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SKIP-STOP 'JURY TO BE INFORMED OF TWO DEATHS One Man Dead, Two Scalded, in

West Philadelphians Will Complain to P. R. T. Committee

Councils' Committee Ready to Consider Measures to End Criticized System

"Weary Mother" Appeals Against the Skip-Stop

The following letter, addressed t the President of Common Council, was read in that chamber this afternoon:

"A poor woman, compelled to work for her living (takes a young baby to be cared for while out and calls for it to take home on her return) asks in mercy, stop the skip-

"If you who have private cars to take you on pleasure trips could only exchange places with the working class for one day, rush a few blocks out of your way both going and coming home, you would be the first to stop and say, 'Please stop the skip-stop.

"A WEARY MOTHER."

West Philadelphia business men will tell the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's committee of thirteen tomorrow that skip-stops are directly responsible for at least two trolley deaths in South

A delegation of five representatives from the South Sixtleth Street Business and Improvement Association will attend the Rapid Transit Company's first public hearing on skip-stops.

W. O. Dodson and Daniel Foster, two of the delegates, said today they would The victor of the Marue was made a tell the committee that the company's system was to blame for the two trolley afternoon

The victims, they say, were: Simon Brodsky, 445 South Sixtieth street, a boy who was crushed to death at Sixtisth street and Larchwood ave

Mrs. Sallie Smith. Sixty-second and Christian streets, who was run down at Sixtleth and Catharine streets. Skip-stops at both these corners have

ince been eliminated. In the meantime Councils' Street Railway Committee will take up the skipstop problem this afternoon.

Death Ended Skips

After Mrs. Smith was killed at Sixtieth and Catharine streets, the skipstop there was eliminated. The Brodsky lost his life while at play at Sixskip-stop at this corner was abandoned after angry residents of the section had threatened violence against the com-

pany's trolley cars.

The South Sixtieth Street Business and Improvement Association forced the P. R. T. to stop at both the corners where the accidents occurred as a results of a meeting of protest held Thanksgiving afternoon at Sixtleth

the committee of thirteen would meet tomorrow afternoon, he appointed a delegation of five, including himself and Mr. Foster, to attend.

An ordinance compelling the Rapid sentiments Transit Company to stop at every "hundred" block and two resolutions calling by the resolutions calling by the resolutions calling by the resolutions calling the resolution of the resolutio

will be retained. All this was disclosed in a statement made by T. E. Mitten, president of the P. R. T. The statement was made to the company's committee of thirteen which was appointed to decide, after hearing evidence, whether the skip-stops were responsible for deaths that have presured recently in trolley accidents.

occurred recently in trolley accidents.

Admission that "much of the justified criticism now heard is due to improper criticism now heard is due to improper placing of the car stops" is made in

Mr. Mitten's statement was received at the first meeting of the committee yesterday, at which officers were elected. This committee has called a public secting for 3 o'clock tomorrow after-con in the Mayor's reception room.

appeal for a fair trial of the skip-system was made by Mr Mitten, called attention to the fact that it of approximately \$250,000 a year. Saving of time to patrons because of fewer stops has resulted, he said. The keeping up of wages and holding down of fares were other advantages he cited

000 population with which Philadeishin may be said to compete commer cially," the statement continues. "Of these eight cities, all with the single exception of Baltimore, are continuing to use the skip-stop. In no single in-stance do they claim that accidents or death are caused by skip-stops."

Time Not Sufficient

Mr. Mitten points out that "skip-stops ere instituted by the Government to in the prosecution of the war and id in the prosecution of the war and hat time did not admit of that careful of stopping places which are served to remove much of

ESCAPING STEAM KILLS FIREMAN:

Broad Street Office

escaping steam and two others were burned today when a boiler valve blew out in the basement of the Parkway Building, Broad and Cherry streets.

Charles Worrell, fifty-six years old CITY WILL TAKE HAND Fourth and Buttonwood streets, a firenan, was killed. He literally was roasted to death by the steam and had no chance

Charles Best, thirty-five years old. Twenty-fifth street and Ridge avenue, one of two mechanics who had been repairing the boiler, was severely burned on the arms and legs. He is in the Hahnemann Hospital.

William Lorenz 2629 Spyder avenue.

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William Lorenz, 2029 Snyder avenue. the other mechanic, was slightly burned on the hands and body. Lorenz carried

Best to safety.

Lorenz and Best had been working on the boiler for some time before the accident occurred. Worrell was stand-ing atongside the huge boiler. Without warning a valve popped out,

live steam pouring through the aperture, enveloping Worrell and searing Best and Lorenz. Best fell to the floor and was dragged away by his companion. The latter returned for the fireman, but ged away from the boiler. The accident shut down the elevator ervice in the building.

JOFFRE NOW ONE OF 40 IMMORTALS

Admitted to French Academy in Presence of Wilson and Poincare

PRAISES U. S. WAR WORK the plant.

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 19. Marshal Joffre now is formally numbered among France's Forty Immortals member of the French Academy this

Promptly upon the stroke of 1 Marshal Joffre arrived at the institute, crossing the Seine over the Pont des Aris. accompanied by his sponsor, Gabriel Hanotaux, and his alde-de-camp, Com-

With the knowledge that President Wilson was to attend the function, act-ing as an added attraction, great crowds had gathered all along the route fol-lowed by the Marshal—crowds whose cheers were divided between the great soldier, the chief figure of the event; the American President and President Poincare, of France. The French President attended merely as a private citizen

nd fellow academician.

Marshal Joffre wore the undress uniform of a Marshal of France, having demurred at wearing the elaborate cos-tume of an academician. "It is as a Marshal of France that I enter the Academy," said the noted sol-dier, "and it is dressed as such that I shall present myself there."

Delivers Inaugural Speech

The Marshal's well-set frame bulked bers of the Academy. He delivered his inaugural speech in a deep, resonant ber where the ceremony took place, After reviewing the part played in the

"However, so much heroism and resolu-

r. Foster, to attend. The others are E. Trainer, Joseph Smith and John Fallon. Mr. Smith is a former presint of the Traction Company. The power of these noble which are ever present in our memory, by the great President Wilson, while they inspired him to most generous

"It is not without deep emotion that I look back upon the time which I spent last year in the United States. Admission by Company
This people, by the intensity of its
The Rapid Transit Company admits affection for France, caused one to
its skip-stop system is open to criticism. sense the strength which it somehow The reason it gives is that the plan felt, but which it did not yet know how was adopted as a war measure and stops to employ. It seemed that by its great love this people felt itself already doing To remedy the situation, skip-stop experts from other cities will be brought Allied armies. It made no mistake, for here to revise the entire system, estabthat love enabled France, overwhelmed by the defection of the Russian armies lishing an average of six stops to a mile. by the defection of the Russian armies When their work is completed, a vote and by the great and weakening trials of patrons of each trolley line will be of the spring of 1917, to keep intact taken to decide whether the scheme confidence and its courage."

Treasure Memory of Visit

Alluding to his visit to the United States in 1917, Marshal Joffre said: "While in the midst of the American crowds I was living hours which I num-"In order that France might live in

sperity, that Belgium might re-estab-herself, that Liberty might reign and that right might be reinstated America role and resolved to throw into

"History does not record a more may velous achievement than that of mil-lions of men voluntarily breaking away from their peaceful pursuits to cross the seas, where lurked death; to come a great ideal, and as if the sacrifice was not completed by sending the husbands and sons, we have seen the wives, the fathers and the mothers escorting across the seas that phalanx of warriors to the seas that phalaix of warriors to alleviate our sufferings and dress our wounds. We have seen them unsparingly giving their gold and the treasures of their hearts, kneeling on the graves of our sonif and adopting our orphans.

I "In a brotherly embrace, France and America have given each other their faith, a pledge for the present and the future."

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future."

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson arrived shortly before I o'clock, and were followed a few minutes later by President and Madame Poincare. Madame Poincare and Mrs. Wilson sat together in a box in a balcony high above the statue of Sully. Mrs. Wilson wore a simple dark blue tailored dress trimmed in otter fur. President Wilson wounded was made known through unforcial channels some time ago, but their names appear on the official list for the president time today.

QUISTCONCK'S DIP INJURES OTHERS WAS PREMATURE, PIEZ TESTIFIES

One man was scalded to death by Says Hog Island Will Deliver Two More Ships Before January 1

SENATORIAL PROBE ON

By the Associated Press

Washington, Dec. 19. Investigation of the construction of the Hog Island shippard was resumed today by the Senate Commerce Committee. Charles Plez, general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and Charles M. Schwab, until recently direc-

tor general, were the principal witnesses Decision to reopen the inquiry resulted from a statement recently made in the Senate that \$58,000,000 had been spent so far on construction work and that the one ship completed at Hog to the yards for modifications. The vessel is the Quistconck, now in the mer-

chant marine service. Mr. Plez testified that the total expenditures to date amounted to about \$58,000,000 and that the American In- PROTESTS ARE FILED ternational Shipbuilding Corporation which has the contract for building the plant, has not been paid anything. Most of the work, he said, was done by subcontractors. According to unconfirmed reports, he added, the American International Company has expended nearly a million dollars of its own money on

Mr. Piez thought a 5 per cent commission would be a reasonable amount to pay the American International Com-

Under questions of various Senators it was brought out that while construction work has been under the direction had virtually unlimited powers, responsibility for carrying out the full proinstead of thirty-one, rested on the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Mr. Piez said when the plan to limit the size of the yard was proposed, Admiral Bowles, after a survey, altered it and recom-

mended that the full program be carried The witness said so far Reels for fifty ships had been laid, one ship delivered and five are in the busin. The one ship delivered—the Quistconck—was launched prematurely, he said, which delayed it being placed in service by about sixty But, Mr. Piez added, the vessel was given the highest rating by Lloyds.

Mr. Piez said he anticipated the de livery of at least two more ships before January 1. He praised the work performed by the Skinner and Eddy plant, at Seattle, Wash., which produced twenty-six ships this year on a five-way

yard. production. Under cross-examination of Senator Johnson, of California, it was brought out that approximately 18% per cent of construction work at the Hog Is-

totaled about \$12,000,000. Mr. Piez said the armistice will not

interfere with the production of ships by the fleet corporation, which will go on laying keels under present contracts.

REJECTS SERB PREMIERSHIP Nikolai Pashitch Declines Post.

To Form New Ministry Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Nikolai Pashitch has declined to accept the Serbian premiership and the regent has summoned the leaders of all parties to participate in the formation of a new ministry, according to a dispatch today from Agram.

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The dispatch said that the Serbian Social Democrats have adopted a platform, which includes creation of a United South Slavoma, elimination of all vestiges of feddalism, confiscation of church property and separation of the church and State, universal suffrage and establishment of a central Parlia-

SERVICE STRIPES FOR SOLDIERS Those Discharged Will Wear

Scarlet Chevrons on Sleeve

Washington, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—
Secretary Baker today directed that
each soldier honorably discharged be
furnished with two scarlet chevrons to
be worn on the left sleeve as a recognition of his service to the country.

The chevrons will be of the same size
and shape as those prescribed for service abroad.

POLICE BULLET CABINET RULING GRAVELY WOUNDS GERMANY QUITS, FUGITIVE YOUTH REPORT ASSERTS

Alleged "Lookout" for Boy High-

ing Arrest

Joseph Doris, eighteen years old, who acted as lookour, the police say, while three boy highwaymen robbed a man at Ninth street and Ridge avenue this morning, was shot by Police Sergeant Kolodsky of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station. He is in a serious condition at the Hahnemann Hospital.

Kolodsky and Patroiman Lambert noticed three youths acting suspiciously. They hid in a doorway, it is said, until Henry Shackelton, of Darby, was about to pass, Two of the three drew revolvers, and after ordering Shackelton to throw up his hands, took \$10 in cash from him.

As the policemen approached, Doris gave a warning whistle and the high-wayman fied. Kolodsky ordered him to halt, but he refused. Kolodsky fired and Doris fell with a bullet wound in his stomach. The others escaped.

A few minutes later three youths, said to be suspicious characters, were arrested in the neighborhood. They gave their names as John Ward, Fifth and Quarry streets; Michael Kuval, eighteen years old, Race and Marvine streets.

Events in Germany are moving with such rapidity that every hour is potent with possibilities of a complete change in the governmental situation, A report via Stuttgart says the Ebert Government has resigned.

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RENT RISE ANGERS KIN OF SOLDIERS

Island was not seaworthy until returned Families in Webster Street, 59th to 60th, Say Increase Unwarranted

phia landlords to increase the rent of brought a general protest from residents of Prince Maximillan of Baden, on Noof Webster street from Fifty-ninth to Mixtleth streets.

The present rental for these houses is \$31, and the landlords demand \$35 beglaning Junuary 1.

At a meeting held by residents of the Scheidemann, Wilhelm Dittman, Herr street it was contended that the threat-Landsberg and Richard Barth as the ened increase is unwarranted, and in secretaries in charge of the departu of former Rear Admiral Bowles, whe view of the fact that it affects the families of several men in the country's service an appeal has been made to the Fed- from gram covering construction of fifty ways eral authorities and also placed before the fuel administration.

Call Demand Unreasonable in a petition now being circulated, it

is pointed out that as the there has been ter attack upon Premier Ehert no increase in taxes, real estate valuaquestion, the proposed rent advance is

that the cost of maintenance warrants governs advanced rental is unwarranted, because repairs made to their homes in army the last year would be fully covered by

\$300 for the entire block. At the neighborhood meeting held at Fifty-ninth and Webster streets, many

Son On Supply Ship

Among others who have sons service is Mrs. M. E. Lewis,

"My son is on a supply ship in the navy," she said in discussing the subject, "and this increase comes at an espe-cially inopportune time. Once before I was notified by Louis Harlan, the agent. that my rent would be increased, but I called the matter to the attention of my attorney and the agent was warned that he had better not impose unwar-ranted burdens on the relatives of men in the country's service. Mr. Harlan changed his mind for the time being, but has evidently decided to try it again. do not propose to pay the increase as do not think it is reasonable in view of

DALLAS KOONS DIES IN FRANCE

No Details in Message From Brother of Philadelphian

Private Dallas Koons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Koons, of 13 South Twenty-first street, died in France Sat-urday morning, according to a cablegram received by his father today. No de-talls ware given.

received by his father today. No details were given.

Mr. Koons was a member of the First City Troop and after some preliminary training for the cavalry was transferred to the 103d Trench Mortar Battery, with a number of other troopers. He had passed an examination for a commission and was in momentary expectation of receiving his papers when the armistice stopped all hostilities and put an end to the granting of new commissions for men of the American Expeditionary Force. Word of Mr. Koofa's death came in a message from his brother, Lieutenant Benjamin H. Brewster Koons.

generous people by the herolem of our soldiers and the justice of our cause. ON LIST FOR THIS SECTION

Major Effingham B. Morris, Jr., and Captain James Brown Shoch received the statements of Commissioner Landsberg indicated that a new ex-Among Those Officially Reported Injured-Both Cited for Bravery and Hurt Two Times

all will have been reported by the mid-dle of January save a few isolated cases. There are 175 from Philadelphia and

vicinity on today's honor roll, all save eighteen being wounded. Four have been killed in action and one died of wounds. Three have died of disease and

More than 6000 names are included, the combined casualty lists for today, roll today are Captain Charles H. crowe, of Germantown, who died of close to 50,000. At the present rate wounds, and Lieutenant J. V. Merrick, 3d; Lieutenant James B. Cutler and Lieutenant Edward W. Sterling, all of whom have been wounded.

> Sergeant Major Robert A. Herkert died of pneumonia on November 29, had passed through the entire

SKETCHES OF THE HEROES

Unscathed in War, without a scratch, Dies of Pneumonia to the influenza Eighteen Days epidemic that took almost as heavy a differ Fighting Ends toll of lives from the American expeditionary forces as did German "frightfulness." Sergeant Herkert was twenty-eight years old and was drafted in November of last year, sent to Camp Meade and assigned to the 315th Infantry. A few weeks later he was transferred to Camp Greene where he completed his training and went overzeas

A Copenhagen dispatch, on the other hand, says the German Government man republic. A Berlin message dated last night says the coalition Government has been indorsed unani-mously by the Soldlers' Council.

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 19. The German Government headed by Friedrich Ebert has resigned as a result of events on Tuesday, according to a dispatch received at Zurich from Stutt-gart, says the Journal's correspondent,

Copeniagen, Dec. 19—(By A. P.)—
The German Government has decided to convoke a conference of representatives of all the States of the former Empire on December 29 to elect a president of the German republic, according to a Berlin report. This step is said to have been taken in order to avoid fresh outbreaks.

Friedrich Ebert, who was named as vember 3 and became Imperial Chan-cellor on November 8, took command of the situation in Berlin following the revolutionary uprising there. On No-vember 13 it was announced that he had created by the revolutionary govern-

ment.

The central congress of the delegates from Soldiers and Workmen's Councils met at Berlin on Monday. The first session resulted in disorderly scenes in which there were many personal en-counters. On Tuesday turbulent scener, continued, George Ledebour, a leader of the Independent Socialists, making a bit-

Berlin, Dec. 18 (Night).-The Ebert-Hanse confiling Government has re-ceived the indorsement of the National Soldateurat (soldiers' council). The vote was unanimous. The Soldatenrat accorded the present

government absolute control over civilian affairs, but reserved supervision of the atenrat make the People's Council, composed of six members, supreme in the national provisional government.

ministration of military affairs by the People's Council, however, will be subexecutive committee, elected by the Soldatenrat The National Workmen and Soldiers' Council has received proposals that the German republic elect a president Prompt action in this con nection, it is pointed out, is necessary to give the Allies guarantees that Ger-

present practice.

many will have a responsible govern-ment when the Peace Conference be-The Coverenment has suppressed the Bolshevik rule at Neu Oeln, arresting members of the Workmen and Soldiers'

Basel, Dec. 19 .- (By A. P.) -The executive committee of the Soldiers and Workmen's Council for Berlin and its suburbs intended to resign, according to messages received from the German ed by the general assembly and the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils of the

Three of the principal directors of the Krupp munition works at Essen, including Doctor Bransenberger, inventor of the big Berthas, have been arrested by de- the revolutionary city, according to advices received here.

Zurich, Dec. 19 .- (By A. P.) -Serious West Prussia, according to dispatches received here. Civil and military prisons nen at liberty, it is said, and street fighting

Berlin, Dec. 17 (delayed) - (By A. P.) The second day's session of the Congress of the Soldiers and Workmen's Councils of Germany was marked by stormy sounds. Herr Landsborg one of the majority Socialist members of the Government, denounced the business methods and dictatorial attitude of the Soldiers and Workmen's Council of Berlin. He declared that the executive committee of the council had presented

chaotic budget statement. ecutive committee, more in harmon with the Government, might be elected.

Premier Ebert, after a spirited defense of the Government's policy concerning demobilization and food supply. had been attacked by Barth, one of the radical Socialist mem-bers of the Government, was cheered

FOE RETURNS STOLEN GOODS Twenty Cases of Rheims Church

Ornaments Sent Back Paris, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—Bishop Inglione, of Berne, has received from ardinal Hartmann, Archbishop of Cologne, twenty cases containing regious ornaments which were taken rom the diocese of Rheims by German cidiers.

They will be sent to France.

Do your Christmas shopping early

THE WEATHER VANE Fair tonight while east winds blow Tomorrow slightly warmer, bo. There, please remember, girlle-

"FREEDOM OF SEAS" ONLY GULF BETWEEN WILSON AND BRITISH

lowing Council Disorder, Both Have Complete Plan for League of Anxious to Speed Visit to Nations, With Right of Blockade Believed the One Big Difference

AGREEMENT ON OCEAN POLICIES WOULD GIVE PRESIDENT SUCCESS Clemenceau Repays Call

Events in Germany are moving with rapidity that every hour is tent with possibilities of a complete Agreed to American Program—Workable World Agreed to American Program—Workable World League Would Enforce Peace

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in France By Special Cable

Paris, Dec. 19. The British delegates to the Peace Conference will bring to Paris complete plans for a league of nations, as worked out by Lord Robert Cecil, M. House visited President Wilson official head of the league of nations section of the British mission, including many difficult points like the basis of representation for the arrived at the presidential residence

It is understood that President Wilson has also brought a complete plan to Paris. Lord Northcliffe is now on his way to the conference to hour in an intimate discussion. conduct propaganda in his newspapers for a world league. Apparently, British support of the league is strong.

The only big point at issue between England and America is freedom of the seas. It is urged here that Wilson should speak out, explaining for recreation, but he hoped to take just what he means by "freedom of the seas," after which it is believed a short drive with Mrs. Wilson. that the differences between English and American views would appear

The London Times, discussing the subject, answers the American ques- by President Poincare, Premier Cle tion, "Why recognize the right of capture of private property on the menceau and other ministers. Inc high seas, when it is not recognized on land?" as follows: "An island the Prince of Piedmont. power is at the intolerable disadvantage in war of not being at liberty to The Italian ruler and his heir are stop completely the enemy's traffic overseas. This disadvantage is becoming much greater, since the railways enable a belligerent on the continent Notwithstanding unsettled weather

Rlockade Is Real Issue

The Times, a strong advocate of a league of nations, thus presents in honor of the Italian King and the real issue between the two nations as a question of applying a marine Prince. The guests included Fremler blockade, like the recent English blockade of Germany, in future wars, Orlando, Foreign Minister Sonnino and England has always upheld this right as essential to her security. Amer. Food Minister Crespl, of the Raiser Cabinet; Count Macchi di Cellere, Ital has always opposed such a blockade, although in war the United ian ambassador to the United States, States has often acted inconsistently with her own position on this former President Loubet, for

subject. Thus the freedom of the seas issue is one of long standing. If President Wilson's plan prevails, a blockade could only be ordered ministers and ambassadors credited to by the league of nations. England thus would apparently sacrifice her France. one means of defense. Advocates of President Wilson's position point out An invitation has been extended tills that England's sacrifice would be much more apparent than real. If the President to visit London at Christ league of nations is really workable, the league actually will keep peace on mas time, but it is improbable that the seas. If the league failed, the world would naturally revert to the

Will Retain Big Navies Big navies will be retained. The United States administration's own visit to England may be expected soon program favors that plan. If the lengue of nations fails, England would it can be definitely stated that his still have the biggest navy in the world or at least a navy equaling that trip to London will not conflict with of America. She would be just where she would be if no league were his intention to dine with the America. attempted. England, having the largest navy afloat, would have to pursue lean troops in the field, although the

the course she actually did in blockading Germany. No course restricting England's capacity to become at once master of earlier than had been anticipated. the seas, if the league should break down, would be proposed to the Peace Conference or considered by it. This is the view some of President

Wilson's friends here hold. England may ask more, namely, an understanding with America on her sea policy in case the world league should fail. To such an understanding, return to Washington much sooner if arranged openly, Wilson might consent. England would probably give than he had expected. Whether this much for such an agreement. If England should get together with the means a change in the President's en-President on the freedom of the seas, America would probably have Eng- tire program, including his journey to land's general support in the Peace Conference and Mr. Wilson would be Italy, is not known here. able to get all he wants.

INDEPENDENTS LOSE IN BUDGET FIGHT

The 1919 budget for the receiver of taxes, carrying an appropriation of \$308,930 and guaranteeing continuance of eight branch offices, against which the opposition of the Independent-Penrose faction was centered, was passed by Councils this afternoon, 54 to 16. Chairman Gaffney, of Councils Finance Committee, Vare floor leader, made the fight for the bill, and Charles H. Von Tagen, Independent, of the Forty-second Ward, led the opposition.

APPROVE BILL ENDING SKIP-STOP

A bill providing for the elimination of skip-stops all over the city was favorably reported this afternoon by Councils Committee on Street Railways. The measure also provides that cars must stop at every numbered block and slow down to a five-mile speed on approaching all crossings.

SEVEN SHIPS BRINGING TROOPS ESTHONIA UNDER THE ENTENTE

Others Homeward Bound Washington, Dec. 19 .- (By A. P.)

Returning home on the transport George Washington, which sailed from France December 15, the War Department announced today, are the 139th Field Artillery, Batteries A, B, D and E and der the common protection of the En- is said to be that the sessions be ope headquarters company of the 137th Field Artillery, thirty-five officers of the 138th Field Artillery and a number of cas-

Casuals also are returning on the steamers Saxonia, which sailed December 15, Moccasin, which sailed December 15, and Heredia, Cartago, Sixaola and Bellatrix, December 16. On all ingreven ships there are about 1600 officers the

George Washington and Six Russian Republic Seeks Protec-

tion From Bolshevik Menace Esthonian Provisional Government, controlling the territory covered by the gress. It has not been determined former Russian Baltic province of whether the actual sessions will be Esthonia, has placed the republic tente Powers pending the decision of the as far as is possible, but it is expected Peace Conference."

The Esthonian Premier announced this action in a telegram which reached London last night, in which he called at-tention to the difficulty the Esthonian troops were experiencing in withstand-ing the Bolsheviki, who are attacking the territory of the republic from the territory of the republic

FROM FRANCE England to Reassure

RETURN SOON

WILSON MAY

ITALIAN MONARCH ARRIVES IN PARIS

British Opinion

Supports Plan for League

of Nations FAVOR SINKING SHIPS

Paris Convinces Wilson Peace League and Treaty Are Inseparable

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 19. Premier Clemenceau and Colonel E. this morning at his Paris residence, the Murat mansion. The callers

at about 10 o'clock. The French Premier and the Presi dent were engaged for more than an

Colonel House also conferred with the President during the morning. The President's engagements for the

day caused him to postpone his plans Italy's King in Paris King Victor Emmanuel of Italy ar rived here today and was welcomed

King was accompanied by his se

conditions and squalls of wind, large crowds lined the streets A luncheon was given by President Food Minister Crespl, of the Italian ident Fallieres, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Foch. Marshal Petain and the

he will go then, as he has full planned

to dine Christmas Day with the Amerdate of his visit probably will be

May Return to Washington The reason given for President Wil son's desire to make an early visit te England, it is understood, is that he has found it might be necessary to

An interesting feature of the dis cussion of the President's intended visit, beginning next Thursday, is that the present British cabinet is tech nically not in a position to speak for the Government until the result of the recent elections are known Decem ber 28.

There is little doubt, however, tha

Premier Lloyd George and his asso

ciates have been re-elected. President Wilson personally has taken a hand in seeing that the United States is informed of what is going on in the Peace Conference. He took the first step last night at the con ference with the other American delegates. It was decided and later announced that the delegates would see American newspaper correspon dents each morning for a frank discussion of developments and the proceedings of the conferences.

The American peace commisioners conferred with American newspaper correspondents for the first time day. All other correspondents were excluded. It was stipulated that none of the announcements to be made was for purposes of publication, being only for the guldance of the correspondents

No Date for Meeting

The date of the first meeting of the Inter-Allied Conference has not veer determined, nor has the date of the London, Dec. 19.—(By A. P.)—The first assembling of the Peace Con open. President Wilson's inclination that it will develop that much of the work will be done confidentially are then perfected openly.

It seems probable that German re