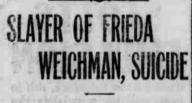


The president is reported to have occupied the suite on the George Washington that the kniser did several years ago and to have been serviced by one of the kniser's old waiters. And now, it developed today, the president is expected to be given the suite at Buckingham ce in which the haiser stayed during his visit here in 1911.



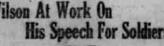
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Defense Of Piper Claims He Was In Reality Not Murderer, But Robber.

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 23. -- With Glilo H. Piper dead, a suicide, authori-tics indicated today they will sift fur-ther the mysteries of his life.

the taxes on luxuri Today those close to him and to his said surchastically. defense claimed Piper was not a mur-sierer, hut a robber. Piper really mar-red Miss Weichman, they said, then 000,000 taxes had b sombarked on a bandit tour with men named ''Sheldon'' and ''Goldberg.'' in the 1917 bill. Johnson insisted of the party, they said, grew out of the Johnson insisted that we had been fear that the girl, herrified by post than was England where a statistic and office robbaries which paid expenses of the trip, would squeal. In apparent verification of the story,

neighbors recalled today that Piper Attempt To Provide Cots finally paid coal and grocery hills with Hamps.



Committee Amendment Eliminating Such Taxes From Revenue, Defeated.

Washington, Dec. 23.-Luxuries tax-es will stay in the revenue bill. The senate by a vote of 38 to 32 to signing of the armistice has not demob

day defeated the committee amendment that would have elimnated a large numfrom Paris to Mr. Davidson, president ber of such taxes from the house bill. of the Red Cross, to proceed to Europe The vote followed a bitter attack on the amendment led by Senator Kenthe organization. In response, Mr. Dayou Iowa progressive republican. vidson is now on the high seas.

can soldiers in Europe for propass,

Senator Kenyon bitterly attacked the WEICHMAN, SUICIDE Senator Kenyon bitterly attacked the finance committee foreliminating many of the loxury taxes as provided in the taxes and men who have been solicitwomen and men who have been solicit ing memberships all of last week will

house bill. "You've been thrashed completely," said Kenyon, referring to the election "and when you do this you'll be wipd off the map." "Why this change?" asked Kenyon.

"I hope that some reason will be given for the change of attitude."

Should Increase Taxes.

Kenyon said that instead of cutting good and sufficient reason. This licemen and two civilians were slightly out and reducing luxury taxes he would drastic action is under consideration in injured. increase them.

several other counties. That such a trol was returning from a burglary call a trol was returning from a burglary c There are the mysteries of his life. Piper, an insurance agent, strangled bemself to death Saturday night, just business and levying taxes on these less able to bear them?'' he asked. "When we are taxing everything un-argo, Miss Frieda Weichman, his alleg-wed bigamous bride. Today those close to him and to his affi arcastically. There are the sun, except the air we breath-the taxes on luxuries are dropped,'' he bigamous claimed Piper was not a mur-Senator Johnson, California, another

European trouble. A few precincts in the state have as complished a worderful record, report ing 100 per cent and better in certain and way wrecked against a telephone Senator Johnson, California, another progressive republican, declared \$2,000, 000,000 taxes had been lost by not lev

ying an 80 per cent tax on war profits in the 1917 bill. instances, but on the whole there has pole. Johnson insisted that we had been seen a slackness that has been depress ing. One day remains in which Oregon Railroad Telegraphers than was England, where a straight 80 overlooked by the managers to see that; per cent way tax was paid.

at the finish Oregon is in the right col-umn. While no quota has been given the state other than "universal mem-For Soldiers In Portland

bership," the proportion the **b** see railroad telegraphers of the Portland should enroll, based on the desired 50. district will remain at their keys until 000,000 $\dot{v}_{\rm B}$ the nation, is about 400,000 January 1, it was announced today.

Wilson At Work On His Speech For Soldiers Paris, Dec. 23. — President Wilson was hard at work today upon the speeches he will deliver in London and Hondester au do, the American sol dires Christmas. Wilson At Work On His Speech For Soldiers Paris, Dec. 23. — President Wilson was hard at work today upon the speeches he will deliver in London and Hondester au do, the American sol dires Christmas.

Monchester and to, the American sol-diers Christmas. He interspersed this work with a conference with Colonel House and a walk with Mrs. Wilson. He interspersed the method with a and even the floors at the union station inst night. Here interspect of being dolinquent in a patri-totic service.

soldiers in France who will have to be throw open to the world the delibera-cared for an indefinite number of tions of the peace conference. Democ months. The Red Cross is expected to racy's greatest aid at Versailles will be publicity, look after these boys and will do so. In





ing memberships all of has week will entinue their labors. They have re-gon fails to register what it should the responsibility is on the public. In one county, Baker, a local manager, "Doi-lar Bill," Ellis, is considering publish.

ing the names of the people who posi-tively refuse to enroll without having Roy E. Barnes, medical corps; three po-

To Stay Till January 1

Portland, Or., Dec. 23 .- Six hundred

ABE MARTIN



Compared with the enemy's loss 271 Tranb. American planes were brought down. Casualties suffered by the service to-talled 442; of these 109 were killed, 37. 36. Tronchoy, Major General W. R. 37. Oostroosebeke, Belgium, Major

103 wounded, 200 missing, 27 prisoners and three interned. This was consider ed low in view of the fact that there 42. Mersch, Luxemburg, 42. Mersch, Luxemburg, Major Gen

ed low in view of the service on the eral C. A. F. Flagler. actual front. The total air strength in 77. Les Vignettes, Major General R actual front. The total air strength in France was 58,090, including those bri-gaded with the French, English and Ital 78. Semur, Major General J. H. Mc

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F. L. Wynn.

The report shows that 6,472 planes 79. Vac were received by the A. E. F., from E. Kuha. 79. Vacherauville, Major General J. 80. Ancy Le' France, Major General

eptember 1917 to November 1918. Eight different schools of instruction S. D. Sturgis. 81. Wassy, Major General C. J. Baiwere established in France, designed

to train 3800 officers and 11,700 men. ley. 82. Prauthoy, Major General G. P

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82. Dancan. 24. Lemans, adair 85. 86. Lemans, Major General C. G. Bal 88. Lugny, Major General W. Wei gel.

Dampicourt, Brigadier Ganasa Maryville, Major General L. 8 91. Denterghem, Belgium, Major General M. H. Johnson. what will happen. Other Difficulties. Other difficulties are also confront-ing the American firms. The freight rate from New York to Rio is \$35 a 92. Marbache, Major General C. D. St. Aignan, Brigadier eGn. E 83. Lemans, Major General E. F. 76. St. Nazaire, Major General H

F. Hodges. 85. Toul, Major General Chase W Kennedy. 39. St. Florent, Major General II.

C. Hodges, Jr. 40. Hevigny, Major General F. S. Strong.

SERBIA UNITES WITH MONTENEGRIN PEOPLE

Relations Are Broken With Nicholas. Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—Union of Mon-tenegro with Serbia was officially pre-claimed by the Montenegrin Skupsch-itma (parliament), A Belgrade dispatch

also charge that messages destined for the United States are being sont by way of competitor countries, furnishing information which should not reach those countries. Attempts to send mea-sages by land wires to Buenes Aires and thence via Panama to New York have been effectively blocked by still

worse delays. Reasons for Cancellation. An official inquiry here and at Sac Paulo to ascertain the reasons for cancellation of American goods revealed that many Brazilian firms bought for speculation, and others, fearing they would be unable to get delivery, ordered the same goods simultaneously from two or more firms. Others declared they were able to get better delivery from competitors of American firms. The investigation also revealed that American trade was further injured by the assiduous spreading of reports that the United States was preparing a new "black list" to punish firms which had cancelled American some In the meantime, it is authoritatively reported that German agents have been visiting American buyers urging that orders be withheld and deelaring that cheap German goods would be delivered as soon as the peace treaty is agaed. buyers are holding back to sea

ton, while the rate for the same goods from Liverpool to Rio is nly \$15. In addition, the British vessels are main-taining regular schedules, enabling the British salesmen to promise delivery of goods on a certain date, while Ameri-can salesmen are unable to promise dlivery because no ships are scheduled from American ports.

Becent announcements in the United States regarding American shipbuilding accomplishments raised Brazil's hopes for ships from the United States to a high point and as a consequence of the fullure of American ships to appear now in Brazilian ports the effect on American prestige has been greater than it would otherwise have been.

Declares Officially That All announced today. In response to the denial of King Nicholas that he had been dethroned.