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## WILSON IS SPEEDING ACROSS ATLANTIC ON MISSION OF HUMANITY

### Abolition of Militarism and Foundation of Just World Peace, Causes for Unprecedented Voyage.

### FIRST PRESIDENT TO MAKE SUCH JOURNEY

### Deck Guns of Great Former German Liner Trained for Action at Outset

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Bound on a mission, the principal objects of which are the abolition of militarism and the attainment of a just world peace, Woodrow Wilson, first president of the United States to visit Europe while in office, tonight was speeding across the Atlantic toward France to attend the greatest international conference in history.

On the transport George Washington, one time German passenger liner, manned by a navy crew and with deck guns ready for action, and accompanied by a naval convoy, the president left New York harbor today amid a demonstration without parallel in history.

The president took his place on the flying bridge as the great ship moved down the bay. Riser craft and ships of many nations dipped flags and waved whistles and thousands of persons bade him Godspeed in cheers and flag-waving from skyscrapers and piers.

Off quarantine, where States Island through waved and shouted a good-bye and monitors, gunboats and artillerymen of Fort Hamilton joined in saluting gunfire, the George Washington met its ocean escort—the super-dreadnaught Pennsylvania and a quintet of destroyers. With her official consort and ten other destroyers which joined the fleet for a cruise to the limit of American territorial waters, the George Washington disappeared over the ocean horizon shortly before noon.

Mr. Wilson left his native shores, according to persons who conferred with him before the George Washington sailed, determined against militarism in any form. He feels that the crushing of Prussian militarism is part of his plan for the future peace of the world, these informants said.

In emphasis, it seemed, of America's part in bringing about Germany's downfall, the presidential party, outbound, met some of the American hosts from overseas. Two thousand home-coming aviators trooped on the Lapland cheerer the George Washington as she left her pier, and outside quarantine the Minnehaha was sighted, steaming up the harbor with more than 3000 soldiers aboard.

In command of Admiral Mayo, the peace squadron is heading, it is understood for Brest, an American debarcation port in France. Its date of arrival is uncertain, but a quick passage is not required, as ample time remains for conferences preliminary to the main peace assemblage. Off the French coast the president will be welcomed by a squadron of American warships. French, British and Italian vessels also, it is expected, will join in the greeting at sea, which will be followed by a succession of official ceremonies marking the progress of the American executive to Paris, to the war front, and presumably to the capitals of Great Britain, Belgium and Italy.

The liner's passenger list contains a group of prominent names probably without parallel for any single voyage in the United States but throughout the world were outlined in a statement tonight by Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council. Mr. Davison, speaking to the 2,000 members of the organization, said it is believed there need be no further campaigns for funds. Instead, the annual Christmas roll call for members will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross.

## CROWN PRINCE WAXES HEROIC AS HOPE DIES

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German crown prince's last proclamation, announcing that his resignation from his command was necessitated by the emperor's resignation and thanking the troops for their heroism and self-sacrifice, is published today by the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin. In this proclamation Frederick William, who now is interned on the island of Wieringen, having fled to Holland, says:

"My army group is unvanquished by arms. Hunger and bitter need conquered us. We can quit the soil of France proud and with heads erect. Your shield, your honor as soldiers, are unspotted.

"Deeply moved, I separate from you, bending my head for your mighty exploits, exploits which history will relate to the coming generations with indelible characters. Be true to your leaders as before. God be with you and our fatherland."

## GERMANS REPAY MONEY SEIZED FROM RUSSIANS

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(Havas)—The Germans have begun restitutions. They have delivered to the allies 300,000,000 francs gold which came from the Russian treasury.

The French have recovered a rich collection of art works by Quentin Delatour, stolen from St. Quentin and paintings taken from the museum at Valenciennes.

## TEN WILL BE SUED BY CITY

Filing of Foreclosure Suits Soon to Be Made to Collect Assessments

Filing of foreclosure suits brought by the city on assessment liens is to begin as soon as 10 have been picked from among the 31 liens on the city books. City Attorney B. W. Macy is now engaged in compiling data on the property in order that the owners may be able to pay the assessments may be those made defendants in the actions.

Assessments concerned in the liens have been due from four to six years and range in amounts from around \$50 to one of \$1,500 against J. H. Albert. They are also three other smaller liens against Mr. Albert's ground. Dr. E. A. Pierce and George W. Shand and A. F. Marcus each have two against them. In some cases the liens have been issued in the name of the person who bonded the property, which may have since been mortgaged and have against it judgments of mechanics' liens. Before the test cases are formally filed the proper ownership will be ascertained.

## REAL ESTATE MEN DECIDE TO ORGANIZE

### Paul A. Cowgill Tells Advantages for Trade Through Association

### LEGISLATION IS PLANNED

### Notices to Be Posted to Prevent Vandalism on Vacant Premises

Falling into line with nearly all the cities of the Pacific northwest, real estate men of Salem together with others directly connected with the profession decided at a meeting held in the Commercial club last night to organize a Salem Realty board. Paul A. Cowgill, secretary-treasurer of the Interstate Realty association and the Portland Realty board, attended and detailed the advantages such an organization would give to the realty men and also to the general public, inasmuch as they would be protected in many of their realty transactions from irresponsible persons.

One of the first efforts which the Salem Realty board will put forward will be in the posting of notices on the properties they are handling offering a reward which will lead to the arrest and conviction of individuals guilty of the vandalism which has been so rampant among vacant premises in the city.

Mr. Cowgill also mentioned that he will call on the governor in respect to the passing of an act in Oregon which will require all persons conducting real estate business to be licensed along the lines of the California law. This act is more for the protection of the general public than the realty men, as should any licensed real estate agent be guilty of certain offenses in the way of misrepresentation, etc., he not only would have his license revoked but he liable to a severe penalty in addition.

Those attending the meeting were Messrs. Grabenhorst, Fleming, Socolofsky, Liston, J. H. Scott, Hanson, Lee, Siegmund, "Bobbie" Roberts and C. W. Niemeyer. Mr. Roberts was appointed secretary pro tem while C. W. Niemeyer acted as chairman. He was delegated to call another meeting for the purpose of framing by-laws.

Working in conjunction with the Commercial club, the board will submit lists of farm properties compiled by the members which are to be set up in booklet form for the distribution to the hundreds of enquirers in various parts of the United States relative to lands in the Salem district.

It was the opinion of all present that there is in sight an era of considerable briskness in local realty.

## EDUCATION OF SOLDIERS NOW UNDER PROGRESS

### Vocational Training to Be Given to Men Who Fought for Country

### WOUNDED ARE AIDED

### Expenses of Training Them for Private Life Borne by the Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Vocational re-education at government expense of wounded American soldiers is getting under way in 14 districts embracing all sections of the country. A report today by the federal board having this work in charge showed on November 9, a total of 5584 cases in which such training would be needed. Of this number 4341 were thus brought to the attention of the board as eligible by the war risk insurance bureau. More than one-half of these men have allowed disability compensations.

## SOLDIER JOBS WILL BE GIVEN WITH A SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Immediate establishment in cities and towns over the country of the co-operative bureaus for directing the return of soldiers to jobs was ordered today by the federal employment service in instructions sent to its regional directors.

Creation of these bureaus was determined upon recently at a conference here between representatives of agencies and the organizations now doing welfare work, all of which will assist in putting the bureaus into operation. The council of national defense today directed state councils to instruct the 184,000 local units in the United States to co-operate with the employment service in the work.

Officials said today that necessity for the immediate opening of the bureaus was emphasized by the fact that demobilization of men in this country and the return movement of the men in Europe already are under way.

## YANKEE PAPERS SOUGHT BY HUN PRIOR TO WAR

### Activities of Dernberg in That Direction Exposed at Hearing

### SPREAD PROPAGANDA

### Efforts to Poison Public Mind Shown in Testimony Given by Konta

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Alexander Konta of New York, named by Allen Property Custodian Palmer as an agent in negotiations through which the German government sought to buy newspapers in this country before the United States entered the war admitted to the senate committee today he had communicated with Dr. Bernard Dernberg, German propagandist, on the subject of the purchase of a New York newspaper. The committee is investigating brewers' activities and German propaganda.

Konta said he wrote to Dr. Dernberg on the subject and that he was inspired by a desire to help the latter's representative carry out his plans to get publicity for Germany; to get a newspaper that would be hostile to prohibition and to earn a commission.

"I desired to aid Dr. Dernberg to get the paper in order that he would have an opportunity to lay before the American people."

"German propaganda," interrupted Senator Nelson of Minnesota. "He wanted the paper not for himself, but for the German government and he was a German agent. Isn't that true?"

"He must have been," replied Konta.

The witness, who stoutly denied he had ever been disloyal to America, also said he wrote in 1915 to Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, then an attaché of the German embassy here and well known as a propagandist, regarding an offer of \$1000 to be made to any persons who could prove that misstatements were made in the German general staff's daily official war announcements. Konta said this offer was never made.

## AERIAL PILOT COMPLETES HIS VOYAGE SAFELY

### Lieutenant Hogland Lands at Seattle on Schedule Time Yesterday

### LEAVES FROM EUGENE

### Only Little Over 12 Hours Needed to Fly Distance of 690 Miles

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—Arriving on the Jefferson golf links, about two miles south of the Seattle business district at 3:37 o'clock this afternoon, Lieutenant A. F. Hogland, army aviator, completed the first airplane flight ever made between Sacramento, Cal., and Seattle. His flying time for the entire distance, approximately 690 miles in an air line, was 12 hours and 22 minutes.

From Eugene, Or., which city Lieutenant Hogland left this morning, he is flying time to Seattle was five hours and 27 minutes.

The aviator's flight from Eugene, made without stop, he described as being through nasty weather and rain as far as Tacoma, Wash. Reaching Seattle he flew out to the University of Washington campus grounds where he intended to land, and where Mayor Ole Hanson and naval and military officials were gathered to greet him. Flying within ten feet of the ground however, he determined he could not make a good landing and waving his hand to the disappointed reception committee, rose again and made his landing on the golf links.

With the exception of knocking over a golf-hole flag here, the trip was made without accident of any kind from Sacramento. Tomorrow morning Lieutenant Hogland expects to start the return flight to Sacramento. His trip was made at the order of the war department to determine upon a possible aerial mail route between California and the northwest.

## HUN BOLSHEVIK WOULD STARVE TO AID CAUSE

### Sending Food to Germany Opposed as Damaging to Bolsheviki Party

### GOVERNMENT IS WEAK

### Leading Men of Berlin Show Pessimism Over Situation in Bocheland

(By The Associated Press) BERLIN, Tuesday, Dec. 3.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht and his followers of the Spartacus group of Socialists, are carrying on a vigorous campaign against Premier Ebert and his colleagues, whom the Spartacus Socialists accuse of having "induced the mortal enemy of the German revolution, namely, international capitalism represented by President Wilson to make the delivery of food conditional on the maintenance of order."

The Bolshevik organ, the Red Flag says: "This is treachery against the revolution. Attempts to send food to Germany must be opposed as a capitalist effort to beat Bolsheviki aims."

The article demands the dismissal of officers and the choosing by soldiers of their leaders. It also demands the immediate arming of the revolutionary workmen and the disarming of other organizations.

The program includes the destruction of capitalism, the annulment of war loans and the socialization of all business. The government declares Liebknecht has no followers outside of Berlin and only a few here.

In interviews with the correspondent today, leading men of Berlin showed pessimism over the situation, taking the ground that the government was not displaying the vigor and determination required to cope with the danger.

The chief argument of the optimists is that the Germans are not Russians, but they say that nothing safely can be predicted on the knowledge of German character before the war. The spirit and pride of a great bulk of the people are gone utterly, they contend, and the situation is unfavorably affected by the belief that the food supplies in the cities will not avail until the new year and that crushing peace terms will be imposed.

## FORMER KAISER SAYS CROWN PRINCE TELLS TRUTH AS TO BOER WAR

### PRINCE HENRY WILL ABIDE BY NEW CONDITIONS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 4.—Prince Henry of Prussia has addressed an announcement to all members of the Prussian royal house, according to the Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin, in which he says:

"I am forced to recognize the king's abdication and will assist in the policy for order and the constitutional government. But, on the other hand, I consider myself personally attached to my king to the end of my life and shall do every thing to preserve him from harm and shall recognize him absolutely as the sole family head."

## RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY KILLED IN ONE GROUP

LONDON, Dec. 5.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says Kiev newspapers publish a story given by the valet of the former empress of Russia of the murder of the entire Romanoff family by the Bolsheviks. According to this story the once royal family was compelled to live in a single room of a convent at Ekaterinburg for weeks before the murder, under guard of Bolshevik soldiers who insulted them shamefully.

The valet said on July 17 all the members of the family were taken to the cellar of the convent, placed against the wall and shot. The murderers granted the last request of the former emperor, that his wife, who was ill, should die in his arms.

According to the valet, the Grand Duchess Tatiana was only wounded by the shots and was killed by blows from the rifle butts. All the bodies were burned.

### Mrs. S. J. Dorsey, Former Police Matron, Is a Bride

Mrs. Sarah Jane Dorsey, until recently city police matron, was married last night in Portland to W. B. Clark of Turner. The couple left on the 4 o'clock train for the city yesterday afternoon, after having secured their license here. Mrs. Clark is 54 years old and her husband 65. He is engaged in farming near Turner.

## 1000 STREETCAR MEN ON STRIKE

### Omaha and Council Bluffs in Grip of Paralyzed Traffic Situation

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 4.—The strike situation on the Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway remains unchanged. One thousand men are out and but minor cases of violence have occurred.

President Wattles of the company says no attempt will be made to operate cars until word has been received by the war labor board to which he has stated the case.

The union has withdrawn its demand for a "closed shop" and the fight now hinges on recognition of the union through a signed contract. The strikers decline to confer with either the company or the mayor.

### William Hohenzollern States That for Three Days He Absolutely Refused to Sign Kruger Telegram.

### BUT NOW ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY

### Silent as to Statement; Realizes Grave Danger Confronting Him

AMERONGEN, Holland, Tuesday, Dec. 3.—(By The Associated Press.)—"I am a private citizen, and while in Holland will not make any statement whatever for publication."

This was the former emperor's message to The Associated Press correspondent when he called at Count von Bentinck's castle again today.

The German general, acting as orderly, formerly governor of Metz, brought the message direct from William Hohenzollern, who last evening was inclined to make a public declaration, but today changed his mind. The message continued:

"You must fully realize my position. I am threatened on all sides with criminal charges, which if brought, I must face. Therefore, I must reserve any statement until charges are actually brought."

"Also I owe a certain loyalty to the present German government, and cannot make a declaration which might compromise others."

The correspondent requested the general to ask the former emperor whether he would confirm the crown prince's assertion regarding the Kruger telegram, and the general brought back the answer:

"The crown prince is absolutely correct in his facts. The telegram, already written, was laid before me for signature."

"I refused to sign it for three days, but finally did so under pressure of the German diplomats and my political advisers, who advanced many reasons for sending the dispatch. Of course, having signed it, I take full responsibility."

The former emperor and empress are leading a very quiet life. Their table is of the simplest; in fact, they have submitted to regulations requiring them to be rationed for bread and butter and other edibles just as the ordinary country folk. Occasionally they walk in the surrounding woods, but in recent days it has been so wet that it has been almost impossible for them to go out except for a carriage drive.

"The Kruger telegram" referred to by the former emperor, was sent by him to "Oom Paul" Kruger, president of the Transvaal republic, on January 3, 1896. It was the outcome of German "flirtations" with the Transvaal republic, during which the intentions of Germany toward British influence in South Africa caused deep concern.

"This flirtation" began in the early nineties and was brought to the notice of the world by President Kruger in January, 1895, when at a banquet he said:

"The first mow was completed at the Baldwin Locomotive works twenty days ahead of schedule."

Lieutenant Commander Buell said the trains were sent to the front and the first shot fired September 5. The guns which had the longest range of any ever mounted on a moveable carriage, were so successful in mobility and accuracy that six more were ordered. The armistice was signed, however, before they were delivered.

The crews were recruited from the Great Lakes naval training station and were made up of men who had railway experience.

## RED CROSS CAMPAIGNS ARE OVER

### Annual Christmas Roll of Members Will Continue, Is the Statement of Chairman Davidson; Plans Outlined for Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Future plans of the American Red Cross to devote to peace-time relief work not only in the United States but throughout the world were outlined in a statement tonight by Henry P. Davidson, chairman of the war council. Mr. Davidson, speaking to the 2,000 members of the organization, said it is believed there need be no further campaigns for funds. Instead, the annual Christmas roll call for members will constitute the foundation of the Red Cross.

Since the armistice was signed, Mr. Davidson's statement, "I had an opportunity to confer

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