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### WILSON TO BE GUEST OF KING IN ENGLAND

BRITISH OFFICIALS MAKING PLANS TENTATIVELY TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER XMAS.

London, Dec. 19.—President Wilson will probably be the guest of the king at Buckingham palace during his visit to England. This official announcement was made tonight.

The British government still was without information this evening regarding the exact date on which President Wilson will visit London. The officials, however, are making tentative arrangements to greet him immediately after Christmas as that is the time suggested by Mr. Wilson for coming to this country.

King George has cancelled the arrangements which provided that he should go to Sandringham palace for Christmas and he will remain in London instead to welcome President Wilson.

There is undisguised confusion in American centers here as to the result of the change in President Wilson's plans regarding his coming to London and the most directly interested are anxiously awaiting an official notice of the president's early coming which was not to be had up to noon today.

Travel Plans Unknown. It was suggested in American centers today that the president might come to England in a French or British vessel, although there is nothing available at the British admiralty to show that such plans are contemplated at present.

All of the American battleships that were in European waters have sailed for home but there are plenty of American destroyers for the escort of any vessel bearing the president.

Maj. Gen. John Biddle, commander of the American forces in England, is still here, but most of the troops are homeward bound or are preparing for the trip. British army officers, ever since it was announced that the president was coming to England, have been expressing the hope that they would have

the entire honor of supplying whatever military forces are required for the protection of the president and for his guards of honor and for any occasion when the presence of troops might be desired.

Thinks Wilson Means Business. Manchester, Eng., Dec. 19.—In commenting editorially upon President Wilson's visit to London, now in immediate prospect, the Guardian today regards it as signifying that the president means business which the leisurely arrangements previously contemplated hardly seemed to imply.

"It is unnecessary to speculate," continues the newspaper, "upon the precise causes of this sudden change of plans, but obviously the circumstances of the moment are not such as to brook delay. The news from Germany shows that two things are essential if order is to be kept and a stable government maintained—the population must be fed and the industries started by the returning soldiers and munition workers thrown out of employment and yet we hear of nothing effective being done."

"Mr. Hoover has been here nearly a fortnight. He has a vast task to perform. Has he all the resources and all the authority he needs? He has immense experience and energy, but no man can make bricks without straw, and we are not so sure about the straw."

Before he left America, says the Guardian, Mr. Hoover said he favored raising the blockade, but his statement to this effect, it says, was not allowed to appear in England, the opposite impression being conveyed instead.

"Has Mr. Hoover changed his mind, has he been overruled, or is the decision pending?" the newspaper inquires.

#### Mrs. Isley's Letter.

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative, and have found them a quick and sure relief. If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good."

R. L. Sprecher and wife departed this morning for Glenwood, Iowa, where they will visit for a short time and then go to Greenfield, Ia., for a visit of over Christmas.

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## CELEBRATING DEC. 25

Yuletide Festival Once Marked Return of Sun God.

Observance of Day Is Habit of More Than Twenty Centuries' Standing—'Yule' Means Sun—Community Christmas Tree.

Celebrating the 25th of December is a habit of more than twenty centuries' standing. It is a remnant of that good nature of our early ancestors, which has disappeared to a great extent with the irritating problems of civilization. All the rest of the year, writes Frederic J. Haskin, we fight and grab things away from each other and wear our nerves to a frazzle, but at Christmas we close our commercial exchanges, eat tremendous quantities of food and send presents and postal cards to our friends and relatives bearing our good wishes. At least this is what we are supposed to do. Many people do a great deal more in the way of community Christmas trees, visits to the hospitals and baskets for the poor, and still others regard the whole thing as absurd and consider abstinence from Christmas gifts a sign of strength of character.

Long before the birth of Christ our ancestors in northwestern Europe celebrated the 25th of December, which marked the passing of the winter solstice or the return of the sun in the heavens after conquering the powers of darkness. That was the day of the sun worshippers. The problem of the universe was just beginning to puzzle and our ancestors figured it out in a straightforward manner that was not half bad for supposed savages. All plant life, it was observed, depended on the sun for its existence, and all animal life depended on plant life, so that the power of the sun was greatly respected and it was personified in the person of the god Thor. Thor was worshiped with considerable interest, since there was always some doubt as to whether he would survive the winter solstice. Hence the feasting and merrymaking when he continued to shine clear and strong in the heavens.

Meaning of the Word 'Yule.' Besides Thor there were numerous gods who lived in the branches of trees. Therefore the people gathered holly boughs and holly branches and put them in conspicuous positions in their houses, where they might easily be seen from the outside, in the hope that some wandering god would take a fancy to them and take up his residence among the red berries. In Germany the early Huns chopped down the evergreens and brought them indoors for the same purpose. The burning of the yule log and the term yuletide are survivals of these early December festivals whose influence is still to be seen today in our own Christmas celebrations. 'Yule' means sun.

With the dawn of Christianity and the conversion of the sun worshippers, the birth of Christ was substituted as the cause for celebration and the festivities became religious demonstrations. The people still gormandized, trimmed their houses with holly branches and gave presents, but the 25th of December usually saw them comfortably seated in church.

So Christmas has come down to us with all these traditions. The German Santa Claus legend has improved it considerably for the children, and it is now known almost entirely as the children's season.

Community Christmas Tree. Among the finest Christmas institutions today is the community Christmas tree, which originated in Madison square, New York, five years ago and since then has spread to communities all over the United States. The community 'Tree of Light' is usually planted in a central location in the city, trimmed with balls and ornaments and lighted with electricity. Citizens are organized into committees to collect donations for the tree and employ bands of musicians to play Christmas carols and hymns. In Baltimore last year groups of men and boys carrying holly-trimmed lanterns walked through the streets singing and greeting each pedestrian with 'Merry Christmas!'

While every year there is an increasing number of persons who decide to 'be sensible' and send cards in the place of Christmas presents, the average person lacks the courage to face his family empty-handed on Christmas morning. But Christmas is a spirit, which you either have or haven't. If you haven't it, the holidays are only a bore; on the other hand, if you allow yourself to become enthusiastic there is really a lot of fun to be derived from it, even though you're lonely and away from home. Last year a traveling man who was compelled to spend Christmas away from his family in a strange city gathered a number of little tenement waifs together, took them into a large restaurant and treated them all to a Christmas dinner. 'I never had so much fun in my life,' declared the traveling man.

The Christ-Sabe. We give the Christ-sabe his cradle in our hearts, and afterwards he sets up his cross in our hearts, and in our hearts he plants his throne.

A Real Good Fellow. A real good fellow is a man who keeps something of the Christmas spirit all the year round.

### CHANGING TONES OF BELLS

Manufacturers Have Easy Method of Overcoming Harshness That May Mar Perfection of Sound.

Bells may have tones which, while thoroughly agreeable to the manufacturer, are not so pleasant to those who have to listen to them. A remedy for such a condition is described by James E. Noble in Popular Mechanics Magazine.



By drilling two holes in the side of a bell, as indicated at A and B in the sketch, the tone will remain perfectly clear, but will be quite changed. If a slot, as designated at C, is then cut between the two holes, still another change of tone is effected. By driving a metal rod, E, into one of the holes and trimming it off flush with the internal and external surfaces, the tone may again be changed. Filling up the second hole with a plug, D, will further alter the sound. Then if a wedge such as F is cut and driven into the slot the tone of the bell will be restored to normal.

'In the Rear' Translated. Day after day Germans who read the official statements of their own government learn that although the allies are said to suffer numerous reverses the German armies have fallen back to positions 'in the rear.' That is the regular ration served to Germans hungry for news of victories.

By this time the more intelligent of the kaiser's subjects must have learned to translate 'in the rear' into what it really means. They must have found that it tells the story of defeat and retreat. They cannot help perceiving that it records the movement of the German armies nearer to the German frontier. 'In the rear' is toward Germany.

That is what makes the effect of the official phrase extremely depressing. That is why it falls like lead on the hearts of the Huns.

#### Parachute Jump From Airplane.

The first successful experiment on record of jumping from a moving airplane with a parachute was recently made by Captain Sarrat, a French aviator. This intrepid airman leaped from a height of 800 yards with an umbrella some twelve yards in diameter, and landed safely. He was three minutes in the air, suspended from the parachute. Previous to this test numerous experiments were carried out in France with sandbags, and the practicability of the scheme was established beyond reasonable doubt. But it goes without saying, nevertheless, that it required real courage to be the first to risk life and limb in an actual test.—Scientific American.



NO NECESSITY. Ah Harold! Go! down to the sea-shore this year? No dear boy! I kin git just as tanned on our roof an' save money 'bates!

#### Athletic Equipment for Army.

Athletic material sufficient to supply 1,750 companies, or 125 complete regiments, has been purchased by the war department commission on training camp activities, an appropriation of \$250,000 having been obtained for this purpose. The supplies, for which the war department through the commission invited bids, included the following items: 17,500 sets of boxing gloves, 7,000 baseball bats, 21,100 baseballs, 3,500 playground baseball bats, 10,500 playground balls, 3,000 rugby footballs, 7,000 soccer footballs, 3,500 volley balls and 1,750 medicine balls. Allotment of the material to the various training camps is being made.

#### Free Advice.

Dear Star—My wife and I have 13 children, who annoy us so much that we are unable to read the war news in peace. What would you suggest?—Parent.

A.—In the first place, how can you read in peace when we are at war? You might report the matter to the health board, as there is a ban on public meetings, anyhow.—Indianapolis Star.

In 1950. 'They seem to have plenty of money.'

'Yes. Back in 1918 their father bought more Liberty bonds than he thought at the time he could afford.'

The Lingering Beard. 'I see you shave yourself,' commented the barber. 'What difference does that make?' 'Very little, sir; very little. That's how I came to notice it.'

Three Words. 'Some men can convey more common sense in three words than others can put into a two-hour speech.'

'That's right,' commented Senator Sorghum. 'Buy Liberty bonds.'

The Opposing Force. 'Er—Miss Brown—er—do—do you think your father would oppose my marrying you?' 'If he is of my opinion he would.'

Anything Black Is Coal Nowadays. 'What are you going to do with all that black dirt in front of your home?' 'That isn't dirt. That's my winter coal.'



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### PRESIDENT CERTAIN OF JUSTICE AT PARIS

EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE COUNCIL OF STATESMEN WILL REACH JUST SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS PRESENTED.

Paris, Dec. 20.—'I am confident that the big council of statesmen of the world will be able to reach a just and reasonable solution of the problems that will be presented to them and thus earn the gratitude of the world for the most critical and necessary service which has ever been rendered it,' said President Wilson today in an interview given to the correspondent of the London Times.

The congress of Vienna, the correspondent says President Wilson told him, was a congress of 'bosses.' The delegates were concerned more with their own interests and the classes they represented than the wishes of their peoples.

#### Must Work for Ideals.

'Versailles, as President Wilson said,' the interviewer continues, 'must be a meeting place of the servants of the people represented by delegates, and he added, there is no master mind who can settle the problems of today. If there is anybody who thinks he knows what is in the mind of all peoples, that man is a fool. We have all got to put our heads together and pool everything we have got for the benefit of the ideals which are common to all.'

'Asked whether he would visit the grand fleet, President Wilson replied that he was afraid he would not have time, adding that he fully realized that behind the great armies there was the strong, silent and watchful support of the British navy in securing the communications of the allies.

'He referred also to the very happy comradeship and co-operation between the British and American navies.'

Believes in Anglo-Saxon Race. The correspondent then adds: 'President Wilson in discussing the role of the British fleet in the maintenance of what, at any rate

during the war, had been the freedom of the seas for the free people of the world, spoke with a singularity which no amount of writing can convey. His accents convinced me that he is a believer in the decency and honesty of the Anglo-Saxon race. He said:

'It is essential for the future peace of the world that there should be the frankest co-operation and most generous understanding between the two English-speaking democracies. We comprehend and appreciate, I believe, the grave problems which the war has brought to the British people and fully understand the special international questions which arise from the fact of your peculiar position as an island empire.'

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rice, Emmitt Rice and Harry Rice were passengers to Glenwood, Iowa, this morning, called there by the death of John C. Brandon, whose funeral will occur at that place tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock.

Miss Mary Egenberger who has been visiting at Omaha for the past few days returned home this morning.

Mrs. A. E. Todd who has been at Omaha visiting with her son Raymond, returned this afternoon, and reports the young man getting along in as good condition as could be expected.

### JOHN C. BRANDON DIES AT GLENWOOD

Was Formerly a Citizen of Plattsmouth, and a First Class Man Leaves Child.

Last evening at his late home in Glenwood, Iowa, John C. Brandon, formerly a citizen of Plattsmouth, died at his home aged about 45 years. He leaves a wife and one daughter Miss Hazel, 11 years of age.

Mr. Brandon is a brother-in-law of Harry Rice of this city. Mrs. Brandon being a sister. The burial will be at Glenwood. Mr. Brandon will be remembered as being engaged in the plaster and mason business while in Plattsmouth.

### DAVID HANKINSON VERY LOW.

From Saturday's Daily. Last evening Mrs. Ben Hankinson, who has been watching at the bedside of her son, David Hankinson at the St. Joseph Hospital, with her son David, for some time past came home last evening on the late Burlington train, and reports the condition of her son as being extremely critical. The little fellow has suffered greatly since taking the influenza some weeks since. He is paralyzed and his recovery is without hope of the attending physicians.

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