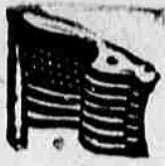


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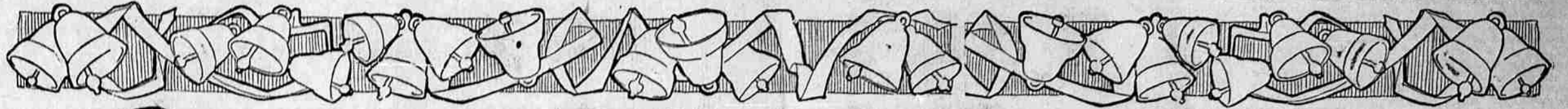
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## Merry Christmas to you!

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### ALLIES REFUSE TO SEND ARMY INTO RUSSIA

Russia Herself Must Get Orderly Elements Together When Allied Nations and America Will Give Practical Aid—Bolsheviki Make Progress Into Esthonia.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(Havas). Important conferences in an effort to find a ground for co-operation between the allies and the United States on the one hand and the patriotic elements in Russia on the other were held yesterday at the Russian embassy.

The entente governments, press accounts declare, are completely in accord with a decision to refuse to undertake a vast military expedition into Russia. It is considered the part of Russia herself to get together her orderly elements which, when united, it is declared, will find support and practical help forthcoming from the allied nations and America.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24.—The Bolsheviki are making considerable progress with their penetration of Esthonian territory, the official statement of the Esthonian republic for Monday shows. They have taken Dorpat, and have forced the Esthonians back on the Wesenberg front northwest of Lake Peipus. The German forces are continuing to fall back upon Riga.

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 23.—Prince Georges Lvoff and Vladimir N. Kozkoff, both former Russian premiers, are among the prominent Russians who have arrived in Paris to assist the movement of unifying Russia and restoring order there with entente aid. The Russians here have apparently reconciled political differences and are working toward a common end.

**Bolsheviki Well Equipped**  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—The British government will lay before President Wilson all information it has gathered respecting the Russian situation.

Dispatches from Archangel point out that Bolsheviki forces there are well supplied. Any serious reverse to the allies in northern Russia, who have an enormous front to guard, would result, it is said, in the territory being overrun by the Bolsheviki and probably the massacre of those Russians who have been friendly to the allies.

It has been suggested that more seasoned troops should be sent to Russia. Sections of public opinion here and in France, however, are opposed to entering into a further large venture into Russia which might mean the starting of a new war.

### MR. RICH A POORER AND WISER MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—S. S. Rich, a well known tobacco merchant in this city, was held up by two masked men early today when on his way home from his place of business, and was robbed of \$500. He notified the police. Rich had more than \$600 with him, but some of it escaped the notice of the robbers.

### EX-POLICEMAN GUILTY OF STEALING 192 PINTS

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 24.—James A. Donovan, formerly a police officer here, was found guilty of grand larceny by a jury in superior court today for the alleged theft while acting as an officer of 192 pints of whiskey. Donovan was charged with taking the whiskey from a liquor pedler and hiding it.

### WILSON ASKED TO OCCUPY PULPIT OF HIS GRANDFATHER

Carlisle Invites President to Deliver Sermon in Church Presided Over by Rev. Woodrow—History of Wilson Family Unearthed in Archives of Ancient Town.

CARLISLE, England, Dec. 24.—The Rev. Edward Booth, pastor of the Congregational Church here, which was built by President Wilson's grandfather, and where his grandfather was a minister for several years, has invited the president to address the congregation next Sunday.

The mayor and corporation of Carlisle will meet Friday to vote the freedom of the city to the president. The city authorities also wish to entertain the president at a civic luncheon, but arrangements have not yet been completed.

The visit of President Wilson to the home of his maternal grandfather on Sunday will be almost coincident with his sixty-second birthday, which occurs Saturday.

The president's grandfather left few records of his ministry here. Doubt regarding the house where the Rev. Woodrow lived was dispelled yesterday by a man 90 years old, who was a pupil at the Rev. Woodrow's academy. Documentary evidence also has been found.

### Grandfather's Income \$250

The document says: The Rev. Mr. Woodrow resided for some time in the chapel on Annattwell street, but his income from the church was so small and his family was increasing so that he was obliged to open a school. He removed to Cavendish Place to a house that has pillars at the door. His income from the church at the time of his resignation was only about 50 pounds a year.

The house with the pillars is now known as No. 83 Warwick road. Rev. Woodrow leased it from the Duke of Devonshire for 200 years. It appears to be settled affirmatively that Rev. Woodrow himself lived there. When the Woodrow family went to the United States they left no branches in Carlisle.

The Warwick road house, except for a little portico, is a plain square flat fronted building with a few scraggly evergreens in the narrow front yard.

It has been reported incorrectly that the president's grandmother was buried in Carlisle. She accompanied her husband to America. They landed in New York on their way to Canada and she took ill and died in New York.

### SNOW STORMS STOP CHICAGO TRAFFIC

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The weather map today showed rain and snow in all of the territory east of the Mississippi river except parts of the south. The chief of the forecasters promised better conditions for Christmas day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A heavy fall of moist snow stopped street cars this morning. Thousands walked to work, staggering through the slush and stung by the flakes whipped in their faces by a strong wind. The storm delayed delivery of Christmas packages.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—An 11-inch snow combined with a street car strike had Kansas City virtually tied up this morning. Southern Kansas was buried beneath a 15-inch snow and snow ranging in depth from 9 to 12 inches covered Oklahoma, western Missouri, Arkansas and the Pan Handle region of Texas.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 24.—Denver is practically without transportation to the east and south today. Blizzards in Kansas and in the Texas Pan Handle have filled the right of way with snow to a depth of 12 to 15 feet. Marooned passenger trains have been held at eating house stations.

### PRESIDENT WILL DINE FROM MESS KIT WITH YANKS

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's plans for visiting American army headquarters at Chaumont and then proceeding to England are now complete. He will leave Paris late tomorrow night and will not return until New Year's Day.

Mr. Wilson insisted upon taking Christmas dinner with the troops and eating from a mess kit with the soldiers about him. He will have formal dinner with General Pershing and his officers later. After reviewing the troops, the president will deliver an address which he has already prepared.

Leaving Chaumont late on Christmas Day the president will travel by military train to Calais, where he will arrive the next morning. He will then cross the channel by the shortest route, landing at Dover and going directly to London to begin a round of engagements and conferences which will occupy his time until the following Tuesday when he leaves for Paris.

### 3 ARE KILLED SHELL FACTORY EXPLOSION

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—At least three persons are dead and 50 wounded, many seriously, as the result of an explosion which destroyed the shell loading building at the plant of the J. B. Wise munition plant here late this afternoon.

### COLONEL HOUSE WILL MEET DELEGATION OF JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A delegation of American Jews headed by Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, will arrive in Paris in a few days to confer with Colonel E. M. House regarding the Zionist movement. The appointment was made today by telegram.

### FUNERAL OF WALTER HINES PAGE IS HELD AT FORMER HOME

ABERDEEN, N. C., Dec. 24.—The funeral of Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Great Britain, who died at Pinehurst Saturday night, was held here today, his former home. Assistant Secretary of State William Phillips, attended as representative of the government.



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PARIS, Dec. 24.—President Wilson today called his condolences to Mrs. Walter H. Page on the death of her husband, the former American ambassador in London.

Mrs. Wilson today made personal and official Christmas calls, leaving the president's cards.

The members of the American peace delegation will take a Christmas holiday. Secretary Lansing will visit his two sisters who have been doing war work at the front.

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THE HAGUE, Dec. 24.—Before the departure of President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson from Washington, Queen Wilhelmina sent them an invitation to visit Holland. The reply which was sent by the president to the queen early in December has just been published. It expresses "sincere gratification" at the queen's invitation and promises that the president and Mrs. Wilson will keep in mind "your kind and generous offer of hospitality, and take the liberty of letting you know if you will not deem it discourteous of us to do so, whether it will be possible to give ourselves the pleasure of accepting your offer."

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The man was turned over to the police, who afterward declined to say anything about the arrest.

### MRS. ROOSEVELT DESCRIBES HER WORK AT FRONT

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., First American Woman to Take Charge of Y. M. C. A. Canteen—Prejudice of Soldiers 'Quickly Overcome—Women Worked Hard.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—How American women Y. M. C. A. workers, changed unattractive recreation areas established by the military authorities for American soldiers on leave into popular play grounds was told today by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who recently returned from France after seventeen months' service there in charge of the women of the leave areas. Mrs. Roosevelt was the first woman to enlist with the Y. M. C. A. for overseas duty. She took charge of the first canteen established in Paris.

"When the authorities decided that the soldiers must take their leave in certain restricted areas the men evinced the greatest indignation and disgust," Mrs. Roosevelt declared. "They christened the first of the areas, which was Aix les Bains, 'Aches and Pains.'

"We went ahead and took entire charge of the place. We hired the casino and installed a canteen where the bar had been, leaving the brass rail and the marble counters there for old times' sake. The cabaret room was turned into a place for religious gatherings, and other rooms were fixed up as theaters and libraries.

"We arranged excursions and picnics across the lake and into the mountains, bike rides, hikes and fishing trips in the day time, and shows, movies, concerts and 'stunts' for the evenings.

**Direct from Trenches**  
"These first trips came direct from the front line trenches where they had been fighting only the night before and they were caked with mud. They looked casually about the town upon their arrival, but when they saw what had been arranged for them, they hurried away to get cleaned up, refusing to enter the buildings as they were dressed.

"Within a day every man had entered into the spirit of the place and were playing like youngsters.

"In all their playing, in all of which women took part, the men exerted the greatest care for them, and no matter how rough a game was I have never seen a woman justled in it.

"As a result of the score of these leave areas, the 'Y' established 24-hour recreation centers immediately behind the lines where men could get hot baths, which was the principal thing they wanted.

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### HINDENBURG WILL KEEP HIS JOB

BASEL, Dec. 24.—Agreement has been reached between the Berlin government and the German general staff by which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Groener, the chief quartermaster-general retain their offices, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin.

Berlin reports say parleys between the majority socialists and the independent socialists concerning elections to the national assembly have failed and that the independents have decided to nominate candidates in all districts.

### U. S. WAR DEPT. TO INVESTIGATE Y.M.C.A. RECORD

Complaints of Excessive Charges, Lack of Supplies, Priqqish Methods, to Undergo Analysis—"If I Have Been Inefficient Ought to Be Removed" Says Dr. Mott.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Widespread complaints by home-coming soldiers of exorbitant charges for service in Y. M. C. A. canteens overseas will be referred to the war department for investigation.

Declaring that the association wanted to "know all its shortcomings" and that "if we are not 'delivering the goods' after the way the people of the country have supported us we ought to be made to do so," John R. Mott, head of the war work council, announced today that all specific complaints would be placed before Third Assistant Secretary of War Keppel in charge of army morale, with the request that they be made the subject of an inquiry by the inspection general's office of the American expeditionary forces.

"If I have been inefficient I ought to be removed," said Dr. Mott. "If anybody else has, he or she ought to be removed. We want to know our shortcomings, both of omission and commission, so that as far as possible they may be corrected."

Dr. Mott said that his decision to turn the inquiry over to the war department was based on a report to him by P. T. Edrop, a Y. M. C. A. chaplain, who had made a preliminary investigation by examining written complaints regarding association service and who had interviewed returned soldiers.

**Canteen Charges Excessive**  
Summarizing specific complaints Mr. Edrop stated that the soldiers charged that in certain sectors canteen charges were excessive; in others that there was lack of supplies for free distribution near the firing lines and in some cases for sale as well; that there was a congestion of secretaries in large cities and a noticeable lack of workers near the front at some points; that some secretaries alienated the sympathies of the troops through an assumption that their mode of living was demoralizing; and that workers did their tasks grudgingly and idled whenever possible.

On the other hand, Mr. Edrop said, evidence was abundant, including official citations by American and allied commanders of the heroism and devotion to duty of many Y. M. C. A. workers.

Pending an official investigation the chaplain urged that Y. M. C. A. secretaries be instructed to lay emphasis upon "the new tradition created by our men of the A. E. F." on contrast to the old assumption that the soldier "hopelessly tempted, was different from the civilian."

### BRYAN TO BACK CHAMP CLARK IN 1920 CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Friends of Speaker Clark in congress said today that the speaker would be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1920, altho no formal announcement on the subject could be expected for some time. Mr. Clark himself said:

"I have no announcement to make except to say that I know nothing about it."

According to the story going the rounds at the capitol, Mr. Clark will be supported by William Jennings Bryan.

**Chancellor N. Y. University Dead.**  
ORLANDO, Florida, Dec. 24.—Henry Mitchell MacCracken, chancellor emeritus of New York University, died today in a hospital here. He was 78 years old.