

PRESIDENT WILSON GIVEN MOST CORDIAL RECEPTION BY HIS TROOPS YESTERDAY

People of Chautauq joined in continuous acclamation of the President—He expressed his great pleasure at honor bestowed and lauded to the skies the unity of feeling existing among allied nations.

Chautauq, Dec. 25.—President Wilson received a most cordial welcome today from the people of Chautauq, a town which has been closely associated with the history of American expeditionary forces in France, and is now the headquarters of the American commander-in-chief. It is the town from which America's part in the finishing of the war was directed. The presidential train, which left Paris at midnight, drew into the Chautauq station at nine o'clock this morning. General Pershing, General Wibel, the French officer commanding the zone, M. Fossion, of the department of marine, and M. Levy-Alphandery, the mayor of Chautauq, were on the platform to receive the President and Mrs. Wilson, who, after responding to the cordial greetings, passed through a salon hung with red tapestries and flags, to the courtyard, where a company of the 10th French Infantry, and a company of the 102nd American Infantry were drawn up to render honors.

The exterior of the station and the courtyard had been decorated for the occasion by American soldiers with the French and American colors. After passing the guard of honor in review, the president took his place in a motor car and the party proceeded to the city hall. Dense crowds massed behind the lines of guards in front of the streets were brilliantly decorated and hung with banners bearing inscriptions of welcome. As the party passed through the streets the people of Chautauq joined in a continuous acclamation of the President. All this part of France lay under a grey cloud, and banks of drizzling cold rain, when the President's train rolled into the station. The troops declared the weather was exceptionally fine, as compared with the usual broad smile beaming above his mud-bespattered khaki uniform. As his train moved in American soldiers swarmed on locomotives, box cars, tree tops, and every vantage point to get a glimpse of the President, and shout "A Merry Christmas." (Continued on page 2)

C. P. R. HANGS UP HIGH RECORD

The First Three Weeks Exceeds Best Previous Records for Twenty-one Days.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Gross earnings of Canadian Pacific Railway for the first three weeks of December point to the likelihood of a new high record for the month. For the first three weeks the total is \$10,991,000, exceeding the best previous record for twenty-one days. If the daily average for the three weeks is maintained to the close of the month, December gross will be in the neighborhood of \$14,200,000, which would be the first monthly total in excess of \$10,000,000. The high record based on weekly returns, is \$1,614,000, in October last. The statement for the third week of the month, issued yesterday afternoon, gave gross of \$2,731,000, an increase of \$680,000 or 25.3 per cent. over the same week a year ago. The increase for the month up to December 21st is \$1,743,000, or just under 19 per cent.

MORAL SUPPORT IS GUARANTEED

Great Britain and United States Agree on Part Allies Should Take in Russia.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The Allied governments have decided against further intervention at Russia, at least for the present, according to indications. Great Britain and the United States, it is represented, while recognizing that Russia should be assisted, in a way, to permit her getting back to normal conditions, point out that military intervention on a large scale would involve difficulties and dangers of all kinds. Stephen Pichon, French foreign minister, explained the situation at length to the commons on foreign relations. He said the solution, at present favored, was to guarantee moral support to the governments which have sprung at various points on Russian and Siberian territory.

APPEALING FOR NEW GERMANY

German Democratic Party Announces Its Platform Upon Which It Will Stand in National Assembly.

Coblenz, Dec. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—Appeals for the union of all liberal parties, which desire a republic, and do not wish the new Germany to fall into the hands of reactionaries or socialists, were made at a meeting Sunday of the German democratic party, which assembled in Coblenz to adopt a platform. The party desires a united Germany, including Germany-Austria; actually before the law of citizens of all classes, male and female; freedom of thought and religion; a free press and free speech, but no arbitrary attacks on the rights of the church. Families with many children, it is declared, should be protected from excessive taxation, so that the burden may be borne. Strong industry and healthy trade are necessary, as well as freedom of trade from the shackles of war industries. The abolition of war industries is desired. The party advocates the lifting of free patents on free soil, offering bonds to be insured a livelihood, in order to insure good service. There must be sympathetic care for war wounded and for the dependents of the fallen soldiers, which would be made a point of honor to the new Germany. Upon this platform, it is announced, the German democratic party will stand in the national assembly.

HUGE DEMAND FOR ALL STEEL GOODS

South America Making Calls for Steel Which Increases Activity.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 25.—It is authoritatively stated that negotiations are now in progress, by contract, with certain English steel firms with the view of purchasing a large quantity of steel remelting material. It would appear from this information that the English manufacturers anticipate a large tonnage of new manufacturing material, either for home consumption or for use in the Russian frontiers, as the affairs of the Allies. Let them discontinue thoughts as to what they can do with their hands. A Russian is said to be preparing guard, as far as possible, the integrity of his territory, consulting at the same time the will of the population. Asked about the White Book, which Carl Kautsky is said to be preparing in Berlin, Count von Bernstorff said: "I don't think the book will reveal the individual responsibilities of the persons who directed Germany in 1911. It will show the collective faults of the regime. I do not favor handing over the Kaiser to the Allies. A sovereign is not responsible for the policy of his government."

MORE SOLDIERS FOR ODESSA

Riotous Scene on the Streets and Many Killed—American Consul Arrested.

Odessa, Friday, Dec. 20. (By The Associated Press)—The volunteer army which is holding Odessa under French command is to be increased by detachments from Crimea. The main force of the Republican army, which is now ten miles from Odessa, is reported today to have received reinforcements from Kiev, who came in an armored train. More than 500 persons were killed in the street battles here on December 18, a revised count shows. One-third of these were civilians. Several school children were wounded. The Bolsheviks have arrested American Consul Treadwell, at Tashkent, Russian Turkestan, according to a wireless message received here.

ST. STEPHEN LOSES PROMINENT LADY

Miss Grace Stevens, Well Known in Church and Literary Work, Dies at Hamilton.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, Dec. 25.—The community heard with sad surprise Tuesday of the death of Miss Grace B. Stevens at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Morrison, in Hamilton, Ontario. Miss Stevens was the eldest member of the family of the late Honorable Judge Stevens, and was 72 years of age. As had been her custom in recent years, she left her early in October to spend the winter with relatives abroad and after visiting her sister, Mrs. E. G. Vroom in Montreal, had proceeded to Hamilton where she contracted the prevailing influenza and passed away within a few days. She was a lady of most gracious manner and kindly ways and was held in highest esteem by all classes, young and old. For many years she had been very active in the work of the local Presbyterian church, and in recent years, has been honorary president of the Women's Missionary Society and honorary president of the Presbyterian Society of the Presbytery of St. John. The remains are expected to arrive here at noon tomorrow, Thursday, and will be taken to the home of the brother, Walter E. Stevens, where the funeral services will be held in the afternoon. Three prominent men of this district, J. Frederick Douglas, St. Stephen; William H. Berry, former deputy crown land surveyor, Oak Bay, and Robert McKinnay, general merchant at Stirling Dam, are critically ill with influenza.

GERMANY STANDS BY PRESIDENT'S FOURTEENPOINTS

Count Von Bernstorff, Former German Ambassador to U. S., Gives His Opinion on Points.

LASTING PEACE TO BE SUPPORTED

Thinks Affairs in East Are Wholly for the Consideration of the Allies and for Them to Disentangle.

NOTHING IN WHOLE BOOK OF VALUE

It Will Not Show the Individual Responsibilities of the Persons Who Directed Germany in 1914.

Paris, Dec. 25.—"All the belligerents have accepted President Wilson's points and the only question to be discussed is their interpretation," said Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, in giving his opinion of Germany's attitude at the conference, according to the Geneva correspondent of the Matin. "Germany," declared the count, "will keep to the president's programme, which grants each people of an ethical group the right to dispose of itself." Asked if he thought the president's programme would furnish the basis for a lasting peace, Count von Bernstorff shrugged his shoulders. "This is the only one which can be proposed at present," he added, "and the attempt must be made to apply it. As any other shall be supported."

SIXTEEN CASES IN TWO DAYS

Chatham's New Outbreak of Flu Considered of a Mild Form.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, Dec. 25.—Fifteen new cases of flu in three houses developed yesterday and one case today, all of very mild type. The situation remains stationary. One death occurred today from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza, that of George Currie, who passed away at the Hotel Dixie at an early hour this morning. He leaves his widow, four young children, and several sisters and brothers. The surviving members of the family have the sympathy of the whole community.

HALIFAX TO BE PORT OF CALL

White Star Line to Include Halifax as Regular Port of Call for Str. Reina.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 25.—Christmas at Halifax was marked this year by torments of rain which deluged the city all the forenoon and much of the afternoon. Good cheer was served in all the public institutions. Up to Christmas eve business is reported to have consisted of anything in the past and to have made a new record.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT FROM CORINTHIAN

Halifax, Dec. 25.—Wrecking steamer returning to Yarmouth today report the Corinthian ashore on Brim Island, to be settling fast, and they predict that with the westerly gale now forecasted she will go to pieces and disappear. Most of the cargo between decks has been salvaged, but that in the lower hold cannot be reached.

Germany Returns Stolen Stock

Paris, Dec. 24. (Havas)—The Germans have returned stocks taken from the banks in Northern France, amounting approximately to six million francs. Several safes, weighing from five to seven tons each, which the Germans did not open, and are now in Brussels, will be brought back shortly to Valenciennes.

SMALLPOX ABOARD STR. NORTHLAND

Arrived at Halifax Yesterday—Must Have Permission from Ottawa Before Boat Can Dock.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 25.—The steamer Northland arrived today, with 1,054 passengers, of whom 77 are civilians and the others returning soldiers. It was expected that the steamer would dock at ten o'clock this morning, but it developed when the health officer went aboard that there was one case of smallpox and one of scarlet fever among the passengers. This made it impossible to allow the ship to be docked, or to disembarkation to take place and the steamer remained at anchor in the stream. The two sick men were removed to the quarantine station at Lawlor Island, and the facts were communicated to Ottawa, leaving it to the authorities there to decide whether the ship should be allowed to dock tomorrow, or go into quarantine for a period of fourteen days. It was considered likely that the former course would be pursued, and the disembarkation staff were directed to report at the pier at nine o'clock on the assumption that the ship would dock. Among the returning men is Sgt. H. C. Wolfe, a former Winnipeg newspaper man, who was taken prisoner by the Germans early in the war, and since then has been held captive in the past year having been spent in the internment camp in Holland. The following officers, apart from the regular complement of conducting officers, are on board: Capt. Isaac Atkin, M.C., Springfield, Ont.; Capt. Thomas Griffith, M.C., 223 Dundas Avenue, Victoria, B.C.; Lieut. W. H. 214 Le Breton St., St. John; Lieut. H. D. DeWolfe, 109 Charlotte St., Brantford, Ont.; Lieut. W. F. Carr, Carberry, Man.; Lieut. George Samuel Christie, Brandon, Man.; Lieut. Thos. R. Elliott, Godfrey St., St. John; Lieut. H. H. Wallace, Lindsay, Ont.; Lieut. F. S. Douglas, 17 Burlington Ave., Toronto; Lieut. G. H. Lorne, 181 Telfer St., New Mills, J. F. O'Brien, Perth, N. S.; Lieut. J. J. MacIntyre, 103 St. James Street East, Brockville, Ont.; Lieut. A. D. Stacey, 64 King St. West, Brockville, Ont.; Lieut. Robert M. Hill, Newcastle, N.B.

RAILROAD MAN TAKES A WIFE

Christmas Passed Off Very Quietly in the Big Railroad City.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N.B., Dec. 25.—The death of Mrs. Ella Janet McClure, widow of the late James McClure, occurred this afternoon at her home here. She was 65 years old, and was the daughter of the late Chalmers McLatchey, of Albert County. She was born at Walden, Albert County, and is survived by six daughters and two sons. The sons are Roy L. of Lethbridge, Alta. and Gunner Ivan McClure, of the second grade battery in France. Mrs. Joseph McClure, of Cambridgeville, Albert County, is a sister of the deceased. The marriage of Nelson Powers well known employee of the C. O. R. shops, to Miss Pearl Powers, was solemnized today at the home of Mrs. Grace Powers, Queen Street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. A. Baker, pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Powers will reside in this city. Unseasonable weather and the absence of snow for sleighing contributed to a very quiet Christmas in Moncton. While Christmas Day was unusually quiet, yet the merchants report something of a record in the line of trade during the holiday season.

DEATH REMOVES LEADING DIVINE OF PROVINCE

The Passing of Rev. G. M. Campbell Takes from Life a Most Interesting Character.

ON CHAUTAUQU CIRCUIT IN U. S.

With Breaking Out of War Did Valiant Service as a Civilian Volunteer in Recruiting Campaign.

WORK APPRECIATED, MADE CHAPLAIN

Held Many Important Appointments in Some of the Largest Pastorates of New Brunswick.

Death yesterday claimed one of New Brunswick's leading divines, when Rev. G. M. Campbell, D.D., passed away in the Bethesda Hospital at Fernald, New York State, after a short illness of pneumonia. For many years he has filled a large place in the denomination to which he belonged, the Methodist, and not only in his own denomination, but in the religious and moral life of the community. He was one of the big men of the church in the province and was well known all over the continent as an eloquent preacher and lecturer, and his passing will leave a vacancy hard to fill. For some months Dr. Campbell has been in the United States, lecturing on the Chautauqu circuit, one of the few Canadian representatives on the program. He was taken ill with pneumonia and for some days was very sick, but seemed to rally, and strong hopes were held out for his recovery. A turn for the worse, however, set in and he passed away last night. Dr. Campbell was born in Wallace, Cumberland county, N. S. in 1853. He was educated in the public schools of that province and at Mount Allison University. His first appointments as a probationer were at Sussex in 1872, St. Stephen in 1874, and Kingsport in 1876. In 1878 he was ordained, and accompanied with three others to the Methodist ministry at St. Stephen, N. B., and he was the pastor of this quarterly to "cross the bar."

SAYS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN BROKEN

Count Karolyi, Hungarian Leader, Makes a Protest to the Allies.

Budapest, Dec. 24.—Count Karolyi, the Hungarian leader, in addressing the People's Assembly today, complained that the Allies were not carrying out their part of the armistice agreement. He declared that it was impossible to maintain order while the food necessities of the country remained unmet. Count Karolyi told the assembly he had sent a message to President Wilson expressing adherence to the President's principles, and protesting against what he declared were violations of the conditions of the armistice. He was confidently awaiting the President's decision, he added.

QUET CHRISTMAS AT FREDERICTON

Snow Followed by Drizzling Rain Caused Postponement of Races.

Fredericton, Dec. 25.—Christmas passed off quietly. The snow storm of last night followed by drizzling rain interfered with proposed races on river. The local curlers played games at their rink. This was somewhat curtailed, owing to board of health regulations. The inmates of the Municipal Home employed their annual Christmas dinner. At the different hospitals and other public institutions Christmas cheer prevailed. The different churches were well attended during the day.

FRANCE TO AID AMERICAN EXPORT TRADE BY RELEASING SHIPPING FROM ARMY SERVICE

Plans for Extending Relief to Famished Europe Are Rapidly Maturing, Allies Fully Cooperating—Wilson Regards Relief Measures as of Paramount Importance at This Particular Time and Urges Haste.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Arrangements have been made by which 1,000,000 tons of shipping will be released from the army supply service, and diverted to American export trade to aid home industries in changing from war to a basis of peace. Satisfactory arrangements have been perfected with the French authorities to cease cancelling the chartering of ships intended to carry home American troops. American shipping authorities have been advised that much tonnage which was expected to be used in carrying home Canadian and Australian troops may be diverted to American needs, as those dominions are not planning to return their soldiers very quickly. It is believed that the result will be the homecoming of all American troops within twelve months. An important meeting, at which the shipping needs of all the Allies and the United States were discussed, was held recently. Arrangements, it is said, were made for a division of tonnage so as to give preference to the following order: European relief, return of American troops, and commercial business. Plans for extending relief to famished Europe, which President Wilson regards as the most pressing question needing settlement, are rapidly maturing in such a way as to get full cooperation by the Allies. The President some time ago indicated in a speech that something should be done promptly for relieving the liberated, and needed regions which suffered so severely from the war. He has now supplemented this by making it known to the Allies that he regards the relief of these regions which suffered so severely from the war, as a means of holding back the wave of discontent and resentment sweeping westward in the train of the Bolshevik movement. Because of the President Wilson's special interest in the subject, he has made it known that he holds it highly desirable that co-operation by all the Allied interests be effected at the earliest possible moment, and is now believed that the matter will be speedily adjusted.

FLU MICROBE NOT IDENTIFIED BY MEDICAL MEN ASSEMBLED AT PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Views Held Antagonistic and so Varied Special Committee Was Appointed to Coordinate Information Obtainable—All Agree Micro Organism is Responsible for Disease, But It Has Not Yet Been Identified.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 25.—The flu microbe has not yet been identified. An international meeting of the Public Health Association at Chicago, when the discussion was so varied that the microbe organism, primary cause of the disease, was not identified. A committee was appointed to coordinate the information obtainable with a view to helping those who have to deal with such epidemics in the future. The report of the congress committee merely labels the disease "influenza." It is admitted, at the outset, that the microbe organism, primary responsible for the disease, has not yet been identified. At the same time there is no reason whatever for doubting that such an agency is responsible for it. A popular belief, that fear of the disease may induce it, is exploded by the statement that "no man's state alone will cause the disease, one who is not affected by the organism or virus that underlies the malady." "Evidence seems conclusive," says the report, "that the infective microbe-organism or virus of influenza, by given effect from the nose and mouth, instead of the common belief, is taken onably conclusively that the lack of contact through the mouth or nose of the person who contracts the disease, and in no other way, except as a bare possibility through the eyes. With regard to the use of vaccines for the prevention of the disease, it is asserted that the evidence which has come to the attention of the committee as to the success or lack of success of the practice, is contradictory and irreconcilable. Moreover, evidence is conclusive that youth and oldness are no guarantee of immunity from the disease."

GIBRALTAR AND SPAIN'S STATUS

Spanish Premier Talks Over Situation With Allied and American Representatives.

Paris, Dec. 25.—(Havas)—During the recent visit here of Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, extended consultations are reported to have been held by the premier with French and American statesmen regarding the Moroccan question, which was discussed in both the military and financial phases. The future status of Gibraltar is said also to have come up for consideration. On his arrival at Madrid, Premier Romanones is understood to have expressed great satisfaction over the result of his conferences. It was reported in Paris on December 23, that Premier Romanones planned to return to Paris in the near future to confer with Allied and American representatives over questions relating to the status of Gibraltar, it was declared, in some quarters, that the Spanish premier contemplated raising the question of its relation to Spain, that country expressing willingness, if necessary, to concede Ceuta, on the Moroccan side of the strait, to Great Britain in exchange for Gibraltar, holding that possession of Ceuta by the British would afford equal strategic advantage in modern warfare.

SHOULD FIREMEN BEEN RETIRED?

Some Montreal People Fear Favorites Have Been Played to City's Detriment.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 25.—A medical examination of all members of the fire brigade, which has been retired within the last few months in the interest presented to the administrative commission by the proprietors league. The purpose of the medical examination is to ascertain if the pension list of the retired men who are still fit to continue in active service, instead of drawing pay from the city, and a similar amount from their pension fund. The league has lodged a complaint that the pension list is growing too lengthy. It is alleged that officers had been retired from the service while still competent men, and whose knowledge was invaluable in maintaining the efficiency of the department, and in training new men in the work of fire fighting. The complaint instances the case of a captain of 28 years service, and a lieutenant of 23 years experience, who were recently placed on the retired list, on the recommendation of the ex-director of public safety, although they had not been ill health, apart from an attack of influenza, and were ready to submit to a medical examination and remain on the force if required. Mayor Martin has also voiced complaints along the same line, and an inquiry may be held.

COTTONSEED MEAL ALLOTMENT MADE

Food Board Has Arranged for 25,000 Tons from U. S. to Relieve the Feed Shortage.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Canada Food Board has arranged for an allotment of 25,000 tons of cottonseed meal from the United States to relieve the feed shortage. Allocation has been placed in the hands of the Food Division, Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, and prospective importers must make application direct to that department which has been empowered to purchase and to distribute the allotment.