

KING CANCELS HIS XMAS PROGRAM TO MEET WILSON

LONDON, Dec. 18.—King George, it was announced today, has cancelled the arrangement which provided that he should go to Sandringham palace for Christmas, and he will remain in London instead to welcome President Wilson.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The reason given for President Wilson's desire to make an early visit to England, it is understood, is that he has found it might be necessary to return to Washington much sooner than he had expected. Whether this means a change in the president's entire program, including his journey to Italy, is not known here.

An interesting feature of the president's intended visit beginning next Thursday is that the present British cabinet is technically not in a position to speak for the government until the result of the recent elections are known December 28.

There is little doubt, however, that Premier Lloyd George and his associates have been re-elected.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—If President Wilson arrives in England Thursday of next week, as it is intimated, he will find England holiday making, as the day after Christmas is "Boxing Day." The president also will find that many people are away from London, because this year many business houses are giving their employees a week's vacation to enable them to spend the holidays in the country.

VON BISSING POLICY UNITED BELGIANS

BRUGES, Dec. 18.—The one time German governor of Belgium, von Bissing rendered Belgium a signal service by endeavoring to exploit his plan of splitting the country into two parts by his scheme of Flemish autonomy. Judged from present indications it has united Belgium as never before in its history. Before the war there was a well defined Flemish movement but when von Bissing attempted to exploit it the Flemish demurred, for they feared the German bearing gifts.

The number of disciples converted to the policy by von Bissing is small. Adventurers, discontented office seekers and for the most part youths. They are no longer in position to champion the designs of von Bissing for they have taken refuge in Germany or Holland where it is likely they will spend years in exile.

PACIFIC SHIPPERS PLAN UNIFORM PORT CHARGES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Measures looking toward a standardization of port charges and the elimination of present conditions whereby some of these charges are changed while vessels are between ports, were considered at a meeting of Pacific coast port authorities with the state harbor commission here today. Representatives of shipping and port organizations from San Diego to the British Columbia line were present.

Emphasis was laid upon an announced necessity of having the port tariffs of the port destination declared before sailings. The meeting was presided over by J. H. McCallum, president of the California state board of harbor commissioners.

20 BODIES ORTRANTO NOT YET IDENTIFIED

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Latest reports from the Island of Islay state that 241 bodies known to be those of Americans who lost their lives in the sinking of the British transport Ortrato have been recovered, fifteen having come ashore within one week. Of these twenty have not been identified. There are 149 other bodies that have been found, but whether they are those of Americans or members of the transport's crew has not been determined.

METAL UNION TO VOTE ON SIX HOUR DAY

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—The Seattle Metal Trades council, representing approximately 18,000 workmen, most of whom are in the shipyards, has adopted resolutions, it was announced today, favoring a six-hour day if necessary to avoid unemployment during the period of reconstruction. Metal trade workers in other Pacific coast cities are to be asked to vote on the proposal.

FORMER KAISER CONFINED TO BED IS BROKEN MAN

AMERONGEN, Holland, Dec. 18.—(Wednesday, by Associated Press.) Former Emperor William has been confined to his bed since Sunday with a severe chill. His indisposition has brought about a renewal of his old ear trouble, necessitating the calling in of a specialist, a professor from Utrecht, to assist the local doctor.

The constant worry of the last five weeks and his virtual imprisonment in Count Bentinck's castle here have changed William's appearance. His face has become ashen, his hair and moustache gray and his features deeply lined. Since he has lain abed his face has remained unshaven and the 72 hours' growth of beard seems to have added ten years to his age.

The ex-emperor's favorite adjutant Captain Sigurd von Ilseman, also is ill and the former empress has become her husband's almost sole attendant.

No strangers are permitted to enter the castle grounds under any pretext, while all arrivals are being closely watched.

SENATE TO CONSIDER REPEAL ZONE LAW

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The senate today in its discussion of the war revenue bill took up the amendment which would repeal next July 1, the existing zone system of second class postage rates and substitute therefor a modified zone system. It was not expected that there would be any extended debate in view of the general desire to take a final vote on the measure by next Monday in order to facilitate the Christmas recess.

PRESENT POPE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT WILSON

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The papal letter presented to President Wilson today by Monsignor Cerretti, the papal under secretary of state, pleaded for assistance on behalf of small oppressed nations, especially Armenia and Poland. The pope's letter also expressed the hope of a just and durable peace being reached through enlightened action.

"GEORGE WASHINGTON" BRINGS BACK TROOPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Returning home on the transport George Washington, which sailed from France December 15, the war department announced today, are the 139th Field Artillery; Batteries A, B, D and E and Headquarters company of the 137th Field Artillery; 35 officers of the 138th Field Artillery and a number of casuals.

INTERN AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Austro-German soldiers who have been rounded up in European and Asiatic Turkey by the allies will be transported to France for internment until peace is declared. Admiral J. F. C. Amet, French high commissioner at Constantinople, requisitioned all German vessels in Turkish ports and will use them in transporting the Austro-German prisoners to France.

NEW U. S. AMBASSADOR LUNCHEONS WITH KING

LONDON, Dec. 19.—After presenting his credentials to King George today, John W. Davis, the new American ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Davis had luncheon with King George and Queen Mary and other members of the royal household at Buckingham palace.

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FRENCH TRADES PEOPLE REFUSE GASSED MONEY

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Gassed money has made its way to Paris to be spent since the small townspeople refuse to take it in trade. A Young Men's Christian association secretary in a village protested when an aged woman storekeeper refused the jet black coins he offered, briefly explaining "No good."

"But," insisted the Red Triangle man, "these coins are perfectly good. They were new and shiny when I put them in my pocket. I have been thru a gas attack and the fumes have turned them black. See—"

And he took out his knife and scraped until the bright metal was revealed.

"Non," replied madame, still unconvinced. "Ce n'est pas bon."

Finally the man who had made the purchases was obliged to borrow enough from a fellow-worker to pay for what he had bought.

"It is bad enough to go thru the danger and discomfort of a gas attack without having perfectly good money ruined," mused the Y. M. C. A. "This matter ought to be held against the Boches when the final settlement comes. It is the worst of all their crimes."

Attorneys P. J. Neff and Gus Newbury were in Grants Pass on legal business Tuesday.

PERSHING'S MEN MAKING MONEY IN U. S. ARMY

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Not many fortunes in American small change are being spent by General Pershing's fighting men for they are not at all like the old style privates in the days when army pay was \$13 a month. This person, it will be recalled, lost his entire month's emoluments in 15 minutes experimenting with craps, whereupon he shrugged his shoulders, commenting philosophically, "Oh, well, easy come—easy go."

The new type of Yankee enlisted man isn't like that. He is a saving young man and he sends a good share of his earnings home to help out his wife or other partial dependents that he may leave. In fact, he sends back as much money as he spends on himself, if figures from Y. M. C. A. finance reports may be taken as a criterion. And they ought to be considered a fair indication of the way the pay goes.

In the first place, the private makes an allotment of half his base pay by government order if he has anyone at home that needs it. And if he hasn't the government takes it and saves it for him. With very few exceptions, he also is the holder of a government insurance policy, which takes another bite out of his earnings. By the time his allotment and his insurance payments have been deducted, there isn't

YANK ROLLS HIS OWN WITH TEN SHILLING NOTES

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Return to America for the American soldiers who have camped in England for half a year without ever seeing the French front means a return to a land where paper money looks like their idea of money. One disconsolate private was accosted at Eagle Hut, London, the big Y. M. C. A. center.

"What's the matter, son?" asked a Red Triangle secretary.

"I was just thinking I'd like some of those panakes, sir," the private answered mournfully.

"And you're broke, heh?" the Red Triangle man guessed from long experience.

"Yes, sir."

"Been a long time since pay day?"

"No, sir; we were paid last Saturday."

"Lost your money?"

"Well, you might call it that."

"Stolen?"

"No, sir. You see, sir, there was some of us walking home last night and I pulled out my cigarettes and passed them around. I thought they tasted a bit funny, at the time. And then this morning I discovered that I'd burned up all my money. It was those blamed little ten shilling notes, made out of tissue paper."

A great deal left. Yet from this little, he manages to save what in the aggregate amounts to a vast sum.

JAMES R. MANN TO RUN FOR SPEAKER OF HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative James R. Mann of Illinois, republican leader of the house, today formally announced his candidacy for speaker of the house in the next congress, which will be controlled by the republicans.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—The department of commerce and industry of Mexico has chosen San Francisco, New Orleans, Washington and St. Louis as zone headquarters for the development of closer trade relations between the United States and Mexico. S. L. Alarista, in charge of the St. Louis zone, announced today.

JAP. BARON FAVORS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—Belief that a League of Nations will be achieved was expressed by Baron Takahashi, the Japanese minister for finance at a dinner given by the Bankers' club given in honor of the new Japanese cabinet.

The minister called attention to the activities of American financiers to prepare for the post-war period, "thus conforming to their splendid national development," and urged Japanese business and financial men to work out a plan of cooperation which would advance Japan's interests.

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