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THE PRESIDENT IN ENGLAND

President Wilson and Wife Accorded
all the Honors Given Royalty
by British People—Was a
Brief Spectacle.

London, Dec. 26.—President and Mrs. Wilson were in Buckingham Palace this afternoon after a journey from Canada to London during which they were accorded the honors given royalty. Never has a royal progress, except during great national ceremonies, excited such interest here as the first state visit of an American President.

The drive of the short procession from the station to the Palace was made through the streets lined with the Guard regiments in khaki. Fresh flags hung overhead and covered buildings, while windows, balconies, sidewalks and open spaces were filled with people many of whom wore the American colors.

It was a brief spectacle. First came the Sovereign's escort of troops from the Household Cavalry, with helmets and steel cuirasses. Then came the carriages with King George and Queen Mary, and President and Mrs. Wilson. These were followed by three others, which passed almost unnoticed, as all eyes were on Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and the Royal Family.

Although the trip was a short one it lay through a most interesting section of London. From Charing Cross the route ran along the north side of Trafalgar Square, with the Nelson monument towering on the left and the National Gallery on the right.

The route was almost covered by huge American and British flags. It continued along Pall Mall, turning north at St. James Place and up St. James Street to Piccadilly, the chief landmarks along this stage being the solid, weather-worn buildings of the old London clubs now decked with bunting they keep for special occasions.

The procession drove westward along the north side of Piccadilly, passing a tract of slabs and big hotels and palatial residences, notably the home of the Duke of Devonshire, with the Red Cross flag over it, and the residence of the Duke of Wellington, at the entrance of Hyde Park, where the procession turned.

Probably the most interesting part of the spectacle for the President was the people who were crowded everywhere to greet him. The day being a holiday, working men and women had a chance to turn out with their small children. They made the most of their opportunity and to a stratum of British humanity could the President have made a stronger appeal.

While the formal features and events were well staged and managed, the human factor presented the most interest. The interior of the grimy old station where King George welcomed Mr. Wilson was carpeted with red and the walls and roofs were hidden behind masses of flags. Club windows were mostly monopolized by men, while the hotels and stores along the way were filled with gay parties only less interesting than those on the streets.

That such masses of American flags could be produced at such short notice was a revelation of London's resources and none appreciated them more than the American soldiers and bluejackets among the spectators.

ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT FOR SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

Great War Veterans Have Prepared
a Treat For Their Comrade's
Kiddies.

All arrangements are now complete for the Christmas Tree entertainment to be given this evening in the Opera House to the children of soldiers and to those who lost father or mother in the recent influenza epidemic.

Each child is to have a gift, and a useful gift and if any child should accidentally be overlooked it will not be the fault of those in charge Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Cottle, with a committee of ladies, are doing everything in their power to make this entertainment a huge success.

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A musical entertainment will be given before the distribution of gifts beginning punctually at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Drysdale, Miss Jean Patterson and Mr. Andrew Dunsmore are among the performers. Short addresses will be given by Mayor McKenzie, Mr. Rudd and Mr. W. G. Martin, president of the G. W. V. A.

SHORT TIME IN SIBERIA

Intimated That Canadian Troops
in Siberia Will Be Retained there
but a Few Months.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—So far as official advice is concerned, the Dominion government is without indication of any change in Allied plans which will affect the status of the Canadian force in Siberia. It is expected, however, that the stay of the force in Siberia will not exceed in time the demobilization of the Canadian Corps now in the Rhine territory. Announcement already has been made that it is not intended to retain the Siberian force in the Far East longer than twelve months following the signing of the armistice. But an early return of the men will depend on the policy of the Allies, although there is every likelihood that should the situation warrant, the men will be back in the course of the coming summer, and perhaps earlier.

The complexities of the Russian situation are such that it is impossible to determine whether any changes in the Canadian plans are likely to be made in the immediate future. And while no official advice are to hand, considerable interest is taken in the news despatches from Paris that the Allied governments have decided against further intervention in Russia.

Comment is withheld, however, for the time being as to the bearing of any such decision, if taken, on the position of Canadian troops already in Siberia.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., will meet tonight at 7:30. Business important.

VAST CROWD GREET'S WILSON

From Balcony of Buckingham Palace
President Wilson Faced
Multitude Which Extended Half
Mile Distant.

London, Dec. 26.—The great moment of President Wilson's first day in England was when he stood with the King and Queen and Mrs. Wilson in the balcony of Buckingham Palace today facing the multitude which stretched down Pall Mall to the Admiralty, a half-mile distant and overflowed St. James Park on one side and Green Park on the other.

London, Dec. 26.—The initial conversation of President Wilson with Premier Lloyd George will take place at 10 o'clock Friday morning in the President's rooms, Buckingham Palace, where they will confer until lunch time, when they will drive to Downing Street.

Lloyd George has invited the following: Marquis of Crewe, Earl of Curzon, Earl of Reading, American Ambassador John W. Davis, Viscounts Grey, Morley and Bryce, Andrew Bonar Law, Arthur J. Balfour, H. H. Asquith, Arthur Henderson and William Adamson, the two last named being labor members of parliament.

It is understood the conference will continue in the afternoon at Downing Street.

MAY MEET SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Parliament will be called, it is expected for the second week in February. Although the Cabinet has not yet decided a definite day for the opening, arrangements are being made with the middle of February in view. For the last few weeks there have been practically daily sittings of the Cabinet, consisting with preparatory work under consideration.

SMALLPOX ON NORTHLAND

Halifax, Dec. 26.—Up to a late hour today no word had been received from Ottawa with reference to the steamship Northland, in quarantine here with nearly 1,000 returning soldiers aboard, and the ship, still lying in the stream awaiting a decision as to whether or not she is to be docked.

A large number of the soldiers being sent to the Berlin Guard joined the Northland. The Vorwaerts reported that a few of the Republican Guard followed their example. When these reports were sent to Copenhagen a large number of armed civilians was continuing to join the sailors, not only in the royal stables, but in the Koenigsstrasse. This street, with all its houses, was reported in the hands of the sailors who were supported by the Spartacus. They demanded that Premier Ebert and Secretary Haase resign and be replaced by George Ledebour and Dr. Karl Liebknecht.

The Northland arrived yesterday morning with 1,056 passengers, seventy-seven of them being civilians, and the remainder returning soldiers. It was expected that the ship would dock at 10 o'clock yesterday forenoon. However, it developed when the medical officer went aboard that there was one case of smallpox and one of scarlet fever among the passengers. This made it impossible for the ship to be docked or disembarkation to take place and the vessel remained at anchor in the stream. The two sick men were removed to the quarantine station and Ottawa was notified.

On the assumption that word would come from Ottawa allowing the vessel to be docked, the disembarkation staff was at the pier at 9 a.m. today, having been directed to attend.

ITALY'S LOSSES IN THE BIG CONFLICT

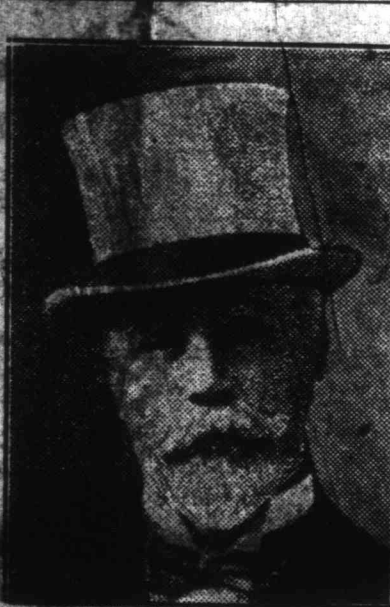
New York, Dec. 26.—Italy's total losses in killed, wounded, dead of disease, disabled, missing and prisoners aggregate 2,800,000, according to Colonel Ugo Pizzarello, of the Italian army, who is here on a mission for his government. He gave out figures today amplifying an announcement made in Paris last month by Salvatore Bassani, a former member of the Cabinet that Italy had lost 500,000 men in killed or died of wounds in the war.

Disease alone took a toll of 800,000 men in the war zone, he said, while the number of killed was 500,000 and the wounded, missing and prisoners 2,000,000.

NEUTRALS HAVE NO SEAT AT CONFERENCE

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Allied representatives have decided that neutrals will not be admitted to the peace conference, according to newspapers here. Neutrals may address their claims to belligerents, however, and such claims will be referred to a special body which will be created by the peace conference.

It is reported that neutrals will participate in deliberations incident to the formation of a league of nations.



Mr. H. H. Asquith, who has been Speaker of the British House of Commons for many years, has been again returned without opposition.

In the Old Country they have a permanent Speaker, unlike Canada, where a new presiding officer for the Commons is elected at the inauguration of each new Parliament.

MUTINEERS SURRENDERED

Advices From Berlin State Mutinous Sailors Surrendered to Government Troops Which Now Occupy the Royal Palace.

London, Dec. 26.—The mutinous sailors who had been holding out in the Red Palace in Berlin have hoisted the white flag and have been allowed to leave under guard according to advices from Berlin sent by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam. Government troops, this message adds, now occupy the palace and the royal stables.

London, Dec. 26.—Nearly 100 persons were killed in street fighting, which began in Berlin on Tuesday morning, according to the latest reports from the German capital, transmitted by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Copenhagen. The fighting was confined to several times to take the Royal Palace and the headquarters of the revolting sailors, but were repulsed.

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Further fighting was anticipated, as the Spartacus adherents and the sailors were said to have decided to attempt to force the Guards to return to Potsdam. The latter were stationed in Unter Den Linden and on Weidenschen Platz.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Havas—Details of the clash between sailors and Government troops in Berlin on the night of December 23-24 are given in a Berlin dispatch received by way of Bern. Efforts were made in vain to induce the marines to leave Berlin and especially the castle where they had established themselves and remained since the beginning of the revolution. They were informed that

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FINDLAY MAY ASK FOR AN ADJOURNMENT

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—It was stated tonight that Walter C. Findlay will be the first witness called tomorrow when the enquiry into the administration of "dry" legislation will be begun by Mr. Justice Clements. An effort will be made by counsel for Findlay, it is understood, to secure an adjournment of the enquiry until the charge against Findlay in connection with the alleged shortage of 74 cases of whiskey is disposed of in the courts.

THIRTY DAYS FOR BETTING.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—David Palmer was convicted in the police court here for conducting a common betting place at the Arena and sentenced to jail for thirty days without the option of a fine. Constable Courtney swore that at a recent hockey game between the Dentals and Royal Air Force he personally wagered \$50 with Palmer at 2 to 1. Two other constables testified to having seen money passing to Palmer. Palmer's attorney said he would appeal the case.

AT ANCHOR IN THE HUDSON

American Warships That Served in
the North Sea With Beatty's
Grand Fleet Have Returned to
American Waters.

New York, Dec. 26.—Riding at anchor in the Hudson tonight were twenty-one super-dreadnaughts, and dreadnaughts and ships of the line with cruisers, destroyers and a host of smaller craft, made the mightiest American armada ever assembled. Ten of the floating fortresses steamed into the harbor today after eighteen months' service overseas with Beatty's Grand Fleet. The others are the flower of the North Atlantic fleet.

New York, Dec. 26.—Led by the super-dreadnaught Arizona, ten battleships, under command of Admiral Henry Mayo, the vanguard of the United States fleet in European waters, steamed up New York harbor today in review before Secretary of the Navy Daniels and were greeted with a tumultuous reception by harbor craft and hundreds of thousands of persons who lined the shores.

The ships weighed anchor at 7:30 o'clock today and were escorted by a fleet of twenty-one aeroplanes, proceeded slowly up the river up to the Statue of Liberty, where Secretary Daniels and a party of distinguished guests, on the Presidential yacht Mayflower reviewed the inspiring procession. The ships welcomed home are the Pennsylvania, Arizona, Oklahoma, Nevada, Utah, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming and Florida.

In addition to Secretary Daniels and other members of the Cabinet, the reviewing party included Admiral Grant, of the British navy, the senior naval attaché of the Allied Embassies at Washington.

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SECOND DOSE "FLU" FEARED

Victoria, Dec. 26.—That a second wave of Spanish influenza is making its appearance in some parts of British Columbia is evidenced by a telegram received at the offices of the Provincial Board of Health at the Parliament Buildings this morning from Revelstoke. Mayor McKinnon says in his message that the Medical Health Officer of the Municipality has advised the replacement of the inhibitory ban on all forms of public assembly.

While the official order-in-council will be withheld until a fuller report reaches the Provincial Board in the case of Revelstoke Dr. Young anticipates that following the Christmas festivities and the unavoidable crowding of stores adverse reports may be expected from a number of other settled points.

Answers are now coming in to the Department in reply to a circular letter sent out by the Secretary of the Provincial Board to the medical profession throughout the Province. From the course taken Dr. Young expects to be able to compile a complete return of the actual number of cases of Spanish influenza which have occurred in British Columbia and the percentage of fatalities per population as well as to obtain all possible suggestions for the better handling of any such similar situation that may arise.

So serious is the attitude of the medical profession throughout the United States towards the possibility of a second wave, that at the annual meeting of the Medical Health Officers of North America, held on Tuesday of last week, it was decided to confine the organization's deliberations entirely to the discussion of the question and to an endeavor to discover some more effective means to combat such a melancholy prospect.

As soon as Dr. Young is enabled to give British Columbia's views on the question, culled from the reports now coming in he will seek the fruits of the United States conference for the benefit of this province.

CARRANZA IS GIVEN EXTRAORDINARY POWER

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Extraordinary powers in financial matters are extended to President Carranza by the Chamber of Deputies. This action was taken after the President had sent a message to the Chamber outlining the necessity for such powers.

Under the new authority granted, President Carranza is expected soon to issue a decree removing until June 30, 1919, import duties on foodstuffs articles of prime necessity to the country, on agricultural implements and irrigation machinery.

LIEUT.-COL. COLLISHAW BACK IN CANADA

Airman Among Soldiers Landed by
Two Ships at St. John.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—Two steamships with returned soldiers, docked here during the festive season, the Grampian coming in Tuesday afternoon and the Corsican yesterday afternoon. The former brought 107 officers and 232 men, three nursing sisters and forty-seven civilian passengers, and the latter forty-four officers and 713 of other ranks. Both vessels brought large consignments of mail.

Among the officers who arrived was Lieut.-Colonel R. Collishaw, of Nanaimo, who commanded an air squadron in France. He is one of the Empire's foremost aces, some authorities placing him with first place. He brought down sixty German machines, but the position of Canada's premier airman is accorded to Lieut.-Colonel Bishop, V.C. Colonel Collishaw wears many decorations, including the D.S.O. with Bar, the D.F.C., the Flying Corps Medal, the Croix de Guerre and the Mons Medal.

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PETROLEUM IN FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A decree published today re-establishes the free sale and use of petroleum in France beginning on January 1.

FRANCE LOST MILLION DEAD

Nearly Two Million French Soldiers
Were Killed, Wounded or Taken
Prisoners During Four years of
the War.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The announcement was made in the Chamber of Deputies by M. Abraz, Under Secretary of State, that France's losses in officers and men killed up to November 1 of the present year aggregated 1,071,300, divided as follows:

Officers, 81,300; men, 1,040,000. The number of dead, prisoners, and men missing was given as 42,600 officers and 1,789,000 men. Men missing aggregated 2,000 officers and 311,000 men, and prisoners still living total 8,900 officers and 438,000 men.

It was a pleasant social gathering took place at the Oddfellows' Hall last night when the local Moose Lodge entertained the members' children and wives in a seasonable fashion, the feature being the Christmas Tree for the children.

A brief concert program was submitted, Past Dictator Bro. Wm. Fulton presiding, whilst Bro. G. W. Rowland, secretary of Nanaimo Lodge, and also a Past Dictator of the Order, gave a brief address on "Mooseheart," the worthy institution conducted by the Loyal Order of Moose, for the care of orphaned children of its members. Bro. Rowland's remarks being much appreciated.

At the conclusion of the concert program, the many articles from the Christmas Tree were distributed amongst the children by "Santa Claus." Bro. Matt Storey making a very befitting Father Christmas. Altogether a happy evening was spent, and those expressed that the event be made an annual affair. The gathering concluded with the singing of the National Anthem. The following is the complete programme:

Chairman's remarks, Past Dictator Bro. Wm. Fulton.
Piano solo, Master Lewis.
Song, Miss Ruby Dorricott.
Song, Bro. Wm. Cook.
Piano and violin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Bell.
Recitation, Bro. Wm. Fulton.
Address, "Mooseheart," Past Dictator, Bro. G. W. Rowland.
Distribution of presents from the Christmas Tree by "Santa Claus."

A prize drawing conducted for members' wives, resulted as follows: 1st prize, Mrs. Taylor; 2nd prize Mrs. Dixon.

Mr. J. B. Hann, of this city received word yesterday of the death of his brother-in-law, Herbert House, at Westleyville, Newfoundland, on Dec. 22nd, death being due to pneumonia. The deceased, who was 33 years of age, was at one time the Nanaimo agent for the Crown Tailoring Company, leaving here for Newfoundland some two years ago.

AUSTRALIAN TURF CLASSIC
The Melbourne cup the classic race of the Australian turf with \$30,000 added money, one of the richest races in the world, was this year won by five-year-old gelding Nightwatch, a lightweight. It covered the two miles in 3:25 3/4. A total of twenty-seven horses started in the race.

JAMES HACKETT DIES.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—James W. Hackett, pioneer sawmill owner and business man died here yesterday in his 72nd year.

WILL TELL ALL HE KNOWS

W. C. Findlay, Former Prohibition
Commissioner, Will Be Star Witness
Before Commission Investigating
Alleged Illicit Liquor
Selling.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—W. C. Findlay, former Commissioner under the Prohibition Act in British Columbia, is back in Vancouver today. He will be the star witness at the inquiry before Mr. Justice Clement into the operation of the alleged whisky ring. He may possibly be called as the first witness, but the investigation opens at the courthouse here tomorrow.

Findlay, it is understood, has agreed to lay bare everything on a promise of immunity from further prosecution. He will tell the whole story, according to a report from Victoria today.

If Findlay had not voluntarily returned he probably would have been arrested today. Leaving Victoria nine days ago, he stayed several days in Seattle, and then went to Portland where it is said he used the name of "J. Z. White."

On account of the prominence given to the case the police of the cities across the line were upon the watch for Findlay and consequently were informed of his movements.

Reports indicate plainly that Findlay's position weighed heavily upon his mind, and his actions during the nine days plainly showed he considered himself a fugitive in every sense of the word, although he had formally satisfied the law upon the specific charge of importing 700 cases of rye whisky into this province contrary to law.

While in Seattle Findlay, unknown to himself, was under surveillance. There had been telephone communication regarding him, between Chief McRae, of Vancouver, and the head of the Seattle detective force. At that time there was no additional charge against him, and although Findlay was not classified as "wanted," the Seattle officers kept track of him as far as possible, having been informed that there might be later developments calling for action on their part.

Reports indicate that on December 16 after Findlay had appeared in the Vancouver police court and paid the \$1,000 fine imposed by Magistrate Shaw, he immediately embarked upon the Victoria boat. Information supplied is to the effect that Findlay had no trouble in passing through the American immigration barriers, because a day or so preceding his punishment in police court here he is alleged to have interviewed an American immigration man in Victoria, stated his position clearly, asserting that on Monday morning he was going to Vancouver to be "ruined, discredited and crushed," and that after having satisfied the law he wished to travel back through Victoria to Seattle and "start over again" there with a clean sheet.

Under a surveillance, which appeared to be the thing he most dreaded, Findlay is said to have remained in Seattle until last week end, when he set out for Portland.

Separation from his wife and family during the days in Seattle when Findlay feared that his future charges would be laid, were said to have had a visible effect upon the ex-Commissioner. A person who saw him in Seattle toward the end of last week asserted that Findlay apparently was in a state of nervous exhaustion, and was vehement in his declaration that unless he could see his wife and boy he would go insane. It was said that the ex-Commissioner was wan, drawn and exceedingly nervous and apparently undecided as to his future course of action. It was also said that he changed his place of residence while in Seattle under the fear that he was being watched.

When the Seattle police received word from Vancouver on Tuesday morning, that the Vancouver authorities wanted Findlay detained, an answer subsequently was sent back to the effect that the ex-Commissioner had moved on to Portland, where he was believed to be living under an assumed name.

To intimate friends Findlay is said to have declared along with an admission of his guilt, that he had been caught at the first "crooked" turn he had made. He is said to have consistently declared that he knew nothing of the importation of more than one carload of whisky, in which he was interested. The \$2,500 which was found on his person when arrested in flight at Blaine on the night of December 11 was his entire wealth he stated to friends. Out of this sum he paid his fine, his lawyer's fee and left some money with his wife. In Seattle he had only a few hundred dollars left, he said.

OTTAWA BEAT TORONTO
Ottawa, Dec. 26.—In the presence of one of the greatest crowds that witnessed a hockey game in Ottawa for several years, the Ottawa team continued its winning streak tonight by defeating the champion Toronto by 5 goals to 2.

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Saturday, Monday, Tuesday

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