

ALBANY DAILY DEMOCRAT

PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN FRANCE

With Bands Playing the Star Spangled Banner Wilson Steps Off Boat Today

ROYAL WELCOME MEETS PRESIDENT

Thousands of Soldiers and Civilians Bid Welcome to American Statesman

BREST, Dec. 13.—The George Washington, with President Wilson and his official party aboard, arrived off Brest today shortly after noon. She entered the harbor and is steaming slowly towards her anchorage at 1:10.

By FRED S. FERGUSON
BREST, Dec. 13.—President Wilson stepped upon French soil at 3:22 this afternoon. Mrs. Wilson preceded the President, carrying a small American flag.

President Wilson and his personal party left the George Washington in a tug carrying the Presidential flag. As it neared the landing slip, the shore batteries fired the Presidential salute of 21 guns, while bands struck up the Star Spangled Banner.

The hills rising from the waterfront were crowded with Breton women and girls in their quaint costumes. Mayor Hervagault, heading the reception committee, saluted Mr. Wilson as a "messenger of peace and justice," saying, "You bring to tormented Europe the comfort of your authoritative voice in the debate which will end our quarrels."

Eight American canteen workers presented Mrs. Wilson with a bouquet of flowers as she stepped upon the pier. They were the only women participating in the ceremonies.

The President responded to the cheers of the doughboys and sailors as he entered the automobile that took him to the station. The road was lined with soldiers. Groups of school children sang the national songs of France and America.

President Wilson's special train left immediately for Paris.

Passes Historic Spot
LONDON, Dec. 13.—The George Washington bearing President Wilson and his official party, passed over the grave of the Lusitania, southwest of Ireland, late yesterday. Many ships from Queenstown met and saluted the liner.

Clerks Kept Busy Explaining Error

Owing to a typographical error which appeared in an advertisement carried last night by the World Department Store, the clerks in the shoe department have been kept busy explaining the mistake to patrons who responded to the advertisement this morning and this afternoon. The World store two nights ago advertised a shoe sale at 20 per cent discount and a second advertisement was inserted last night on the same sale. Owing to an error in proofreading, the figures 25 per cent were inserted instead of 20.

NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Girl or middle aged woman for light housework. Call Bell phone 448R, or call 1181-2 West Second Street. 13d16*

FOR SALE—Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels, as good as any in the state. A. M. Dawson, Home phone 3320. 12d14*

LINN WIRELESS MAN TELLS EXPERIENCES

Sat Three Days Hearing conversations Between Paris and Germany

WATERLOO, Dec. 13.—Sergeant Dale Lottin of this city, with the American expeditionary forces in France, is a wireless operator, and in his last letter describes his personal experiences before and after the signing of the armistice, which was followed by a cessation of fighting. An extract of the letter follows:

"I haven't written to anyone for several days, because I have had the receivers on my ears almost continuously for three days. We are waiting for the glorious news, and when it finally came, were not as very much surprised. On the morning of Nov. 11, I had slept from about 1:30 to 6:15, and when I awoke, put on my pajamas and heard the Eiffel Tower working with Germany. They were discussing certain paragraphs in the proposed armistice, so I remained in bed and copied the conversation, for fear of missing a word if I stopped long enough to dress. When my student operator came he relieved me while I dressed.

"Well, we did not take off the phone all forenoon, and I had my dinner brought to me. At 12 o'clock we heard from P. O. 3 (Germany) that the fighting had stopped, owing to the signing of the armistice, and at 3 o'clock it was officially confirmed from E. F. (Eiffel Tower).

"The room was crowded with French and American officers, who snatched the pages away before I could fill them. It was a scene to touch one. I saw one French lieutenant quietly brush away a tear, and I was so excited myself I could scarcely write. I am saying every scrap of message that I received so as to preserve some very authentic information for future use.

"I suppose the important question is: When shall we get home? I do not wish to be pessimistic, yet you should not expect me before next harvest. Of course, one can never tell—Lucky happen to be very lucky."

Tangent First to Go Over Top

According to Mrs. R. E. Mason, in charge of the Junior Red Cross drive in Linn county, the Tangent schools were the first in the county to "go over the top" in the Xmas membership drive. The schools are in charge of Superintendent Frederick Knight.

Refreshments Saturday for Belgian Relief

Under the direction of the committee for relief in Belgium and France, coffee, tea, sandwiches and cake will be served in many of the shops, stores and banks of the city next Saturday, December 14, beginning at 12 o'clock. Coffee, sandwich and cake, 15c.

The committee urges all to give their bit of time and money toward brightening the lives of the defenseless little children who have lost home and parents in these war-devastated lands.

Remember the time, any time after 12 noon.

MAKE OUR OWN MAPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—America should be independent of the rest of the world in the matter of maps and shipping charts, the navy hydrographic office advises.

"A position of independence," says the report, "will secure to us great advantages in the features of national security, efficiency due to working under an individual and homogeneous system, undivided responsibility for the safe navigation of our shipping, both naval and commercial, and resurrection from the humiliating situation of the leading nation in the world being dependent upon other nations for nautical information."

JAPANESE ALLIANCE

TOKIO, Dec. 13.—The marriage of a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin to the daughter of a retired surgeon in the Japanese army took place when Robert Walker Irwin, Jr., married Miss Fusako Watanabe.

Hundreds of friends, including many prominent foreign and Japanese, attended a reception at the groom's home following the wedding in the Catholic cathedral. Irwin's father has been a resident of Japan for almost half a century and is one of the wealthiest foreigners here. His relatives include members of many old Pennsylvania families. The bride is the daughter of Lieut.-Col. Watanabe.

YANK TROPS MAY POLICE BERLIN

If Bolshevik Movement Continues America Will Be Asked for Troops

ANNOUNCEMENT IS CHEERED BY GERMANS

State Department says America Has No Plans for Occupation Berlin

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13.—U. P.—The German government will ask the allied armies to occupy Berlin if the Bolshevik movement continues to grow, Philip Scheidemann declared in a speech at the capitol, according to Berlin dispatches.

Scheidemann predicted that American troops will soon arrive in Berlin, upon which the audience cheered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Scheidemann's statement regarding American occupation of Berlin is considered largely play by the socialist leader to instill the fear of the United States military forces into the German masses.

Both the war and state departments persistently deny that such occupation is contemplated. While a state of utter anarchy would doubtless cause a shift of allied plans, there is no intention to interfere internally in Germany.

Orders to Local Board Are Countermanded

After making all preparations to wind up the draft machinery in Linn county preparatory for the discharge of the members of the local exemption board on December 12th, County Clerk Russell received orders today countermanding the prior notice and instructing the members to maintain the organization until notified by the government.

Gates News Notes

GATES, Dec. 13.—Special.—Milo Shier escaped what might have been a fatal accident. He was at the mines at Ogal mountain eating supper by a gasoline lamp, when the lamp exploded, throwing gasoline in his face and burning him quite badly.

The Red Cross gave an entertainment and dance Saturday night, and a cafeteria supper, which was well attended and netted the Red Cross auxiliary \$55.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bevier came to Gates Tuesday and are visiting relatives.

Wm. Thorson of Aberdeen, Wash., spent a week in Gates looking after his property here.

Mrs. C. E. Bevier entertained the Birthday club Nov. 30. Cards were the diversion of the afternoon. Mrs. Leah Ratsburg winning first and Mrs. Scott second; after which refreshments were served.

The Birthday club was entertained at Mrs. W. B. Robertson's Dec. 3. Each was the pastime. Lunch was served at the noon hour. Mrs. Jennie Goines won first prize and Mrs. Marietta Smith second.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. George were going home from Gates Tuesday evening when their car went over the bank near Fred Leeper's. Altho no bones were broken, Mrs. George is confined to her bed. The car is still on its side and the damage unknown. C. D. Bevier went to Albany Tuesday to have some dental work done.

Resolution Provided for Government Ownership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Chairman Moon of the house postoffice committee presented a resolution today for permanent governmental control and ownership of the telegraph and telephone systems.

Chimney Burned Out—

A burning chimney at the St. Mary's hospital was the cause of a fire alarm which was sounded late this afternoon. The fire department responded to the call but the services of the members were not necessary.

Weather Report—
Yesterday's temperature ranged 40 to 52 degrees. The rainfall was 27 inch and the river raised to 3 feet.

BROWNSVILLE MAN, AGED 102, PASSES

N. C. Burson, Who Died Yesterday, Said to Be Oldest in State

BROWNSVILLE, Dec. 13.—Special to the Democrat.—N. C. Burson, aged 102 years, five months and 28 days, passed away at the home of his son, N. L. Burson, three miles northwest of Brownsville, yesterday.

The deceased was born in Loudon county, Virginia, on June 15, 1816, and moved to Oregon to reside with his son some 14 years ago. He was the oldest man in the Willamette Valley and probably the oldest man in the state at the time of his death.

Up until a few months ago Mr. Burson was apparently in excellent health but began to fail and has been in a critical condition for several months. Old age is given as the cause of his death by the attending physician.

PALACE MADE READY FOR WILSON FAMILY

Magnificent Residence Placed at President's Disposal by French Government

By Margaret Rohe, United Press Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Waxed and gilded by the united hands of the police and doughboys, at Prince Murat's sumptuous residence at 28 Rue Monceau is now ready as the first foreign home of a President of the United States.

All of the wonderful paintings and priceless tapestries which were removed during the bombardment of Paris, have now been restored. When the first lady of the land becomes the temporary chataine, she will enjoy the magnificent surroundings of the chateau de Louis.

The private apartments of President and Mrs. Wilson are on the second floor. They are reached by an impressive white marble staircase from a white marble entrance hall. The walls along the stairway are of varicolored marble, except the top landing, which is a vast sheet of mirror.

Opening off the central hall comes first, a small private study. It contains a charming inlaid desk where the President will work—if he can—facing wonderful paintings of Cupid and Psyche, almost filling the entire wall above the book cases.

Next comes a large library, decorated in crimson damask. In it are many paintings and busts of Napoleon.

Adjoining the library is the President's sleeping apartment, which is also filled with innumerable relics, engravings and paintings of the famous emperor. The most striking feature of this group is the wonderful empire bed. All of the furniture consists of exquisite examples of the empire period, the charm necessarily is broken by the anachronism of a real American desk telephone on the empire stand near the bed.

Scarcely perceptible panels in the walls of sage green brocade at both ends of the bed lead, with the old alluring secrecy and charm characteristic of all well-regulated French palaces, into Mrs. Wilson's apartment.

where Madame in President will make herself at home in the midst of soft French grey walls, grey satin hangings, brocade cupids and garlands of golden hue.

The colorings throughout are of gold and grey. The bed has a panel of fairy-like fillet lace as a background to the canopy at the head. Easy chairs and chaise longue of brocade invite relaxation from social strain. A perfectly-appointed writing table stands between two long windows, which overlook the rear of the beautiful park that surrounds the house to the extent of a city block. This in the heart of Paris!

Off the Presidential bedchambers are large dressing rooms and bath-rooms. The President's is done in ivory, his wife's in French grey. These, happily, are all in the 1918 period of comfort, luxury and sanitation.

There are unique collections of porcelains, ivory, prints and paintings in the charming boudoir. Small family salons and a dining room are on the same floor. The general color scheme is crimson. The walls are of brocade

GERMANY READY FOR WORLD WAR

Plans Perfected and Stage Set for Entry Into War in July of 1914

ARMY SECRET SERVICE UNEARTH'S PLOTS

Trained German Agents Sent to U. S. Before War to Aid Propaganda

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—U. P.—

With plans completed for plunging the world into war Germany, in July, 1914, despatched 139 trained propagandists to the United States, South America, Mexico and China.

They were informed July 19 by German officials in Berlin that there was to be a war, being thoroughly instructed in their tasks.

Captain Lester of the U. S. army intelligence department, so testified to the senate probing committee today

AD GERMANY REDDY—

Thirty-one of these propagandists arrived in the United States Aug. 19, 1914, just after the war had started. Lester submitted a mass of evidence from his department's files. Much evidence is being withheld as a basis for future action.

These hundred and 30 propagandists assembled in Berlin were skilled publicists who had been spreading pro-German propaganda for ten years before the war.

HERE'S A FINE UMPIRE

WASTING HIS PERFUME

TON THE DESERT AIR

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The w. k. colored gentleman who scratched his head when hit on the pate with a crowsbar has nothing on this British sailor, now enlisted in the Canadian army.

He can not feel pain, cold or heat, has no sense of taste or smell, does not know what fatigue means, and is apparently without any emotions, affections or dislikes. When his nervous system was assembled, these things were left out.

He was discovered recently at a hospital at Aldershot, where he was being treated for mumps.

"I have seen him hold a burning taper against his naked arm for 10 or 15 minutes and then unconcernedly pick off the charred epidermis," Cap. Roberts says. "Blows on the head with a poker and plunging his fingers in hot water produced no effect; when his eyes were closed he didn't even realize anything was happening. His body is covered with scars from burns or wounds he has inflicted either for bets or to astonish onlookers."

"Otherwise, he is normal."

State Commander Coming—

State Commander J. W. Sherwood of the Knights of Maccabees of Portland expects to come to Albany tomorrow evening and meet with the local lodge. The Seio lodge has united with the Albany lodge and is coming over in a body to attend the meeting Saturday evening. Election of officers will be held for the coming year and a social time will be held after the meeting, followed by refreshments.

Help Belgian Babies—

When buying for your own kiddies at Xmas time, don't forget the Belgian Babies.

Here From Lebanon—

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Culp of Lebanon spent the day in Albany shopping and visiting friends.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE CAMPED ALONG RHINE

WITH THE AMERICANS, Dec. 13.

—The Americans are encamped along the Rhine on a front of nearly 60 miles. Patrols are guarding the left bank.

and the carpets are velvet.

The ball room, grand salon, huge state dining room and kitchens are all of regal proportions.

The third floor is reserved for other members of the family suite. Besides bed chambers, it contains offices and various work rooms.

LINN COUNTY PLEASSED WITH PAVMENT PLANS

Announcement Made Pacific Highway Will Be Paved Albany to Jefferson

The announcement made yesterday that the State Highway commission had definitely decided to include an appropriation for the pavement of the Pacific Highway from Jefferson to Albany in the estimate for the present year, came as welcome news to the people of Linn county and the improvement of the road is the principal topic of conversation on the streets of Albany today.

The estimated cost for the nine miles of paving from Albany to Jefferson is placed at \$166,500, in the report which was made public yesterday. The commission ordered State Engineer Herbert Nunn to prepare the projects for bids, which will be opened at subsequent sessions. Several bids are expected to be ready for the commission, which is set for January 7, 1919.

The proposed expenditures are estimated by the state engineers from the \$6,000,000 bond fund and also from the one-quarter mill and auto license fee fund, the bond expenditure being estimated at \$2,790,200 and the latter at \$735,000.

It is said the good roads program now in prospect will furnish employment for at least 3,000 men, and should prove an important adjunct to the reconstruction labor problem. The Hood River-Mosier project, for example, will consume at least one year and will employ several hundred men.

In the cases of Douglas, Polk and a few other counties, details have not been worked out, but the commission contemplates taking care of these districts at a later date. The program under the federal fund of post and forest aid is not included in the items of construction proposed yesterday.

First Girl in P. O.—

For the first time in the history of the Albany postoffice, a girl is assisting at the general delivery window. Miss Dora Stewart began work this morning and will work during the holidays with the Christmas mail.

Dr. Bridgewater Expected Home—

Mrs. J. E. Bridgewater went to Portland this morning to visit friends. She stated that she expected the Doctor home next week to resume his practice in Albany.

Buy a Belgian Card—

Buy a Belgian Christmas card and so win the love and respect of your friends because you are doing work for humanity.

FRENCH FOLK TEND OUR BOYS' GRAVES

PARIS, Dec. 13.—On the wooded slope of a hill that rises in a bend of the Seine just on the edge of Paris, there is a little cemetery that is doing much to weld another link in the chain of friendship binding France and America.

Among the 700 graves of soldiers in this cemetery are many graves of American boys who have succumbed to their wounds in the hospitals of the city.

Almost every one of the American graves has been adopted by some French family, which takes care of the grave as the one of their own dead lay there. Many families have adopted from three to five of the little mounds and one prominent French professional has adopted 15 and insists upon tending them with his own hands. The duties of the foster parents include besides the care of the graves, an effort to get in touch with the relatives of the dead hero in America to tell them about the resting place of their fallen soldier.

Every grave is tended scrupulously. Fresh flowers are placed frequently and the American flag at the head of the grave is renewed when it is faded. It is not unusual to see on Sundays a dozen French women in deep mourning, sometimes accompanied by a troop of sober faced children, reverently caring for the grave of an American who has fallen on the soil of France.

When a military funeral draws up to the gate of the cemetery and tenderly deposits another flag-draped coffin, the children gravely salute and follow the little procession to the new grave, and stand quietly while the chaplain reads the simple ceremony and the bugler sounds the final requiem.

U.S. PLAYS BIG ROLE AT CONFERENCE

Will Be the Only Nation at Peace Table With No Material Ends

LASTING PEACE IS AIM OF DELEGATES

Future of World Will Depend Upon Manner in Which Problems Worked Out

By J. W. T. Mason

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's arrival in France means American participation in the discussion of the problems of inter-European policies in which the United States is interested solely to prevent this country from being again drawn into a transatlantic war. Every other power at the conference will have positive material rights to safeguard and improve, viewing the international situation from a different standpoint than America.

The continental Europeans still hope for a realization of territorial additions which the conference certainly will not justify. But to America the jealousies and deadly enmities are without reason, and she desires that they be curbed. For, if they are not, they may end in another war, involving innocent neutrals, thereby carrying the United States into another conflict to defend neutral rights.

Lady Maccabees Elect New Officers

At the regular meeting of the Lady Maccabees the following new officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Amelia Horsky, L. C.; Mrs. Selma Howard, Lieut. C.; Mrs. Hester Austin, P. L. C.; Mrs. Lida Van Winje, R. K.; Mrs. Bertha Parke, F. K.; Mrs. Ella Merrill, chaplain; Mrs. Hilka Wardford, L. at A.; Miss Minnie Merrill, sergeant; Mrs. Albina McClain, sentinel; Mrs. Sadie Jones, picket; Mrs. Ruth Gould, musician; Mrs. Bertha Albers, captain of G.; Mrs. Laura Anderson, installing officer.

After the meeting a banquet was served and a social time enjoyed by all those present.

BRITISHER TELLS OF PANIC IN GERMANY TOWN

LONDON, Dec. 13.—"Yes," said a recently repatriated wounded British aviator who had been a prisoner in Germany since January, 1917, "I was in Mannheim during two night raids. It was during the latter part of 1917. Oh, they had the wind up all right, even then. We wondered what was happening when we first heard the sirens and guns. Our orderlies just vanished. There was a big chemical factory not far from our camp. Several bombs must have hit it fair and square. In the morning when we looked out there was not much of it left."

"Nothing came on us either time. Fritz noticed that this hospital camp was a safe spot, and built a barracks next door, and put down a gun testing station on the other side."

"It was wonderful how our fellows managed to pick out the factories. The town itself was not damaged at all. When we left Mannheim we marched right thru town and tho I saw several factories in ruins I didn't see a single private house that had been hit."

A Coldstreamer who had been in Essen during the raids on Krupp's spoke of the frenzied panic that prevailed, and told how a mob of Germans, men and women, rushed into the hospital where the wounded prisoners were lying. They fiercely threatened the English.

His comrade, in the next cot, they actually pulled out on the floor, and jumping on the helpless man, permanently injured his spine.

Maccabees Will Elect—

The members of the Maccabees will elect officers this evening at the regular meeting which will be held at the W. O. W. hall. Refreshments will be served.

Cooked Food Sale—

Mrs. John French will be in charge of the cooked food sale which will be held by the Red Cross tomorrow.