to have their guest feel is not merely tentative, but one based he is among his own-which parallels President Wilson's own sentiments.

WILLARD SHAVER WINS BAR

Ex-Reporter on The Oregonian Is Made Second Lieutenant.

Willard Shaver, former general assignment reporter for The Oregonian, has just been commissioned as Second cording to word received yesterday by his sister, Miss Cora Shaver.

Lieutenant Shaver gave up "So I am very much moved by being portorial work on The Oregonian to was surely the most remarkable and enlist in the engineering regiment altogether happy Christman within shortly after war was declared. He recollection. They spoke as from conwas promoted to Corporal some months viction. The genuine geniality of the ago. Lieutenant Shaver has been in day, that spell that lends itself not to France for a year and his regiment analysis, but that rises from the very was at the front for months. Lieu- founts of selfless sensibility, had them tenant Shaver has served as sporting in thrall. editor of the Spiker, the official newspaper of the engineering contingents in France, for several months.

ONE DAY FREE FROM DEATH

Los Angeles Authorities Report 174 New Flu Cases.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25 .- Reports received for the 24 hours preceding 5 o'clock tonight showed only 153 cases of influenza and no deaths from the disease, according to a statement issued by the health authorities. There were 174 new cases and 20 deaths reported yesterday.

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CHRISTMAS, 1918, HAPPIEST IN YEARS

Great Warm Human Heart of City Aroused.

GENUINE

he purposes making his visit to Eng- Path Through War's Darkness Ends in Sunlight.

ANCIENT TRUTHS TRIUMPH

Spirit of the Day Practically and Visibly Demonstrated by Kindly Residents of Portland.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

Out of the mouths of babes, so runs ain lies another and deeper purpose, an ancient adage, issues wisdom to ance of his belief that Britain has a youd all others, with intuitive under-

Last night, when the lights on the ected by those in the President's con- big tree in Liberty Place blazed like kiing fir. Across the way, in the many windows of the postoffice, the tres flections

> "Christmas Is Everywhere." The little boy looked from the tree o the window and back again. The ne was not more real than its lovely counterparts in the darkened glassfor Christmas is the season of miraies, as it has been for almost a score

> "Christmas is everywhere, daddy, ain't it?" observed the 6-year seer. And the Christmas that came to Portland yesterday, in all truth, was verywhere. In the big and little burches, where folk sang of the first Christmas; in the down-town theaters, where they gathered for an hour before or after dinner; on the bright. chill streets, where they cailed greetings one to another; in the thousands of homes where the trees were lighted and the horns were blown-but most of all in the great warm human heart

of the city itself. 1918 Xmas Long to Be Remembered. People said again and again that it

For theirs was the knowledge of a dark path that had led to sunlight, through victory and faith redeemed. Before them, as never men were given to witness in other years, was the triumphant exemplification of certain truth that came to light in Bethlehem, over and ever so long ago. For fortunate America and for her allies, in he year 1918, the word has no empty

So Portland, as a city, set about to ee that not a si.... e shadow should fall athwart the Yule. Certain kindly persons had vowed that the spirit of the day, practically and visibly demonstrated, should enter every home. So well did they work that when night fell vesterday, in all Portland, so far as searching inquiry could reveal, there was not a child who had not been given happiness, not a home in which Christmas had not been kept.

Couriers in motor cars, authorized

emissaries of the good Santa Claus

himself, sped to every institution

where children live, lacking mothers and dads, and big sisters and brothers, Their cargoes were toys and candy and nuts-a delightful array of gifts-and they bestowed them liberally. "Temmy Swivel" Has Many Guests. In the huge dining hall of the Cham-

ber of Commerce, with a band playing and a hand-organ creaking entrancing ly, hundreds of small guests gathered at the laden tables prepared by Tommy French refugeer plight heartbreaking, says Swivel and his ... any aides. Such a Mr. Hoover. Page 6. dinner confronted them as would have dinner confronted them as would have gladdened the heart of oliver Twist, and there was never a beadle to reprove them when they asked for more.

dale, and there reside a number of suspend activi- elderly ladies and gentlemen who have many memories of other Yules, but none to keep with them the seasons that come close to the chapter's end. The Kiwanis Club took Christmas to them yesterday. No phrase suffices more than the well-polished line of many social stories-"and a good time was had by all." The Kiwanis Club stood sponsor as well for yesterday's Christmus party at the Tuberculosis

Hospital. Ad Club Visits Bubies.

To the St. Agnes Baby Home, near Oregon City, the Portland Ad Club repaired with any quantity of sugar delights and bright toys. there any home or institution—a loathed but inescapable word, that last-which did not, either yesterday or on Christmas eve, find its doors thrown open to a rush of merry friends and a swirl of Chgistmas

spirit. The Salvation Army, that smiling, oden schooners declared to be best to ber carriers. Page 5. (Concluded on Page 14, Column 4.)

GERMAN ARMY RETREATS, BEATEN AND DEJECTED, THROUGH LIEGE.



TROOPS MARCH THROUGH STREETS BE-FLAGGED FOR ALLIES. This is the first picture to arrive in this country showing the German army evacuating Belgium in accordance with the terms of the armistice. German troops are on the marc through the city of Liege. It is of great interest to note the allied flags which decorate the streets. On the left can be seen the Union Jack, while from the houses on the right the Stars and Stripes are fluttering amidst allied flags.