

**THRONGS IN CHICAGO WELCOME PERSHING**

General Shakes Hands With 5000 at Reception.

**WOUNDED ARE GREETED**

General Is Photographed in Pose With Disabled Sergeant—Tank Hero Is Congratulated.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—General John J. Pershing paid his first visit since the war to Chicago today. Hundreds of thousands greeted or tried to greet him.

Tonight General Pershing was the guest of honor at a banquet where he and Major-General Leonard Wood, commander of the central department of the army, spoke.

At a public reception at the Art Institute this afternoon he shook hands with more than 5000 persons while 20,000 more besieged doors in a vain effort to meet him.

The reception followed a parade through the city that was turned into a triumphal procession by the hundreds of thousands who had gathered to cheer him. Picked battalions from three Illinois militia regiments furnished the escort of honor.

Legion Hears Address. General Pershing spoke to 3000 American Legion veterans earlier.

Tomorrow he will visit Fort Sheridan in the morning, spend the afternoon with his brother and other relatives and in the evening address a mass meeting.

The general's party will leave Monday for St. Louis where he will be joined by his sister and Warren Pershing, his son. Tuesday the party will visit Laclede, Mo., the little village where the general was born and in which his boyhood was spent.

Wednesday he will proceed to Lincoln, Neb., to remain over Christmas with relatives. The itinerary of his inspection tour of army posts includes: January 18, Vancouver Barracks, Portland, Or.

January 19, Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.; Fort Lawton, Seattle.

Roaring Welcome Given. General Pershing arrived this morning for a two-day visit. He was met at the station by Major-General Wood, commander of the central department of the army, and his staff.

The commander was given a rousing welcome by the former overseas fighters, members of Chicago's American legion posts.

"There is grief throughout the country, as is always the case after a war," General Pershing said in a short address. "It is time for us as a democracy to realize that we are guardians of our future. The American legion will stand up against these revolutionary ideas being preached now. You not only will oppose them morally, but physically, too, if necessary."

As the general left the hall he passed down a lane of wounded men from Fort Sheridan hospital. Many were on crutches. The general stopped, shook hands with every man and questioned them closely regarding their service wounds and their progress toward recovery.

Commander Poses With Wounded. Sergeant Walter Dulce, partially

paralyzed and carried to the meeting in the arms of a husky comrade, attracted the general's attention when a friend shouted the information that Dulce, seated in a wheel chair, was to be married tonight.

"Where is your wound chevron?" Pershing asked, catching sight of the sergeant's undecorated arm. "If I had a wound chevron," he continued, "I would walk about carrying my arm out at right angles for everybody to see."

Asked by photographers to pose for a picture, the general placed his arm around Dulce and supported him while they posed.

Another wounded veteran volunteered the information that he had served in the tank corps. Pershing grasped again the hand he had just dropped, shook it warmly, and said: "I can't tell you how much I ap-



The late M. Sichel.

**M. SICHEL DIES, AGED 80**

PORTLAND MERCHANT FOR 19 YEARS ILL SHORT TIME.

Veteran Business Man of City Was Born in Bavaria—and Came to America in Early Youth.

M. Sichel, for many years one of the chief figures in Portland business life, and a resident of the city since 1871, died yesterday morning at his home 721 Johnson street, following a brief illness.

He was 80 years of age and had spent the greater part of his life in and about Portland. For the past 19 or 20 years he was one of the city's successful merchants.

Mr. Sichel was born in Bavaria in 1839. He came to the United States when only a boy, reaching Portland by way of San Francisco in 1857. His first mercantile experience here was gained in the store of his uncle, Solomon Hirsch. From 1881 to 1898 he conducted a mercantile business in Primrose. During that time he continued to make his residence in Portland the greater part of the time.

He first established himself in business in Portland in 1894, opening a store at Fifth and Washington streets. The present store at 441 Washington street has been established about ten years.

Mr. Sichel is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cassie A. Sichel, and son, H. H. Sichel. He also leaves two brothers, Emanuel Sichel and Isalah Sichel of this city.

Funeral services will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

**APPLES OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Spokane Growers' Union to Sell Stock at \$1.50 to \$3.50 a Box.

SPokane, Wash., Dec. 20.—In order that Spokane people may get a taste of the choice of apples grown here, and which usually are shipped to eastern markets, a local growers' union today announced its intention of opening its stock of apples near here for direct sale to the public. It is to be sold at prices of \$1.50 to \$3.50 a box.

About 225 cars of the union's crop has been sent to eastern markets. About 25 cars more are to be placed on the local market.

**Aberdeen Office Safe Drilled.**

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—An attempt at safe breaking was frustrated in the nick of time. It is believed, by the police, when employees of the Aberdeen Fuel company discovered this morning that eight holes had been drilled in the office safe. The holes apparently had been drilled by an amateur, but had been so placed that if they had been fired the entire face of the safe would have been blown off.

**A. M. LA FOLLETTE IS 73**

Birthday Anniversary of Marion County Senator Celebrated.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Senator A. M. LaFollette, known as the "Peach King" of Marion county, last night celebrated the seventy-third anniversary of his birth at a family reunion held at his home here. Present at the reunion besides Mr. LaFollette were his four sons, Joseph of Marion county, Clyde of Wheatland, Bolt county, Charles and Perry of Cornelius and their families.

Senator LaFollette came to Marion county when 17 years old and has resided here continuously since. He has served five terms in the state legislature, three in the house and two in the senate.

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