

10 BATTLESHIPS OF U.S. ARMADA AT SANDY HOOK

Great Naval Review Is Booked For Today in New York Harbor.

AIR FLEET WILL BE UP

Staten Isle and Heights of Brooklyn Will Be Thronged With Spectators.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Ten great battleships, the vanguard of America's overseas armada, returning to home shores after eighteen months' service in European waters, dropped anchor this afternoon off Sandy Hook. They will enter the harbor tomorrow in triumphal procession, and under the shadow of Liberty's statue pass in review before Secretary Daniels.

These titans of the sea, leading scores of smaller craft in the race for the homecoming, reached the Ambrose Channel lightship at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were led by the super-dreadnought Pennsylvania, which, with Admiral Henry T. Mayo aboard, carried the President Wilson's flag to the coast of France.

Besides the Pennsylvania, the fleet comprises the New York, the Texas, Nevada, Arkansas, Florida, Wyoming, Utah, Oklahoma and Arizona.

When the long column of fighting ships, led by the Arizona, enters the harbor, the battleships will be met by the air fleet, which will be escorted by the battleships of 21 sea planes and two dirigibles from the naval air station at Rockaway.

Besides these aerial forces, the fleet will be accompanied by three light cruisers, and a number of destroyers.

At New York the overseas fleet will find awaiting to greet it battleships of the home fleet, and many destroyers which have been doing convoy and patrol duty in American waters during the war.

At the statue of Liberty to the west of the main channel, the fleet will be met by the presidential yacht Mayflower, carrying Secretary Daniels, who left Washington tonight for the review.

Other members of the cabinet, army and naval officers of high rank, and other distinguished guests.

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ELIMINATION OF SECRECY IS A BIG DEPARTURE

Peace Conference Is For Objects Which Concern All Nations.

CURB SELFISH MOTIVES

Reporters Will Not Hear Discussions, But Chronicle the Events as They Transpire.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 24.—"When we speak of eliminating secrecy, we do not, of course, mean that reporters should attend the peace conference, but that, though the discussions are private, the results should be published, and that not at the close of the negotiations, but throughout them."

This view was expressed today by C. P. Scott, editor of the Manchester Guardian, in a talk with the Associated Press on the question of secrecy at the peace conference.

"Naturally there are drawbacks," continued the Guardian's editor, "delicate matters, involving special national interests and national pride, may in some ways be more difficult of adjustment when made the subject of public discussion, but on the other hand the only means of bringing effective pressure to bear in the general interest and particular interests is by publicity."

Would Be Under Restraint.

"Doubtless public discussion would need to be conducted with restraint and under a sense of responsibility, and with unbroken friendliness. That would be the duty of the public everywhere, who would then become in a real sense parties to negotiations, in which the interests of all are involved. It would be the duty of the newspapers, so powerful in this matter, to assist. But the fundamental reason for breaking with the old tradition of secrecy arises out of the very conception and the primary object of the conference."

The conference is, or ought to be, the coming together of the nations of the world, and for the attainment of objects in which all are equally concerned. So long as this motive and object are dominant, there is no reason for secrecy. Publicity is the surest means of keeping them dominant."

Best to Begin Right.

"As the president has well said, the international relation we now seek to establish is the relation of understanding and of friendship. We had better begin as we intend to go on. Again though the primary object of the conference is to establish and maintain this relation of amity between the nations, there is no intention or possibility of overlooking essential national rights. The nation, rightly regarded and defined, remains as the distinctive unit in the new order even more definitely than in the old, but a league of nations involves rightly and necessarily certain restrictions on the important national action subversive of the common weal."

The nature and limits of these restrictions need to be deeply considered and carefully defined. Every nation has a right to know how much of its unrestricted and sometimes anarchic freedom of action it is expected to surrender, and for this also frank and open discussion is needed in order to remove national prejudice and meet reasonable objections."

Building for Future.

"Lastly, perhaps, we should put this consideration first of all, we are here concerned with defining the rights and building up the effective union of the free peoples—with making use of a famous phrase—the right to democracy, the abiding hope of freedom. But freedom implies freedom of public opinion and of free forces. It would be wholly inconsistent with this conception of social progress to have the government to be made from the peoples of freedom, in which they are heretofore to dwell. Such a procedure of concealment belongs to the era when 'sovereigns and statesmen' were to order and people to obey and follow. All Europe is waving goodbye to that and joining her voice to that of America. We must take counsel together on the ground of the future, not of the past."

QUET HEROISM SHOWN IN REMOVING 'DUDS' IS NOW RECEIVING NOTICE

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Of the many stories of heroism during the war on which official records are silent, but which are being brought forth with relaxation of the censorship is that of Capt. George of the anti-aircraft defenses of the London district. His job for four years has been to find and dispose of German aerial bombs that failed to explode, and which had been dropped on London.

After each raid, and in the early part of the war there were many, Capt. George and his men would go about the city seeking the "duds," which were dangerous war explosives that from wherever they happened to drop, threatening them out of the city and exploding or otherwise destroying them.

During the excitement after a raid few people thought of the bombs that failed to "go off," but all of them have ceased to be a menace to the city.

NOBILITY, TITLES AND POWER WILL PASS IN WURTEMBERG

MUNICH, Dec. 25.—The new Wurttemberg Government, says a Stuttgart dispatch, proposes to abolish all nobility titles and powers.

MONEY IN HANDFULS IS THROWN TO WINDS BY PLAY AT THE MAJESTIC

Most Sensational Photoplay of the Age Is Witnessed by Record-Breaking Crowds at the Majestic on Christmas Day.

What would you do if you had forty million dollars? Walsingham Van Dorn, the hero of "Too Many Millions," Wallace Reid's new Paramount picture, which was presented most successfully at the Majestic Theatre yesterday, faced that problem and found it a tough one.

In a delightful romantic comedy, Wallace Reid shows how Walsingham staggered along at a whirl under the weight of the forty millions, how they were suddenly taken from him, how a beautiful girl demanded ten millions that had been stolen from her father, how he and the girl were suddenly stranded without any money, how they lost most of their clothes in a fire. They suddenly married, they live happily on the money the young man earns until the time when the forty millions are again returned to them. Do they take them? For the answer we refer you to the picture.

It is one of the most unusual and amusing vehicles that Mr. Reid has had in some time. He is splendid in the character of Van Dorn. In the first part of the story Van Dorn is shown trying to earn a living as a book agent.

Suddenly two rich uncles of his are killed in an automobile accident, and he himself inherits the money. But life is anything but smooth and happy when he gets the forty millions, and the amusing complications pile up thick and fast. The picture was directed by James Cruze, who handled it in an unusually skillful fashion, keeping the comedy pitch just right throughout.

One of the heroes, Desires Lane, the girl who was robbed of ten millions by Van Dorn's skinned uncle, is a beautiful and a delicate, and she also contributes some acting of a high order. Tully Marshall is seen in an important character part, that of the confidential agent of Van Dorn. The picture is a delight, and the money and leaves his employer penniless. Charles Ogle contributed an important part, that of a garage keeper, who risks his life to save Van Dorn from being killed because Van overtook him a garage bill.

Others who appear to advantage are the great Charles Greenway, Noah Berry, Percy Williams, E. Pasque and Richard Wayne.

GEN. SEMENOFF IS READY TO RECOGNIZE KOLCHAK IF LATTER WILL RETIRE

Ambiguous Proposition May Lead To Harmony in Eastern Russia—Semenoff Wants Denikine as Dictator of Omsk Government.

VLADIVOSTOK, Saturday, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press).—Gen. Semenoff, the anti-Bolshevik leader, has agreed to recognize Admiral Kolchak as dictator in the Omsk government, and whom efforts have been made to recognize as the legitimate commander, provided Kolchak agrees to retire.

Gen. Semenoff, who is the head of the Omsk government, has declared that he had recommended the recognition of Admiral Kolchak.

South Africa, for example, is exactly the situation in Africa is far worse. German Southwest Africa was not more than a German colony, and it was also a centre from which a rebellion against Britain was fomented before the war. It was to be abolished not merely immediately but all future part of the British Empire.

Southwest Africa having been conquered and the territory abolished, the British Empire would be a great deal better off. If Germany comes back to the old colony it means a permanent neutral and a permanent centre for rebellion.

It means, in addition, the possible danger of the old intrigue and the certain risk of a future rebellion. Communication with Britain is cut off, and another war, the German Empire would be a great deal better off.

Germany colonization among History's Blackest.

BRITAIN NOT GRASPING

Policy of Retention Made in Cape Town, Sydney and Melbourne.

BY FRANK H. SIMONDS.
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New York, Dec. 25.—Unmistakable propaganda now coming from all quarters in Germany discloses the expected attempt to divide the victors on the ultimate disposition of the German colonies. It is to America, too, that the Germans are looking in the matter of the colonies, as well as in the question of "the freedom of the seas" for the initiative in a move which might split the nations which have won the war.

The obvious German manoeuvre will be to establish the idea that the single question involved is one of territorial expansion. It is already being artfully insinuated that the British are preparing to "grab" German colonies with no other intent than to increase their empire and enlarge their commercial markets.

Not a European Problem.

Now, the first and foremost fact of all, the decision of the British in the matter of the colonies will not be made by the inhabitants of the United Kingdom, the problem is imperial, not European. And in this connection we have seen the demand of New Zealand, following that of New South Wales, that the German colonies shall not be returned. Prime Minister Hughes of Australia, when in this country last summer spoke with great emphasis in the same sense. The will of the Union of South Africa has been made clear and is the same.

New Britain has won this war in no small measure because of the support of her colonies. She cannot by their force compel a restoration of German colonies to Germany in the face of the opposition of her own colonies without the most serious consequences. In point of fact the Pacific islands of Germany were taken by Australian and New Zealand forces, who occupy them, and the conquest of German Southwest Africa was mainly a South African enterprise.

Parallel in America.

And to understand the attitude of the British colonies, it is useful to turn to go back to American history. At the time of the victory of Britain, the very great aid of the American colonies, over France, which culminated in the capture of Quebec. At that time the suggestion of a return of Canada to France would have precipitated a revolution in the Thirteen Colonies, and for the simple reason that it would have meant a perpetuation of the condition of warfare in America.

It was not that England as New York was primarily interested in the annexation of Canada; what concerned them both was the imperative need for peace on their frontiers, for an end of Indian raids, border warfare and incessant attacks by American colonies whenever European differences brought France and Britain into conflict. New England and New York sent their militia to the struggle against Canada to end a nuisance and a peril which had troubled them over many decades.

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FIRST CHRISTMAS OF PEACE IS ENJOYED TO LIMIT BY LONDONERS

Few Homes in City Missed by Santa Claus, Aided by Many Organizations—Peak Load of Joy in the Homes Where Returned Heroes Completed Family Circle.

After all, it was a good old-fashioned "White Christmas," the first Christmas of peace. More and more as the day progressed the city and surrounding country looked like the nice, idealized Christmas days of old-fashioned Christmas cards, barring the fact that the automobile was substituted for the sleigh, and the tooting horn for the jingle bells.

At that, the edge in the air and the flakes which drifted down in soft, silent Christmas days of old-fashioned Christmas cards, barring the fact that the automobile was substituted for the sleigh, and the tooting horn for the jingle bells.

Even if the ice were more detrimental to street car service than usual, and the people who would their way to midnight mass, knew right well it was getting cold.

Those who had them home from late shopping and late business hours and the people who would their way to midnight mass, knew right well it was getting cold.

Not One Missed.

With all the organizations that have been so busy during the war, there was not a single home in London at which Santa Claus failed to call some time between dark on December 24 and dawn on December 25.

One girl was so happy over all the good things Santa had brought her that when she admired them all, every one said, "Mamma, when does Christmas come again?"

That which over so many little things was at the Children's Aid Society Shelter, at the Protestant Orphan Home, and the Mount Hope Orphanage would like to know. Never have they had anything in their lives quite so equal this wonderful Christmas.

The day for the little folks at the Mount Hope Orphanage started with emphasis on the religious side, the celebration of midnight mass in the chapel. Later in the evening the more joyous Christmas dinner and all the presents.

Gala Day at Shelter.

It was a gala occasion over at the Children's Aid Society Shelter, every body on foot with curiosity from early morning until 2 in the afternoon, all on account of a Christmas tree, which Santa Claus had been to dress the tree, and Inspector Scott, who has been a Santa Claus for years, and is just as kind looking, so the children think, acted as Santa Claus.

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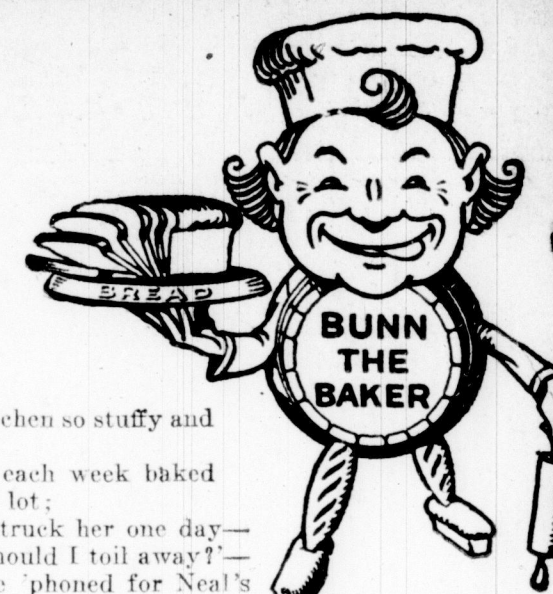
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