

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL GO TO EUROPE SOME TIME NEXT WEEK

LEAVING EARLY FOR CONFERENCES WITH ENTENTE STATESMEN PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL PEACE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Wilson expects to sail next week for Europe to attend the opening of the peace conference, and he expects to return to Washington soon after the middle of January. Plans for his trip are going ahead but no details have been made public outside of the original announcement that he would leave immediately after the opening of congress on December 2nd. However, it was said today that President Wilson expects to be back on American soil within six weeks after leaving.

There has been no indication when the peace conference will assemble, but the general belief here is that it will convene immediately after the Christmas holidays. The president goes in advance to confer with the entente statesmen, and it is expected the broad outline of the treaty will be framed beforehand with a view to its adoption soon after the conference meets.

The president was understood to have discussed his trip with members of his official family at the regular Tuesday cabinet meeting today.

Reports of censorship of the news of the peace conference were met today with the statement that not only would there be no censorship, but that the American newspaper correspondents would be given all facilities for transmitting their dispatches.

Correspondents sent from this country will make the trip on a naval vessel which will be placed at their disposal. They will leave next Monday ahead of the president, because there is no ship available which can make as fast time as the steamer on which Mr. Wilson and his party will sail.

ELKS WILL OBSERVE FIRST SUNDAY IN DECEMBER

The first Sunday in December has been designated as the time for the memorial day of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The Alliance lodge will observe the day by short services at the club rooms Sunday afternoon. J. B. Miller has been selected to give the address and appropriate music will be a part of the program.

All members, their families and friends are cordially urged to attend.

SEVEN THOUSAND AMERICAN BOYS ON WAY HOME

Thousands of Others Expected to Embark Within Coming Week—British to aCrry 40,000

CONVALESCENT MEN FIRST

Not Many Fighting Units Expected to Reach This Country Before Christmas.

WASHINGTON—Army transportation officials said Wednesday that the steamers Minnekahda, Lapland and Orta, which are bringing home 7,000 American soldiers from England, probably will arrive at New York about December 2.

No active divisions of the American expeditionary forces can be landed in the United States before Christmas, Secretary Baker said today. The policy of returning first the thousands of casuals and the auxiliary troops from England will postpone the movement of first line troops who have been designated for release by General Pershing.

News from France today that the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth divisions, which have been fighting with the British Fourth army, have been withdrawn with only approximately 12,500 officers and men in each, does not mean that these organizations have been reduced to less than half of their normal strength in the severe fighting on the British front before the signing of the armistice.

NEW YORK CITY—Although the British government may be compelled to use virtually all its available transports for the return of its own and colonial troops, arrangements for the early transportation home of approximately 40,000 American troops on British ships have been effected, it was learned tonight in authoritative British quarters. This includes 12,000 who have been training in England and who have already embarked for home on British transports.

VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL SPEAKS IN OMAHA DEC. 6

Vice-President Marshall will appear at the Omaha Auditorium on the evening of Dec. 6th to address the Nebraska War Won For Permanent Peace Convention. This is a series of conventions being held in every state in the union by the League to Enforce Peace. Hon. Norris Brown is president and Lysle I. Abbott of Omaha is secretary of the Nebraska branch of the League. Since announcement was made of President Wilson's plans to visit France, vice president Marshall has been brought into the lime-light and his appearance in Nebraska will arouse state-wide interest.

FRANCIS E. SWARD WRITES FROM FRANCE

Censors Cut Out Parts of Letter in Regard to Dates, Length of Time to Cross the Ocean, Etc.

October 20, 1918.

Mr. E. G. Laing, Friend Bert: Well I suppose you think I have forgotten all about you and the promise I made to write, but I couldn't find anything I thought would be of interest while I was at Ft. Sam Houston. Don't know as this will be of interest but will try my luck anyway.

We were just a month coming from Ft. Sam Houston here, including the time we spent in rest camps in England and on the French coast. We were on the water—and had fine weather the first few days out but toward the last it was bad and we had a rough sea or it seemed that way to me. The ceiling of our "state room" tried to fly down and hit me a couple of times but by hanging on to the table I managed to avoid a collision. We were in a convoy of—ships besides the war ships we had along for protection and then—out and met us. So I guess the subs don't stand much of a chance if they are out any more as I saw in yesterday's paper that they had all been called in. You know we get Daily papers here. They are Paris editions of the New York Herald and Chicago Tribune and have all the news of interest in them.

Well after we landed in England, and rested a day or two we went to the—and crossed the channel so we got to see a good deal of England as we had our ride in the day time. It looks like a nice country but it is a little too crowded, so I guess I won't settle there when the scrap is over, as I like lots of room. Got to see some of France by day light too, as we were on the train about—going at a snail pace. I like France better than I do England, but the U. S. A. has them all beat.

Where we are now every place has its vineyard besides some have several acres and one can buy grapes in the street but I don't like them as well as those we get in the states. It seems rather late for flowers but they are still in bloom both wild and tame, and I don't believe we are any farther south than you are in the U. S. They also are having all kinds of garden vegetables.

As far as camp life goes it is just the same as being in America with a lot of foreigners around. All I have against it is that it takes so long to get any mail from home and I sure miss the Alliance papers.

I don't know where they get all that stuff in the States about the good looking French girls. I have seen a good many of them and the proportion I consider good looking is small. But even at that they have the English beat.

They have some money system here. I bought a newspaper yesterday. I gave the fellow an American dime and got three coppers in change. One was from Italy, one from England and the other from France. Besides I have received Belgian and Swiss money in change at different times, so you see if you judge by the change you get you might be in any of Europe's decent countries.

Well I can't think of anything more to write about so will close for this time. Give Mrs. Laing and the children my best wishes, also tell 'Blondy' hello.

With best regards,
Pvt. Francis E. Sward,
M. R. V., 309 M. T. C., American E. F., France.

Mr. E. C. Drake spent the latter part of last week in Bridgeport on professional business.

BANQUET TENDERED TO REV. F. E. BLACK

Alliance Minister Who Leaves Tonight for Overseas Work is Guest of Honor.

Rev. F. E. Black, pastor of the Alliance Presbyterian church, was the guest of honor Wednesday evening at a banquet tendered to him at the Alliance Cafe by the men of his church. Rev. Black tendered his services to the Y. M. C. A. several months ago, word coming to him just a few days ago that the association was ready for him to go to France.

As pastor of the church at Alliance and as one of our prominent public men, Rev. Black has made good in the fullest sense of the word during his years of service in the city, and his severance of connection with the local church is deeply regretted by not only his congregation but also by the people of the city.

A year or more of service on the battlefields of France and Belgium, caring for the soldier boys who must remain there for policing work, will give Rev. Black an opportunity to come back into personal touch with the men and the scenes of the most famous war in the history of the world, and the experience gained will be of value to him during the balance of his life.

Readers of The Herald will have an opportunity to see these scenes with Rev. Black by means of letters from him which are to be published in this paper.

THOMAS P. MAHONEY GIVES LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY

Thomas P. Mahoney, former Burlington fireman of this place, died October 24, "Somewhere in France" of influenza contracted while fighting for our liberty, according to word received by his brother, W. J. Mahoney of this city.

He left here in May this year for Camp Funston, went overseas in August with the Eighty-eighth division, one of the strongest divisions to go overseas.

His death came as a great shock to his many friends. He was a man that will be greatly missed as his whole life was spent in helping others; he was genial, affable, courteous, gentle and loving, with a pleasant word and kindly smile for all. He was 24 years old.

He leaves besides his aged parents, three brothers: W. J. Mahoney of this place, John J., in the navy, and Edward of Chicago; four sisters: Mrs. Joseph Heffern, Piqua, Kans.; Mrs. H. Seaman, Kansas City, Mo.; Misses Elizabeth and Agnes, Kansas City, Missouri.

HARVEST HOME FESTIVAL DELIGHTS GATHERING

Splendid Program Was Main Feature of the Evening—350 Enjoyed Social Evening

The annual Harvest Home Festival was held at the Christian church on Tuesday evening. A large and appreciative audience of three hundred and fifty enjoyed the get-together social evening.

The program consisted of music by Prof. and Mrs. Townsend of the Townsend Music Studio; several selections from the Robin's String band; a splendid address by Superintendent Pate on "After War Conditions"; a talk by Pastor Epler; an exercise by four little girls and the audience voiced the patriotic sentiment of the occasion by singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

In the basement of the church were booths where refreshments, farm products and fancy articles were placed on sale.

The church and friends are appreciating more and more the annual Harvest Home Festival as it is becoming more popular each year.

The church was decorated with flags and grain products which made one feel glad that he was living in this great present time.

SUSPENDERLESS, GARTERLESS; WHAT ARE POOR-MEN TO DO?

For the government has contracted for 29,000 yards of webbing to be delivered before March 1, despite the declaration of the armistice. It requires 150 yards to properly outfit a doughboy for a year.

This large order practically commands the entire available supply of webbing.

There will be none left with which to make suspenders and garters. Women as well as men will be affected.

Suspender and garter manufacturers are already advising men to take care of their suspenders, patch 'em up with bits of old galouses rope and string, because they will soon find it impossible to obtain new ones.

Of course, the suspenderless condition will not bother those who use belts, but statistics show that fully seventy per cent of the men in America wear suspenders.

Will these men have to turn to wearing the old Roman toga or blankets like the Indians?
Moral: Save your present suspenders and garters for future patches.

GERMAN EMPIRE FACES A RAPID DISSOLUTION. EX-EMPEROR HOPEFUL

BAD FEELING BETWEEN THE PRUSSIAN AND BAVARIANS IS ONE OF THE CHIEF CAUSES FOR THE PRESENT DISTURBANCES

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN CLOSED SATURDAY EVENING

The United War Work campaign closed last Saturday with Box Butte county falling behind the required quota by \$2,375, although we passed the original quota, which was \$17,422.00, to the extent of \$7,303.

The following amounts were subscribed at the various banks in Box Butte county:

First National, Alliance, \$6,661.50.
Alliance National, \$4,350.50.
First State, Alliance, \$3,760.08.
First State, Hemingford, \$3,625.00.
First National, Hemingford, \$6,238.00.

SUPPLY OF TURKEYS AMPLE FOR HOLIDAYS

There will be no shortage of turkeys for Thanksgiving, the food administration announced today in urging housewives to prepare a holiday menu in keeping with food conservation for world relief. Reports to the administration, it was said, also show that the supply of chickens, ducks and geese is good.

"WE MUST FEED GERMANY SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE AMENDS"

Omaha, Neb., Nov.—Shall we feed Germany? That is the question that is uppermost in every one's mind. Opinion is divided, many favoring them shift without food.

"We have just two courses to follow with Germany," says Federal Food Administrator Wattles. "We can either permit them to starve by slow stages and have with it consequent anarchy and all the things that go with it or else we can feed them and help them build up a stable Government which can make reparation for the damage they did."

"Germany must pay dearly for the ruin and desolation which she has caused. She must make reparation in full. But she must be fed that she can make these reparations."

"Every answer of humanity and selfishness is that Germany should be fed. And that is Mr. Hoover's policy. But she must pay for every ounce of food she gets and she must create a stable government which can make amends for her wrongs."

LONDON — Dispatches received here from the headquarters of the American army of occupation now inside the borders of Germany say that bad feeling has developed between the Prussians and Bavarians in the German army which is now withdrawing before the American army. The trouble is said to have reached such a stage that the Bavarians and Prussians refuse to divide their rations with each other or to share billets.

The Prussian officers continue to contend they are returning home with the hope of being eventually able to bring about the reinstatement of the former emperor to power.

The soldiers of a German division, according to reports reaching the Americans, said they favored a monarchy. The ex-emperor continues to be a popular idol, according to their views. The men said they believed William Hohenzollern eventually would be returned to the throne when the soldiers reached home and their influence was felt throughout the country.

Beyond Treves the withdrawing German troops are being received with open arms by the civilians in the villages. This is reported by British soldiers reaching the American lines.

Everywhere, the Britishers said, the civilians had strung signs of welcome over the village streets and were receiving the German soldiers as heroes.

BUSINESS HOUSES WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY—HOLIDAY

Most of the stores in this city kept open until 8 o'clock last evening so that all housewives in Alliance would be able to supply their wants for the great Thanksgiving dinner today. Consequently they will remain closed today to allow the clerks to join in the Thanksgiving festivities.

The banks will observe the holiday by remaining closed as well as the postoffice which will observe the usual holiday schedule.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Johnson are the proud parents of a baby boy born Wednesday.

EXPORT MARKET ON POTATOES WILL ADVANCE

Chicago Market Slow and Dragg But Commission Men Look For Better Prices to Come.

IDAHO CROP IS EXCELLENT

Warm Weather Conditions Last Week in Minnesota Caused Quiet Markets on Northern Spuds

Chicago—On account of the celebration of the signing of the armistice in this city last week the potato market opened a day late for the week. The demand remained rather quiet, both here and on the outside, as buyers seemed to be taking stock only as their pressing needs required. Receipts have been quite liberal but are expected to show a decrease by the opening of next week in view of the lighter movement from producing sections this week.

There is a good deal of speculation on the market of the trade as to what the market will do with the advent of cold weather, which may be expected most any time. Some are of the opinion that the market is in for an advance, while others think it has about struck its gait and will hold pretty close to present levels. A good deal seems to depend on just what disposition has been made of the stock that has already moved. The records show that around 12,000 more cars have moved to date, than had rolled up to the same time last year. Where those 12,000 cars are seems to be the puzzle. Opinion is divided on that point there are those who think the bulk of them have gone into consumptive channels, while others opine that the smaller dealers throughout the country, recalling his trouble from freezing last fall, has laid in a supply to take care of a portion of his winter trade.

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WHERE THE WILD TURKEY CALLS—THE REAL THANKSGIVING BIRD

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