

THE WEATHER
 Washington, Dec. 2.—Snow is likely today; colder tomorrow.
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PRESIDENT, UNHECKLED, URGES CO-OPERATION IN MEETING BIG PROBLEMS

Unable to Outline Reconstruction Plan Now
REPORTS UPON STATE OF UNION
Democratic Members Cheer High Points of Annual Message
PROMISES TO KEEP AMERICA INFORMED
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President Goes Abroad to Safeguard U. S. Ideals
 Washington, Dec. 2.—The President gave the following as the outstanding reason for attending the peace conference:
 "The gallant men of our armed forces have fought for the ideals which they knew to be the ideals of their country. I owe it to them to see that no false or mistaken interpretation is put upon my part. It is now my duty to play my full part in making good what they offered their life's blood to obtain. I can think of no call to service which would transcend this."

SEND SENATORS, CUMMINS'S PLAN

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 By the Associated Press
 Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson delivered his annual address to the opening of Congress today, and briefly announced officially his going to attend the peace conference. Despite many reports that Republicans or Democrats opposed to his course intended to heckle him with questions, not an incident developed to make the occasion different from former ones.
 The President's address, devoted largely to a review of the state of the Union, and more like the old-time Presidential addresses of the day before Mr. Wilson began delivering his own in person, discussed the end of the war, the reconstruction problems, the return of the country to a peaceful basis, and, at the end, referred briefly to the coming trip to Europe, where, the President said, by means of cable and wireless, he would be in constant and uninterrupted communication with Congress throughout his absence from the country, which he hoped would be a short one.

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 Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Cummins, of Iowa, Republican, introduced today a resolution proposing that a Senate committee of four Democrats and four Republicans be sent to France for the peace conference, to keep the Senate informed of questions arising there.
 The resolution follows:
 Whereas, the peace conference about to assemble in Paris will involve not only a settlement of the issues between the United States and her enemies in the existing war, but will include in its consideration proposed treaties with virtually all the civilized nations of the earth; and whereas, the subjects for disposition are the most comprehensive, far-reaching and vital ever submitted to the treaty-making powers of the world; and whereas, no treaty can be entered into by the United States without the consent of the Senate; and whereas, it is the duty of the President to consult the negotiators at Paris in person; and whereas, it is supremely important that the Senate be promptly, fully, and accurately informed of all facts which may be pertinent to the proposed readjustment in the affairs of the various powers concerned in these treaties and of all the reasons which may be urged for and against the proposed compacts while the negotiations therefore are in progress.
 It is, therefore, resolved by the Senate, that there be created a committee to be composed of eight Senators—one half from the majority and one-half from the minority—which shall be charged with the duty of proceeding to Paris at the proper time in order to be present during the said peace conference.
To Report on Treaties
 The committee shall diligently inquire with respect to all the facts pertaining to the material for the future consideration of the proposed treaties by the Senate, and make it known to the Senate in a report, subject and all the reasons which may be urged for and against the proposed compacts while the negotiations therefore are in progress.
 It shall report to the Senate upon all such matters as often as it may deem it advisable to do so, and it shall make a final report at, or before, the close of the session.
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500 GIRLS WATCH MILL BLAZE

Line Fire-Escapes While Flames Damage Adjoining Building
 Fire in the basement of the Matfison Spinning Company, Willard and Emerald streets, today did damage estimated at \$2000 and threatened the five-story building of the Whitaker Carpet Mills, next door.
 The fire started in the picker room in the basement, and employees fought it for about a half hour, but it got beyond their control and the factory building was called. After a stiff fight, the blaze was confined to the basement and the fire department was called.
 There was great excitement among the 500 employees of the factory when smoke came up through the factory building. About 500 girl employees of the Whitaker mill lined the fire escapes of their building prepared to flee if the fire should spread.

THIEVES ROB FOUR PLACES

Grocery, Produce and Drug Stores and Bar Visited
 Thieves robbed four stores early today in West Philadelphia and escaped with several hundred dollars.
 Entrance was gained first to the store of the Acme Tea Company, 4170 Market street. After breaking open a safe with a heavy stone the thieves took \$128 and proceeded to the Kuhnbrocker Produce Company, 4016 Market street. Here the visitors feasted on choice fruits and emptied the cash drawer.
 The thieves then robbed the drug store of Dr. E. Shull, 3928 Market street, where they stole cash, cigars, candy and perfume. The saloon of Fred Blich, 3122 Market street, was next raided, with the thieves taking the cash here. The liquor was taken, but escaped.

President Wilson's Address to Congress

President Wilson's address to Congress today is as follows:
 Gentlemen of the Congress:
 The year that has elapsed since I last stood before you to fulfill my constitutional duty to give the Congress from time to time information on the state of the Union has been so crowded with events, great processes and great results that I cannot hope to give you an adequate picture of its transactions or of the far-reaching changes which have been wrought in the life of our nation and of the world. You have yourselves witnessed these things, as I have. It is too soon to assess them; and we who stand in the midst of them and are part of them are less qualified than men of another generation will be to say what they mean or even what they have been. But some great outstanding facts are unmistakable and constitute, in a sense, part of the public business with which it is our duty to deal.
 To state them is to set the stage for the legislative and executive action which must grow out of them and which we have yet to shape and determine.

Unparalleled Troop Movement

A year ago we had sent 143,918 men overseas. Since then we have sent 1,950,513, an average of 162,542 each month; the number, in fact, rising in May last to 245,951, in June to 278,760, in July to 297,182, and continuing to reach similar figures in August and September—in August 239,370 and in September 257,428. No such movement of troops ever took place before, across 2000 miles of sea, followed by adequate equipment and supplies, and carried safely through extraordinary dangers of attack—dangers which were alike strange and infinitely difficult to guard against. In all this movement only 738 men were lost by enemy attacks—630 of whom were upon a single English transport which was sunk near the Orkney Islands.

Spirit of United Nation

And throughout it all how fine the spirit of the nation was! What unity of purpose, what untiring zeal! What splendid display of strength, its untiring accomplishment. I have said that those of us who stayed at home to do the work of organization and supply will always wish that we had been with the men whom we sustained by our labor; but we can never be ashamed.

Acted With Promptness

We profited greatly by the experience of the nations which had already been engaged for nearly three years in the exigent and exacting business, their every resource and every executive proficiency taxed to the utmost. We were the pupils. But we learned quickly and acted with a promptness and a readiness of co-operation that justify our great pride that we were able to serve the world with unparalleled energy and quick accomplishment.

Mighty Industrial Army

And not the men here in Washington only. They have but directed the vast achievement. Throughout innumerable factories, upon innumerable farms, in the depths of coal mines and iron mines and copper mines, wherever the stuffs of industry were to be obtained and prepared; in the shipyards, on the railways, at the docks, on the sea, in every labor that was needed to sustain the battlelines, men have vied with each other to do their part and do it well. They can look any man-at-arms in the face and say we also strove to win and gave the best that was in us to make our fleets and armies sure of their triumph.

No "Reconstruction" Scheme

Any leading strings we might seek to put them in would speedily become hopelessly tangled because they would pay no attention to them, and go their own way. All that we can do as their legislative and executive servants is to mediate the progress of change here, there and elsewhere as we may. I have heard much counsel as to the plans that should be formulated and personally conducted to a happy consummation, but from no quarter have I seen any general scheme of "reconstruction" emerge which I thought it likely we could follow.

Triumph is Complete

And now we are sure of the great triumph for which every sacrifice was made. It has come, come in its completeness, and with the pride and inspiration of these days of achievement quick within us we turn to the tasks of peace again—a peace secure against the violence of irresponsible monarchs and ambitious military caeteras—and make ready for a new order, for new foundations of justice and fair dealing.

PRESIDENT WILSON WANTED IN BERLIN

ZURICH, Dec. 2.—The Lokal Anzeiger says it understands the German Government will ask President Wilson to visit Berlin or some German port while he is in Europe.

PERSHING FORMALLY REPORTS TROOPS IN GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—General Pershing formally reported today the crossing of the American army of occupation into Germany. His communique, dated Sunday, follows: "The third American army crossed the frontier today and reached the general line Aifersteg-Winterscheid-Masthorn-Mulbach-Cordel-Treves-Konz-Saarburg-Taben."

LIEUTENANT KILLED BY FALL OF PLANE

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 2.—Lieutenant J. U. Brumback, of Kansas City, was instantly killed and Lieutenant C. J. Sohn, of Washington State was injured at 2:30 o'clock when their airplane fell in West Springfield, Ohio. They were from the Wilbur Wright aviation field, near this city.

TODAY'S SOCCER SCORE

FRANKFORD HIGH 3 2-5 GERMANTON HIGH 0 0-0

SOLDIERS, HOME, RECEIVE OVATION

Philadelphia Heroes. Back From War. Land in New York
 "WORTH FIGHTING FOR"

"We Did Our Bit." Message From Phila. Soldiers

By a Staff Correspondent
 New York, Dec. 2.—Glover W. House, 325 Robinson street, Philadelphia, who served with the 137th Aero Squadron, but did not reach France, acting as the spokesman for a group of Philadelphia boys who returned on the Mauretania, sent a message through the Express to the Philadelphia Public Ledger to the folks at home.
 "This is what he said:
 "We did our bit and did it cheerfully. Few of the men on this ship were in battle, but that was not their fault. The Kaiser quit before all of us could get into the row and get him. And now we are back home. Believe me when I say that we are tickled to death. France is a great country, England treated us great, but there is just one little U. S. A. And it is the greatest bit of country in all the world. It's worth fighting for, and there is not a man on this ship who wouldn't give his life, and gladly, for that dear old flag."

HIGHER FARE HINT SEEN IN CAR SIGNS

"Know the Truth" Pla-cards Called Forerunners
MILLION IS INVOLVED



SIGNS ON TROLLEY PUZZLE

Planned to Seize Kulers

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 No evidence of William Hohenzollern's connection with the plot has been found, it is said, but it is believed that the outline of the plan was brought to Berlin by two of his suite who recently went to the German capital for the ostensible purpose of taking the wife of the former emperor to Amerongen, the Netherlands.
 Von Bohlen Controls Funds
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 The whole Prussian court, it is stated, was in sympathy with the plotters and it is said that Prince von Buelow and Dr. Georg Michaelis, former Imperial Chancellor, had promised to help. The plan was to organize a provisional government under Field Marshal von Mackensen or some other military leader and then urge William Hohenzollern to return.
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TEUTONS WANT TO TRY KAISER

Arraignment Before German Tribunal is Now Proposed
 Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—(By A. P.)—A number of the soldiers and workmen's Councils in Germany have requested the German Government to have the former Kaiser tried by a German tribunal, according to a news agency telegram from Berlin.
 The Government, it is stated, will submit the question to the National Assembly.
GIRL AVERTS POWDER BLAST
Saves Lives by Discovering Flames at Bag-Loading Plant
 Many lives were saved and destruction of property was prevented by the discovery of a fire this afternoon under a carload of powder at the Washington Park bag-loading plant.
 A girl employee saw grass burning under the car and the flames were gradually reaching the woodwork. She turned in an alarm and fled.
 Fewer than fifty feet from the car is a warehouse filled with hundreds of bags of powder. In another building nearby were several hundred crates of work. Realizing their danger hundreds of employees ran from the building and crowded trolleys and automobiles for Westville.
 Some of the men, however, obtained a hose and extinguished the flames before they reached the powder in the car.

THWART PLAN TO REINSTATE THE EX-KAISER

Mackensen Schemes to Head Provisional Regime at Berlin
MANY ARRESTS MADE; BIG LIST OF SUSPECTS

Krupp Von Bohlen in Control of Finances for Monarchists
WHOLE COURT INVOLVED
Hindenburg Refuses to Aid in Attempt to Restore Hohenzollerns

By the Associated Press
 London, Dec. 2.—A plot to restore imperialism and secure the return of the former Kaiser has been discovered in Berlin, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Express.
 According to the dispatch, which was filed at Amsterdam on Friday, the chief men behind the plot were Field Marshal von Mackensen, General von Boehm and General Count Strik von Arnim. It is said that they instructed the Prussian officers corps to carry out a pro-emperor agitation, beginning immediately after the demobilization of the troops was completed. Large sums of money are said to have been placed at the disposal of the leaders by munition makers.

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THE OLD SNOW SHOVEL

Cloudy tonight and tomorrow with probably rain or sleet. Population registers sorrow. While moderate east winds blow.