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WILSON SAILS FOR THE GREAT PEACE CONFAB

SAYS CRUSHING OF PRUSSIAN MILITARISM PART OF HIS PLAN FOR PEACE

ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. WILSON

Ten Dreadnaughts in Escort Will Return Soon With American Soldiers and Sailors

New York, Dec. 4.—Prior to President Wilson's departure for Europe to attend the peace conference, it became known that he goes determined against militarism in any form. The crushing of Prussian militarism was part of his plan for the future peace of the whole world, the president feels, according to persons who conferred with him on the transport George Washington before it sailed at 10:15 this morning.

The president's party included Secretary Lansing and former Ambassador Henry White, delegates. General Bliss and Colonel House the other delegates are already in Europe.

As the transport swung out into the North River on a voyage unprecedented in American history, the president and Mrs. Wilson stood on the flying bridge, the highest point to which passengers could climb, while the army band on shore played "Over There."

Paris, Dec. 4.—The ten dreadnaughts which will escort President Wilson into French waters will bring back a large party of American soldiers and sailors, who will arrive at their homes by Christmas.

USES HIS OWN BRISTLES TO BRUSH HIS TEETH

George H. Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ross, is in the 65th Artillery, Company C, in France, says the Portland Oregonian.

He writes home: "The Boche is going back so fast that we have to use the truck almost continually to keep up with him. They surely had it soft, with concrete dugouts, rugs and stoves. I have picked up various little articles, German gun, bayonet, helmet, etc. We got tired of having the stuff hanging around, so we threw it away, except the helmet, which we kept to carry water in for our radiator. I picked up a pair of German pants, too, and the darned things were full of tear gas, and I wept over them like they belonged to some dear departed friend."

"The usual method of collecting souvenirs is to get a Boche, grab his throat and go through his pockets. If he objects, just scowl, stick out your lower lip, assume a Jell Willard pose and he usually sees things as you do. Few of them get by with more than two or three buttons on their clothes. Most of them are happy. The war is over for them and they are glad of it."

In a more recent letter he writes: "The war here isn't as good as on the other front. The first thing here an airplane greeted us with three bombs. They lit about 40 yards from us and did no particular damage. One fellow got a piece of shell in the leg, and a hung of dirt slapped me in the face. Another piece hit the fellow next to me on his new mustache and he claims that the short whiskers were driven clear through his lip, and all he has to do is to wiggle it to brush his teeth."

"The life for the Germans must be just one thing after another, judging from the way we have been handling shells lately. France is full of peace rumors than prisoners."

WARSHIPS COULD STOP SLAUGHTER

Needed at Reval, Where Bolsheviks are Still Murdering, Burning and Plundering

Berlin, Monday, Dec. 2.—If a few British torpedo boats or light cruisers, with even a small landing force could reach Reval this week, they could dam the Bolshevik flood which has been murdering, burning and plundering Esthonia and Livonia, according to a declaration made to the correspondent by Baron Aexkuell, of Esthonia, who escaped from that country Thursday.

Baron Aexkuell reports that German forces had begun to evacuate Narva, when they were attacked and defeated by Russian troops.

Last Tuesday White Guards, commanded by former Russian officers, were attacked by a superior Bolshevik force. The White Guards, half annihilated, retired.

+ ALL RESTRICTIONS
+ REMOVED FROM SUGAR +
+ Portland, Ore., Dec. 4.—The + food administration here has + been notified from Washington + that all restrictions have been + removed from sugar. Big crops + are now available, but the peo- + ple are asked not to indulge in + a sugar orgy.
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MEN AND WOMEN IN SCRAP FOR POSITIONS

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 4.—To enforce their demand upon the Cleveland Railway company for the dismissal of women employed as conductors since last August, 2,400 motormen and conductors went on strike today.

The employees claim that an agreement with the company for the removal of the women on November 1 and recently extended until December 1 was ignored.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The national war labor board today decided to ask the Cleveland Railway company to dismiss the 150 women employees within 30 days from today. This action was taken after a hearing given Mayor Davis and is expected to end the strike of men employees which began this morning.

SPORADIC FIGHTING INCREASES IN AUSTRIA

Vienna, Nov. 29.—Disintegration of the former Austro-Hungarian empire goes on apace and is accompanied by fighting here and there and the depredations of marauding bands. Meanwhile, the food situation in Vienna becomes more perilous each day.

Czech-Slovak forces have occupied Bodenbach, near the German frontier, thereby cutting off from Vienna large stores of provisions.

The Czech-Slovaks have garrisoned the larger part of German Bohemia and are said to be pressing toward the frontiers of Upper Austria. In the south the Jugo-Slavs have occupied Marburg, which claims to be a German city. Their forces also have entered the provinces of Carinthia and Styria.

In the northeast the Poles continue their fight with the Ukrainians and are advancing over the Carpathian mountains to the frontiers of Hungary. They are reported to be robbing the Jews as they go.

A Roumanian army has marched into Bukovina as far as Kolomea on the River Pruth. It is claimed in Vienna that this force is clearly out of the limits of the Roumanian sphere in Bukovina.

THE FINANCIAL PART OF U. S. IN THE BIG WAR

McADOO'S REPORT SHOWS HOW THE FOUR GREAT LIBERTY LOANS WERE PUT OVER

MILLIONS RAISED IN TAXES

Largest Life Insurance Bureau on Globe, Having \$36,000,000,000 Life Insurance in Force

Washington, Dec. 4.—The financial history of America's part in the war is set forth by Secretary McAdoo in his annual report drafted before his resignation, and made public today by the treasury. It is the history of how the American people paid billions in taxes, raised four great liberty loans and created a tremendous pool of credit with which the treasury through its many war agencies paid the bills of the army and navy, the shipping board and other government departments, loaned billions to the allies and millions to war industries, helped support the families of soldiers and sailors and tided farmers over periods of financial stringency.

"The payment into the treasury of vast sums in war taxes and from bond sales," said Secretary McAdoo, "and the transformation of our varied and complex economic life to the supreme task of winning the war have been accomplished without shock or financial disturbances. The credit and business structure of the nation remains sound and strong. The results of the four liberty loans are a tribute to the patriotism of the American people and to the economic strength of the nation."

For the fifteen months ending last June 30, Secretary McAdoo estimated that the actual cost of the war, with allowances for the government's ordinary expenses in ordinary times, amounted to \$13,222,000,000. Nearly half of this, or \$6,499,000,000, went into permanent investments, in the form of ships, shipyards, war vessels, army camps, buildings, and in loans to allies or to American war industries. Of the year's expenses 31.6 per cent came from taxation.

Mr. McAdoo dealt at length with the accomplishments of the War Risk Insurance bureau, which has built up an organization of 14,000 employees, necessary for the issuance of about a million checks every month to soldiers or their dependents for allotments, allowances, disability compensation and insurance.

"It is certainly one of the greatest business enterprises in the world," he said, "and indubitably the largest life insurance concern on the globe, having nearly \$36,000,000,000 of life insurance in force."

HOOD RIVER GETS A MILLION DOLLAR ORDER

Hood River, Ore., Dec. 4.—H. F. Davidson, president of the Hood River Fruit association, today received an order from a company in London, England, for apples to the amount of over a million dollars. This is the largest single order placed for apples in the northwest. Mr. Davidson, who left this afternoon for New York, said that he was going east to arrange for shipping space. He announced that the price offered by the British consignees was in every way satisfactory and would leave a good margin of profit after all expenses were paid. Mr. Davidson said that the greater part of the apples would come from Hood River.

SENATOR ASKS MORE LIGHT ON THE 14 POINTS

CLAIMS WILSON'S FAMOUS 14 PRINCIPLES ARE SUBJECT TO VARIOUS MEANINGS

SHARP WORDS ARE PASSED

Committee Members State Privately That Cummins' Proposal Will Not Be Passed

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, republican, started a general discussion of the president's 14 principles in a speech advocating a resolution calling on the president to make a public declaration interpreting his principles, which the senator said were subject to various interpretations. He declared the president should not on behalf of the American public make radical proposals until he is sure that they are endorsed by the people.

Walsh, democrat, declared that there has been a lack of criticism until recently, and said the people are justified in the general belief that the 14 principles are acceptable. Knox and Poindexter dissented sharply.

The action on the Cummins resolution, proposing that a senate committee be sent to Paris for the peace conference, was postponed until tomorrow, after an executive session of the senate committee on foreign relations. Committee members said privately that the resolution would not be approved.

SAYS ADMIRAL WILL MAKE NO CONCESSION

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—The Wolff Bureau asserts that the reply of Admiral Beatty, commander of the British grand fleet, to the request by Germany for mitigation of the naval terms of the armistice terms, refuses any concessions regarding merchant shipping or fishing in the North Sea.

GREAT FUTURE IN STORE FOR MERCHANT MARINE

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Assurance given by Secretary Daniels in a recent address here that the nation has no intention of abandoning its program of building up the merchant marine has had a stimulating effect upon recruiting for that branch of the service.

William G. Rice, chief of the sea service bureau, which supplies officers and men for transports and cargo ships, said men are being shipped daily into active overseas service and that this will continue indefinitely. He declared that there is a glorious future in store for the American merchant marine, and that the prospects of fame and fortune for those who enter this service are more alluring today than ever before in the nation's history. Recruiting therefore will go on, he said, for the merchant marine needs many more men.

VICTOR BERGER INDICTED BY THE GRAND JURY

LaCrosse, Wis., Dec. 4.—Victor L. Berger, socialist congressman-elect, of Milwaukee, and his campaign manager Louis A. Arnold, were indicted by the federal grand jury on 16 counts involving alleged violations of the espionage act, during his senatorial campaign last March.

SAYS FOCH HAS NOT SET A LIMIT

London Paper Denies Foch Has Sent Germans New Ultimatum for the Transfer of Locomotives

London, Dec. 4.—The Express claims to be able to deny the Berlin report yesterday that General Foch sent Germany a new ultimatum regarding the transfer of locomotives, and says Germany is not keeping to the stipulated schedule and that General Foch has given warning that Germany will be responsible for further delay. The Express denies that Foch has fixed a time limit.

BARUCH OUT JANUARY 1

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson has accepted the resignation of Bernard Baruch, chairman of the war industries board, effective January 1. The board will then cease to exist.

ENGLAND SAYS KAISER SHALL STAND TRIAL

London, Dec. 4.—Chancellor Bonar Law has confirmed the statement that England had decided to press the allies as strongly as possible that the surrender of the former German emperor be demanded, and that he shall stand trial.

HINDENBURG IN BAD WITH THE WORKMEN

Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—The soldiers and workmen's councils at Leipzig have decided that the German general headquarters shall be dissolved and von Hindenburg arrested, according to the Berlin newspapers.

Paris, Dec. 4.—When the American troops entered Trier yesterday the German revolutionary committee tried to get in touch with them, but the American command refused to grant the interview.

HOGLAND EXPECTED IN SEATTLE THIS AFTERNOON

Eugene, Dec. 4.—Lieutenant Hogland, flying from Sacramento to Seattle, left here at 10:10 this morning, and is expected to reach Seattle this afternoon.

BELIEVE BOLSHIEVKS HIDING ARTILLERY

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—The Berlin government reports that it seriously fears a Bolshevik outbreak under the leadership of Dr. Liebknecht, radical socialist extremist. The government believes that the Bolsheviks have artillery and munitions concealed.

GOVERNOR DENOUNCES MARION COUNTY JURY

Salem, Ore., Dec. 4.—Governor Withycombe has denounced the Marion county grand jury penitentiary report, vindictive Warden Murphy, as "prejudiced and unfair," and said that it was intended as a whitewash for Murphy and did not say a single word about graft, which it was called into special session to detect.

The report charged that Parole Officer Keller was the active head of an espionage system and depreciated the governor's interference.

TAX RATIO FOR JOSEPHINE CO. IS 70 PER CENT

ASSESSOR POLLOCK, JUDGE GILLETTE AND WILFORD ALLEN SAVE COUNTY MONEY

FIRST PLACED AT 60 PER CENT

Real Value of County Property \$11,208,505, an Increase of \$1,262,786 Over Last Year

The visit of County Judge Gillette and Assessor Pollock to Salem last week to appear before the state tax commission relative to the tax ratio given Josephine county, resulted in the saving of several thousand dollars to the taxpayers of the county. After a conference of two hours or more with Mr. Galloway of the tax commission he consented to raise the rate to 68 per cent, which was within 3 per cent of the previous year.

Mr. Pollock and the county judge went to Salem with a mass of information which was placed before Mr. Galloway, and an effort was made to present the matter before the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, who are also members of the commission, but these officials were temporarily occupied with an important conference and could not be interviewed.

To Wilford Allen, former editor of the Courier, now a resident of Salem, is due the credit of having the ratio raised another 2 per cent, bringing the final fixed rate to within one point of the last year's ratio, which was 71.

Mr. Pollock, at the request of the Courier, has supplied the following statement which gives a correct idea of the tax situation:

"For this year the total local assessment of the county, not including public service corporations which are assessed by the state tax commission and which have not yet been returned, or certified, to the county is \$6,725,103, which the assessor and board of equalization claims is the full cash value of the property and has made returns to the commission under oath that it is the full cash value, but the commission found, tentatively, that it was but 60 per cent of its real value, and notified us to that effect, and gave us until November 30th to show why it should not be so rated. If the valuation of the locally assessed property as quoted above at \$6,725,103, is but 60 per cent of its real value 100 per cent or real value, would be \$11,208,505, or an increase over last year of 1,262,786.69 on which we would have to pay a state tax, while we believe the real value of the property within the county is less, and surely is not greater than last year."

"To illustrate more fully, last year the total valuation placed on the locally assessed property, that is, all property assessed by the county assessor but not including public utilities corporation such as railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, in Josephine county was \$7,062,460, which the state tax commission determined to be assessed at 71 per cent of its true value, and were therefore required under the law in equalizing the several counties to estimate the assessment at 100 per cent or \$9,945,718.31. On this our state tax was \$25,645.90, and with a rating of but 60 per cent of true value and applied to our assessment this year it would bring our state tax (provided the state requires the same amount of revenue as last year) to approximately \$29,000, or an increase in round numbers of \$3,550. And this is not all the tale of woe that such a ratio brings. Last year the tax commission found the true cash value of the public utilities corporations, railroads, telephones and like property, to be \$2,735,077.52, but as Josephine county

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