

BIG GERMAN LINER TO TAKE WILSON ABROAD

Luxurious Cabin Suites Are Ready for Occupancy.

TRIP HISTORY MAKING ONE

Battleship and Five Fast Destroyers Will Be Convoy; Hour of Sailing Is Unknown.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The American transport George Washington, selected by President Wilson to convey to Europe himself and other members of the American delegation to the peace conference, will be conveyed by the battleship Pennsylvania and a fleet of five fast destroyers. The George Washington is lying tonight at her pier in Hoboken in readiness to sail on her history making trip at a moment's notice.

To Rear Admiral Gleaves, commander of the cruiser and transport force of the Atlantic fleet, fell the honor of providing for the presidential ship, arranging details of the voyage and the protecting force of war vessels, and selecting the transport's complement of officers and men. Captain Edward McCauley, U. S. N., commands the George Washington, and the crew has been drawn entirely from the navy. The escorting battleship is commanded by Captain Lewis Nulton.

Great Liner Was German.

The George Washington, a vessel 35,320 gross tons, was formerly one of the crack liners of the North German Lloyd fleet. Although she has been used as a troop transport for more than a year, many of her luxurious cabin suites were not removed and the best of these have been reserved for the presidential party.

When launched in 1908 the ship was named by Dr. David Jayne Hill, then American Ambassador to Germany, and it was the only large German vessel seized by the United States from the name of which was not changed.

Capable of making about 21 knots speed at that time, American marine engineers have improved her engines and it is possible that she will establish a new record for herself on the coming voyage.

Time of Departure Not Known.

The exact time of the departure of the George Washington is not yet known, but today the engines of the big liner were given a last testing out at the dock at which she is made fast prepared for the arrival of the presidential party.

The ship is lying convenient to a spur track over which the President's train will arrive. The pier and track will be under guard of soldiers and sailors and secret service men.

ESCORT FLEET ALL-AMERICAN

Formidable Array of Battleships Will Greet President.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—President Wilson on reaching European waters in all likelihood will be escorted by a fleet of only American warships, but by a formidable array of them. In view of the lack of official notification regarding Mr. Wilson's trip, it is understood that neither the French nor the British governments have been requested to aid in the naval reception. The British authorities, however, unofficially are discussing plans to welcome the American President should he come here.

American battleship commanders, probably all nine of them in these waters, are understood to be holding themselves in readiness to proceed to a point 100 miles or so off Brest to meet the presidential liner and the battleship accompanying it across the Atlantic. It is probable that 24 American torpedo destroyers will join in the reception.

There is no likelihood, it is stated here, that the warships will proceed as far as the mid-Atlantic for the meeting as has been stated.

ANNEXED HUNS MOURNFUL

Boches in Alsace and Lorraine Find Selves in Queer Position.

STRASSBOURG, Nov. 30.—Several hundred thousand Germans in Alsace and Lorraine have begun to experience suffering like that which the Germans have inflicted upon the natives during the last 48 years. A great many of them who have held public offices find their occupations suddenly withdrawn.

In addition the Germans dislike to leave Alsace-Lorraine. They now strongly prefer the two provinces to Germany. They have ceased to be German, but still have not become Alsacians.

"It is not French rule that we dread," said the daughter of the first German station master to arrive in Lorraine after the war of 1870. "It is the native population that will not accept us."

MR. HUGHES GIVES WARNING

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should provide a sensible plan for railroad regulation permitting sound credit and growth, stabilizing securities and insuring adequate service at reasonable rates. He further declared that serious labor conditions were looming on the horizon and suggested that in order to take up the labor slack an effort should be made to start immediately all important public work throughout the country which has been held up during the war.

AMERICA'S DELEGATES TO WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE.



BANK CLEARINGS LARGER

NOVEMBER BUSINESS GREATER THAN FOR LAST YEAR.

Building Permits and Postal Receipts Also Show Steady Increase.

Bank clearings and balance totals for November, postal receipts and total value of building permits issued all exceed those for the corresponding month of last year. The greatest gains are registered in banking totals and building permits.

Bank clearings for November of this year totaled \$132,049,603.97, compared with \$94,092,802.97 for November of last year, according to figures announced by the Clearing-House Association. Balances for the month just ended totaled \$29,176,619.88, compared with \$26,621,118.95 for November of 1917.

Clearings for the first 11 months of this year totaled \$1,181,111,864, compared with \$784,352,321 for the same period of 1917.

In round numbers the value of the building permits issued during November was \$519,000, compared with \$498,360 in October and \$388,325 in November of 1917. Building permits issued the first 11 months of this year total \$5,297,930, compared with \$4,104,380 for the same period last year.

Postal receipts for November totaled approximately \$132,000, it was announced by Postmaster Myers, a gain of about 1 per cent over November of 1917. Comparative figures were available for the first time, he said, for the 3-cent postage went into effect in November of last year. Receipts for 1918 to date have reached \$1,461,218, compared with \$1,173,295 for the first 11 months of last year.

JURY REPORT DELAYED

Session at Penitentiary Is Practically Completed.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—While the grand jury which has been investigating conditions at the State Penitentiary virtually cleaned up its

PLAN PROMISES MUCH

FINANCIAL RETURN KEYNOTE OF OREGON IDEA.

State Land Settlement Commission to Visit Washington in Hope of Securing Legislation.

Guaranty of a satisfactory financial return to the farmer of average intelligence in possession of a farm unit obtained at the smallest outlay necessary for good land and proper equipment—is the keynote of the Oregon land settlement plan. This plan will be presented to the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture at Washington by Whitney Bolas, president of the Oregon Land Settlement Commission, and Professor H. D. Scudder, of Oregon Agricultural College, farm management specialist.

These representatives of the organization that hopes to have Oregon lands made ready for returning soldiers, or lands that are already prepared placed within their reach, will leave probably Tuesday for Washington to confer with members of the Oregon delegation, as well as heads of departments concerned.

The plan, as described by Secretary W. H. Crawford, of the commission, is intended to be practical rather than idealistic. Farms of 60 acres are to be sold on small first payment and the remainder in installments extending over a period of years, based upon the income.

Hotel to Be Enlarged.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The Weinhard estate of Portland today purchased a tract 66 by 100 feet immediately east of the Weinhard Astoria Hotel and will enlarge the hotel by the erection of an addition containing about 100 rooms.

Klamath Jury Finishes Work.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The grand jury December term of court finished its deliberations this afternoon. True bills were handed in against the following: Don-

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ALDER STREET AT WEST PARK

Ed Robinson, for the theft of \$100 in thrift stamps and \$50 in cash from T. T. Favinger; L. A. Davidson, assault and battery; John Gill and Herman Garland, theft of auto belonging to George Eichen; Arthur Varum, statutory offense against Bertha Pickett. Not a true bill was found against Ed and Maud Haller for assault with a rock on E. L. Hopkins. The December term of court will convene here Monday.

Tillamook Lifts Influenza Ban. TILLAMOOK, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The influenza ban which has been on here for over a month was lifted this week. School will be resumed Monday and all public gatherings are permitted. There have been several severe cases, but only one death from the disease.

Marine Hospital Incorporated. ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of the Marine Hospital Association were filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday afternoon. The incorporators are A. A. Anderson, R. C. Ellsworth and John T. Ray, and the capital stock is \$10,000.



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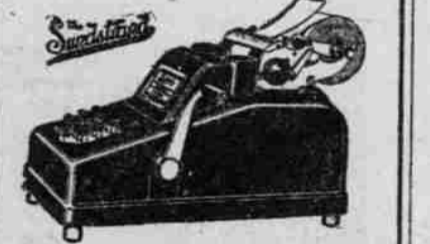
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