PLANS MADE FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO YANKEE FRONT

American Executive to Be Guest of General Pershing for Holiday Dinner at Headquarters.

TROOPS TO BE REVIEWED

Mayor of Chaumont Orders Town Decorated in Honor of Coming and Flags Blossom Forth.

By Henry G. Wales

General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, Chaumont, Dec. 22.—(6 p. m.)—(I. N. S.)—Preparations for President Wilson's Christmas visit to General Pershing's headquarters and the review of American troops were in full swing here today.

The mayor of Chaumont ordered the town decorated and already the Stars and Stripes and the French tri-color are blossoming forth on every hand.

General Pershing and his staff, the mayor, the French general commanding the district and other officials will meet the presidential party at the railway station at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning. A brief informal reception at the city hall will follow. Afterwards President and Mrs. Wilson will motor to the neighborhood of Langres, where the Twenty-sixth division is quartered. The review of 10,000 troops will commence about 10:30 o'clock and, if the weather permits, the American aviators plan some sensational air stunts. Tanks will be in the procession, too. The parade of soldiers will be led by battalions from the 101st, 102d, 103d and 104th regiments of the Yankee division.

Heroes Are to Parade

Besides the infantry there will be artillery, including field guns which participated in some of the offensives, and heavy cannon which were employed in counter battery work against the Germans' Big Berthas near Crepy-En-Laonnois late in the summer and which cut the Mezieres railway on the Meuse front at the end of October. Also, there will be armed motors and anti-aircraft cannon.

And tanks, as they lumber by, will salute by the dipping of the machine gun barrels looming through the portholes of the turrets. These tanks did mighty service in the St. Mihiel push.

If the weather is too bad for flying the airmen will march with the soldiers.

There will be squadrons of the cavalry that did much gallant service in keeping up the contact with the Germans when the Americans smashed the St. Mihiel salient in September.

General Pershing to Be Host

Machine gun battalions and trench mortar outfits will have a place in the line, also.

Following the review the president will eat Christmas dinner at Montigny LeRoi with Major General Harry C. Hales and his staff at the headquarters of the Twenty-sixth division.

President Wilson may address some of the soldiers in the afternoon.

Afterwards he will proceed to General Pershing's headquarters at Chaumont, where there will be an informal reception during which President Wilson will meet General Pershing's staff.

The formal Christmas meal of the day will not take place until evening. It will be served at the chauteau occupied by General Pershing on the outskirts of Chaumont.

The president's special train is scheduled to leave Chaumont at midnight, arriving at Boulogne at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. It will avoid Paris.

PRESIDENT IN TOUCH WITH EVENTS

(Continued From Page One)

Lithuanians stand out as perhaps the most unsettled conditions in Europe.

Problems Embarrass Wilson

Paris, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Various developments in the International situation are causing embarrassment to President Wilson and the other members of the American peace mission.

The fact is, the president is becoming rather anxious over apparent efforts to unload upon his shoulders matters not dreamed of before his trip to Europe.

One of these matters is the suggestion that the United States police the Balkan states for the Czecho-Slovaks during an agreed probationary period; another is the proposed program of interference in Russia.

It is plain that pro-German propagandists, working from Scandinavian points, are attempting to create points of difference between the American envoys and the European representatives over the allies' wants.

The declarations put out by these pro-German propagandists, however, are absolutely without any foundation of truth, is was declared today.

The new and embarrassing suggestions which are being raised form the chief reason for the president's insistence on the formation of a league of nations. Such authority would exercise whatever powers are desired along the line of policing and interference in troubled countries.

Personal Contact Wins

President Wilson's influence is increasing as a result of his personal contact with various international leaders and the relations existing between the American executive and French statesmen are extremely cordial.

It is hoped that a similar consequence will follow the trip of Mr. Wilson to London this week.

Arrangements are not yet complete for his trip to Rome, but it is believed they will be announced shortly. This journey will include visits to the Turin and Milan industrial centers. After reaching Rome the president will visit the Quirinal (the palace of the king), the Vatican and the Methodist college, thus preventing criticism on sectarian lines, it was considered certain today.

Ex-Kaiser Still Problem

Officials close to the president hope that at least some of the questions most embarrassing to President Wilson and his colleagues will be cleared up before the Italian trip is made early in the year. In addition to the matters already mentioned two other ones which have not yet been solvied are the disposition of the German fleet and the punishment of the ex-kaiser and other German officials. In view of the cloudy situation that has developed it is possible that an official statement may be made by the American statesman soon. The commissioners frankly explain that these are questions upon which an open mind is necessary.

The Franco-Italian suggestion that the surrendered craft of the German fleet be equally distributed has found much support among neutrals. It is made clear, however, that public opinion in the United States regarding both problems must be ascertained before a definite decision is reached.

Furthermore, it is pointed out, that one thing which must be watched closely is an effort to martyrize any war criminal. This might influence the judgment of the American people, who in a spirit of justice would be led to demand complete proof and then punishment that would stand the test of time.

Russian Trouble Rises

A sidelight upon the difficulty attending the pre-conference situation is given by the Paris Midi. This paper in a two-column editorial on the first page, headed, "Let Us Occupy Russia; Our Imperious Duty," argues that there could be no society of nations so long as armed hordes run wild in Russia inflicting misery upon innocent peoples. It winds up:

"President Wilson is in Europe. His army is also here. There is a movement under way to liberate the Russians from the misery of frightful tyranny. France has maintained civilization for years by the heroism of her children and now has the right to search for a qualified successor to whom she can trust the glorious mandate of an armed apostle."

The president and Mrs. Wilson were greatly moved by their visit to the Red Cross hospital at Neuilly on Sunday. Mr. Wilson desires that all of the American wounded be returned home as quickly as possible, a desire that was intensified by his trip to the Neuilly hospital.

In fact, the speedy transportation of the American wounded is a problem upon which the president is working personally. He is urging Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the American shipping board, to get all possible transports for the task as quickly as he can.

There is considerable friendly rivalry among the Paris golf clubs to secure the presence of Mr. Wilson on their links. The president is known as an ardent golfer, but has been compelled to content himself with walking as his chief means of getting outdoor exercise.

Wilson May Decide Italy's Claim

Washington, Dec. 23.—Peace terms negotiations have reached a stage where it lies within the power of President Wilson to accept the role of arbiter and conciliator in the differences arising from Italy's claims, according to a diplomatic representative here.

All signs indicate that Great Britain will support Italy's claim as formulated when she joined the allies, that France will urge a modification of the claims, and that President Wilson has refused to commit the United States to either policy.

A summary of the clauses of the treaty reciting Italy's claim follows.

"Article IV—By the future treaty of peace, Italy shall receive the Trentino; the whole of Southern Tyrol; the city of Trieste and its surroundings; the county of Gorizia and Gradisca; the whole of Istria as far as the Quarnero, including Volosca and the Austrian islands, Cherse and Luesin; also the lesser islands of Plavnik, Unim, Canidoli, Paluzzola, San Piedro, Norovio, Asinilo and Gruica and their neighboring isles.

"Article V—In the same way, Italy shall receive the province of Dalmatia in its present extent, including further to the north Lissarika and the Binge, and to the south all places as far as a line starting from the sea close to Cape Planca and following the watershed eastward in such a way as to place in Italian hands all the valleys whose rivers enter the sea near Sebenico.

"Article VI—Italy shall obtain full ownership of Valona and the island of Saseno.

"Article VII—To Italy shall be conceded the right of conducting the foreign relations of Albania.

"Article VIII—Italy shall obtain possession of all the islands of the Dodecanneso, at present occupied by her."

Wilson Will Decorate Pershing

Paris, Dec. 23.—Probably the most impressive moment during President Wilson's visit with the American troops in the field on Christmas day will occur when the president will decorate General Pershing with the American distinguished service cross. Later he will personally pin medals on scores of Yankee fighting men, officers and privates.

Although General Pershing has decorated many, including Bliss, there has been no one here with authority to decorate him. President Wilson will perform this function as commander in chief of the American army. The ceremony will probably take place at Langres, near Chaumont.

The president is scheduled to leave Paris for Chaumont on Christmas evening, arriving at Chaumont Christmas morning. Thence he will motor 25 miles to Langres. He will review 10,000 men comprising picked battalions from a score of divisions and resting in the back areas, as well as veterans who fought in the various offensives and who are being brought back in motor trucks from Germany.

The review will last several hours. The president will take his Christmas dinner in the field with the commander and staff of the Twenty-sixth division. He will eat from an ordinary mess kit and the affair will be extremely simple and democratic throughout.

In the afternoon the president will attend a reception at General Pershing's headquarters at Chaumont, when he will be introduced to three army staffs.

Wounded Well Cared For

Paris, Dec. 23.—President Wilson Sunday night made the following statement concerning his visit to the American hospital at Neuilly:

"I went through the American hospital at Neuilly with the greatest interest and with the greatest satisfaction.

"I found the men admirably taken care of, and almost without exception in excellent spirits.

"Only a few of them looked really ill and I think that their mothers and 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."

THUNDERER PAYS WILSON TRIBUTE

London Times Says Editorially That League-of-Nations Idea Grips Peoples of World.

London, Dec. 23.—President Wilson expressed the desire of a man to whom the great majority of citizens in all of the allied and associated countries are looking as the most powerful factor in making a righteous and durable peace, said the London Times in a leading editorial commenting upon the interview which the American president gave to that paper. The Times adds:

"Many false reports have been spread regarding his tendencies and intentions, which the Times believes to be baseless. Far from being animated by dictatorial attitude, we are convinced that he has come to Europe in a mood of modest, almost prayerful earnestness. He is, we know, inspired by a determination to help in creating an effective world organization of nations that shall safeguard the peace of mankind by insuring justice and by providing means for redress of wrong without resort—by individual nations—to force. In other words, his ideal is a league of nations without which he holds, and rightly holds, that peace, just and lasting, cannot be concluded and cannot be assured. Upon this point he is believed to be adamant and we rejoice to think that the view of peace which we have constantly urged should be in all essentials the view of President Wilson himself."

The Times declares that President Wilson is entirely right in believing that the plain people are everywhere asking about safeguards against future wars and expresses the opinion that the most abiding impression of his stay in England will be that people of this country are determined that the question shall be answered affirmatively.

The Times pays particular attention to and expresses particular pleasure over the president's tribute to the British navy and says it is grateful, but by no means surprised at his appreciation of special international questions that arise from "our peculiar position in land power."

Piper Ends Life in Jail; Inquiry Into Life to Continue

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—With Mile H. Piper dead, a suicide, authorities indicated today they will sift further the mysteries of his life.

Piper, an insurance agent, strangled himself to death Saturday night just as officers were ready with an announcement that they had proof that he had murdered two years ago Miss Frieda Weichman, his alleged bigamous bride.

Today those close to him and to his defense claimed Piper was not a murderer, but a robber. Piper really married Miss Weichman, they said, then embarked on a bandit tour with men named "Sheldon" and "Goldberg." The murder of Miss Weichman by one of the party, they said, grew out of the fear that the girl, horrified by postoffice robberies which paid expenses of the trip, would squeal.

CARL R. GRAY MAY SUCCEED M'ADOO

Former President of North Bank Line Likely to Become Director General of Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Carl R. Gray, who resigned last week as chief of the division of operations of the United States railroad administration, may succeed Director General McAdoo, it was learned here today in railroad administration circles.

Mr. Gray's name came into relief when it was definitely known that S. M. Felton, who also resigned last week as director general of military railroads under the war department, has decided to return to the presidency of the Chicago Great Western railroad.

Before accepting the post as director of the division of operations Mr. Gray definitely severed his connection with the Western Maryland railroad as its president. His resignation from the government position was due to the strain of work under which he has been.

That he has been urged to accept the place soon to be made vacant by Mr. McAdoo's retirement was learned today.

Carl R. Gray was formerly president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, and other Hill lines in Oregon, with headquarters in Portland. When he was elected to the presidency of the Great Northern railroad he moved to St. Paul and was succeeded here by Joseph H. Young. Mr. Gray came here from St. Louis.

Skull of Sprucer Is Fractured When Bus Is Overturned

As a result of the overturning of a St. Helens bus, at Twenty-ninth and Upshur streets, at a late hour Saturday night, C. J. Morrisey, a soldier attached to the Tweentieth squadron, Spruce Production Division, is at the Good Samaritan hospital, suffering from a fractured skull. The driver and 13 other passengers in the bus escaped injury.

According to a report made by the driver, Frank Shepherd, who resides at the St. Charles hotel, the machine was proceeding west in Upshur street at about four or five miles an hour, and skidded into the curb. The passengers were thrown to one side of the machine, which caused it to turn over on its side. By the time the police arrived at the scene of the accident, all the passengers had left.

Morrisey was taken to the hospital, where it was fouond he wash suffering from a fractured skull and spinal injuries.

England May Make Concessions

Paris, Dec. 23.—Persons in close touch with the situation in Britain are already proclaiming that Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour are preparing to make important concessions in order to reach a complete understanding between Great Britain and the United States.

NORTHCLIFFE FOR WILSON'S IDEALS

British Journalist, in Interview With American Correspondents, Outlines Peace Views.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Viscount Northcliffe, the British journalistic dynamo, universally regarded as the "maker" of the Lloyd George coalition government, called in the hundred-odd American correspondents now in Paris for a reception at the Ritz, late Saturday, and had a frank heart-to-heart talk with them in which he touched earnestly upon some of the great issues of the war and peace.

In a candid, forceful way the famous British publisher drove home his conviction on two chief points:

1—That a league of nations is indispensable to future peace.

2—That the firmest keystone of the foundation of such a league would be the closest possible association and cooperation of Great Britain and America.

Tremendous Good Foreseen

"President Wilson," said the viscount, "will receive in England the greatest welcome ever accorded a foreigner. I am glad he is going to the northern part of England, the home of British manufacture and the birthplace of the labor union. London, of course, does not represent England any more than New York represents the United States. He is the first foreigner who has the wisdom to go to that part of England, of which we are very proud. He will find there especially a most friendly feeling toward the United States.

"The president will penetrate the heart of England and reach the hearts of English life. His trip will be of tremendous good for the relations between the two nations. Certainly Mr. Wilson showed infinite courage in breaking all precedents by coming to Europe.

Close Association Urged

"The real basis for a league of nations should be found in the closest possible association of the most powerful nations in the world. Quite apart from ideals, the reality is that these two English speaking nations control every piece of raw material in the world. In this situation it would be impossible to start a scrap even between Chile and Peru.

"The league of nations certainly is one of the most important of the president's 14 points. Every Englishman regards the president's visit as the most important event in the history of Anglo-American relations.

"The president probably will not receive the same kind of reception in England as he received in Paris, because we are not a demonstrative people, but it is certain to be the greatest reception any foreigner ever got on English soil. Every man in Europe knows that the president has come to prevent the recurrence of what the world has suffered for four and a half years."

Interview Held Significant

Paris, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's action in granting an interview to the London Times is regarded here as significant. It is considered a great courtesy, not to the British newspaper, but to the people of Britain.

In this connection, much favorable comment is made upon the fact that immediately afterward Viscount Northcliffe gave an interview to the American press condemning secret diplomacy and saying that it is the great obstacle that will be met by President Wilson.

The present "lonely grandeur" of the American commission, which is the only full peace representation here, is attributed to the importance of the British elections and to the holidays. It is explained that when the result of the British election is known events will move much more rapidly.

"For two weeks to come," said Henry White Sunday, "we will be feeling our way."

The president's position is expected to be strengthened materially by his visit to England this week. He has already taken the British public into his confidence through the interview in the Times and he will shortly see, by the effect of the reception given him, what their feelings toward him are.

To permit only one person to hear an incoming message, an inventor has patented a combined telegraph and telephone receiver.

Debs Strong for Haywood But Has Slurs for Gompers

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—George Washington and Thomas Jefferson were termed the real Bolsheviki of their time by Eugene V. Debs in a speech here yesterday.

Debs repeated his praise of the Bolsheviki of Russia and Germany, declaring that the former have founded the world's first real democracy.

He bitterly scored Samuel Gompers, saying:

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