

WILSON VETOES PLEASURE TRIPS WHILE ABROAD

Arranges to Clear Up Visits and Devote Himself in January to Peace Conference.

On Board the U. S. S. George Washington, Dec. 12.—(By Wireless to Associated Press)—President Wilson learned by wireless from Col. Edward M. House, that the plans of the French government contemplate the peace conference getting down to its sessions prior to January 3, and he at once began arranging his plans so as to utilize the intervening time to clear up his visits to the battle front, the American troops and Italy and other functions in order to leave his time entirely free when the conference begins.

In the meantime he will have informal conference with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, Premier Clemenceau of France, Premier Orlando of Italy and others, to smooth out any points of difference which may arise between the United States and the allies with regard to the ground work of the conference.

The president is planning to avoid rigorously all functions not necessarily of an official nature and will veto all pleasure trips.

Virtually all of next week has been reserved by President Wilson for conferences at which he will emphasize the idea that a league of nations must necessarily be part of the peace treaties and is not a subject for separate action.

Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia will be in Paris over Christmas as will also King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. Immediately after the Christmas holiday, the president probably will go to Italy, returning to Paris January 2, ready to attend the peace conference.

In the meantime he will visit the devastated portion of France and Gen. Pershing at the front for a review, and probably will march at the head of the American column in a combined demonstration in Paris.

In Rounding the Azores.

The George Washington ran close in to give the president an opportunity to catch a glimpse of the American naval base. A flotilla of American destroyers from the West squadron came over the horizon, and the dreadnaught Pennsylvania broke out signals to the flotilla to follow.

Admiral Badger Asks That U. S. Get Itself Real Navy

Washington, Dec. 12.—Appropriations to provide a navy for the United States by 1925 as large as that of any other country, was urged today by Admiral Badger of the general board of the navy, before the house naval committee.

"Flu" in Guatemala.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Outbreak of a violent epidemic of influenza with extremely high fatality rate was reported to the State department today from Guatemala.

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

The girls of The Bee business department will give a dancing party at Turpin's dancing academy Friday evening, December 20, for the benefit of The Bee shoe fund. Tickets are being sold at \$1 each.

Every dollar taken will be given to the fund to supply winter footwear to needy children in Omaha. The girls are arranging many novel and enjoyable features for the occasion and those who attend are not only assured a regular hope-to-die good time, but will have the added satisfaction of having aided one of the most timely and worthy charities in Omaha. Previously acknowledged, \$888.65 W. R. 1.00

McAdoo Letter on Railroads Rouses Members of G. O. P.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Secretary McAdoo's proposal to keep the railroads under government control until 1924 met instant criticism from the republican side when the senate convened today. Senator Kellogg of Minnesota declared that a proposition for permanent government ownership of railroads is at the bottom of the whole thing.

Referring to Mr. McAdoo's letter to the congressional interstate commerce committee, made public last night, Senator Kellogg said it is "a most remarkable document, coming as it does immediately after the address of the president in which the president said he had no judgment of his own."

Another Belgian Loan.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Belgium's loans from the United States were increased today to \$213,320,000 by an additional credit of \$3,200,000. Credits now authorized for all the allies amount to \$8,223,540,702.

Dutch Premier Willing to Consult on Change of Ex-Kaiser's Residence

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—The premier of Holland, Jonkheer Ruijs de Beerenbrouck, who yesterday declared in the lower house that there could be no question of intervention in the case of the former German emperor, nor could there be a demand for his return to Germany because of the right of sanctuary, is quoted in a dispatch received from The Hague today as also saying:

"It is possible that foreign governments might desire to consult with Holland regarding a new place of residence for the kaiser. The Dutch government would not be disinclined to this on condition that Holland be given a place in such a consultation, corresponding with the country's honor and dignity."

The present arrangements are provisional," he explained, "the government reserving its definite decision."

JOHNSON WANTS SENATE TO PROBE RUSS QUESTION

California Senator Asks Questions Indicating U. S. Policy Toward Soviet Without Warrant.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Johnson of California, republican, in an address to the senate today demanded a definite statement of the American government's policy toward Russia. He declared a state of war with the soviet government actually exists without a formal declaration of hostilities and introduced a resolution calling upon the State department for all documents and information regarding the nation's course in Russia and upon the War department for a statement of American troops in Russia and casualties among them.

For the information of congress and the American people Senator Johnson said he wanted to know whether it is true that this government never replied to a plea from the Russian soviet government to help avert the "shameful treaty" of Brest and whether the assistant secretary of state, speaking for the president, refused intervention last March, stating that to intervene in Siberia "would be doing in the east exactly what the Germans were doing in the west."

Asks Pertinent Question.

"Is it true," the senator continued, "that the Russian soviet government offered through its highest economic council a program for making America the most favored foreign nation in trade and commerce and involving the control by the allies of all those supplies most desired by the central empires?"

"Is it true that the American ambassador and the British high commissioner in Russia recommended co-operation with the soviet government through the American railroad association; that the soviet government invited this co-operation and promised control of the Siberian railway to be placed in the hands of this mission, and that these recommendations were refused by the American government largely as a result of misinformation received?"

WILSON TO STEP TODAY UPON SOIL OF FRANCE

(Continued From Page One.) and a delegation of socialist deputies also will be present.

Foreign Minister Pichon will welcome the distinguished guests on behalf of the French government and Mayor Goude on behalf of the city of Brest. The president will then ride along the Cours Dajot to the railway station, whence he will depart for Paris at 4 p. m.

The city is wild with excitement tonight in anticipation of tomorrow's great event. Patriotic meetings and concerts are being held and the president is assured of a tumultuous welcome.

Plan 48 Hours Festivities.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The length of President Wilson's "official" visit in Paris has been fixed at 48 hours, according to the Matin. The remainder of his stay here will not be marked by any state ceremony.

The banquet which the senate will give President Wilson will be held in the Luxemburg palace itself, where the senate sits, and not, as is customary, in the residence of the president of the senate. The traditional use of this chamber as a banquet hall, which had long been abandoned, will thus be revived.

This banquet hall is the finest and most beautifully decorated in Paris. It is now called the lecture hall, but originally was the throne room, where the kings of France opened the parliament.

Invited to Switzerland.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 12.—The Swiss government has addressed an invitation to President Wilson to visit Switzerland. The invitation says the Swiss authorities would consider a visit from the president as fresh proof of the friendship between America, the greatest, and Switzerland, the oldest, republics in the world.

Address Encased in Gold.

London, Dec. 12.—The corporation of the city of London today passed a resolution inviting President Wilson to accept an address of welcome in a gold box and asking him to a luncheon at the Guild hall.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The cabinet at a meeting today, which was presided over by President Poincare, decided that Saturday, the day of President Wilson's arrival in Paris, shall be a public holiday.

Battle Fleet Sails.

London, Dec. 12.—The United States battle fleet which is to form part of the escort of the United States ship George Washington into Brest, left Portland this morning. It was commanded by Vice Admiral Sims, who was on board the battleship Wyoming. The fleet consisted of two battleship divisions under Admirals Rodman and Rodgers and one destroyer division.

The fleet will be met at sea by 30 destroyers from Brest. The George Washington, carrying the president and his party, will be met at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning 90 miles from Brest.

TROLLEYS MOVE IN OMAHA AS CAR STRIKE ENDS

(Continued From Page One.) opened by singing "America," followed by other songs, until President Short called the meeting to order. The men left the hall shortly after 12 o'clock, cheering and evidently in good spirits.

While the union men were deliberating, the street railway company was preparing for any eventuality. At the Pierce street barn provisions, cooking utensils and strikebreakers were brought to have been taken into the barn.

The men appeared satisfied after the meeting that their union has in effect been recognized and that the situation will be fairly ironed out by the war labor board here on January 2.

Remove Pickets.

Pickets were removed from the car barns during Wednesday night. The meeting in Labor Temple was attended by nearly the full strength of the union. The officers explained that some of the men could not be reached this morning, but they claimed that 700 of a membership of 800 attended.

After a meeting of the directors of the street car company in the morning, President Wattles sent the following telegram to Chairman Taft and many of the war labor board: "We accept your proposition for settlement of the labor trouble here as per your telegram of December 11. We will abide by your ruling when you meet January 2. We have at all times been willing to accept and abide by your rulings."

Cost of Strike.

An estimate has been made that the strike has cost the street railway company nearly \$100,000 in loss of revenues. Out of that amount, approximately \$30,000 would have been paid to employees if the service had not been suspended for eight and one-half days by the strike.

Merchants are unable to estimate the losses they have suffered in their holiday trade. Last Saturday was the only day of the strike period when trade approached almost normal conditions.

A rush of Christmas shopping is anticipated during the time that is left. The resumption of street car traffic has put new life into business generally.

BUSINESS MEN JOYOUS AT END OF CAR STRIKE

(Continued From Page One.) than can be seated and not to carry any passengers on the platforms and to keep all ventilators and at least one window in the front of each car open at all times, on account of the danger of the spread of influenza. We shall comply with this order in every way possible and this will require further patience and forbearance on the part of our patrons as it will not be possible for us to furnish sufficient cars to transport during rush hours, all the people who want to ride under the conditions imposed by the Health department."

Jerry Burnett, carmen's union organizer, said the strike is won and that the men will never have ordered the men back to work. Everything is fine. We have good men to sit at the January arbitration hearing and we will get a satisfactory solution quickly.

Count Delayed Fortnight After Election in Britain

London, Dec. 12.—British voters will go to the polls Saturday in the parliamentary elections under circumstances wholly novel in the history of the country. All the balloting will be done in one day, instead of there being elections in different districts spread over weeks, with long drawn out excitement and suspense. The votes will not be counted for a fortnight in order that the ballots of soldiers abroad may be received and opened with the others.

Among the political leaders, the return of Mr. Lloyd George's coalition to power is unquestioned, although it may command only a minority of the votes on account of the number of candidates in the field.

William A. Paton Dies.

New York, Dec. 12.—William Agnew Paton, author, art student and former newspaper publisher, died here today in his seventy-first year. He was publisher of the New York World from 1877 to 1881 and after serving four years as trustee of the National Republican, became in 1885 first business manager of Scribner's Magazine.

Sister's fellow told me girls don't have to cook now. Sis feeds him.

POST TOASTIES — says Bobby (Delicious corn flakes)

Fire Spreads Through Two Copper Mines of Butte

Butte, Mont., Dec. 12.—Fire which started Tuesday night on the 700-foot level of the Nevadawest mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining company was believed yesterday morning to have spread to the Anaconda mine adjoining. John Gide, manager of the mines of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, said all men had been brought safely to the surface from both properties. Both mines will be closed for several days.

RHINE BRIDGES NOW IN HANDS OF BRITISH TROOPS

Germans Cut Electric Wires, Leaving Eastern Side in Darkness as They Depart.

Cologne, Dec. 12.—British troops are in possession of all the great bridges across the Rhine at Cologne as a result of the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of German sentries from the eastern end of the crossings.

In going, the Germans cut the electric wires in the towers on their end of the bridges leaving the eastern side in darkness. There was no other reason for this, according to army officers, than to cause annoyance to the British if possible.

The arrival of Scotch infantry caused the greatest excitement among the sight-seers as the kilts swung through the streets behind their waiting bagpipers. Thousands of folk hastily collected to see the strange soldiers in kilts, of whom Cologne had heard with unbelieving ears.

So eagerly did the people press forward that at times traffic was practically halted. Certainly for a moment the crowds came as near forgetting their hatred of the allies as they had at any time in four years, for the Highlanders made a great hit and drew a smile to many hard faces.

Traffic of all sorts is passing over the bridges, especially the big Hohenzollern bridge, which carries street car lines over the river and has massive towers as superstructures at the ends. This bridge was found to have been elaborately prepared for defense. From the design of the towers they appear to have been built with steel shutters through which were loopholes. The western end of the bridge is a veritable fortress, which is being occupied by British soldiers whose machine guns dominate both the bridge and the road to the cathedral.

Rail Wages to Remain at Their Present Level

Washington, Dec. 12.—The railroad administration has no intention of reducing wages of railroad men generally after peace is declared, it was stated authoritatively today, and if the period of government control is extended for five years, as suggested by Director General McAdoo, it is probable that wages will stay at their present level.

BERGER LAWYER'S ORATION INTERRUPTED BY COURT

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Seymour Stegman, counsel for Congressman-elect Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee and four other leaders in the socialist party charged with conspiracy to violate the espionage act, made the opening statement for the defense today before a jury in the United States district court. Stegman began an explanation of the ideals and aims of socialism, but was interrupted by the objection from the prosecution. He then attempted to show the relevancy to his defense of conditions in Germany and Great Britain, but the court cut short that line of argument.

Stegman denied that his clients had entered into any conspiracy, but "they were opposed to the war," he added, "and so were 10,000,000 other citizens of this country."

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