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PORT TO HANDLE BULK OF TRAFFIC TO NEEDY ALLIES Dynamite Saves Army Theatre at

Great Volume of Reconstruction Material Goes Through Philadelphia

PORT INTERESTS LINES

One Transatlantic and One South American Ship Company Open Negotiations

Two developments stood out in the Philadelphia port situation today.

The bulk of reconstruction material needed in Europe will be shipped through this port, the recent falling off in Government tonnage here having been due, not to a desire in Washing ton to "sidetrack" Philadelphia in favor of New York, but to a decrease in Gov ernment shipping to Europe.

Two big steamship companies-one transatlantic line, the other a South

ment service the way was opened for the big Allied trade which shipping men here declared today will be handled

largely through this city.

sRumor of the action has been current in shipping circles for several days and is substantiated by the enormous growth to Allied countries during the last week.

e new arrangement has been made by the ship chartering committee, representing European bufers who are in this country to allocate ships necessary to

abroad materials needed in the work of reconstruction.

Mr. Hasskarl said the dropping of the port of Philadelphia from the Govthe port of Philadelphia from the Gov-ernment transport service was really part of a pre-arranged plan to open a route of trade with Great Britain, Belgium, France and Italy and was not due to the reason assigned by Major General Godhals, that the cost of hand-ling cargoes here was excessive.

Mr. Hasskarl emphasized the import-

ance of this port as a grain export center. He pointed to the fact that more grain was supped through this port last week that suring the previous month.

Port all cents strongly indicate that the Allies of only intend to ship materials for reconstruction work, but that

they will also use facilities here for con-veying millions of tons of much-needed food.

Moore Makes Inquiry go to General Goethals, who is director f purchase, storage and traffic for the Var Department and really controls all shipments for the department, telling him of the discussion of the supposed sidetracking of the port of Philadelphia in favor of New York and Baltimore,

and asking information. General Goethals's reply follows: the reduction in shipments caused by the cessation of hostilities. In the month of November, there were shipped to the sarmy in France almost 900,000 tons; in the month of December, this will be reduced to 350,000 tons, and in the month of January to approximately 200,000 tons. The funeral will be held at the crease still further, and it would be unwise and very expensive if the relations was a member of the Immaculate Conception on Monday.

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Prior to the reduction in our overseas shipments we used the port of Philadelphia periodically, and we pro-pose to continue this practice in the fu-

MINE OFF CAPE HENLOPEN

Tanker's Captain Discovers Floating Menace to Sea Traffic

A floating mine forty-eight miles east

When Berlin's Streets Run Red With Blood

Anarchy, with unlicensed rioting and its toll of human life, will soon

grip the capital of Germany, says B. F. KOSPOTH. Special correspondent of the EVEN ING PUBLIC LEDGER at Berne, Switzerland. Mr. Kospoth, who last

spring forecast with remarkable ac curacy the downfall of Germany and its attending circumstances bases his predictions upon authentic reports of what is now occurring in Berlin. This notable article will appear in next Saturday's Issue of

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FIRE THREATENS CAMP DIX: BURNS DOZEN BUILDINGS

Wrightstown—2000 Soldiers Fight Flames

Wrightstown, N. J., Dec. 11.-A whole iness block in this village, where Camp Dix is located, was swept today by fire believed to have been started by an overturned oil stove in the Washington Inn. Nearly a dozen buildings were destroyed before the fire was halted at the Army Theatre by dynamiting the Arcade building which stands next to it. The theatre was saved.

About 2000 soldiers helped to fight the flames and the camp fire company was in service. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Camp Dix was threatened by the fire

Camp Dix was threatened by the fire which is believed to be under control. The flames were driven by a stiff north wind toward the acres of camp structures.

The destroyed buildings were twostory frame business establishments,
which were well stocked with supplies.

URGES MERCY TO GERMANS

Rotary Club Speaker Pleads for Christmastide Spirit

"While demanding the full payment of a just indemnity and keeping the Germans well within the confines of their boundaries, we should open our hearts a little, especially to the children who were not to blame, but who must bear the brunt of the world's punishment." said E. Miner Fenton at the weekly Anserican line—are negotiating for docking facilities here. The transatiantic company may locate here before January 1.

Assistant Director Hasskarl, of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, announced the plan to make this the main point for shipping reconstruction material.

Major General Goethals, writing Congressman J. Hampton Moore, explained the decrease in recent shipping here, and N. B. Kelly, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, announced the likelihood of the new steamship lines for this port.

Through the release of the piers and transportation facilities from Government service the way was opened for

OVERDUE SHIPS BRING TROOPS

Transport Calamares With Big Contingent Reaches New York Contingent Reaches New York

New York, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Four
days overdue because of heavy weather,
the United States transport Calamares,
carrying fourteen officers and 1472 men,
all navy personnel, reached quarantine
here early today. Another transport,
the Guantanamo, also arrived here today, together with the Tenadores, an
American vessel, one day overdue, with
882 troops and 149 civilians, including
welfare workers, and 508 sacks of mail;
and the British transport Ascanina, with
1441 officers and men.
The White Star liner Canopic, with
forty-five officers and 1427 enlisted men,
arrived at Boston.

PROBE PENNSYLVANIA WRECK Four Cars of Congressional Lim-

ited Derailed Pennsylvania Raliroad officials are today investigating the cause of an accident which detailed four rear parlor cars of the Congressional Limited bound for Washington, below South street on the west bank of the Schuylkill River last night. Ralis were torn up and traffic was at a standstill for several hours until the damage was temporarily repaired.

After other cars had been substituted for those that had jumped the track, the Congressional flier was able to proceed. Until midnight traffic to and from Broad Street Station was routed wholly over

WILLIAM J. M'CLOSKEY DIES

Sixteenth Ward Councilman Succumbs to Heart Disease

Common Councilman William J. Mc-"Replying to your letter, the so-called closkey, Sixteenth Ward, died suddenly sidetracking of Philadelphia is due to the reduction in shipments caused by the day. Heart disease was the cause of week will n

GIRARD ESTATE INCOME GROWS

Increase in Receipts Shown. Stuart Again Heads City Trust Philadelphia periodically, and we propose to continue this practice in the future, if it becomes necessary."

Mr. Kelly's announcement of the new steamship lines expected to come here was made at a luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce.

A big increase is shown in the recipts of the Girard estate for this year. The receipts outside the city for expected to come here was made at a luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce.

These figures: were appounced at the

ber of Commerce.

Mr. Kelly, who declined to give the names of the lines, said they were carrying on their negotiations through the maritime committee of the Comelected vice president. John M. Campbell was elected vice president.

elected vice president.

The following appointments were made: Albert E. Weston, industrial supervisor of Girard College; Oscar J. Elchhorn, playground teacher of the college, and Daniel Hinkel, mine inspector of coal lands.

GIRLS AVERT FIRE PANIC

A floating mine forty-eight miles east of Cape Henlopen was discovered to-day by Captain C. E. Edwards, tank steamer Herbert G. Wylle.

Warning was sent the naval wireless station and a sweeper was sent from Cape May to remove the mine. It is right in the path of outgoing traffic.

The mine is believed to be one of those laid by German warcraft off the Delaware capes.

The girls quietly left their machines. Through the coolness of more than a score of girl employes a panic was averted at the mill of the Chelten Manufacturing Company, 409 East Collom street this afternoon when fire was discovered in the picker room.

The girls quietly left their machines when smoke poured through the building and remained at the rear of the mill until firemen extinguished the flames. The fire caused more than \$500 damage.

RUSSIAN GRAND DUKE BOBS UP

Nicholas Reported in Command of Cossack Force

London, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholatevitch, former commander-in-chief of the Russian army, is now in command of a force of Cossacks in Southern Russia, according to a Russian wireless message received here today. His staff headquarters is at Khaterinovka station, southeast of Ejkaterinoslav.

FINNS WANT BELGIAN AS KING

Will Offer Crown to Albert's Fifteen-Year-Old Son

London, Dec. 11.—Finland has decided to offer the crown to one of King Al-bert's sons, it was learned today. Churles, count of Flanders, the Bel-gian King's second bon, probably will be the choice. Charles is fifteen years old.

BRITAIN MUST KEEP NAVY, BERLIN RIOTING SAYS PREMIER; DEMANDS **CONSCRIPTION BE ENDED**

Lloyd George Contends Big Standing Armies Dangerous to Peace of Europe—Hopes Wilson Will Consent to Punish Kaiser

fensive weapon, not offensive," Premier intention to renew it.

Mr. Lloyd George said that conscripmeet a great emergency, and that, when

Bristol, Dec. 11 .- "The navy is a de- would lapse and there was no immediate

Whether some kind of conscription ould be required to the future, he added, would depend entirely upon the peace terms

Allies' demand that the former Kaiser and his accomplices be held responsible

demnity, Mr. Lloyd George said; "It is indispensable that a person who

the emergency was passed, the need more than a person who has been de-**EXPECT CONGRESS SAYS LUDENDORFF**

RAILROAD PROBE Inquiry Forecast to Safe- Czernin Lays Entire Blame that the trio acted in foolish but hones;

guard Interests When Lines Are Turned Over War on Military Leader

A Congressional inquiry into the whole broad scope of the railroads of the United States and their relation to shippers, stockholders, employes and the general public, is expected to result from

utives' advisory committee. The purpose of such an inquir would be the safeguarding of all interests, public and private, when the roads are returned to the control of private ownership.

private ownership.

Twenty-one of the country's leading rairond executives met today in the Bellevue-Stratford. Daily meetings will be held here until Friday. The entire series of conferences will extend over three or four months.

The big railroad chiefs who conferred today represented 90 per cent of this country's vast mileage. When the conference series ends the advisory members' findings will be submitted to the

bers' findings will be submitted to the whole body of railroad heads. Discuss Unified Control

Their findings likewise will be sub-mitted to Congress as the basis for a Congressional inquiry that will thresh out the entire railroad problem and lay down a constructive program for all the

arteries of transportation. The conference members today dis cussed the outstanding benefits of unified railroad control, such as exists under the United States Railroad Adminis-

tration.
The principal benefits are said to be the fluidity of rolling stock, the rerouting of freight shipments when necessar to conform with weather conditions, and the combination of terminal facilities at

HELD UP ON BROAD STREET Hotel Housekeeper Victim

aLtest Robbery The second holdup in two days in the vicinity of Broad and Locust streets occurred early this morning when a negro snatched a hand bag containing \$20 from Mrs. Clara Gobley, house-keeper in a hotel on South Penn Square. Early yesterday morning a negro held up a white man at Broad and Moraup a white man at Broad and vian streets and robbed him of a

SCHWAB OPPOSES U. S. MARINE Private Ownership

Bring Best Results

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Columbus, O., Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)—
That the United States Emergency Fleet
Corporation will have reached its stride
during the next year and will be able
to deliver between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 tons of new shipping was the assertion last night of Charles M. Schwab,
retiring director general of the corporation, at the annual banquet of the Ohio
Manufacturers' Association here. Though
figures have not yet been compiled, he
said the delivery for November would
reach 500,000 tons.

Mr. Schwab said he is not in favor of
the Government ownership of the great
United States merchant marine, as he
believes American individuality and initiative are necessary to make it a success.

Tarzan Is Here Again! Readers of the Evening Public Ledger were long ago fascinated by the weird and thrilling adventures of the ape-men. The new

story. Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar

has an interest even more gripping than that of its predecessors. The story begins in next Satur

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BLOCKED PEACE for Long Continuance of

CONFER HERE TODAY STOOD LIKE STONE WALL

By the Associated Press Vienna, Monday, Dec. 9. (delayed). Count Czernin, the former Austrotoday his efforts and those of the and outlined what in his estimation were the problems to be settled before peace could be made secure. He ex-

pressed hope for an agremnt among the nations to disarm. Count Czerin declared the Brest-Liovsk peace treaty was the work of the German military leaders and paint- suppression of any counter-revolution ed General Ludendorff, the quartermaster general of the German army and virtual dictator of the empire's mintary policy in the last days of the con-flict, as the man who stood between the Central Empires and peace on numerous lobe, stopping at the Bristol, was ar-label. ecasions. Efforts to induce the German Government to make concessions of an Government to make concessions of an A rumor spread Monday night that important nature seemed at times to be Matuscha, Rheinbaden and the other

mant. the part of Austria to reach some sort the final and absolute collapse of both the Austrian and Ger-

man Empires, Count Czernin said: Germans Wanted Peace

the attitude of England prevented steps

"Nothing is more dangerous in politics than to see things as you wish to see them; not as they are. We understood count Matuscha and Rheinbaden are

have her way in Russian Poland, pro-vided Alsace and Lorraine were ceded back to France. I went to Kreizenach and presented the plan to Dr. Bethmann-sors used to blue-pencil their telegrams Hollweg, then German Imperial Chancel-lor. Later he informed me that he was forced to decline to enter into the connection with the plot, but the jourforced to decline to enter into the scheme. I do not know whether or not Ludendorff had a hand in the matter, but I was informed that it was impossible to give up Alsace and Lorraine because the German people never would inderstand the giving up of land which

had cost so much blood.

"The situation of Germany was dan-gerous, but nothing could be done. Our conversations were pleasant and friend y and our sacrifices were appreciated y officials. I saw, however, that I could Will was obliged to obey the military party

Tried Another Way

"I then tried another way. Unknown to the Germans, I sent Herr Vassilko, a Socialist member of Parliament, to Berlin to talk with Mathias Erzberger. clerical leader, and Dr. Albert Suederkum, a Socialist member of the Reichstag. He was to tell them why the war must end and give them both to understand that another peace resolu-tion should be introduced in the Reich-stag, directed against both the military and the Pan-Germans.

"At this juncture, however, the German armies began to win victories once more and the Reichstag did nothing. Thus we were badly situated. When our chances were bad and the Entente tions were elated they would not talk peace. When we were winning Ludendorff would not consent to permit peace negotiations. I always wanted to use victory as an opportunity to bring about peace and several times had an impres-sion that I might succeed. "I sent Count Mensdorff to Switzer-

land to see General J. C. Smuts (who was in Switzerland last March in the interests of the British Government). "He succeeded, but I was unable to "He succeeded, but I was unable to tell just what terms Germany would make. I do not recall that Mr. Lloyd George, the British Premier, mentioned any conditions last February. Germany assured me that no definite offers were received from England, and I believe

"England appeared to intend to crush Germany, and France showed a similar attitude. President Wilson was the

Continued on Page Fifteen, Column Four PARTRIDGE INN, near two finest Go

ors when one consid-ber now in the city.

PLOT TRACED TO **FOREIGN OFFICE**

Subordinates of Solf Are Named as Chief Schemers

THEIR DEATH DEMANDED

Raid on Hotel Fruitless and Young Men Arrested Are Released

By JOSEPH HERRINGS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co Berlin, Dec. 11 (via Copenhagen). An extraordinary solution of the mystery concerning the origin of last Friday's riots has created a great sensation here. Many people believed from

the start that irresponsible hoaxers had been at work, but nobody suspected the State Secretary Solf appounced that he has already instigated a searching investigation, but that satisfies neither

the independent Socialists nor the Spartacides, who insist that Count Matuscha, Von Rheinbaden and Marten must pay with their lives for having launched last Friday's sanguinary encounters, causing, it now turns out,

The reactionary papers are pleading extenuating circumstances and urging zealousness to help Ebert's Government and depose the Soldiers and Workers' Council, the organization which these circles blame for all the evil in Germany, and incidentally to get the Spartacides in trouble.

It seems that some 500 students, during the first few days of the revolution, formed a battalion of their own for the preservation of law and order under Doctor Sack. Aided by a cer-Hungarian Foreign Minister, discussed tain officer in the war ministry, Sack today his efforts and those of the secured 500 rifles with which to arm the students' guard, a suite of rooms at the Hotel Bristol serving as headquar-ters. Here, too, most of the rifles were discovered. When the police invaded their suite of rooms some of the young fellows, believing that Karl Liebknecht and his Red Guards had come after them, sought security under beds and in wardrobes, which behavior was all the more ridiculous, as they afterward HERO AVERTS EXPLOSION PROSPERITY APPARENT declared their sole intention was the suppression of any counter-revolutionary action by the Spartacides. There still seems some reason for suspecting Sack of having concealed his ultimate intention from his young followers, but the police

rested, but was released immediately on proving his innocence. conspirators had been arrested at the Hotel Bristol, but this proved untrue. However, no less than 100 persons Recounting the desperate efforts on were taken into custody in the hotel,

tion lasting nearly all nig persons are suspected, chief among them notorious Count Metternich, who "The German people wanted peace till yesterday was in command of the long ago and even Emperor William vestigated by the executive committee wanted to see the end of the war, but of the Soldiers and Workers' Council, but with his astounding glibness Met-ternich managed to avoid the worst. being taken. Emperor William said to termich managed to avoid the worst. Second remains the ports of the progressive in the must be destroyed?"

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typical Prussian Junkers. The former, until a few months ago, was employed by the Government in the occupied districts helping to Prussianize them. The latter, a nephew of the late State's Sec-retary, held some office in the press department of the foreign office. Both of them occupied Room 25 in the foreign office, which was well known to many sors used to blue-pencil their telegrams nalist Marten frequently visited young aristocrats and was often seen with them in a certain club in Withelm-strasse, where young and old so-called diplomatists gather. It is hardly pos-sible that they should have used the foreign office telephone for the arrange ment of Friday night's der for fair of being overheard. There is, however, evidence that Matuscha's resi-

Had Handbills Ready The police made a thorough search, finding much incriminating evidence against the three principal conspirators two of whom have completely disap-peared and several minor culprits. Much

vidence, too, was discovered in Marten's Continued on Page Eight, Column Two

MILLS OPPOSES "CODDLING"

Acting Police Head Says Men in Service Are "Red-Blooded"

There would be little trouble with men in uniform if they were handled right, according to Acting Superintendent of Police Mills.

He said the service clubs should realize they were dealing with red-blooded men, who should not be coddled too much and treated like Sunday school pupils.

Final estimates of production of the country's principal crops place the corn crop at 2,582,814,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 917,100,000 bushels and the wheat crop at 917,100,000 bushels, are still a service and it the most striking thing about it is the prosperity everywhere spaparent. And if there is any scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the taste of an epicure. The pair crops have been made from month to month throughout the searcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the taste of an epicure. The post standard problems and the contribution of the country's principal crops place the corn crop at 2582,814,000 bushels and the average annual scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the total country scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the trough where spaparent. And if there is any scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the trough where spaparent. And if there is any scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the total country where spaparent. And if there is any scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the country where spaparent. And if there is any scarcity of food I have not been able to find it. The famous old Monopole to find it. The famous old Monopole would fit the taste of an epicure post and the average annual to find it. The famous old Monopole is and the average annual to find it. The famous old Monopole and the avera Mills made this comment in answer to the suggestion by the war camp com-munity service that a provost guard be established in this city to save the men in the service from bootleggers. He said the police have had little trouble in dealing with soldiers or sail-ors when one considers the large num-her new in the city.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE Bays the Weather Man to Badie, Rain or snow tomorrow, lady." Then in accents somewhat loud he Adds. "Tomorrow partly cloudy." Put this line with what he's told

"Rain tonight; tomorrow, colder."

TURKS SUPPRESS GREEK DEMONSTRATIONS

ATHENS, Tuesday, Dec. 10 .- Greek residents in Constantinople have been prevented by the Turkish Government from continuing their celebration of the signing of the armistice with Turkey, according to advices reaching the semi-official Athens news agency. Cavalry and machine guns were stationed in the streets to disperse the Greeks. Anti-Christian manifestationse, it is added, have occurred in Constantinople and the provinces. In Trebizond, the reports add, Turkish irregular troops have pillaged Greek homes and killed Greek citizens.

SWISS TO INVITE PRESIDENT WILSON

GENEVA Dec. 11 .- The state council of the canton of Geneva has decided to invite President Wilson to visit this city during his stay in Europe.

ALLIES TO REFUSE FOE FOOD, SAYS REPORT

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11 .- According to reports from Berlin the Entente Governments intend to refuse to send foodstuffs to Germany until a demand they are said to have made for the dissolution of the Officers' and Workers' Councils is carried out. The Allies, the reports add, will reserve the rights to march into Germany.

BRAZIL ORDERS PATROL WARSHIPS HOME

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 11 .- The British Admiralty has notified Brazil that there is no further need of Brazilian warships for patrolling European waters. The vessels, therefore, have been ordered home.

TODAY'S BASKETBALL SCORES

FR'NDS CENT."A"... 7 3-10 FR'NDS CENT, "D" 0 2- 2 FR'NDS CENT."B".18 22-40 FR'NDS CENT. "C". 2 5-7

GIRLS FLEE FIRE; **COBLENZ SMILES** 4 FIREMEN HURT AT U.S. SOLDIERS

Doughboys Whe Come

to Occupy City

By EDWIN L. JAMES

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Coblenz, Germany, Dec. 9 (delayed).

and taken over the policing of the city

in two or three days, for on December

side we skirted the Moselle, winding

yards perched on the terraced sides of

came to yet higher hills and a more

Meet Americans With Smiles

cance but the reception of the Ameri

cans here was very different from that in Treves. There sullen silence greeted us everywhere. Here smiling delega-

Glory of Coblenz Undimmed

tainly the German defeat has dimmed

none of its glory. It is bloomingly prosperous and the most striking thing about it is the prosperity every-

met us and pretty girls waved hands and handkerchiefs. The

12 the bridgeheads must be occupied.

The vanguard of the American army

Beef - Drying Plant at Pretty Girls Wave at the Twenty-fifth and Moore Streets Burns

products valued at several thousand Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger dollars were destroyed this afternoon during a two-alarm fire at the plant of James A. Hamilton, a dried-beef pack-

er, Twenty-fifth and Moore streets. Many lives were undoubtedly saved by the quick action of an employe, who, at the risk of his life, prevented an explosion, by running off many gallons of ammonia in a cold storage plant in the cellar. Edward O'Mara, Engine Company 24.

cuts of hands and arms. Robert Bruite, Engine Company 53. its on hands and bruises John Quillen, Engine John McNamee, Engine Company 10, the disorganized and faction-torn local bruises of body.

The firemen were attended by physicians of the Methodist Hospital. Their linjuries were due chiefly to glass.

department had narrow escapes. They fled in their working clothes. Several fainted and wore carried to safety by fellow employes.

Fanned by a northeasterly wind, the flar made guick headway despite the flar made guick headway despite the fire made quick headway, despite the heroic efforts of the firemen. Their work was made especially hazardous by

It was while trying to force a stream were cut and bruised. The building, which is two stories, high extends nearly a block west of Twenty-fifth street. In the rear of the estabfifth street. In the rear of the estab-lishment are a score of small houses, Occupants of these took their furniure and other belongings to the street.
Thick clouds of smoke which literally surtained the building added to the obstacles of the firemen. Several hundred barrels of beef were

VALUE OF CROPS ESTIMATED MUCH ABOVE LAST YEAR

Total Placed at \$12,272,412,000, Against \$11,658,032,000 in 1917 by Agriculture Department Washington, Dec. 11.—(By A. P.)-he total value of the nation's principal

crops this year is estimated at \$12. 272,412,000, compared with \$11,658,032. 000 last year, basing their value on the prices paid to producers December 1, the Department of Agriculture an-Final estimates of production of the

with stolid endurance, Coblenz seems almost to welcome and to want to

announced for most crops. Totaly aport, however, makes final estimates of production.

They follow:
Winter wheat, 55.8.443,000 bushels: spring wheat 588,651.000 bushels; cats. 1.538,359.000; barley, 256,375,000; rye. 89,103.000; bushelsheat, 17.182.000; flaxsseed, 14.657.000; rice. 40.424.000; white potatoes. 597.676.000; sweet potatoes. 86,324.000; bay (tame), 75.459.000 tons; hay (wild), 14.374.000; bobacco, 1.340,019.000 pounds; sugar beets. 5.822.000 tons; beet sugar, 1.489.200.000; bobacco, 1.340,019.000 pounds; sugar beets. 5.822.000 bounds; sugar beets. 5.822.000 bounds; sugar beets. 5.822.000 pounds; sugar beets. 5.822.000 bushels; sugar sheets. 5.822.000 bushels; says four five States), 17.733.000 bushels; peanuts, 53.487.000; kafirs (six States), 58.000 tons; hops (four States), 13.358.200 bushels; cabbage (nine States), 13.358.200 bushels; cabbage (nine States), 13.580.000 barrels; sppies (total), 173.632,000 barrels; sppies (commercial), 25.404.000 barrels; peanus, 40.185.000 bushels; peanus, 10.342.000 bushels

WILSON'S SHIP **DUE AT BREST** EARLY FRIDAY

Five Hours Saved by Change of Course After Leaving the Azores

WILL LAND AT 10 A. M. INSTEAD OF AFTERNOON

French Ministers to Extend Greeting in Special Pavilion Decorated With Flags

MURAT MANSION READY

President and Wife While Guests of France

Lavish Luxury Will Surround

Wilson's 'Free Seas' Clause Not Antagonistic to Britain London, Dec. 11 .- (By A. P.) As a result of informal conversations

regarding President Wilson's free dom of the seas proposals, the British Government now is in posses sion of concrete suggestions which are more understandable than the "free seas" clause in Mr. Wilson's "fourteen points," according to the

President Wilson, the newspaper says. has information showing definitely that Great Britain cannot surrender the right of search, the contraband law and the right to enforce blockade. It is understood that Mr. Wilson's proposals do not include the abandonment of any of these rights and that they are genenally in no wise antagonistic to British interests, as has been sup-

By the Associated Press Brest, Dec. 11.

The United States steamship George
Washington, with President Wilson and party aboard, changed its course after leaving the Azores and will arrive in Brest in advance of the time announced. according to a naval wireless dispatch

received today.

The President now is expected to reach Brest at 10 o'clock Friday meeting, instead of at 3 o'clock 10 the moon. He will leave for Paris at o'clock in the afternoon.

A heavy "southwester" blew up-ing the night stirring big seas off coast and tearing into ribbons the ing the night stirring big seas off the coast and tearing into ribbons the dec-orations which had been placed in the city. of Coblenz. The main force is about relve miles back and is expected here The first Americans to reach the on Quay No. 3, where President Wilson Rhine were those of a battalion of the will first set foot in France. The in-Thirty-ninth Infantry, which, in re-sponse to a request from the German flags and flowers, will contain a p

command, left Treves December 8 on a special train and reached Coblenz the extend their first greeting to the Pr same afternoon. At once they relieved dent States steamship Orizaba, which left New York in advance of the George

No one on the trip up the Moselle Washington, remain on board that vespassed sel until the President arrives

By the Associated Press Paris, Dec. 11. When President Wilson starts work in his study in the Murat mansion, all in his study in the Murat made to re-parts of which are now ready to re-ceive the distinguished guest from the the ammonia fumes from the basement giant slopes. Passing through the United States, he will be surround the storage plant.

4200-meter Kalser Wilhelm tunnel, we on all sides by the likeness of Napole A marble bust of Napoleon is on beautiful valley. One couldn't but pedestal directly in the rear of the think of what wonderful machine-gun desk at which President Wilson will positions these hills would have made for German fighters, and one almost painting either of, Napoleon or one of wondered why the boche had quit fighting when he did.

Many of the priceless works of art I don't pretend to know the signifi- and other ornaments which were rement by the Germans of Paris, have been returned to the mansion. In every room, in every hall, there is some object to recall the days of Napoleon. More Pictures of Napoleon

are impressive.

river promenade was crowded with the The President's bedroom adjoins his curious who were in a remarkably study. It is large in size and its walls are of blue. The three-quarter size bed good humor. Every one seems anxious to do what can be done for the Ameristudy. which President Wilson will occupy is mahogany, inlaid with brass and in shaped like a gondola. The bedroom A German officer took me for a walk late in the afternoon. Thousands of well-dressed men and handsomely gowned women thronged the boule-vard along the Rhine. One crowd in front of the magnificent Coblenzhof looked as well as any Fifth avanuaalso contains pictures of Napoleon, prin cipally when he was emperor. Hanging over the bed President Wilson will occupy is a silver crucifix. looked as well as any Fifth ayenue holiday crowds. The shop windows were filled with luxuries of every de-

At the side of the bed is an American electric light and a modern American telephone. These modern instruments look strangely out of place amid the furnishings of the room, many of which come down to the Murats from Napoleon and once were used by The world knows Coblenz is one of the beautiful cities of Europe, and cer-The reception rooms and salon on the first floor are decorated with beautiful mural paintings and have exquisite chandeliers. The light from them is diffused through crystals. The state can be entertained, contains the Murat family silver and gold tableware. All the Murat family servers.

the Murat family servants, butlers, Mrs. Wilson's Suite The suite of Mrs. Wilson, which is tated in the rear of the mansion, almost to welcome and to want to make merry over our coming. And the German army departed but yesterday. I am sure I cannot understand it. Most any other time I would have

it. Most any other time I would have settees and a divan. felt happy to be here, but now, seeing Coblenz, one at once remembers joins the salon. A dressing table on Prosperous one knows Germany is not fortable chairs and settees. Soft processing table of the salon prosperous one knows Germany is not yet repentant.

NAMED TRADE COMMISSIONER

Huston Thompson, of Colorado,
Nominated by President
Washington, Dec. 11.—Huston Thompson of Colorado, Assistant Attorney General was nominated today by President
Wilson. The view from Mrs. Wilson.