

WILSON IS CROSSING TO FRANCE King George and Family Escort Presidential Party to the Station to Bid Them Farewell.

Warmth of British Feeling Is Manifested Whenever Wilson Appears in London Streets.

By Floyd MacGriff LONDON, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson's historic visit to England came to an end today.

In spite of rain and a cold, driving wind a tremendous crowd turned out to say farewell to the first American president who ever visited British soil during his tenure of office.

OREGON ENGINEERS ARE ORDERED HOME General March Announces Return of Certain Units Now in Europe.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Early return to the United States of approximately 2100 officers and 12,000 enlisted men of the American Expeditionary forces was announced today by General March, chief of staff.

Father Shaw Dies in California; Was Well Known Here

Martinez, Cal., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The Rev. Father F. W. Shaw, pastor of the St. Catherine Catholic church here for the past six years, died early today after a long illness.

Secretary Balfour Arrives in Paris

Paris, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Foreign Secretary Balfour arrived here today and went into conference immediately with the British cabinet.

New Year Will Be Greeted in Portland With Usual Revery Down Town District to Be Kept Clear for Street Crowds Until Late Hour.

Portland is going to don her best togs tonight for a rip-smorfin' time. The midnight matinee need not be mentioned—as is always said when any one "rings out" a revery—and of course it isn't policy to say anything about the little automobile parties that are more than likely to take place.

It is known that there is going to be a regular celebration at the Auditorium, which will be in the nature of a community sing that will start at 10 o'clock and will be open to everybody.

PORTLAND BREAKS BUSINESS RECORD Clearings Pass Billion Dollar Mark for First Time; War End Has Slight Effect.

Portland broke all financial records during the year closing today and, according to bankers and manufacturers, enters upon 1919 with prospects for still greater prosperity.

Clearings Break All Records The record for clearings from month to month for 1917 and 1918 shows a constantly rising increase in the latter year over the former.

Postoffice Business Greater Building permits issued during the year show an increase in number over 1917 and an increase in value amounting to \$2,485,747 over 1917.

Damaged Turbine Delays Transport

New York, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The huge transport Leviathan was unable to depart today due to damage to one of her turbines.

Parliament Will Meet on Jan. 21

London, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The new British parliament will meet for the first time on January 21, it was stated today.

BUDGET CUTS DR. EQUI GETS OUT ALL FUND 3 YEARS AND FOR FESTIVAL FINE OF \$500

Multnomah County's Tax for 1919 to Be \$1,457,834.42; Holman Wins All His Points.

Final Meeting of Commissioners Trims Figures Within Legal Sum by Eliminating \$137,306. Defendant Enters the Courtroom With Little Child and Makes Brief Statement Before Judge.

Multnomah county's tax budget for 1919 will be \$1,457,834.42. From the budget as advertised a total of \$137,306.57 was subtracted this morning in order to keep within the 6 per cent addition to last year's tax permitted by law.

BERGER'S PAPER FAVORED GERMANY Says Cables Lied About "Victories We Won That Didn't Show on the Map."

Chicago, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Congressman Victor Berger of Wisconsin, who with four other Socialists is being tried before Judge Landis for alleged violations of the espionage act, took the stand today to testify in his own behalf.

POSEN TAKEN FROM GERMAN CONTROL Poles Gain Upper Hand in Working Out Republic Under Paderewski.

London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Polish forces have taken control of Posen and have executed several German officers, disarming others, a Central News dispatch reported today.

Gigantic Loss in Manpower Results From World Battle

London, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The British, Russian, Italian, French, American, German and Austrian armies lost 6,296,504 in killed and over 16,238,276 in wounded during the war, according to a cable compiled by the Evening News today.

Italy Sacrifices 1,406,990 Rome, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Italy's losses in killed and wounded in the war totalled 1,406,990, according to an announcement today.

4000 Tons of Wheat Promised to Austria

Vienna, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The inter-allied food commissioners at Berné have informed Austrian representatives that the allies will immediately provide 4000 tons of wheat for German Austria.

Eleven Persons Are Missing After Blast

Lebanon, N. J., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Eleven persons are missing today and are believed to have been killed when an acetylene tank exploded in the post office building here. Two men were blown through windows of the building.

Italians Must Die For Sinking Warship

Rome, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—The supreme court has rejected the appeal of Carpi and Maschini, sentenced to death for complicity in sinking the battleship Benedetto Brin.

Wheeler's Name Appears in Land Deal Transaction Figured in Jury's Report Carpenter Got \$5 for Use of Name

THE RECORD SHOWS LAND LOOTER'S TRAIL DOCUMENTS from state land office, part of the evidence which convicted Jones, Mays and Sorenson of conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands, illustrate how George St. Clair Segur, Portland carpenter, served as "dummy applicant" for fraudulent acquisition of school land in December, 1900.

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE THE STATE LAND OFFICE. Know all Men by these Presents: The State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, do hereby certify that the following named persons have been appointed by the State Land Office to receive the same.

DANIELS ASKS MORE MEN FOR THE NAVY Would Abolish Senior Rule and Says Men Should Receive Increased Pay.

Washington, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Employment of enough men of the navy reserve to increase the permanent enlisted personnel of the navy from 142,000 to 250,000 was urged by Secretary Daniels this afternoon when he again appeared before the House naval committee.

May Need Higher Pay Declaring that the "men of the navy were woefully underpaid before the war," Daniels not only urged that "they be well paid," but said that it "would be extremely difficult to keep the personnel of the navy up to its necessary strength unless the men were offered monetary inducements which provided civil life with its attractions for young men."

Henry Bird, Who Served 30 Days, Killed in Battle

Henry Bird, who hailed from Eastern Oregon, has paid the supreme sacrifice. He died fighting for his country, therefore, blotting out the stain of being a slacker.

Dutch Telegraphers Give Away Secrets

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—Three telegraph officials were arrested here today charged with giving the German legation at The Hague copies of telegrams sent and received by the entire legation. This had been going on since September, it was said.

Prince Says Kaiser Tried to Avert War

Berlin, Dec. 29.—(U. P.)—Prince Henry was quoted today as declaring that he will personally testify that his brother, the former kaiser, zealously endeavored until the last moment to avert the war.

Details of Transaction Brought Out in Land Fraud Trials of Several Years Ago.

George St. Clair Segur was a Portland carpenter back in December, 1900, he "took up" 220 acres of school land in the Blue Mountain reserve in December, 1900.

Was Told It Was Legitimate Segur testified that he was working for H. A. Smith, doing some carpenter work on Smith's house. In December, 1900, H. A. Smith, his employer, came to Segur and asked him if he would sign a paper.

Never Saw Papers Again The assignment, like the application, was also signed in blank by Segur. The witness also said that he understood at the time that Smith was to have the land, that he had never seen the papers afterwards, but had gone back to his work as soon as he had been paid the \$5 for his signature.

Former Kaiser Has Become Mental Wreck, Says Report

London, Dec. 31.—(I. N. S.)—The former kaiser of Germany has broken down mentally, said a Central News dispatch from Vienna today. She has delusions that she is being pursued by strangers and has an ungovernable passion for dismissing her attendants.

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By Paul Scott Mower Special Cable to The Journal and Chicago Daily News. (Copyright, 1918, by Chicago Daily News Co.) Paris, Dec. 31.—The Clemenceau government appears successfully to have weathered the storm.

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THE WEATHER Tonight and Wednesday, fair and continued cold; winds mostly easterly.

President of France Tells Representative of United Press He Will Come After Conference.

Insists There Is No Material Difference Between the Allies Regarding Policies for Peace.

By William Philip Simms PARIS, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—President Poincare is planning to visit the United States after the peace conference. He revealed this today during an interview with the United Press, in which he forecast that France, the United States and the allies in general will enter the conference already agreed on the basis for peace.

No dates and no details have been fixed for Poincare's visit, but June or July have been tentatively suggested to him.

"Naturally," he said with a smile, "as president of the country where the conference will be held, I will be unable to leave before it is ended."

Poincare early directed the conversation to President Wilson's presence in France as an evident desire to show his appreciation of the American executive's visit.

OF YEAR ARRIVES PORTLAND SHIVERS AT 26 ABOVE ZERO, BUT CALIFORNIA IS COLDER, MONTANA COLDEST IN U. S.

Crisp, wintry weather, with the temperature at 26 degrees above zero, the lowest point recorded by the local branch of the weather bureau this winter, was reported at 8 o'clock a. m. today.

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President Wilson Stands for Might of a Great Ideal

London, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—President Wilson represents the world's greatest civilized country, the Manchester Guardian declared today.

Anna Ward Tiffany, Noted Actress, Dies

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—Anna Ward Tiffany, well-known actress, died at her home here today.