

# FRENCH KIDDIES' GRATITUDE STIRS HEARTS OF YANKS

### Doughboys in Paris Hold Benefit Boxing Carnival to Get Where-Withal to Fill Stockings.

## NEARLY SPOIL CHRISTMAS

### Their Thanks Overwhelm Americans; Wounded Soldiers in Hospitals Pass Day Bravely.

By Robert Welles Ritchie  
Paris, Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Private Bucky MacNeil, one-time cowpuncher on the Turkey Track ranch, near Buffalo, Wyo., smoked Christmas cigarettes in a supremely happy frame of mind, lying on his cot in the Neuilly hospital, though both arms were bandaged in a sling above his head.

Bucky's inventive genius came to the rescue. He directed his companions to whistle a two-foot stick, insert a pin in the tip, a cigarette stuck through it, and thus he could move the smoke to his mouth.

"It's the first honest-to-goodness smoke I've had since the Germans smashed my arms six weeks ago," said he. "This is sure some Christmas."

Bucky is but one of 1400 happy patients at Neuilly, and an equal number is at the big hospital at Auteuil. Both were supplied with Christmas trees, turkey dinners, cigarettes, real mince and apple pies and home-made doughnuts.

Red Cross Girls Were Santas  
More than 200 Red Cross girls acted as Santa Claus at both hospitals, coming with their arms full of dewy roses, holly and mistletoe to brighten the long corridors of pain.

In ward 1 at Neuilly, on the fifth cot from the door, lies a Kentucky lad, helpless. His eyes are bandaged. He does not know that he will never see again. One of the pretty little Red Cross workers from New York paused and gazed upon the boyish features set in a holiday smile below the cruel bandage. Impulsively she kissed the smiling lips and fixed a spray of mistletoe over his cot.

The blind lad does not know why, after that, so many lips brushed his. Not that the command of the mistletoe was responsible, but the appeal of that boyish smile and of that hearty "Merry Christmas," he called whenever he heard footsteps pause.

Christmas Spirit Spreads  
But in another ward somebody started a phonograph, "A Christmas Song." The boys, many of whom had not been to church in years, improvised accompaniment after barbershop fashion, and the chords filled the wards with humming melody.

"Say," called one, "turn loose that Rock of Ages piece." The boys, who had gathered at funerals when I did the tenor tremulous on that. So from ward to ward, the Christmas spirit sped until the Neuilly hospital instead of being a house of suffering became one of the brightest spots in Paris. Another place where America instituted a regular Christmas was Crystal Palace on the Champs Elysees. There Y. M. C. A. workers under the direction of T. W. Graham, entertained 450 French war orphans. There was a huge Christmas tree.

Monday night there was a boxing carnival. The doughboys passed the hat and collected 2800 francs for Christmas cheer for parentless children. As a result each orphan received from the hands of a real Santa Claus speaking French a new pair of stockings, one filled with toys, candies and nuts, and each stocking had a shiny two-franc piece in the toe.

Several hundred doughboys assembled to see the fun, but many a face was drawn in a painful state of homesickness when the orphans, ranging in age from 4 to 12, joined hands and the long procession filed past the glowing trees, receiving marvelous gifts from the French Santa Claus.

One little boy holding a Christmas bag with precious candy unbroken in France for four years, approached a military policeman, saluted and offered the big fellow some candy.

"If monsieur will honor me by accepting," piped the youngster.

That six-footer dug into his pocket and produced a huge slab of chocolate and said huskily, "Take this home to your ma. You're spoiling my Christmas."

# FALLS IN LINE WITH WILSON

### DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, prime minister of Great Britain, who, on the day that his reelection is announced, makes the public statement that he and his cabinet are in accord with President Wilson's views on the necessity for a league of nations.



## ENGLAND'S ELECTION COALITION LANDSLIDE

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defeat of Herbert Asquith, former premier, who had been leader of the opposition in parliament since formation of the coalition ministry in December, 1916, Sir Alexander Sprit, who held a colonial commission in the war, polled 8998 votes to Asquith's 6994. Sprit had been defeated by Asquith in the two previous elections.

Labor Leader Defeated  
Another party leader who failed to retain his seat was Arthur Henderson, Laborite. He ran a poor third in his district, getting only 5024 votes to 7973 for Clem Edwards, Coalitionist, and 5681 for Frank Hamlett, Independent.

Lloyd George won an easy victory in his district. He received 13,933 votes to 1095 for Austin Harrison, Independent.

The defeat of Asquith and Henderson, it was accepted, would result in adoption of the old custom of successful candidates of their respective parties resigning their seats, that the leaders might be chosen in their stead at a special election. Such martyrdom usually is rewarded by bestowal of knighthood or some similar honor—when his party comes into power.

Sir John Simon Loses  
Among former members of the old Asquith administration who failed of reelection were Sir John Simon, Samuel Runciman and Reginald McKenna. The prominent Laborites who were defeated in addition to Henderson were Philip Snowden and Sir Chiozza Money.

Five of the 14 women candidates are known to have been defeated. Among them was Mrs. Charlotte Despard, elder of Viscount French, former com-

# EACH OF PARTIES IN FRANCE FIND VIEWS FIT CASE

### President's General Remarks Are Turned by Each Party to Draw Comfort.

## WILSON'S HABITS STUDIED

### Writer Pictures Humorous Views Taken by Various Party Papers in France.

Paris, Dec. 28.—While awaiting a definite declaration from President Wilson regarding his peace program, each French party attempts to draw comfort from the utterances of a general character which constitute his declarations made thus far. Never was the scripture more strained into support of the different dogmata than President Wilson's supposed attitude concerning the various issues.

An example of this is the way the question of intervention in Russia is being discussed here. Gustav Herve, who favors a military expedition to crush the Bolsheviks writes: "Only one hope remains, namely, Wilson, who would not refuse aiding the young Russian democracy which needs his help against the Bolsheviks."

"On the same day the editor of 'Populaire,' the extreme Socialist organ, which opposes interference in Russia, writes after taking credit for the allies' change of plans: "Happily we had with us certain principles with which it is dangerous to be juggled. I have often said that Wilson's fourteen points gave us a powerful arsenal of arguments, but new proof has been furnished."

A humorist in Le Journal writes: "Some notice that Wilson looks clear cut, decisive and authoritative. These are comforted and conclude that he shall get the left bank of the Rhine."

"Others find Wilson looks tender, dreamy and melancholy. These proclaim confidently that beyond doubt this man will not be quiet until he has given us a league of nations, a human republic, fraternal and purely civilian."

"Among the anguishing enemies confronting the Europeans is the Wilson chin. Is it too perfect or does it favor reprisals? Is his nose turned right or left? Did he shine more at the patriotic league or at the labor federation? Does the color of his necktie give act to the future peace treaty. Moses himself when descending Sinai was not more anxiously watched by Israel. Never was a king's speech from the throne awaited more quiveringly."

## GERMANS ARE HANDING OVER ARMY STORES

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200,000 rifles, 75,000 helmets, 80,000 bundles of leather, 200,000 meters of cloth, 16,000 captured British rifles, 10,000 boules and dozens of warehouses stuffed with everything from wall paper to big guns. The commission has specified that everything turned over under the armistice conditions must be in perfect condition.

London, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—The radicals have seized the German government according to unconfirmed dispatches re-

ceived from various sources tonight. An Amsterdam report, quoting the Kreuz Zeitung, declared the Ebert ministry had fallen and that a new cabinet would be formed by Karl Liebknecht and George Ledebour.

A dispatch filed in Berlin Thursday morning and received today by way of The Hague, said the Ebert government at that time "was virtually nonexistent" and that Philip Scheidemann had fled from the city. The dispatch said the Copenhagen Tidende predicted that the new cabinet would include Liebknecht and Ledebour. It also stated that the central soviet would be summoned at once.

Brutus Moellenbuh, a Liebknecht supporter, has been made commandant of Berlin, it was reported in a Berlin dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated Thursday night.

Another delayed Berlin dispatch reported that government troops renewed bombardment of the royal palace Thursday morning and that the mutinous sailors defending it finally surrendered, after several had been killed.

The Vorwaerts published a rumor that the army of loyal troops was marching on Berlin to restore order.

## LET YANKS QUELL REDS, PROPOSAL OF EUROPE

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the young American army which could include French, British and Italian volunteer corps. The American army, or rather several divisions of the American army, would be just the thing for such an expedition. The American army of all the great allied armies is the freshest and least tired for the good reason that it only entered the line when the German army collapsed. In France, for example, all able-bodied men between 19 and 48 years have been mobilized four and a half years, whereas the bulk of the American contingent is composed of young men who reached Europe only eight or 10 months ago.

"Our country of 40,000,000 lost 1,500,000 in killed while the colossal American army escapes with 50,000 dead. While French opinion hardly would admit that after four years and a half of such a war and four years and a half of superhuman effort made by France to win success we should be asked to send strong French contingents to Russia, nevertheless it appears that American opinion would easily agree that the duty and honor of saving democratic Russia from the Bolshevik terror would be conferred upon General Pershing's young army."

Thus even among those favoring intervention in Russia there is beginning the time honored expedient popularly known as "passing the buck."

Washington, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—The entente quietly is encouraging the government to throw a republican barrier between the Reds of Russia and of Germany, it became known here today.

This barrier is being reared by Polish occupation of Danzig and parts of Prussian Posen, so that the Moscow firebrands shall be isolated from the Berlin group.

An allied naval concentration at Danzig, possible under the armistice terms, will be in effect to support Poland and the Russian Baltic provinces in case of further Bolshevik advances, according to diplomatic indications here.

Sources close to the Russian embassy declared that if sufficient United States and allied aid is provided to unite the Russian forces of the Omsk government, in the east, the Aethangel government in the north and the Kiev government in the south, the Republican troops will be able to complete the task of redeeming Russia.

Blumauer-Frank Banquet  
Blumauer-Frank Drug company employees numbering 35 held their annual banquet Saturday night in the blue room of the Hotel Portland. Stunts, songs and short addresses rounded out the evening.

# PRESIDENT'S STORIES BRING HEARTY LAUGHS FROM BRITISH CHIEFS

### Wilson Takes Time During Momentous Meeting in Downing Street for Jokes.

By William J. Butler  
Special Cable Dispatch.  
London, Dec. 28.—During the momentous conferences with Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour Friday, President Wilson, it transpires, found time to "crack" a few jokes and stories. The premier several times was seen to be convulsed with laughter in the otherwise so staid and solemn offices at 10 Downing street, over the "prexy's" inimitable negro dialect and Irish brogue "rib ticklers."

Most of the bowlinkered jokes, ready for the scrapheap in America, are comparatively new here and even the president's old timer concerning the western Indian who enlisted to "Make the world safe for the Democratic party" got a hearty laugh.

The president's newest one comes straight from the trenches in France, here it is:

An American general noticed that no sort of deference was paid to his rank, so he asked a sentry for the reason. The cool reply was:

"Oh, we don't take any special notice because we know you fellows."

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# Embalming Fluid Used as Liquor Gives New Life

### Uses of whiskey substitutes, which, since the state went bone dry, have run all the way from bay rum and lemon extract to wood alcohol, apparently reached the climax when one offender said he had used a concoction of alcohol and embalming fluid. Municipal Judge Rossman Saturday fined him \$10. The accused, who admitted that he had imbibed of the strange mixture, was given also a three day jail sentence. The judge promised to release the prisoner this morning, providing the \$10 fine was paid. Arresting officers told the court the combination failed to embalm, as the culprit had become quite bolsterous at his lodgings.

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# ACTION BY SENATORS SEEKING RELIEF FOR SUMPTER ROAD ASKED

### Timber Workers' Official Asserts "Inaction Will Be Remembered"; McNary Replies.

Washington, Dec. 28.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)—Telegrams imploring action by the government for relief of the Sumpter Valley railroad poured in on the Oregon senators from Baker and vicinity today, following definite announcement that the railroad administration will not act.

D. W. Davis, secretary of the International Union of Timber Workers, at Baker, wired the senators that their "inaction will be remembered" by those thrown out of work.

Senator McNary wired, in reply, that he is amazed at the lack of gratitude, after the effort he has made and the time he has devoted to the matter, and that he lacks power to compel action. Senator Chamberlain has made no reply.

To Help Umpqua Project  
Washington, Dec. 28.—Senator McNary announces he proposes to try for an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill in the senate to adopt the Umpqua project, which was omitted by the house committee.



# NEW SHOW TODAY THREE DAYS ONLY

# MURTAGH'S CONCERT AT 12:30 TODAY

- Selection from "The Spring Maid" (requested)..... Reinhard
  - Minuet in G (requested)..... Beethoven
  - "My Little Birch Canoe" (requested)..... Roberts
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# LILA LEE AND THEODORE ROBERTS IN "SUCH A LITTLE PIRATE"

A gentle little lass with a sea captain grandfather, who spins wild yarns of buccaneer days—that is Lila Lee at the opening of "Such a Little Pirate." But, say, before it's over, she's become a regular old-fashioned pirate, hunting hidden treasure at the head of a gang who would freeze the heart in your mouth! Talk about excitement—this picture is some dynamo!

Also Mack Sennett Comedy "A Village Chestnut"

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