

Washington, Dec. 2.—Snow is likely today; colder tomorrow.

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WILSON GIVES CONGRESS NO DETAILS OF PEACE PLAN; DEBT TO SOLDIERS CALLS NATION'S CHIEF ABROAD; TO RETURN RAILROADS UNDER STRICTER CONTROL

PRESIDENT, UNCHECKED, 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

Urges Congressmen to Study Rail Problem, but Offers No Solution

SEES PEACE BY SPRING

Pleads for Woman Suffrage and Advocates Adoption of Revenue Bill

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.

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 peace-time 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.

Democratic Representatives rose and cheered loudly the President's announcement of his going to Europe, but Republicans generally and some Democratic Senators were silent.

What had been represented for the last week in Capitol gossip and private conversations of Senators and Representatives as congressional resentment against the President's going and his failure to appoint a Senator on the peace delegation, which it was predicted would break out in a demonstration when he appeared today, flattened out, as far as any demonstration was concerned.

The President read an address about 5000 words long with no other interruption than occasional applause.

The floors and galleries were crowded when the President began reading his address from typewritten manuscript.

Intently Follow Words Members listened intently as he progressed through the first part of the address. The first applause came when he referred to the unparalleled energy shown during the war and praised the valor of America's soldiers.

President Wilson formally announced his intention to go to Paris for the peace conference, saying the Allied Governments have accepted principles enunciated by him for peace and it is his paramount duty to be present.

The President said he will be in close touch by cable and wireless and that Congress will know all that he does on the other side.

Referring to his announcement that the French and British Governments had removed all cable restrictions upon the transmission of news of the conference to America, the President said he had taken over the American cable systems on expert advice so as to make a unified system available.

Hopes for Co-operation He expressed the hope that he would have the co-operation of the public and Congress, saying through the cables...

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

Presents Resolution for Committee to Go to France

WOULD ATTEND PARLEYS

By the Associated Press

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, the President is to conduct the negotiations 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 therefor 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 the conditions and circumstances surrounding the subject and all the reasons which may be urged for and against the proposed compacts as often as it may deem it advisable to do so, and it shall make a final report at or before the time of the peace conference.

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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 part of a floor.

There was great excitement among the 100 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, 1170 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.

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 overseas 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.

I need not tell you what lay back of this great movement of men and material. It is not invidious to say that back of it lay a supporting organization of the industries of the country and of all its productive activities, more complete, more thorough in method and effective in results, more spirited and unanimous in purpose and effort, than any other great belligerent had ever been able to effect.

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.

But it is not the physical scale and executive efficiency of preparation, supply, equipment and dispatch that I would dwell upon, but the mettle and quality of the officers and men we sent over and of the sailors who kept the seas, and of the spirit of the nation that stood behind them. No soldiers or sailors ever proved themselves more quickly ready for the test of battle or acquitted themselves with more splendid courage and achievement when put to the test. Those of us who played some part in directing the great processes by which the war was pushed irresistibly forward to the final triumph may now forget all that and delight our thoughts with the story of what our men did.

Brave Officers and Men

Their officers understood the grim and exacting task they had undertaken and performed with audacity, efficiency and unhesitating courage that touch the story of convoy and battle with imperishable distinction at every turn, whether the distinction lay in the sea, where the victories were won, or on the land, where the battles were fought.

their chiefs, Pershing and Sims, down to the youngest lieutenant; and their men were worthy of them—such men as hardly need to be commanded, and go to their terrible adventure blithely and with the quick intelligence of those who know just what it is they would accomplish.

I am proud to be the fellow-countryman of men of such stuff and valor. Those of us who stayed at home did our duty; the war could not have been won or the gallant men who fought it given their opportunity to win it otherwise; but for many a long day we shall think ourselves "accused" we were not there, and hold our manhoods cheap while any speaks that fought" with those at St. Mihiel or Thierri. The memory of those days of triumphant battle will go with these fortunate men to their graves; and each will have his favorite memory. "Old men forget; yet all shall be forgot, but he'll remember with advantage what feats he did that day."

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.

Seek International Justice

We are about to give order and organization to this peace not only for ourselves but for the other peoples of the world as well, so far as they will suffer us to serve them. It is international justice that we seek, not domestic safety merely. Our thoughts have dwelt of late upon Europe, upon Asia, upon the Near and the Far East, very little upon the acts of peace and accommodation that wait to be performed at our own doors.

Spirit of United Nation

And throughout it all how fine the spirit of the nation was! What unity of purpose, what untiring zeal! What elevation of purpose ran through all its 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.

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 battalions, 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.

a new luster to the annals of American womanhood.

The least tribute we can pay them is to make them the equals of men in political rights as they have proved themselves their equals in every field of practical work they have entered, whether for themselves or for their country. These great days of completed achievement would be sadly marred were we to omit that act of justice.

Women Lead in Economics

Besides the immense practical services they have rendered, the women of the country have been the moving spirits in the systematic economies by which our people have voluntarily assisted to supply the suffering peoples of the world and the armies upon every front with food and everything else that we had that might serve the common cause. The details of such a story can never be fully written, but we carry them at our hearts and thank God that we can say that we are the kinsmen of such.

Turned Tide of Battle

What we all thank God for with deepest gratitude is that our men went in force into the line of battle just at the critical moment when the whole fate of the world seemed to hang in the balance and threw their fresh strength into the ranks of freedom in time to turn the whole tide and sweep of the fateful struggle—turned it once for all, so that thenceforth it was back, back, back for their enemies.

Philadelphia Heroes, Back From War, Land in New York

Philadelphia heroes, back from war, land in New York. Joy unrestrained marked the docking here today of the giant liner Mauretania, bringing back to their home land 4000 American airmen, first contingent of returning heroes from France, conspicuous among whom were many Philadelphians.

Delayed and buffeted by storms at sea, the khaki-clad veterans greeted at last their first glimpse of the Statue of Liberty with a mighty shout: "It's worth fighting for!"

Problems of Peace

So far as our domestic affairs are concerned, the problem of our return to peace is a problem of economic and industrial readjustment. That problem is less serious for us than it may turn out to be for the nations which have suffered the disarrangements and the losses of war longer than we. Our people, moreover, do not want to be coached and led. They know their own business, are quick and resourceful at every readjustment, definite in purpose, and self-reliant in action.

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Signs on Trolley Puzzle

Signs on trolley puzzle. The wary eye of the general public accustomed to drinking in advertisements on every conceivable want was a little astonished by the "Know the Truth" placards. It figured it might be a "teaser" slogan, sprung before the launching of some new breakfast food, cigarette or collar.

Philadelphia Heroes Land

None of the welcoming friends and loved ones was happier than the Philadelphia veterans themselves. Harry Cohen, of 198 South street, said: "Just say that there is only one dear old U. S. A., and then qualify it by saying that there is but one Philadelphia. After months away from home I am glad to be back."

Injured in Baby-Killers' Air Raid

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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-Wintershoed-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 GERMANT'N HIGH 0 0-0

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"We Did Our Bit" Message From Phila. Soldiers

"We did our bit" message from Phila. soldiers. "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."

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The Old Snow Shovel

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THWART PLAN TO REINSTATE THE EX-KAISER

Mackensen Schemes to Head Provisional Regime at Berlin

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MANY ARRESTS MADE; BIG LIST OF SUSPECTS. Krupp Von Bohlen in Control of Finances for Monarchists

WHOLE COURT INVOLVED

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 Sier 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.

Planned to Seize Rulers

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Van Bohlen Controls Funds

Van Bohlen controls funds. Lieutenant Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen is said to have been in control of the financial arrangements. Field Marshal von Mackensen is reported to have attempted to induce Field Marshal von Hindenburg to join, but the latter refused, saying that he intended to retire after the demobilization of the army.

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Teutons Want to Try Kaiser

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