

LONDON GREETS PRESIDENT WILSON'S PARTY WITH OPEN-HEARTED CORDIALITY AND ENTHUSIASTIC HOSPITALITY

Impressive Scenes at Charing Cross Station When the Presidential Train Arrived—Their Majesties the King and Queen With Princess Mary Received the Head of the United States Nation—Given All the Honor of Royalty—Never Has Royal Progress Excited Such Interest in London as First Visit of an American President—To Meet Lloyd George Today.

London, Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Wilson are in Buckingham Palace tonight after a journey from Calais to London during which they were accorded all the honors ever given royalty. Never has a royal procession, except those of great national importance, excited such interest here as the first state visit of an American president.

Enthusiastic scenes marked the President's arrival at the Charing Cross station. As the President, accompanied by King George, emerged from the station, the crowds, craning their necks, broke into prolonged cheers. At the same time guns began to thunder out a salute, and dozens of airplanes soared overhead. The bells and chimers all over the city also pealed forth a welcome.

During the procession from the station, flags and handkerchiefs were waved. The President was uncovered throughout the drive to acknowledge the cheers. The scene inside the Charing Cross station was not less spectacular, although not so noisy. The reception party included King George, Queen Mary, Princess Mary, Premier Lloyd George and all the members

of the cabinet, the heads of the army and navy, Premiers of the various Dominions, a representative of India and other officials. There was a guard of honor from the Grenadier Guards who played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Received by Their Majesties.

King George, with the Queen and Princess Mary, arrived at the station to the strains of the British national anthem. They were in an animated conversation with the members of the cabinet when the President's train pulled in promptly on time. King George was conducted to the car occupied by the President, and they shook hands cordially. While they were inspecting the Guard of Honor, the band played the American national anthem. The Queen and Princess Mary conversed with Mr. Wilson.

The King and Queen and Princess Mary greeted President Wilson with cordiality, and they in turn, were impressed most favorably with the reception to the President. President Wilson, accompanied by King George and the Duke of Connaught, inspected the Guard of Honor, after which they returned to a space immediately in front of the cabinet.

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MOVING BOOTY BY AIRPLANES

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Munich, Dec. 26.—The Munich Post today prints a startling charge that German war profiteers, unable otherwise to get their booty out of the country, have resorted to the use of airplanes. According to the newspaper, several airplanes have taken securities of enormous value from Frankfurt to Switzerland. The Post urges the government to seize the capital, where it is available, especially in the banks.

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IMPERIAL FORCE ON NORTHLAND

Sent Over to Join a Force for Siberia, Going Through to Portland, Me., Last Night.

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GERMANS IN MEXICO TRY TO CLIMB ON BANDWAGON

Majority Disapproved War and Anti-American Propaganda Says Socialist Leader, Will Now Use Their Best Endeavors to Curb Harmful Activities.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—The signing of their compatriots in Germany, who cared not raise their voice against the militaristic leaders for fear of betraying the country. He added that the Germans now want a world peace, including the cessation of anti-American propaganda. Germany had been misled and dominated by the renegade leaders, who furnished money for such propaganda against the desires of the greater part of their countrymen.

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Registry For Technologists

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 25.—The council for scientific and industrial research is planning to establish a central employment bureau, or registry for technologists in Canada. The object in view is to furnish a ready medium for the distribution of the limited supply of trained research workers, and graduates of applied science faculties among industrial firms, etc., seeking their services. At present there is a world-wide demand for chemists, physicists, metallurgists, and other technologists capable of applying new scientific knowledge to new industrial developments. Canada's supply of men is away below the requirements. If the proposal of the central registry is adopted the research council will seek to place the men available to the best advantage in positions where the need is most urgent.

RESTING COMFORTABLY

Robert Garnet, who fractured his right hip yesterday morning by falling into the hold of a steamer at Sand Point, was reported to be resting comfortably at the General Public Hospital last night.

SMASH TO CHIN HIS XMAS GIFTS

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 26.—Constable Konkis, of Grimsby, went to the lockup yesterday, to serve Christmas dinner to his only prisoner, Charles Kemp, whose response was a greeting in the form of a knockout blow on the chin. Kemp took the constable's revolver and \$50 in cash, dragged him into the cell, turned the key and walked out. Kemp was charged with robbing the village inn. He was still at liberty this evening.

SPEECH PLEASING TO PARISIANS

Paris, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's Christmas speech is attracting much comment, as indicating his view of the peace congress. His reference to the American chart of peace being accepted by all the nations concerned is understood to refer to his fourteen points.

THOROUGHFARES NOT PROPERLY LIGHTED AND STREETS ARE CUT UP AND MUDDY

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 26.—There is a great hue and cry in Halifax over the lighting of the city and the extreme condition of the streets. Large portions of the city have practically no street lighting, the lamps apparently, having been removed. The company and the city seem unable to come to terms as to a contract, the company wanting a long term agreement and the city unwilling or unable to erect the lamps. The result is that the city is in darkness, and none of it properly lighted, except Barrington street, where a special arrangement has been made at a monthly rate for what is called "white way," and which is credible. The streets are so cut up and so muddy that the use of automobiles on some of them is well nigh impossible. The long period of soft weather is partly accountable for this, but they are bad, irrespective of this. Citizens are clamoring for improvement, especially in the matter of lighting, and a meeting of the Board of Control has been called for tomorrow to try and grapple with the situation.

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