EXCEEDS ALL RECORDS.

London, Dec. 18-Christmas shopping in London is exceeding all previous records. In some of the great commercial establishments admission to stores of would-be purchasers has been regulated over the commercial extensions. chasers has been regulated, owing to the large crowds.

The general holidays are to be on a more extensive scale than ever betore. A large number of wartime restrictions have been removed and many of the food orders modified. All soldiers in England are to have 12 days leave of absence.

RECESS FOR HOLIDAYS PLANNED BY THE HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Democratic Leader Kitchin, at the request of members, outlined to the house today the program for a holiday _recess. He said at tomorrow's session

FOOD ADMINISTRATION WINDING UP ITS AFFAIRS.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- Paid employes of all state, county and local ood administrators will be discharged January 1 and all activities requiring paid staffs, including the work of sugar equalization board, will be discontinued on that date. it was announced today by the food administration. Voluntary workers and the various food administrators will remain until the national food will remain until the national food administration is dissolved as a gov ernmental agency by President Wil-

The work at the food administration office here is gradually being brought to an end.

The boards administering the milling regulations and for co-ordination of purchases for the allies for enforcement and for distribution, it was announced today will be continued pending instructions from Administrator Hoover, following his conference with President Wil- British grand fleet displayed a spirit training courses. son in Paris.

WOULD PUT RED FLAG OUTSIDE PALE OF LAW.

ducing today a bill to make it un- well address on board the U. S. S. lawful to display the red flag in the New York the day the squadron and administration. diana, republican, said "the red flag was detached from the grand fleet. Alaska will be the meeting place less than sacrilege upon the scared on the forecastle to hear Admiral ernors next summer providing one which promote agricultural developmemory of our boys who have given Beatty. their all on the battlefields of

CRIPPLED SOLDIERS MAY BECOME TOY MAKERS.

of crippled soldiers will be offered disappointed at not having been making toys, it was an-

are unable to leave their homes. The work was declared to be light mans would never come out for a and interesting and the need great in order to fill the demand in this been strengthened by the coming

FOUR SONS WILL **COME BACK FROM** ARMY UNHARMED

Mrs. Clara Bonham of Council Bluffs Hears from Boys: James Promoted to Rank of Captain.

Mrs. Clara Bonham. 215 West Washington street, Council Bluffs, wlo has four stalwart sons in mil itary service, is the proudest and happ'est mother in Council Bluffs. Every one of her boys is coming back to her without a blemish, and all have distinguished themselves.

A letter received yesterday from

her son, James, modestly announced that he had received his full commission of captain. He was a sergeant when he left Council Bluffs with company L boys, was promoted to second and first lieutenantcy for meritorious action in the field, and now, after being twice cited for bravery and efficiency in action, has had fuller recognition of his qualities as a leader of men by getting the next higher office. At an early stage of the battle of the Marne Lieutenant Bonham plunged through the river and led a battalion of Iowa boys against a horde of Huns that outnumbered them 10 to one, and turned the tide of battle in his favor. When they were crossing the river the water was being churned into foam by machine gun bullets fired at close range from the opposite bank. Lieutenant Bonham set the example to his fellows by constantly diving as they waded and swam to the hostile shore and thus escaped annihilation. Newspaper correspondents cabled a column story about

Mrs. Bonham does not know when her boys will be home, but she has heard from all of them since the war ended and is confident they will all come back safely.

Chicago Air Mail Service Gets Off to Poor Start

Chictgo, Dec. 18 .- An aerial mail service between New York and Chi cago began at 7:20 a. m. today when Pilot Leon D. Smith took to the air at Belmont park, Long Island, his biplane carrying 400 pounds of mail. According to schedule he was to have transferred his mail pouches to another machine at Bellefonte, Pa., but he met with delays and was forced to land and the mail he carried was sent to Cleveland by a

Postoffice officials tsaid that i would take several days before the service was running on regular

A PRESENT REMINDING DAILY OF THE GIVER-A YEAR'S PAID SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BEE.

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tral portions; Friday fair. 37.6 p. m.....

Unsettled Thursday with rain or snow in east or cen-

THE WEATHER:

LEAGUE OF NATIONS LINKED WITH PEACE PACT BY WILSON

of Enemy to Come Out and Fight Voiced by Head of Grand Fleet.

of true comradeship throughout its period of service, declared Admiral

Speaks on New York.

New York, Dec. 18.—Thousands the British and the Americans were Alaska or Utah. employment making toys, it was andisappointed at not having been
required before the nation can rerequired before the nation can return to normal peace conditions for consideration, the ownership and tion of the toy manufacturers of declared that the day the German and "we will be fortunate if condi- control of land," Mr. McKelvie said. fleet surrendered was "a pitiful day nons abroad make demobilization "is the foremost corrective question. Material with which toys may be to see." Sir David said he had almade will be sent to soldiers who ways had misgivings that the Ger-dress, finish fight and these misgivings had of the American squadron.

"I could not let the Sixth battle squadron go without coming on board the New York and saying omething of what I feel at this noment of your departure," said ir David.

Showed True Comradeship.

surpassed in the naval annals of

Secretary Daniels Tells Governor-Elect of Nebraska

Conference in Balti-

more, Md.

marketing facilities, formation of

administration are the main factors

for consideration in a state agricul-

tural policy," said Governor-elect

* Better Control of Land.

two most important needs to be met

Land policies have been abused. In

shaped which made it easy for all

to obtain a title to land. The home-

stead laws, and land grants to rail-

roads are examples of the system

followed. Today the most serious

abuse of land is its use for selfish.

Non-Resident Ownership an Evil.

"In Nebraska there are large

speculative or private interests.

the past, land policies were

"Agriculture is the basis of in-

McKelvie.

Secretary Daniels Tells Gov- Governor-Elect of Nebraska ernors Peace Conditions May Be Long Ways Off; Must Keep Navy.

Annapolis, Dec. 18.-War govern- Annapolis, Md., Dec. 18.-Speakof the states, before adjourning their ling before the conference of govannual conference tonight, inspected ernors here today, Governor-elect the new superdreadnought, Missis- Samuel R. McKelvie of Nebraska sippi, anchored in Chesapeake bay, urged farmers to form co-operative They made the trip to the big craft organizations for purchasing and as guests of Secretary Daniels on the marketing and for solicitation of presidential yacht Mayflower. Ear- loans at low interest rates. ier in the day the governors heard | Co-operation among farmers, he Disappointment Over Failure addresses by Mr. Daniels and Secre- said, is the safest solution of most tary Lane, who praised President of the rural ecnomic ills. Wilson for going to Europe.

of Maine, the executives agreed to lease laws providing for proper culdiscuss with their respective con- tivation and rotation of crops and London, Dec. 18.—The American government of colleges and univer- absentee landlord situation. battleship squadron attached to the discontinuance of student army adequate land lease laws, rural

Too Many Social Affairs.

Many of the governors expressed Sir David Beatty, the commander- disappointment that social affairs on Washington, Dec. 18.-In intro- in-chief of the grand fleet, in a fare- the program had prevented adequate discussion during the conference of practical matters of state legislation

> All hands had been called to muster for another conference of the gov- dustry in Nebraska and factors half of them can attend, and Thomas ment radiate for the common good. Ruggs, jr., today obtained the prom- Nebraska's remarkable development ise from Secretary Daniels to pro- in her young life has come about After thanking the American of- vide a ship for the trip. Selection in spite of a lack of any well-defined of the meeting place for the next state policy. To correct the misficers and men for their co-opera- annual conference was left to a com- takes made in the past and to guide tion, Sir David remarked that both mittee which is to choose either us in future development are the

Secretary Daniels in his formal ad- order to encourage rapid settlement

Iowa Governor Talks.

The navy, said the secretary, must be increased and strengthened to enable the United States to contribute as many units as any other nation to an international police force, but, he added: "I look to see the peace conference put an end to competitive big navy building."

Governor-elect J. B. A. Robertson tracts owned and controlled by non of Oklahoma expressed the opinion residents; practically 50 per cent of "The support which you have that the trend of returning soldiers the farmers in the state are tenants nown is that of true comradeship, would be toward cities and that Mr. McKelvie believes that land and in time of stress that is worth "not more than 7 per cent of the ownership should contemplete home very great deal. As somebody men who left the farm will return." building, but tenantry discourages

said the other day: 'The fighting Gov. W. L. Harding of Iowa also it. Therefore non-resident land ow is over and the talking now is urged co-operation for marketing, ownership is an evil. Although the going to begin.' Therefore, I do not The "food gambler" must be abol- speaker thought it would be a miswant to keep you here any longer, ished, he said, and an efficient sys- take to apply fully the revolutionout want to congratulate you for tem of gathering information on the ary processes of the single tax as a having been present upon a day un- production of foodstuffs developed solution of the land problem, to guide farmers in determining suggested that this problem can b when to buy and when to sell.

STARVING IN Delivers Address Before WINTER COLD

Slav Nation's Pitiful Plight Due to Exhaustion from War, Says Envoy in Appeal for Help.

Mr. McKelvie advocated a gradu-New York, Dec. 18.-Estimating At the suggestion of Gov. Miliken ated tax on land and strict land Russian casualties in the world was at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about gressional delegations the question shelter for live stock and grain as 1,000,000 disabled for life," A. J of reimbursement by the federal the best means of dealing with the Sack, director of the Russian infor mation bureau, declared in an ad-"Prevention of land monopoly. dress before the Foreign Commerce

club here today that "Russia's pres-

school development, proper farm sent pitiful condition is due to her exhaustion from war." rural credit societies and efficient "She is lying in seas of blood and tears," he continued "and further millions of her people are facing death, this time from starvation About 20,000,000 Russians will die his winter unless the allied countries render the unfortunate country

immediate help on a generous scale Sacrifices Tremendous. "Russia has sacrificed millions of ier sons and all her happiness to make the triumph of the allied cause

possble and at this solemn moment of victory the thought of the democratic nations should be devoted to Russia and they should not feel any right to joy and happiness until Russia is made again great, free and

crushed and civic rights are re-established the Russian people will again call a constituent assembly on the basis of universal, direct, equal and secret suffrage, and the assembly will define the constitution of the state and will solve Russia's main social prtoblems.

Allies Thanked For Action. Washington, Dec. 18.-Formal thanks of the all-Russian govern-

ment at Omsk to the victorious asociated nations for their action in equiring Germany to evacuate Rusian territory, is expressed in a cablegram received at the Russian embassy today from the acting minister of foreign affairs at Omsk for transmission to the State depart-

After voicing regret that Russia ras unable to continue in the war to the end the cablegram says the Omsk government will accept with gratitude any assistance the allies will give in the regeneration of Russia and declares that Russia should not and shall not remain in her present state, which "threatens the vorld with new and great commo-

Wilson to Attend Reception Given to Joffre by Institute Paris, Dec. 18 .- President Wilson

ad a talk today with Gabriel Hanoaux, formerly French foreign minster, regarding the arrangements or the reception to be given by he French institute tomorrow to Marshal Joffre. President Wilson will attend this function. He is a breign honorary member of the institute. M. Hanotaux is Marshal Joffre's sponsor before the body. "We talked no politics," said M. Hanotaux this afternoon. "I do not meddle with politics any more."

American Warship to Join British Fleet in Baltic

Paris, Dec. 18 .- An American warship was ordered today to the Baltic to participate with the British fleet in reopening those waters, preserving order and maintaining the rived in Coblenz, the fortress was international character of the dem-

Senate Votes for 10 Per Cent Tax on Profits Made from Child Labor

Washington, Dec. 18.-Adoption of a committee amendment imposing a 10 per cent tax on profits rom child labor products entering interstate commerce was the only action by the senate today on the war revenue bill. The vote on the amendment was 50 to 12 with democrats casting all the negative

Debate on this contested provision and two hours' unexpected discussion of other subjects delayed progress on the bill, but leaders still hope for its passage before next Monday with a view to securing an extended recess over the holidays.

The child labor amendment, drafted jointly by Senators Pomerene of Ohio, Lenroot of Wisconsin and Kenyon of Iowa, is designed to replace the child labor law declared unconstitutional by the supreme court. Senators Hardwick of Georgia and Overman of North Carolina led the

U. S. Delegates Advocate Sinking Enemy Warships

England Acquiesces in Plan representatives, who it is added, feel But Some Lesser Powers May Demand Distribution of Prizes.

resolved to advocate the sinking of plan to destroy the captured or surthe surrendered enemy warships and rendered warships, and it is declared resist any proposition to distribute will continue to support the United hem on the basis of naval losses. States although it is expected some This announcement is made by those of the lesser naval powers will dein close touch with the American mand that the prizes be distributed

that such a position would result in avoiding contention and materially upport President Wilson's declaration that the war was not based on aggression or the acquisition of

England, through Sir Eric Geddes, Paris. Dec. 18.-The American first lord of the admiralty, had predelegates to the peace congress have viously acquiesced in the American

RED CROSS FUND THERMOMETER SHOWS BIG JUMP **FOR NEXT WEEK**

Building Arouses Much Interest; \$30,000 Mark Passed Wednesday.

A score of minor collisions and wrecks and a few mud-bespattered suits and coats are incidental to the 30,000 mark registered by the huge gestion that he is coming to Engthermometer outside Red Cross

A letter written from "Somewhere in France," dated October 29, to the division master Grand Island, whom the writer addresses as "Dear Bill." is a strong endorsement to the Red The letter is as follows: "Bill, any time the Red Cross tries to get anything, go as strong as you can yourself and urge your friends to do like-

"The Red Cross workers are al girls and young women of means who have given up home and all it implies to come over here and do their bit, and they certainly do it with a grace. Open day and night and they never meet nor leave a soldier except with a smile, and while he is in the canteen they try to fill his stomach for him. If he has the money to pay for it, all right, but if not, he gets it just the same.

"They know no race, color or creed and play no favorites and there is not a man in the A. E. F. that won't go to hell for them."

headquarters at Sixteenth and Farnam, late Wednesday afternoon.

everyone in the vicinity was watching a man on the top of the United States National bank building as he tried to manipulate the rope which drew the indicator upward to the desired goal, 40,000, instead of watching their step or passing auomobiles. "If everybody is going to watch

he thermometer instead of looking where they are going, you'll have to change those figures in the wee. small hours of the morning," the traffic officer threatened.

Added thrills were registered when the rope broke as the indicator Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

by British Government: Will Make Trip to

> London, Dec. 18.-President Wilson is expected in England December 26. It is on the president's own sug-

Rome in January.

land next week. A communication to that effect was received by the British government this morning. A reply was sent to the president, welcoming the suggestion. As a result it will not be neces-

pected to arrive on Thursday, already has been fully advised of the sary for Premier Lloyd George and president's plans through conference. Mr. Balfour to go to Paris, as it is es with Count Di Cellere, Italian expected that the conferences be- ambassador to the United States, but tween the president and the Brit- the president will take the opporish statesmen preliminary to the tunity to make personal explanainter-allied conference in Paris can tions to the king and also to make be completed during the president's clear his friendliness toward Italy.

To Visit Italy in January.

Paris, Dec. 18 .- Unless the inter and the Italian king tomorrow causes a change in the program, the president will visit Italy about the middle of January.

The papal letter presented to President Wilson today by Monsignor Cerretti, the papal under-secretry of state, pleaded for assistance on behalf of small oppressed nationalities, especially Armenia and Poland. The pope's letter also expressed the hope of a just and durable peace being reached through enlightened action.

Pope Benedict also spoke in behalf of the new countries arising from the partition of the dual monarchy, mentioning especially Bohemia. The pontiff asked President Wilson to help those countries to realize their ambitions regardless of race and religion.

Marshal Foch Wears Old Uniform in Call

on President Wilson Paris, Dec. 18.-All Paris was talking today of the call paid President Wilson by Marshal Foch yesterday, The great strategist was expected to aprear in full dress uniform and wearing his decorations. On the contrary, he appeared in a much worn blue uniform, adorned by none of his decorations and wearing an old forage cap.

Marshal Foch told the president that his visit to France paid that country the greatest honor

Wilson Sees Reciprocal

Because of Its Thoughtful Background.

President Delighted With His mendous that I do not know what to say. I was delighted with it, but was delighted for a special reason, which is not personal.

"I was saying to several of our French friends that I understood it because I saw in the eyes of the crowd just the feeling that I had Paris, Dec, 18.-President Wilson for them and was aware that it was gave his personal impressions today but a sort of reciprocal feeling. But at a meeting with the representa- they moved me very much because tives of the American press of his that, of course, meant more than experiences thus far in France. At mere generous cordiality on the the same time announcement was part of these delightful people. It nade that the members of the meant a thoughtful background to American commission to negotiate the thing which was very welcome, peace would meet daily with the and to come into that sort of feelpress. The president, in response ing in this wonderfully beautiful city made a combination of emo-

world peace.

Paris, Dec. 18.-Figures are now nade public for the first time regarding the number of persons killed during German air raids and by the long-range cannon. These statistics relate to the city of Paris only and not to the suburbs.

March 20, fell on the city. In 1916 the enemy employed 61 bombs against Paris and in 1917, 11. During the last 10 months of the

Airplanes and Zeppelins dropped 228 bombs Afgust 6, killing two persons and injuring 392. The longrange cannon fired 168 shells in

Paris, killing 190 and wounding 417, On last Good Friday more than

RATION PUBLIC FUNDS TO WORLD, PRESENT PLAN

Federal Reserve Board Announces System by Which It Hopes to Preserve Stabilitay Following War.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- A new era in American finance "replete with new and momentous problems demanding no less serious consideration than those of war," is predicted in the December bulletin of the federal reserve board, made public today.

Rationing of the financial resources of the country during the transition period not widely differing from that required when the nation was at war; aid to foreign governments through the medium of the banks. in addition to that which may be required from the American government: prevention of inflation: limita-

French People Amazed at President Wilson's

Disregard of Convention Paris, Dec. 18 .- President Wilson's disregard of convention in going about the streets unattended nd in using only army automobiles continues to cause surprise among the French people. In most instances the president travels incognito, but the populace has no

trouble in identifying him. One of the matters discussed by the president today was his proposed visit to the devastated regions and battlefields. The president is said to be viewing the trip with much expectancy.

Poilu, Minus Feet, Pushed in Chair by One-Armed German

Coblenz, Dec. 18 .- A concert every afternoon by an American army band in the plaza in front of the government building here. which is occupied as headquarters by the Third armyy, is a feature of the daily life of Coblenz.

There is a hospital nearby from which recovering soldiers of different nationalities stroll

to hear the concerts. Among the auditors at the concert Monday was a Frenchman who had lost both feet as a re sult of wounds. He was in a rolling chair, which was pushed by a German with one arm.

STARTS UPROAR

Berlin, Dec. 18 .- An indication of tion of industry to "those lines the feeling prevading the congress of rocky promontory, which is 400 feet which may properly be called es- soldiers' and workmen's councils sential," and methods for absorp- was given at the session today when tion of war loans were some of the turbulent scenes followed an attack suggestions made for securing a on Premier Ebert by George Ledesound economic basis for the fu- bour, a radical and a leader of the independent socialists. Ledebour accused Ebert of further counterrevo- The official rate of exchange is 142 lutionary plans and called him a marks for 100 francs. shameful smirch on the govern-

> There were loud protests from all parts of the chamber and the chairman called Ledebour to order. Some delegates demanded Ledebour be deprived of the privibour was permitted to continue, but

War Minister Resigns. Copenhagen, Dec. 18. - Herr Landsberg, secretary of publicity in which officers who have been recomthe German government, has announced that General Schuech, the the advanced rank is through the Prussian minister of war, had re- inactive list of the officers' reserve

HOLD GIBRALTAR OF RHINE RIVER

Fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, Opposite Coblenz, Being Prepared for Occupation

fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, often called the Gibraltar of the Rhine just across the river from Coblenz,

Germans. Since then the fortress German soldiers, assisted by score

Baker said today that the War delege of the floor. An uproar for 15 partment is pursuing a fixed policy

AMERICANS WILL

by U. S. Troops.

the American troops. Until December 9, the day after

The fortress and the grounds oc-

above the river. An American postoffice has been established in Coblenz. Owing to the recent fluctuation in the value of the German mark, only French and American money is accepted

War Department Denies

minutes ensued, after which Lede- in denying all promotions to officers on active service. The blanket or was warned against slanderous ut- der of November 11, cutting off pro motions both in the home force and overseas, he indicated, will no be modified and the only way i mended for promotion can attai corps.

(Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Coblenz, Dec. 18.-The German is being prepared for occupation by

the American advance guard aroccupied by several regiments of onstration. has been cleaned thoroughly by

cupy more than 100 acres on a

Promotions to Officers Washington, Dec. 18 .- Secretary

Indicator on Headquarters His Suggestion Is Welcomed to change his belief that the founda-

PRAISES RED CROSS.

wise. That is the organization that is really doing the good and great work over here.

Christmas Roll Call membership

The mishaps occurred because

Feeling in Eyes of French

Reception in Paris, He Says,

o a suggestion, said:

"I have been asked to say a few tions that one would not have words in regard to my reception more than once in a life time. This here. The reception was so tre- is as well as I can put it, off hand."

The Bee Free Shoe Fund XMAS COUPON "Hearts of the World" This coupon when accompanied by one paid ticket is good for an additional proved seat at any performance, matinee or evening, of this the 5th and last reserved seat at any performance, matinee or evening, of this week of "Hearts of the World" at the BRANDEIS THEATER. 10% of THE MONEY TAKEN IN THROUGH THE USE OF THESE COUPONS WILL GO TO THE BEE'S SHOE FUND.

Delegates Expected to Enter Conference in Spirit of Accommodation; No One Nation to Be Master. By Associated Press. Paris, Dec. 18 .- After four days of gathering views of leaders in France, President Wilson's closest advisers say he has seen no reason tion of a league of nations is in-

ident in explaining his definition of "the freedom of the seas," will reassure Premier Lloyd George that he has no intention of demanding a reduction of the British navy to a point involving the unsafety of the empire, but will emphasize his feeling that the plan of a league will strengthen the empire. Friendly Toward Italy. King Victor Emmanuel, who is ex-

separable from the actual peace

These advisers say that the pres-

treaty itself.

The hope is expressed by those surrounding the president that the exchanges of views will clear away view arranged between the president all partial misunderstandings whuch may exist in regard to Mr. Wilson's'

attitude and prepare the way for the assemblage of the conference with complexities removed, so that it will be ready to deal with principles and any outstanding differences of opinion that remain. In all his conferences the president has taken opportunity to impress his views, it is said by those who are authorized to speak for him,

that no one nation is entitled to as-

sume the role of master, or dictate

the manner or the conditions of the

representation of others. Americans See Way Clearly. There is some indication that eadway is being made in this direction and that the members of the American mission are now seeing their way clearly. All express the conviction that delegates will enter the conference in a spirit of accomo-

Some undercurrents are interpreted as showing indications of regret because the acceptance of President Wilson's points in a general way prevented some nations from achieving their own objects which might have been gained if Germany's collapse had been made even more complete. In reply, it has been made plain to those with whom the president conferred that the United States government does not consider the war a victory of arms alone and that victory would be incomplete without an organization of nations to guarant.e

Statement by President. President Wilson this afternoon gave out the following statement: The Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune this morning, in a dispatch

accredited to its correspondent at

Washington, declared that before

leaving for France I gave assurance

that I approved of a plan formulated

y the League to Enforce Peace.

This statement is entirely false.

"I am, as everyone knows, not (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.) Casualties in Air Raids at Paris During Last 10 Months of War, 1,211

In 1914, 45 bombs were dropped. In 1915, 70 bombs, 62 of them on

war there were 1,211 casualties from 96 bombs.

persons were killed.