

HEROES TIED IN BUNKS ON SHIP IN GALE

Two of the Hospital Craft Mercy's Wounded and Ill Die from Sea-sickness.

New York, Dec. 29.—What the Atlantic can do when it actually gets gale-swept from coast to coast was shown on the trip of the hospital ship Mercy, which docked recently at an army pier in Hoboken.

The stretcher cases had to be strapped in their bunks all the time the Mercy was at sea to prevent their being thrown out.

Nearly all the ailing men suffered from seasickness and two of them died at sea.

Had to Run in for Coal. Finally, running short of coal, the Mercy turned and ran into Bermuda, where her bunkers were filled.

The Mercy was only three hours out of Bermuda when she ran into the northwester. From then on, for days, it was a continuous matter of head blows.

On the fourth night the barometer dropped to 29.20 and seas began battering the promenade deck, so it was decided to leave the two motor launchers, or lifeboats, each 36 feet long, had been washed ashore on the forward deck.

On the night of November, 30 an S O S call was received. It was from the American freighter Tunicia, bound here from Gibraltar, and sent out the message: "I have lost my screws."

Then a message was intercepted from the American freighter Wyandotte, bound from Brest to Baltimore, that she was steaming to the Tunicia's aid and had fuel enough to tow her.

Again last Sunday an S O S came from another freighter that said she was short of fuel oil. She soon after flashed out that another steamship was going to her aid and would tow her to Bermuda.

The best speed the Mercy made at any time between Brest and Bermuda was 16 knots, although she is capable of 30. She was formerly the Ward liner Saratoga.

When she was 25 miles from Ambrose Light vessel, off the harbor here, she struck a mine, one of the submerged bases between which cables are strung to sweep mines, and picked it up, bringing it here with her.

Even the marines on board were glad to get ashore. The ship brought thirty-six of them, fourteen unable to walk, who fought at Belleau Wood.

Lieut. Col. John A. Hughes, who led marines in the Spanish-American war and the Philippines, was among the wounded. He wore the Medal of Honor, the Croix de Guerre and the D. S. O. medal.

Marines' World's Greatest Men." But nothing could drive me out of the marines, Col. Hughes added.

Asked about his injury, Col. Hughes explained that he got "bumped up in the big push at St. Mihiel."

"Oh, I was shot in the leg and a few other things," he added, "but I've been in the army game all my life and you can't drive me out. When they patch me up I'll be on deck again."

Col. Hughes was in command of the Sixth Marines until his ranks were so depleted it was decided to transfer him to the Twenty-third infantry.

"At 'em boys! Get 'em!" was the cry of the marines at Chateau-Thierry as they first went over the top, several of them said. They went ahead, yelling encouragement for one another until every man was brought up to fever pitch.

The whole Chateau-Thierry might have stopped them dead, but they never would have been stopped alive," one said as he was being carried off the ship on a stretcher to be taken to the hospital.

Government Booths for the Sale of Rice in Tokio. Tokio.—The new Haara cabinet has taken a drastic move to solve the rice situation by removing the import tax on foreign rice.

See Want Ads are the Best Business Boosters.

AT THE THEATERS

THE PRODUCERS of "Married by Wireless," a tabloid musical comedy at the Orpheum this week, accomplished something worth while by presenting a series of nautical effects in connection with the little story of the act.

Wilbur Mack, supported by Louise Holly, Earl Bronson and Charles Helper, is back with "A Pair of Tickets," a merry mess of witticisms with music to balance the offering.

The Rose Melville classic, "Si-Hopkins," re-revised and remodeled, is being offered at the Boyd this week with Miss Vada Heilman in the role that brought wealth and fame to the original Sis.

"The Unbeliever" was shown for the first time Sunday at the Brandeis theater, where it will be shown four times daily all week.

William Russell in "All the World to Nothing" has a charming comedy-drama of a young millionaire who suddenly finds himself forced to work for a living.

The marvelous pantomime work that has made Dorothy Gish a screen success is given full sway in the offering, "The Hope Chest," at the Strand theater this week.

In "A Perfect Lady," at the Muse the first of this week, Madge Kennedy has a pleasing photodrama of a girl who goes through all manner of sacrifice in order that her sister,

FRENCH ASSENT MAKES CERTAIN WORLD LEAGUE

Obscurity Hanging Over Peace Conference Preliminaries Removed by Pichon's Declaration.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The American delegates to the peace congress express gratification tonight over the unqualified statement in the chamber of deputies today by Stephen Pichon, the French minister of foreign affairs, that France had adopted the principle of a league of nations.

Following President Wilson's statement in his speech in the Guild Hall, London, that the British leaders had agreed to accept his peace principles, M. Pichon's declaration was considered to remove the cloud of obscurity which hitherto had hovered over the preliminaries of the peace conference.

President Wilson's statement in the Guild Hall, taken together with the developments of the past few days it is asserted in high quarters in Paris, will result in a definite and speedy disposition of the main points of the question of a league of nations.

Disarmament Difficult Problem. London, Dec. 29.—Lord Robert Cecil, who is to deal at the peace congress with questions affecting the league of nations, in an interview by a correspondent of the Observer, after affirming the necessity for carrying the principle of a league of nations into effect, dealt with what he termed the difficulties connected with the details of such a plan.

Morris Ferer of Omaha "Married in California" Morris Ferer of Omaha, was married to Mrs. Esther Smoother, a wealthy society girl of Los Angeles here Sunday.

On the Screen Today. RIALTO—Alice Brady in "THE GREAT CHANCE". STRAND—Dorothy Gish in "THE HOPE CHEST". BRANDIS—"THE UNBELIEVER". MUSE—Madge Kennedy in "A PERFECT LADY".

Leon Kent is dead; long live Leon Kent! Mr. Kent, one of Universal's character men, recently resumed his family name and is now known as Leon de la Mothe.

NEW MEMBER INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.



JOSEPH D. EASTMAN. Joseph D. Eastman of Massachusetts, has been chosen by President Wilson to succeed G. W. Anderson as member of the Interstate Commerce commission, according to a report from Boston.

LOST BATTALION RESCUE MARKED BY HEROIC DEEDS

Action Described by Capt. Harrigan, Wounded in Leading One Relief Party.

New York, Dec. 29.—The American transport Terralba, with 92 wounded officers, arrived here yesterday from France. It brought also a returned cargo of explosives. The officers include Capt. William Harrigan, son of the late Edward Harrigan, comedian.

Loaded in 20 Minutes. The loading of the locomotives is an interesting sight. Steel railroad barges, carrying 14 of the steel monsters are made fast alongside a 100-ton capacity floating derrick barge, in turn made fast to the ship.

Vatican Envoy to Wilson Ordered to Stay in Paris. Rome, Dec. 29.—Monsignor Cerretti, the papal undersecretary of state, has received instructions to remain in Paris for the present.

Injured While Coasting. Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 29.—(Special).—Ralph Butcher, George Butcher, James McLaughlin, Harold Jensen and Harold Jenkins were all painfully and seriously injured when coasting here on Fourth street.

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U. S. SENT MANY LOCOMOTIVES TO BATTLE ZONE

Engines Weighing Seventy-Three Tons Built Complete in This Country; Manner of Shipment.

New York.—The shipment of American-built steam locomotives weighing 73 tons each, and assembled all but the smoke stack and the tender so that they could move away under their own steam within a few hours after their arrival in France was among the accomplishment of the United States army transport force under stress of war and has since been continued.

Packed in Baled Hay. Into each of the three holds was placed 12 locomotives—36 to a ship. For a bed or flooring on which they rested for the voyage, was used more than 3,000 tons of steel rails.

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Only Small Part of Work. When the movement was at its height the following time was recorded for the movement of a locomotive from its builders to its base of action behind the battle lines.

Czecho-Slovakia to Have German Colony of Togoland. Prague, Dec. 29.—The entente powers have decided to give to Czecho-Slovakia the former German colony of Togoland in West Africa and a portion of Hungary so that the boundaries will conform with the historical frontier of Slavic territory.

Mapping Air Routes. St. Louis, Dec. 29.—Lieutenant J. E. Kirkham, J. Weed and F. Tapley, flying from Pine field, Westpoint, Mississippi, landed here late yesterday. Their trip, started last Monday, was made in actual flying time of seven hours and 40 minutes.

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Don't Be a "BENCH WARMER". if you wait for a job to page you, you may grow fast to your seat. GET BUSY—there are hundreds of manless jobs here in Omaha waiting for the right man to "grab a hold."

GET UP FROM THAT BENCH