

AUTO FOR EVERY EIGHT IOWANS, FIGURES SHOW

Secretary of State Issues 274,625 Licenses for Automobiles; 54,430 Are for New Cars.

Des Moines, Nov. 18.—(Special.)—There is an automobile now for every eight persons in Iowa, according to the most recent figures in the office of the secretary of state. The total number of licenses issued this year was 274,625, of which 54,430 were for new cars and 216,195 renewals. With a population of 2,358,066 this would be a car for every eight persons.

PRESIDENT TO BE PRESENT AT PEACE MEETING

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The conference now proceeding at Versailles as the preliminary to the meeting of the peace commissioners. He thus will have opportunity to discharge in person for the first time the duties of his membership in the supreme war council in which he is now represented by Col. E. M. House.

In the general view here the sessions of the supreme war council, which bring together the entente premiers with the representatives of the United States, are of first importance, for in all probability it will be at these sessions that the general program, which is to govern the peace congress, will be arranged.

The president will attend the opening sessions of the congress at which the broad principles of the treaty will be settled, but he will not remain for the subsequent detailed discussions and settlements of the various questions. This will be the work of the commissioners he soon is to name to represent the United States.

Unusual Program.

By carrying out this unusual program of having the conference draft and adopt a general peace treaty at the outset, the president and the entente premiers will be able soon after the commissioners assemble to return to their own countries and attend to important business at home.

Since the suggestion that the president attend the peace conference first was made there has been much discussion here as to whether while absent from the country he could continue to act as president. The constitution itself is silent on the question and generally the question is regarded as one which the president himself must decide.

The prevailing opinion here is that Mr. Wilson already has made up his mind on the subject. He does not go to the peace conference as a delegate, and consequently it is held that should he relinquish his authority and functions of office he would be without power to act for the United States in the discussions.

Harrison Left Country

There is ample precedent for the president to leave the territorial limits of the United States. President Harrison on one occasion went into Canada, while President Taft visited both that country and Mexico. President Roosevelt and also President Taft visited the Panama canal zone.

Both President Taft and President Roosevelt continued to perform the functions of their office while on the visits to the canal zone, sending instructions to Washington both by cable and wireless. It was pointed out today that the president also could in this manner attend to any pressing matters of importance here while he is abroad.

On American Ship.

In all probability the president will cross the Atlantic on an American battleship, probably on one of the navy's newest dreadnaughts. While on such a ship, it is claimed, he is on American territory, and, technically, would be absent from the country only for such time as he actually is on foreign soil.

If the president intends to delegate any of the functions of his office to Vice-President Marshall, the vice-president has not been informed, and this fact in itself was accepted in some quarters as clearly indicating that the president has decided that his physical absence from the country does not create such a vacancy in the office as to fall within the section of the constitution which clothes the vice-president with authority to discharge the duties of the office during the inability of the president to act.

Freely Discussed.

The question as to what effect the president's absence will have on the work of congress was freely discussed tonight in congressional circles. Many hold that the president could not approve or veto legislation while absent, as the actual signature is required. Under the provisions of the constitution, if bills are not acted upon by the chief executive within 10 days after their passage they automatically become effective.

Very little important business will be transacted by congress in December under the program as now outlined. No pressing legislative matters now pending or in prospect are likely to be completed before the expected adjournment of congress for over the Christmas holidays. And if congress does adjourn it will not reassemble until early in January and the president probably will return home soon afterwards.

Lansing to Go.

There was no statement tonight as to whether the Americans to the peace conference actually will accompany the president or will follow at a later date. In some quarters it was regarded as likely that

Huns Hawk Property to get Funds in Order to Depart from Brussels

Paris, Nov. 18.—The last German troops left Brussels yesterday, according to the Belgian front correspondent on the Belgian front. Extraordinary scenes were witnessed around North station, from which most of the enemy soldiers departed.

Wishing to have money to take home with them, they sold everything they owned or had stolen. Some laid out objects on the sidewalk and cried their wares in loud voices.

They would make the trip with the president so as to have advantage of conferences with representatives of the allied nations before the peace congress convenes.

Secretary Lansing undoubtedly will head the American commissioners. Others regarded as probable selections as delegates are Colonel House, Louis D. Brandeis, associate justice of the supreme court, and Elihu Root, former secretary of state.

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, former chief of staff and military representative of the United States on the supreme war council, is expected to head the military representatives from this country who will assist in the work of the peace conference, while Vice Admiral Sims probably will be selected to head the naval delegation.

St. Joe Street Car Strike Settled by Agreement. St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 18.—An agreement between the local street railway company and its striking employees was reached here late today, and car service, suspended since last Thursday, was resumed.

The company agreed to recognize the blanket union until the power house men formed their own organizations, divided between the electrical, engineering and firing departments of the power plant, and this was ratified by the union at a called meeting of the strikers.

To Adjourn Congress Session Thursday; Revenue Bill Waits

Washington, Nov. 18.—Adjournment of the present session of congress next Thursday was arranged today by democratic and republican leaders of the senate and house. This will enable members to obtain travel mileage allowances and also will prevent the present session, which began last December 3, from merging with the third and final session of this, the 65th congress, which will open December 2.

Ending of the present session Thursday was agreed upon after the senate finance committee had decided that it could not represent the revised \$6,000,000,000 revenue bill before the date for the beginning of the new session. With disposition by the senate today of the "war time" prohibition bill, which goes to the president Thursday after formal signature by Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark, the most pressing business of the session was completed.

Camp Dodge Aviators Make Safe Landing in Barnyard

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 18.—Lieutenant Martin and Capt. F. R. Nulsen of Camp Dodge, who made an airplane flight to Creston Sunday were forced to descend on their return trip, a short distance out of Creston, because of engine trouble. They lit in a barnyard and damaged their machine, but were able to return in their plane today. Lieutenant Martin's parents live in Creston.

Released Prisoners Show Marks of Neglect

Nancy, Nov. 18.—(Havas.)—Released French, British and Belgian prisoners by thousands are coming into France in the region of Nancy. Many of them show plainly how long they have been in captivity. The American Y. M. C. A. is clothing and feeding the prisoners.

AMERICANS IN HEART OF HUN'S BIG IRON FIELD

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Was resumed and another big step on the road toward the heart of Germany will be taken. Yesterday's advance went without a hitch.

Villages and towns along the route looked peaceful, except for some here and there which had been scarred by explosions of aerial bombs. These were the only physical traces of warfare. A deep silence broods over this area, for the people were nearly all moved out by the Germans. In some cases less than 50 persons remain in a village.

Joy in Mulhausen.

Mulhausen, Nov. 18.—(Havas.)—No words can picture the triumphal entrance of the French troops into this city nor express the wild joy of the people, who crowded the streets to applaud their liberators. Flowers, tobacco and cockades were thrown to the soldiers as they marched along.

General Hirschauer headed his troops. Men and women rushed forward and piously kissed the folds of the flag borne by the 344th infantry. The cheers of the populace grew until the troops arrived at the city hall, where the city authorities welcomed General Hirschauer and his staff.

The joy of the populace was saddened when the Rev. Mr. Cottle, the dean of Mulhausen, was overcome by emotion at the official reception and dropped dead. The government of the city addressed a telegram to the French government declaring the strong attachment of Mulhausen to France and the unwavering loyalty of the population.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund To Buy Shoes For Shoeless Children

"I can not give to everything, but must choose the most worthy, so I am sending this check to The Bee Shoe fund," writes one contributor.

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United War Work Campaign Now Beyond \$125,000,000

New York, Nov. 18.—Though definite reports to date of total subscriptions to the United War Work campaign will not be available until tomorrow, the national headquarters announced tonight that the aggregate has gone far beyond the \$125,000,000 that had been pledged up to Saturday night. Up state New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Maryland alone raised the figure more than \$3,000,000, while a million college, high and private school students, who formed themselves into a division with a self-allotted quota of \$2,000,000, reported they had gone "over the top."

Ask Release of Packing House Men from Service

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The immediate release of all packing house employees now in any branch of war service was urgently requested today by the food administration in an appeal to a telegram from Washington received by E. C. Brown, president of the Chicago Live Stock exchange. It was declared that the packing plants have been undermined for some months in spite of strenuous efforts to obtain more help.

420,000 French Prisoners to Be Returned Home

Paris, Nov. 18.—The French authorities rapidly are completing arrangements for bringing home released prisoners of war, which, according to official French figures, total 420,000. It is expected that the process of repatriation will consume about six weeks' time.

Schleswig-Holstein to Determine Future, According to Dr. Solf

London, Nov. 18.—Announcement was made in Copenhagen Sunday, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from the Danish capital, that Dr. Solf, the German foreign secretary, had declared that he would propose to Denmark that a plebiscite be held in Schleswig-Holstein to decide whether that territory should remain German or join Denmark.

Order in Holland.

New York, Nov. 18.—Means taken by the Netherlands government to preserve order in Holland have been entirely successful and the people of the country have proven their loyalty and patriotism in the present situation, W. B. De Beaufort, charge d'affaires of the Dutch legation, was officially informed by cable today.

Children Trampled to Death in Panic in Spanish Theater

Castellon, Spain, Nov. 18.—A fatal panic occurred in a motion picture theater here last night when an unidentified person cried "fire." The theater was crowded, most of the spectators being children, and 20 children and one soldier were trampled to death. Twelve children were injured severely and 25 slightly.

Examinations of Men in Board No. 3 Canceled

Officials of Draft Board No. 3 have announced that all examinations of men called by that board, including those of 18 years, have been canceled. This late ruling will affect about 400 Omaha men.

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