

# GREAT FLEET IS SEEN IN REVIEW

THE AMERICAN GUARDIANS OF THE SEA ANCHORED IN HUDSON.

## SECOND IN WORLD'S POWER

Mightiest Armada This Country Has Ever Assembled—New York's Millions Accord Fighters a Fitting Welcome.

New York, Dec. 26.—Riding at anchor in the Hudson tonight were twenty-one super-dreadnaughts, dreadnaughts, ships of the line, cruisers, destroyers, and a host of smaller craft, the mightiest American armada ever assembled. Ten of the floating fortresses steamed into the harbor today after eighteen months' service overseas with Beauty's grand fleet. The others are the flower of the North Atlantic fleet. Grim guardians of a great nation, they symbolized that the United States has become the second naval power of the world. In the teeth of a northwest wind, in the chill of a driving snowstorm, millions waited hours until the ten battleships of the homecoming armada appeared. This was New York's and the nation's tribute to the ships, far more eloquent than the greatest din of whistles, bells and human voices. The vocal welcome came later when the rugged, weather-beaten tars who manned the ships debarked and, with Secretary Daniels and Admiral Mayo at their head, marched down Fifth avenue in the country's first great victory parade.

their anchorages, the British transport Saxon, loaded with sick and wounded American troops, hove alongside. The heads of the navy and war departments again ascended to the bridge and doffed their hats to the fighting men.

**Cheers From the Wounded.** Then, getting under way, the Mayflower moved along with the transport, and after a sailor had wiggled to the larger vessel the compliments of both secretaries, the yacht's band played the "Star Spangled Banner." Instantly those aboard the Saxon who were able to stand came to attention and then at the end of the anthem, broke into a prolonged cheer.

In beginning its tour of the fleet, the Mayflower first reached the Florida, last to anchor. As the yacht moved through the lane of fighting craft with the home fleet to port and the veterans to starboard, each ship was dressed, and from each of the new arrivals came the strains of the national anthem, played, by the ship's band as the Mayflower came abreast.

It was a stern array of ships, despite the splendor of the flags with which they were decorated. All the battleships wore coats of sinister gray, while destroyers and auxiliaries bore the fantastic touch of the camouflage.

Exclusive of all except battleships, the tonnage of the fighting craft now in the Hudson amounts to 424,822. The ten homecoming craft had a tonnage of 268,000. Not counting guns of smaller caliber, the battleships alone carry a total of eighty-eight fourteen-inch guns, twenty thirteen-inch guns and fifty-six twelve-inch. The Mississippi, New Mexico and other dreadnaughts made the battleships which were the last word in naval architecture only a few years ago seem puny craft, huge as they are.

### ARE VERY CAREFUL WORKERS.

**Harry Beal Who Was Injured Yesterday Morning At Burlington Shops Passed Good Night.**

From Friday's Daily. Harry Beal, the switchman who was injured yesterday morning while in the exercise of his duty, at the Burlington shop yards, passed a good night, and while the wound is causing considerable pain, he is feeling as well as could be expected. With the slogan always in mind, with the members of the switching crews of "Safety First" they exercise as much care in the execution of their work as is possible, still accidents happen.

Since the exercise of the amount of care, which the workmen do now the number of accidents are kept at the minimum, and injury thus avoided as much as possible. It is hoped that Harry will soon be able to be at his work again. With the nature of the accident as it was, he being thrown from the car, he was extremely fortunate in not receiving greater injury than he did.

### WILL VISIT IN THE NORTH.

From Thursday's Daily. Mr. and Mrs. Reno Edgerton, departed this afternoon for Omaha, where they will visit for a short time, and where Mr. Edgerton will look after some business, after which Mrs. Edgerton will depart for Reliance, South Dakota, where she will visit at the home of two of the sisters of Mr. Edgerton, Ruby and Agnes, for several days. Mr. Edgerton will not go.

Miss Lena Hirtz and Mary Egenberger were visitors in Omaha this afternoon, where they are spending the day with friends.

## FOR SALE Farms and City Property!

51 acres, one mile east, 1 1/2 miles north of Murray; 40 acres in wheat, balance good pasture, fair improvements, running water, and some fruit. Dandy home.  
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Also see me for bargains in Chase, Perkins and Keith county wheat and ranch lands.  
**FRANK VALLERY, Murray, Neb.**

# SOLDIERS WRITE TO HOME FOLKS

TWO LETTERS FROM THE BOYS DOING THEIR WORK FOR THE COUNTRY THEY LOVE.

## ONE IS FROM OLD FRANCE

They Tell of Their Experience in the Service, and Best Wishes For Their Folks.

The two following letters one from Emil Koukal, who was gassed in France some time since, but who is now all right, and well satisfied that the war is over. The other one from Bert Spies who was formerly one of the force of this paper, are interesting reading. They both will be remembered by their many friends in this city:

December 1, 1918.

Dear Brother: Pretty cold here this morning. We are all packed in here around the stove; feels good, too. I'm back to the company again. Still anxious to hear from home, for all my mail was sent out as fast as it came in. Received several letters since I got back but none from home. Got a bundle of Plattsmouth Journals last night, also a "buddy" of mine got a bundle of Omaha Daily News, so this morning we can almost imagine we are at home. Just got through reading about our drive of September 26. The Plattsmouth Journal of September 27 gave a good account of it, except that it has the dates wrong, for we landed in France on May 18 instead of June 9. Never will I forget the morning of the 26th at 5:30 a. m. We drove them for five days before we were relieved. I was knocked out and gassed on the fourth day. We are now stationed at a little country village called Courcelles, near St. Mihiel. Nothing here at all but a few buildings. Of course we are all anxious to get home but as we all have a good chance to get back to the good old States now and it all ended sooner than we expected, we can afford to wait.

It may be quite a while before we get back, especially if they put us in the Army of Occupation. Have been broke now since I went to the hospital and if they don't pay us before we leave France I'm going to cash a check for I want to buy several souvenirs before I leave this country. Must close. Everyone in here is talking, discussing the same old subject: When do we sail? Enough for this time. Hoping you are all well.

EMIL

France, Nov. 15, 1918.

Dear Mamma: Well, there is a soldier from Brooklyn, going from the hospital at Cour Chorney in central France, and I am writing this letter and let him mail it in New York.

I am in the hospital here with an injured knee. Will be discharged from the hospital the 18th of this month. Now, do not worry as I am all o. k. The war is over and we will be back in four or five months or sooner. Will go back to my company for duty, so you can see that I am all o. k.

All France is celebrating the victory now. We were at Verdun with the first army corps.

Casualties were pretty heavy for a couple of days. Quite a few of the men were gassed. We are going to the Rhine a couple of weeks, so I will get some souvenirs before I return. I am glad the war is over now. You do not imagine what the sights one sees at the front. All the boys are glad that the war is over and I guess the people back home are, too.

I have not heard from you since I have been in France and do not expect to as no one here seems to receive any mail.

It will be a grand day when we sail past the Statue of Liberty and know that our mission has been fulfilled.

Our artillery and transport trains are moving back from the front now as we can see it pass here every few hours. I suppose you still have the Liberty bonds I sent you. I hope this is received by you.

Now, do not worry about me, as I am all o. k. A slight abrasion of the knee cap. That's all. Lucky not to get any gas, as quite a few did. With lots of love to all and tell me Elmer's address and Ed's, also. Will eat Thanksgiving and Xmas dinner in France and drink a bottle of wine to your health.

With love,

BERT.

## MYOLA PROPST VISITS HOME FOLKS

From Thursday's Daily. Miss Myola Propst who has been assistant cashier at the bank at Sapulpa, Okla., is visiting here and spending the Christmas holidays at home, and visiting with her parents, R. L. Propst and wife who have been sick. Mr. Propst has been up for two days, while Mrs. Propst is still very sick though gaining. Miss Vera Propst is up again, while Grandma Mrs. E. E. Goodwin, who was 86 years of age, last Saturday, does not show much improvement and is just about holding her own, and being very sick.

## SPOTLIGHT PLACED ON EX-KAISER BY HIS COUSIN MONACO

PRINCE OF MONACO MAKES PUBLIC REMARKABLE LETTER HE HAS ADDRESSED TO WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Prince Albert of Monaco has given to the Associated Press a remarkable letter he had addressed to former Emperor William, which promises to rival the notable revelations made by Prince Lichowsky, German ambassador at London at the outbreak of the war.

The letter gives textually many conversations with the ex-emperor on his war projects and also a number of letters addressed to the prince as "My dear cousin" and signed "Your highness, devoted friend, cousin and admirer, William I. R."

The conversations cover years of close intimacy during which Prince Albert was a frequent guest of the emperor at Berlin and Kiel and at the emperor's summer palace on the Island of Corfu. The prince's letter "to his majesty, William I" addresses the former German ruler directly throughout as "sire," it recalls their conversations in which the emperor expressed his ideas for Germany's future and then gives the successive steps in which he yielded to the military elements.

### Reverts to Plot.

Explaining the purpose of the letter, Prince Albert writes: "I speak with serenity after 17 years of effort to enlighten you upon the only path which would maintain the rival nations within the limits of justice and dignity and would reunite in peace the interests of France and Germany. I speak with firmness of soul in revolt against the spectacle of the plot of force to annihilate law and honor, all the beauties of civilization and all the conquests of man over the brute."

"It was open to you to become the greatest figure of all time if you had directed your power to repairing the injustice weighing on Europe and give your high authority to the ideals of right, justice and peace to which mankind now is eagerly turning. But instead you maintained the brutal customs of a military monarchy until Germany, which could have won world power based on civilization, has dragged you down in its false ideas and blind folly."

Defense of Militarism.

Recalling to the ex-emperor their conversations, the prince says: "I was deeply impressed with the talk I had with you when we inaugurated the observatory of Leidenberg. When I condemned the militarizing of a people as stunting individual development you described to me the advantages of such a form of national education outside its purely military objects because as you said, it relieved men from the heaviness of their bearing. This was your conception of the principal end of a system, the application of which is terrifying the world. Today in the paths of your armies are strewn the marks of this education, which betray your true end of your profound error."

"Although you said to me one day that it was not your right to take a certain action which would have conserved world peace, yet you told me on the yacht Meteor on June 28, 1914, in learning of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, 'Now I must do everything over again.'"

### Responsible for War.

"History will recognize in these two manifestations of your conscience the truth of your responsibility for a deliberate war. In an interview I had with you on the same yacht on the morning of the same day, I noted certain points disclosing your real purposes. When I said to you that I believed the majority of the French supported the

## Idea for rapprochement with Germany, you answered me with unusual emphasis: 'Yes, but we must hurry or else it will be too late and other arrangements will be necessary to establish the position of the nations of Europe. Here are the Anglo-Saxons understanding their true interests and trying to group themselves in joint protection against the yellow races. Even this year President Wilson and England have used diplomatic language. They understand also that there is nothing else to do with Germany than to accept her as she is.'"

After thus quoting the emperor's language, Prince Albert adds: "You afterward talked at length to convince me you had no had sentiment toward France or anyone, and you remarked to me that you might have fallen upon Russia when she was ruined by her war with Japan and upon France when 300,000 French soldiers were in hospitals. When I answered you that France's pacific intentions were shown by the tendency to reduce her military forces, you had nothing more to say."

The prince then relates a sensational conversation in which the emperor, pointing to a British squadron visiting Kiel, foresaw the coming war.

"The transformation of your mentality became evident to me in June, 1914, when upon the deck of the Hohenzollern at Kiel you said to me with irritation as you saw the English squadron come to salute you: 'If they challenge me to make war the world will see what it has never before known.'"

"Your mind seemed touched with a last gleam of foresight as these ferocious views took form. Perhaps you still wished to resist the monstrous obsession of those demanding war, for you added: 'Upon those ships, where English officers are about to laugh and dance with our young women, they seem very far from dreaming of making war.'"

Prince Albert then relates numerous conversations when the Russian emperor proposed an international court at The Hague.

"You disclosed to me one day your real thoughts upon this noble movement in remarking to me with a smile that you were happy to participate in the car's conferences, but did so because appointing as your delegates the most vigorous German generals."

Prince Albert's letter continues: "I recall also that when I asked your support for the first international marine congress you referred me to Admiral von Tirpitz, for whom the soul of the sailor will never have any respect."

### Crown Prince's Attitude.

The prince gives a conversation with the German crown prince as showing his attitude toward the Hague tribunal. "Talking with the crown prince at his Kronach residence in Bavaria, I complimented you on offering to settle the Casa Bianca affair before the Hague tribunal. The heir to the imperial throne answered that the chancellor had made a mistake in accepting that arrangement, 'because,' said the crown prince, 'the French are right in that affair, but a powerful state should never avoid war even when it is in the wrong, under penalty of losing its prestige.'"

In another talk with Emperor William the prince says the emperor remarked that he held the Russian czar in his hands. In this connection Prince Albert writes:

"In the series of crimes, for which Germany must bear responsibility, there is one which will revolt humanity for all time. Nicholas II was incapable of lying or betraying

# Social Dance

## AT MURRAY

# Wednesday Evening, JANUARY 1st

This means a good time in store for those who love to dance.

## GOOD MUSIC!

### USUAL ADMISSION

## CELEBRATES HOLIDAY DOLL PARTY

From Friday's Daily. Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rummerfeld, was held a most enjoyable holiday party for Vesta and Edna, mostly enjoyed by the little ones that were present. It was a very picturesque scene as the little guests came tripping in with their dolls in hands, which were: Little Miss Jean Hayes, Wilhelmina Schirk, Master Norris and Ruth Peoples, Catherine McCluskey, Vesta and Edna Rummerfeld.

A dainty lunch was served by Miss Leona Rummerfeld and Anna Peoples, which all enjoyed very much. They returning home at a late hour wishing many more Happy Holiday doll parties to Miss Vesta and Edna.

## AT THE POSTOFFICE.

From Friday's Daily. Just concluding the extreme rush two of the force off on account of business at the postoffice, incident to the Christmas holidays, comes two of the force off on account of sickness of her mother Mrs. Homer McKay, and F. A. Cleid, on account of the sickness of himself, making two out of the five zone. The other three Geo. K. Staats, Misses Peterson and Shea, are excellent workers, and under anything like ordinary conditions are able to do a large amount of work, and will care for the business notwithstanding the disadvantages which they are placed under.

## MAKING SOME SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

From Friday's Daily. Arthur Troop is making some substantial improvements in his home south of this city, and the alterations will make the home one of greater convenience, than heretofore. A. B. Smith has been doing the carpenter work. There are some new floors being placed in the building which is a new feature, while not cement, or concrete, is a new combination, which is much like tiling, with the exception it has a better and more resilient service, aiding in the passage over it. The floors are being placed by the contractor J. W. Burnie, who has W. A. Robertson, a finished workman in that line from Omaha, who arrived today to do the work.

## MAKES SHORT VISIT HOME.

From Friday's Daily. Clifford Cecil who is located at Hampton Roads, Va., with the government as a member of the fighting force of the United States Army, and an electrician, who has been making a short visit with relatives and friends here, departed this afternoon for his station in the east, going via the Missouri Pacific to Kansas City, then via St. Louis and then east.

Mr. Cecil is an excellent young man, and a good electrician, and his added schooling will much better fit him for his chosen calling in life.

Geo. S. Ray of near Rock Bluffs was a business visitor in the city for the afternoon, coming to look after some business for a short time.

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