

PARIS WELCOMES WILSON TODAY

U. S. President Entered French Capital This Morning

SALVO OF ARTILLERY IN WILSON'S HONOR

His Arrival at Gates of Paris Marked by Military Salute-French Press Acclaims Achievements of America and the Americans

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—President Wilson made his entrance into Paris at 10.15 o'clock this morning. The President's arrival at the capital was greeted with a salvo of artillery in salute.

Tribute to America.

The front pages of the newspapers this morning are devoted to details of the reception to be accorded President Wilson today. Pages of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are printed by all the newspapers. Long editorials recounting characteristics of the President, outlining his policies and describing his work during the war, fills the journals.

In addition, considerable attention is paid to the part Americans have played in the war, the battles of Verdun, the Marne, the Argonne being described.

Welcome From Paris.

All newspapers here publish editorials welcoming President Wilson to France, and assuring the American President of the hearty reception awaiting him in Paris.

"Since the United States has gloriously fought in the great struggle," says The Temps, "we wish that country to continue to interest itself in European problems. Henceforth the French and American people will know each other better. Our smallest villages will always remember the American soldiers. The Americans, for their part, will carry home with them memories of France. We love to think that President Wilson, when he will have returned to the White House, will recall in his meditations, the image of Paris, which will greet him tomorrow."

CZERNIN FORESAW FOE DEFEAT IN 1917

By Courier Leased Wire.

VIENNA, Wednesday, Dec. 11.—By the Associated Press.—Count Czernin, the former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, wrote frankly of conditions in correspondence with former Emperor Charles, as was shown by letters which were shown the correspondent by Count Czernin today. One of the letters, written in April 1917, gave the emperor warning that the Central Powers were nearing defeat. It read:

"I am thoroughly convinced that the smashing point has been reached. Germany, as well as ourselves, is at the end of her resources. Responsible political authorities do not deny it, but military circles in Berlin are indulging in self-deceit. I am convinced that, should Germany attempt another winter campaign, an upheaval will occur in the empires. That would be far worse than a disadvantageous peace.

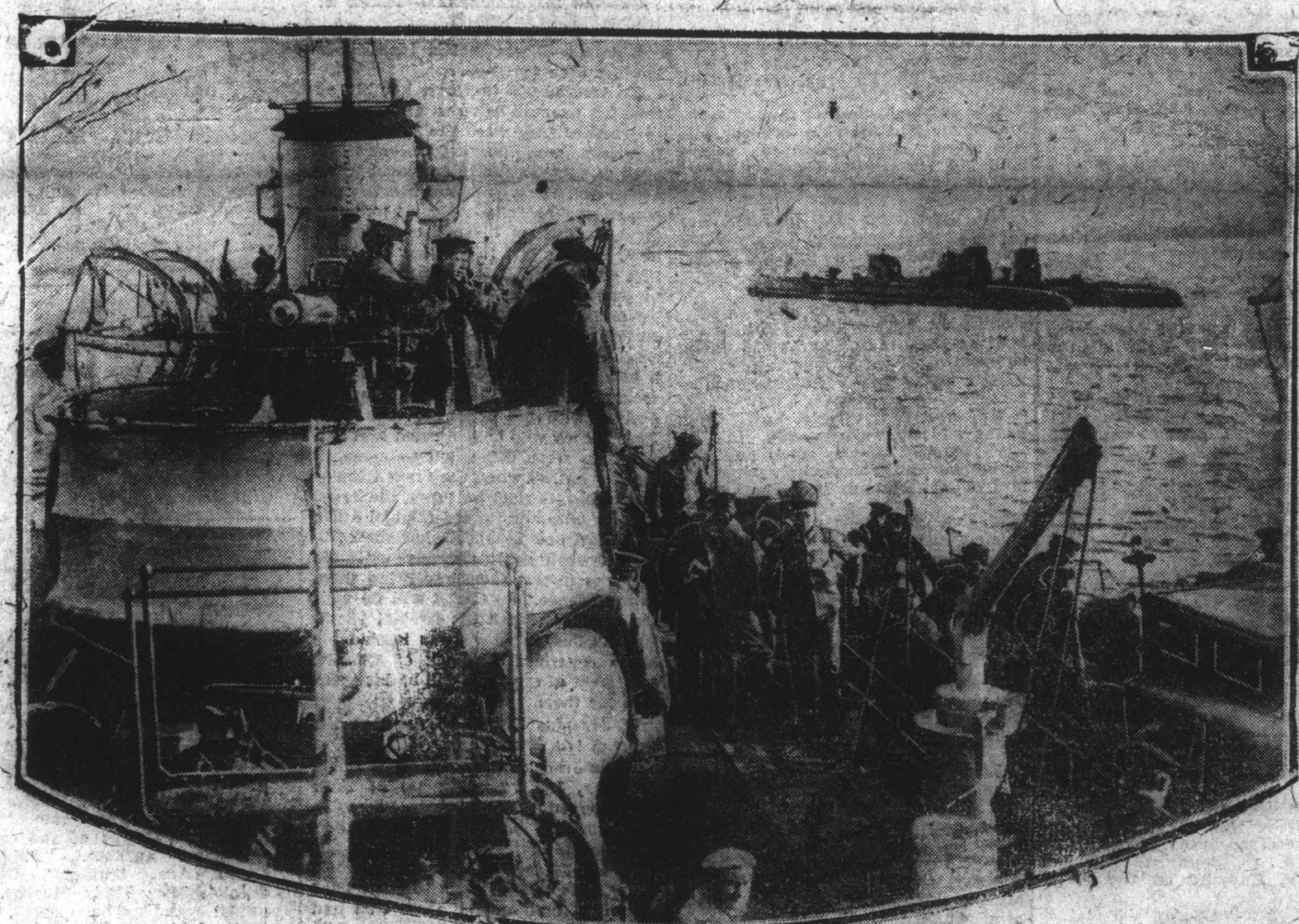
"If the sovereigns of the Central Empires are unable to conclude peace within a few months, then the people of the empires will do it, and a wave of revolt will sweep away all for which our brothers have been fighting. Perhaps months will elapse before America can throw the strength of her battalions into the fight, but her moral support is a very great factor.

"The Central Powers cannot hope for reinforcements. Delay is to our disadvantage, for our enemies have more time, and can wait longer than we." The letter then outlined the plans for the coming offensives against the Italians, French and British, and continued:

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 14.—A moderate disturbance is centred over the great lakes, causing rain in Ontario and western Quebec. The weather has been a little colder in the west with light snow in northern districts. Forecasts: Fresh to strong winds, drifting to northwest, occasional rain. Sunday, strong north-west winds, fair and colder.

"When these offensives are stopped I urge that an agreement be reached with America before she is able to change the military situation to our disadvantage." Count Czernin explained his disbelief in the success of Germany's submarine warfare and recalled to the emperor statements made by Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff while on a visit to Vienna. The field marshal said, according to the letter that England would be checked and that America would be paralyzed by the proposed submarine campaign. The letter ended with the solemn warning: "We are at the end of our resources. Germany cannot count on our support beyond the latter part of the coming summer. Before God and before your people it is your sacred duty to defend your people your dynasty, ideals and your throne."



THE SURRENDER OF THE GERMAN SUBMARINE FLEET. This photograph was taken at Rosyth, where a section of the German submarine fleet surrendered to the Allied Navies. The picture shows a crew from a Hun U-boat boarding a British destroyer off Harwich, whence they were to be transported back to Germany. The sailors of the British warship stood in silence and refrained from any demonstration over the foe.

WOMEN WOULD SIT IN PARLIAMENT

Equal Franchise Club Sends Request to Premier

An interesting meeting of the Equal Franchise Club was held at the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. J. E. Baker, president was in the chair. Discussion led to the passing of the following resolutions: That the Equal Franchise Club ask the Ontario Government that in the event of girls being employed on farms next summer, there be better supervision, better working and housing conditions than heretofore, also a living wage to be based upon the rate of board charged the girls.

FINAL VICTORY LOAN RETURNS ISSUED TODAY

A final statement is issued today by L. W. Champion, secretary of the county Victory Loan organization, showing the detailed subscriptions of each district in the county during the recent campaign. The grand total for city and county was \$4,169,800, an increase of more than half a million over last year's total. The city of Brantford raised the highest total, Brantford, ten thousand dollars behind. Brantford also led in the number of applications, and has the proud record of having better than one bond in every home in the city.

GRAND TOTAL OF WELL OVER FOUR MILLION RAISED BY CITY AND COUNTY; ONE BOND FOR LESS THAN EVERY FOUR INHABITANTS IN BRANTFORD

The city and county raised a grand total of \$4,169,800, as against \$3,541,450 last year. With the county's population taken as 48,798, this is an average of \$85.80 per head, against \$72.85 last year. There were 9,516 applications, which averaged \$437.19 each. Last year the number was less, and the average application value \$462.93. One bond was sold for every 4.92 persons, or a little better than one bond for every home in the county, taking five persons to an average home. Last year one bond was sold for every 5.84 persons. In the city of Brantford total sales this year and last were \$8,017,800 and \$2,608,300; \$111.93 \$36.82 per head, against \$95.99 \$36.82; 99 applications, averaging

OLYMPIC DOCKS TODAY; 5,000 SOLDIERS ABOARD

By Courier Leased Wire. Halifax, Dec. 14.—The giant White Star Lines Olympic arrived here this morning from England with over 5,000 returned soldiers and some civilian passengers. The big transport arrived off the harbor mouth at 8 o'clock and is now proceeding to harbor. As this is the first trip of the Olympic to Halifax since the armistice, she was greeted, as she passed up the harbor with a perfect pandemonium of steamer whistles and sirens. The wharves of the water front were black with cheering crowds.

SAFE MAJORITY FOR COALITION

Return of Lloyd George's Ministry in England Seems Assured

London, Dec. 14.—Balloting for the election of parliament is in progress throughout Great Britain today. Indications are that Premier Lloyd George will control a safe majority. The Daily Express estimates that his government will win 435 seats (the Unionists 310 and the Liberals 125), with the opposition parties, including Labor, will secure 272 giving the Prime Minister a majority of 163.

WOMEN WOULD SIT IN PARLIAMENT

Women have been active in the electioneering. There is intense rivalry between Mrs. Lloyd George and Mrs. McKenna, wife of the former chancellor of the exchequer, who is a staunch supporter of former Premier Asquith. Supporters of Premier Lloyd George has conducted a vigorous campaign in South Wales violently attacking McKenna in the letters of his constituency and those of McKenna in reply, criticizing the prime minister.

WINTER TERM OF BRANTFORD BUSINESS COLLEGE OPENS MONDAY

Winter term of Brantford Business College opens Monday, January 14th. Students are now making as high as twenty-five dollars per week; bookkeepers twenty-five hundred per year. Apply now. \$441.15, last year \$475.83; one bond to every 11.53 persons, last year one bond to every 13.46.

FORMED-FIRE PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

Local Branch of Provincial League Was Organized Last Night

At the Fire Prevention League meeting held last evening Mr. Lewis, the Deputy Fire Marshal, was present. He gave a very instructive address. Several local citizens also addressed the audience.

Chief Lewis sent his regrets for not being able to attend the meeting of the Fire Prevention League, as he considers it one of the most serious problems of the country.

Prevention is mainly needed for slovenliness of the people, carelessness, uncleanliness, construction and poor fire fighting apparatus. The last cause is not for Brantford to consider for she has one of the best equipments and best fire fighters in the land.

The parents should be instructed to warn their children, the teachers should also warn them and propaganda should be issued to all citizens.

The main purpose of the meeting was to organize a chapter of competent men and women to do their best to prevent loss by fire.

Opening Address. The president, Mr. Frank Cockshutt, opened the meeting with an address as follows:

We have called you together to speak of a cause of great national loss—the loss through fire—and to consider means to reduce this waste. We do not say that this community suffers to a greater relative extent than other communities, but in co-operation with the whole province, we are at a reduction of a vast squandering of the wealth of the nation, which is continually going on.

It is said, and I believe truly, that much of the loss by fire is preventable and we are urged to note that fact and consider our responsibility in the light of it. What are the chief causes of fire loss:

1. Habitual carelessness of the people.

2. Slovenliness and disorder in our homes and business premises.

3. Faulty construction and equipment of our buildings.

4. Inadequacy of fire fighting appliances.

The last cause applies to some places, but not to Brantford, which is well equipped with fire equipment and has a consideration of the present. We have a good equipment and an efficient staff of fire fighters.

In regard to construction, we cannot get very far with our old buildings. All we can do is to have an inspection and require grave defects to be remedied and possibly in extreme cases buildings which are fire traps be pulled down.

For new construction we should require increased precautions. The building by-law should be reconsidered and if necessary amended and brought up-to-date. We need a moderate, sensible building by-law, then to have it impartially and universally enforced.

In regard to carelessness and slovenliness—which may be neglected together—they are twin sisters of evil omen and march together through life, leaving a blackened trail of ruin and waste behind them. Carelessness and application are unfortunately deeply entrenched evil habits in this young country and cause a stupendous waste of wealth and power, and even life, every day and every hour.

How can we successfully fight these forces of destruction? There are two chief ways, first, by education, second, by discipline.

In regard to education, we should promote a propaganda in the homes and in the schools, in the playgrounds and places of amusement. In the factories and places of business, the burden is being placed clearly on the home, the chief place of education and the parents are the chief agents. They should be roused to their responsibility.

Their failure is irretrievable, and amounts to a national catastrophe, and results in immeasurable loss. We should try to impress upon parents the importance of teaching the children by precept and example, carelessness and cleanliness.

Next the teachers in the schools might be asked to impress the same lesson, and as the children pass out of school and into the vocations of life, foremen, superintendents of life, employers should carry on the good work and continue it till the influence is registered as a fixed habit. Continued on page six.

Access!

FOR SALE

For sale—A corner grocery house in connection. Do a splendid cash business. Reasons for selling. 10-story brick house in best block on Pearl street; decorated, has bath and electricity. Price right and reasonable terms. 2-story and a half red house on Hart street, all conveniences. \$300 down. Handsome vacant cottage on Hill street with all conveniences. Price \$2,600 reasonable terms. Apply to

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PARSONS

Fire Insurance. Bell 2510, Mach 251. 228 Colborne St. Kerby Block. Open Evenings.

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Park Ave., 1-2 Red Brick, easy terms. Wellington St., 1-2 tough east; \$150 down. Eagle Place, near Cockshutt's, Red Brick; \$150, cash. Erie Ave. Cottage, with vegetable garden; \$200 cash. Ontario St., 3-piece bath, etc.; \$200 cash. Grant Ave., modern house; \$400 cash. Terrace Hill, 6-room Cottage; \$100 cash. Large Rooming House, Home-like, all conveniences, close to Steel Plant; \$500 cash will handle this. \$850 at 7 per cent on 1-2 house and Barn, Curtis St. of \$750, on Frame Cottage, extra lot, Alice St. Realty Exchange GEORGE STREET. Machine Photo 228.

FOR SALE A SNAP

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