### **HOG ISLAND WORK** DECLARED COSTLY **BUT NOT CRIMINAL**

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Report Recommends Excess Be Demanded From Contractors

TOTAL NEAR \$61,000,000

Officials Here Express Pleas ure at Findings of Federal Inquiry

#### Rear Admiral Bowles Plans to Retire Soon

Rear Admiral Francis T. Bowies assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. after reading the press summary of the Department of Justice report on Hog Island, amounting to justification for the enormous expenditures made there, announced that he would resign as soon as the Government could conveniently release him.

Admiral Bowles, in co-operation with Rear Admiral Washington L Capps and Major General Goe thals, drew up the Hog Island contract in September, 1917, and recommended that it be awarded to the American International Shipbuilding Corporation. Expansion of plans for the great shipyard, made from time to time, followed out the ideas of Admiral Bowles.

The admiral said he would retire to private life on his country estate in New England.

Officials of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, agents of the Emergency Fleet Cor poration in the construction and operation of the Hog Island shipyard, were exonerated from any criminal liability in the report on their management, compiled by the Department of Justice months ago and made public today by the Attorney General under orders from President Wilson.

Whether or not extravagance was practiced in the early operations at the island is a question to which the investigators failed to make a direct answer. The report recommends that a board of arbitration determine what part, if any, of the more than \$60,000, 000 the plant cost was in excess of necessity and should be lemanded of the contractors by the

sued and the controversy over Hog Island ended," said Charles Flez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. "I feel that entities and energy undoubtedly saved criticism of the plant is the plant th criticism of the plant should cease now, for it influences the spirit of there and a When men are proud of the concern by which they are employed, that pride is reflected in their work; but when they are uncertain whether it will survive attacks made upon it, accomplishment is a secondary matter

"The payroll at Hog Island is about \$100,000 weekly," added Mr. Piez, "and I believe that criticism of the yard in the past has cost the Government \$20,000 a week because of its effect on the spirit of the men and, therefore, on the production of the yard.
"I shall be glad to give the closest consideration to the recommendations

made by the investigators. "The report puts the responsibility for determining whether there was extravagance practiced back upon us.

Hog Island served in the war the Hog Island served in the war the same purpose in a reserve capacity as did that part of our army we kept at home. Germany realized that our reserve powers made it useless to fight longer, and quit. "This should end the Hog Island controversy for all time. No matter

what the yard cost, it is nevertheless a marvel of accomplishment." "Vindication," Says Admiral Bowles

"So far as charges of dishonesty and secret profits are concerned, the report is a complete vindication of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation," was the comment of Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, assistant general manager of the fleet corpora-

In brief, the investigators report: That the facts do not justify crimi-nal process and that no fraud or secret ofits has been established.

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That the probable cost of the plant will be about \$61,000,900 (including \$6,000,000 for additions by order of the Emergency Fleet Corporation), compared with an original estimate of \$21,000,000 and a revised estimate of \$27,000,000 and

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That no clear 'explanation of this discrepancy has been forthcoming.
That prior to February 1 last a condition existed at Hog Island which, "superficially at least, would impress any one as an 'organized riot,' 'tangled mass' or 'stage of chaos.'"

That the contractor or agent, the American International Corporation, in substance, has taken the position that since this was a war job cost was of minor importance.

That the question of reasonableness of the expenditures should be referred to a board of arbitration provided for in the contract, proceedings to be closed if the board finds the expenditures reasonably necessary or otherwise payment of the excess to be demanded by the Government.

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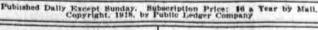
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The report, which is dated September 12, 1918, also stated that the plant would be completed in September; that the contract substantially was being completed with and that the controversy Kerosene Used to Start Kitchen Mrs. Margaret Hoitzschreider, twenty-four years old, of 654 North Marvine street, is dying at Hahnemann Hospital from burns received when she tried to start a fire in a kitchen range by using kerosens. Continued on Page Four. Column On-

THE RAINSPOUT Rain today and Saturday. Same old rain-drop-patter-day. Warmer, maybe. . Be careful, baby,

on this susiness-for-the-hatter-day;



MISS ALICE TAYLOR WHARTON

She is an energetic Red Cross worker and gave valuable aid to war sufferers in France and Italy.

Miss Wharton is one of three bene-ficiaries named in the will of her great-aunt, Miss Alice Taylor. She was bequeathed \$50,000

3 SOCIETY WOMEN

INHERIT MILLIONS

Mrs. John Wilcox and Mrs.

Houston Dunn Get

\$1,000,000 Each

ALICE TAYLOR'S ESTATE

Taylor Wharton, a great niece of the

testatrix and daughter of Mrs. Wilcox.

Miss Wharton, who is regarded as one

Italy and gave valuable aid in alleviat-

At Post Day and Night

Miss Wharton endeavored to return to France recently, but was prevented by

unostentatious way and devotes con-siderable of her time to looking after the welfare of others. Her home has

ertainments for the younger set.

Is Historic Family

The Taylor family has figured to a considerable extent in the historic struggles of the country. Captain Anthony Taylor, father of Mrs. Wilcox, was a

Civil War hero and frequently was com-mended for bravery in battle. He was a

nedal of honor man and won his promotions from the ranks by valor alone. A great-great-grandfather fought in the

Revolution.

Mrs. Wilcox's husband, Lieutenant

John H. Wilcox, is a senior officer in the United States navy. He was among the

first volunteers after the entrance of th United States into the war. Lieutenant Wilcox was one of twenty prominent yachtsmen admitted to the navy after

a course at Annapolis, and was sent to the Queenstown flotilia as a senior grade officer. He acquitted himself creditably during the war, and saw considerable

Mrs. Houston Dunn was formerly Miss

TWO MORE CALLED TO PARIS

OIL FATALLY BURNS WOMAN

Fire Ignites Clothing

been the scene of social en

ng and cleaning came in as

at her home, 1729 Spruce street.

who receives \$50,000.

### **CORONER SHOWS** DEATH INCREASE **UNDER SKIP-STOP**

39 Killed in Three Months, Compared With 45 in Year 1916

P. R. T. MAKES ANSWER

Company Blames Inexperienced Carmen at Committee of Thirteen Hearing

#### Skip-Stop, "War Horror," Banished in Savannah

Attention, please, Mr. Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Cor- any, and the members of the skip-stop com mittee of thirteen, to the following article from the Savannah, Ga Morning News, issue of December

"Along with other horrors of the war, the skip-stop system will be abolished today in Savannah. Cars of the Savannah Electric Company will stop hereafter at all corners skipping none, and people may get on or off at will, without having to calculate in advance which block will bring them nearer home. All the blunders of the forgetful which have caused the unsympathetic to smile gleefully during the hot days of last summer and the rainy ones of the present winter will be things of the past."

There were almost as many deaths on car lines during the three months the skip-stop system has been in operation here as for the entire year of 1916.

This was brought out this afternoon in An estate valued at more than \$2.000,-000 has been left to three society women by Miss Alice Taylor, who died recently ing on the skip-stop controversy in the Mayor's reception room, City Hall.

In his testimony the Coroner said there The beneficiaries are Mrs. John Wilwere fifty-four deaths due to trolley ac-cidents in 1917, forty-five in 1916 and Y.M.C.A. WOMEN WORKERS SAIL increasing number of soldiers engaged in begging while there is much work to cox, 711 Pine street, and Mrs. Houston Dunn, nieces of Miss Taylor, who rethirty-nine in the three months' duration ceive \$1,000,000 each, and Miss Alice

The P. R. T.'s Excuses

The P. R. T., presenting its side of the case, offered these explanations of the increased accidents. The excessive turnover of men in the of the prettiest girls in Philadelphia's transportation department, a total of 4503 men having been hired already this younger set, recently returned from year to keep 3 the working strength of 5000 mer. These men lack the experience of older employee. France, where she worked with the American Red Cross, After devoting her

services to aiding suffering children of The increased number of automobiles, French soldiers in Paris, she went to many of the chauffeurs inexperiagainst the transit company were co with automobiles, it was asserted, Many persons, the company, contended, who came to the city for war work, were

nused to street cars.

The meeting was well attended. Rapid licity representatives and stenographers.
The fuel administration, which ordered the skip-stop during the war part of her work, together with endless clerical duties which kept this energetic Red Cross worker at her post night and day. Before going to France, Miss Wharton to save fuel, also had its special stenog-

raphers.
Representing the Rapid Transit Comtook a special course in practical nurs-ing at the Y. W. C. A. in New York city. Miss Wharton endeavored to return to H. G. Tully, vice president; F. W. Johnson, transportation agent, and C. B. Fairchild, publicity agent. Mr. Mitter prance recently, but was prevented by governmental restrictions. She made her debut four years ago, and lived with her greatuncle, Benjamin J. Taylor, who died about two months ago.

Mrs. Wilcox, who was formerly Mrs. Bromley Wharton, is known in society for her wholehearted hospitality.

She has aided many charities in an uposteristicus. said the charges against the skip-stop were not true and had been put in the papers "to make circulation."

Bishop and Provest Absent Mayor Smith was present, as well as all the members of the committee of thirteen, with the exception of Bishop Rhinelander and Provost Smith, Uni-

lected by Mr. Mitten.

The committee is headed by Public Service Commissioner W. D. B. Ainey. The members include Mayor Smith. James E. Lennon, president of Select Council; Dr. E. B. Gleason, president of lected by Mr. Mitten. Common Council; Ernest T. Trigg, presi-dent of the Chamber of Commerce, Judge MacNeille, Archbishop Dougherty, Bishop Rhinelander, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Krauskopf, Mrs. Rudolph Blankenburg, Mrs. Henry D. Jump, Provost Smith and Mrs. J. Willis Martin. Mr. Ainey, opening the hearing, said

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#### NEW BOCHE WAIL TO WILSON

German Governor Protests Occupation of Danzig by Poles

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)— Governor von Jagow, of Posen, it is reported from German sources, has sent a wireless message to President Wilson in protest against the anne ation of Dan-ig by Polish troops.

The landing of Polish troops at Dan-sig began Wednesday, according to War-saw dispatches to Paris. The Polish army, humbering about 50,000, is com-manded by General Joseph Haller. The Polish troops mentioned are those which have been serving in France. The landing at Danzig, a Baltic port of West Prussia (but until the late eighteenth century a part of Poland), is under the sixteenth clause of the armistice.

### 300,000 SOLDIERS DISCHARGED

Demobilization Proceeding at the Rate of 150,000 Weekly

Washington, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—Well over \$00,000 soldlers have been discharged from the army and returned to civilian status.

Secretary Baker said today the rate of demobilization had now reached 150,000 a week and that the War Department was pressing its efforts to make the average daily discharges 1000 per camp.

#### OVER 16 BILLIONS REMAIN

Sherley Says War Purpose Appropriations Will Not Be Needed

#### Princes and "Vons" Lead Berlin "People's League"

London, Dec. 2d.-(By A. P.).-A People's League" has been or ganized in Berlin, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhage

The league's committee included Prince Maximilian of Bader former German Imperial Chancellor; Hugo Hase, Independent Socialist; Count von Bernstorff. former ambassador to the United States; Mathias Erzberger, the Centrist leader; Dr. W. S. Solf. former German Foreign Minister Prince von Hohenlohe-Schillingsfuerst, the Austrian ambassador and Cardinal von Hartmann, Arch bishop of Cologne.

#### 21 PEACE POINTS AREN'T LODGE'S AT ALL, HE SAYS

False Report, Urges Postponement of League Scheme

enator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the reply Republican leader, in denying in the him, advocated postponement of the date.

Th

Senator Lodge spoke of the perproblems today, in advance of a prepared address that he expects to deliver Berlin), are behind a counter revoluomorrow, because of an Associated tionary Press dispatch from Paris referring to existing Government is the reading by President Wilson of capable of preventing the realization of twenty-one points of peace said to have been presented to the Senate in a speech

recently presented to the Senste, and these points, he said, did not represent his personal views.

"I have not outlined twenty-one points testimony by Coroner Knight before the or any other number," he said. "The ommittee of thirteen at a public meet- press dispatches no doobt misrepresent

### Two Philadelphians Will Aid

Canteen Service in France Miss Lucia Osborne Beil, of 7461 Germantown avenue, salled today from New

Miss Bell for the last year has been studying the "Muller Walle" method of

teaching deaf soldiers. For three years before this she had been teacher at the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf at Mount Airy. Her work all her life has been along the lines of social service, brincipally with her fatther, the Rev. Thomas Bell, of the Episcopal Church of Lahaska, Pa. teaching deaf soldiers. For three years

time past she has been working in the

### WOMEN HURT AS CARS CRASH

Three Passengers in Hospital

#### LIEUT. THOMSON TO WED SISTER'S FAIR COMPANION

Society Man Engaged to Abi Heavy Oversubscription Greets Caroline Sykes, Minister's Daughter

Lieutenant Frank Graham Thomson, be married.

The engagament was announced by McCready Sykes, Summit, N. J., Miss Sykes's brother. The wedding probably will be at Miss Thomson's home in Berwyn. It will take place soon.

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Lieutenant Thomson, a member of exclusive clubs, is a lawyer with offices in the Land Title Building. He recently returned from the army remount station at Jacksonyille. Fla. He is a son of the late Frank Thomson, president of the Pennsylvenia Raliroad, a brother of Clarke Thomson and 2 cousin of Walters, Thomson. He owns a fine country estate at Merlon. He is a member of the Radnor Hunt, Rose Tree Fox Hunt, Merlon Cricket and Philadelphia Club.

SOLDIERS DOCK HERE SOON

Haverford Will Bring First Lot to Port Next Month

The first soldiers returning from overseas to reach this port will arrive sarly in January. This was announced today by F. F. Young, manager of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

The soldiers will come aboard this company's steamer Haverford, which has room for \$200 men. A few days ago Mr. Young announced that the Haverford would sail from Liverpool on January 1. The time after her departure. The first soldiers returning from overseas to reach this port will arrive early in January. This was announced today by F. F. Young, manager of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

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## **VON HINDENBURG** HEADS REPORTED COUNTER-REVOLT

Notifies Berlin He Will Establish New Front Behind Neutral Zone

SOVIET FOR ASSEMBLY

Vote, Fixes January 19 for Elections

By the Associated Press

Field Marshal von Hindenburg has telgraphed the Berlin Government advisng it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone Republican Leader, Correcting fixed by the armistice, according to a dispatch to Le Journal from Zurich today. The Government has asked the field marshal for an explanation, adds Washington, Dec. 20,-(By A. P.)- the dispatch, but has not yet received a

wenty-one peace points attributed to Frankfort on the Main at an early

after the Peace Conference. He said the General Scheuch, who is reported to have question should be considered separately resigned as Prussian war minister, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Lequid (probably Lieutenant General Lequid (probably Lieutenant General Lequis, former Governor of Metz, who Lequis, former do the active troops in is in command of the active troops in movement. He declares

been presented to the Senate in a speech by the Massachusetts Senator.

The twenty-one points. Senator Lodge explained, were contained in a petition from forty-six patriotic organizations be recently presented to the Senate, and provided that the senator is the presented to the Senate, and provided the senator is the senator is the presented to the Senate, and provided the senator is the senat only forty votes out of a total of 240.

There are between 60,000 ap. 70,000 unemployed workmen in Berlin accord-

ing to the Faglische Rundschau Of this number 7000 are metal work rs. The total, the paper says, does no include The walkouts generally are

be done. It complains that ven the collection of garbage is unsat sfactor: complains that ven the since war prisoners no longer do the

Revoluntionary financing as i is pracficed by the executive com Berlin Council of Soldiers and Work-men promises to lead to int resting revelations. Out of town delega are present for the congress of councils

Thomas Beil, of the Rives, of 1220 South
Miss Maybelle Rives, of 1220 South
Fifty-seventh street, was another Philadeiphian who sailed today to join the Y.
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penditures which could not be traced through bad revolutionary bookkeeping was the sum of 350,000 marks.

Three Passengers in Hospital
After Bump on Chestnut St.

Three women were hurt and others slightly cut about the face and hands today when a south-bound trolley on Twelfth street was struck by an east-bound car on Chestnut street. The street was crowded with Christmas shopers, who fiel into stores when the cars come together. Both cars were crowded.

Sallors stationed at the Fourth Naval District. Twelfth and Chesinut streets, commandeered an automobile and took the injured women to the Jefferson Hospital. The accident halted all traffic on Chestnut and Twelfth streets for some time.

The Chestnut street car struck the Navy Yard trolley car with such force had no continued to the mass yet.

London, Dec. 20.—(By A. P.)—Reports from Copenhagen state that the German Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned, but there is no onflicate of the Gorman Cabinet, hea The Chestnut street car struck the Navy Yard trolley car with such force that the rear end of the Twelfth street car was knocked from the tracks and lodged near the curb.

Mrs. Mary McNenny, fifty years old, 1511 Porter street, was the most sertlously injured of the women, but she was sent home after having her injuries treated.

National Liberal party in Germany, has announced that the German People's party, in which he has been active since the revolution, is absolutely opposed to a social democracy and will fight the Socialist rulers, according to Berlin newspapers. The Center party has been summoned to a conference which will treated.

Auto Skids on Frost-Covered Planks and Crashes

Forces to Be Retained

Through Bridge Railing

#### NEW YORK BANKS TAKE BIG ISSUE OF P. R. R. BONDS

\$50,000,000 Output, First Since Armistice Signing

The Pennsylvania Railroad Cor U. S. A., and Miss Abi Caroline Eykes, has marketed with New York bankers Berwyn, who is companion to Miss Anne \$50,000,000 mortgage 5 per cent bonds, Thomson, the lleutenant's sister, are to due in 1968, at a price costing the company about 5 1-5 per cent, it was an-

# PEACE PACT HINGES ON WILSON MEETING WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Anglo-Saxon Nations, Both Seeking Permanent Peace, League of Nations and Not Territory, May Agree

German Congress, by 5 to 1 BRITISH CAN SWING CONFERENCE, EITHER WITH U. S. OR ENTENTE

> European Allies All Seek to Gain Lands - President Can Gain Control Either by Influence Through People or Understanding With England

> > By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in France By Special Sable

Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Co. Paris, Dec. 20 The result of the Peace Conference probably will hang largely on the Senate today any responsibility for the ments of the active army will be sent to conferences between Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson, following President Wilson's social visit to England, soon to be made.

Minor British officials and publicists, headed by Lord Northcliffe, are optimistic about the prospects of close co-operation between England and America, but their confident expressions may be propaganda addressed to the British people, who are expected to give a tremendous reception to

Apparently the definition of the freedom of the seas may stand in the way of co-operation. Lord Northcliffe and others believe that an agree- Europe, which President Wilson regards ment on the freedom of the seas is possible. The real factors that are making for united action by the two countries are that both want permanent peace, neither has territorial ambition and both seem sincerely anxious to form a league of nations.

Moreover, .Wilson's big naval and maritime policy will create a situation where there must be either intense rivalry between England and America or else a combination between the two nations

May Not Want Unified Policy

There is no doubt that England wants a joint sea policy with America. England seeks no new territory. There is a movement afoot for the attachment of German Southwest Africa to the British free states and for he linking of the German Pacific islands with Australia, but it is insisted the British that these movements in no sense emanate from the mother

ratio willing to accent self-determination in Africa. All the continental Allies have territorial ambitions. France wants the Saar coal fields, in addition to Alsace-Lorraine, and French newspapers have suggested that France should extend her influence over German territory to the Rhine. Belgium wants Luxemburg and part of Dutch Limberg and the rectification of boundaries near Almedy at the expense of council in London, and to have been a Germany. Italy is seeking control of the Dalmatian coast and other terred to a committee upon which En disputed Slavic territory.

England Has Balance of Power

Each interested power is creating majorities in the disputed parts of southeast Europe in its own favor, food being given for promises of votes when self-determination of the affected population comes. It is unknown to what extent England has committed herself to the territorial he schemes of her allies. She evidently has reached some understandings with them, but the basis is not known. England, however, is in a position ships to be employed in moving Ameri to have her own way largely, whether working with the Continental can troops homeward and the bulk 6 Powers or with America, or by reconciling Continental Powers and the freighters, augmented with America

If England and America agree to act together, they will control the time past she has been working in the navy yard cafetering at Pensacola, Fla.

She has lately been in New York taking the corridors of the House of the Y. M. C. A. course at Bernard College preparatory to the work in France.

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In the corridors of the House of Deputies yesterday it was asserted that bination of continental powers in the conference against her seems problem. among other items of receipts and exdemonstrations in President Wilson's honor. His reception greatly has Allied interests be secured at the earliest exceeded that accorded to any other notable visitor arriving in France, possible moment and it now is believed London, Dec. 20.-(By A. P.)-Re- and he is expected to have the same sort of reception in London and in that the entire question will be speedily

No doubt President Wilson's ideas and personality have caught the Shipping was among the questions imagination of the masses of Europe, and to a remarkable degree. Thus discussed at the conference between Wilhe has two chances to succeed in the conference: By the pressure of popular son and Lardieu. It is known that the sentiment and by coming to an understanding with the British on the French Government is eager to place

## FIVE PERSONS DIE U.S. ARMY MAY BE BY PLUNGE OF CAR

Through Bridge Railing

# Atlantic City, Dec. 20.

when a large touring car skidded on frost-conted planks and plunged through the railing of the second bridge on the released from the army supply service Meadowbrook boulevard, between this city and Pleasantville.

of the Chelsea Cafe, Atlantic and MRS. JUSTINA STATZENBACH, his

DANIEL M'CARTHY, a munition worker, living in this city.

Relative Here Notified James Malseed, captain of detectives, charge of the bodies and the Statzenbach

Coroner George Stoddard will order an inquest to clear up the details so far as possible, of the traggly, Probably the last person who saw them allve was Joseph Truax, tender of the bridge at Dead Man's Curve. Truax heard the big machine pass his house shortly after 2 a.m. Hardly a minute clapsed before he heard a shat-

By the Associated Press Parls, Dec. 20. Arrangements have been made by which 1,000,000 tons of shipping will be

Abroad Longer

war to a peace basis. American shipping authorities here have been advised that much tonnage which was expected to be used in carrytroops possibly may be diverted to Amer-

It is believed that the result will be the homecoming of all American troops within twelve months.

Satisfactory arrangements have been perfected with the French authorities to cease canceling the charters of ships intended to carry home American troops. An important meeting, at which the shipping needs of all the Allies and the United States will be discussed will be held tomorrow. Arrangements, it is said, will be made for a division of tonnage

Coblens, Dec. 17. (Delayed)—(By A. P.)—German propaganda and the tendency to criticism of conditions in the district occupied by the American forces have been abruptly checked by the establishment of a censorahip by Major General Dickman upon the newspapers and the theatres. His aix was the first

# WILSON URGES **ALLIED CHIEFS** TOAID EUROPE

Relief Will Arrest Spread of Bolshevism, President Advises Entente

VISIT TO LONDON ON DECEMBER 26

Will Spend Four Days in England and Also See Belgium's Ruins

HEARS ITALY'S CLAIM

Tells Orlando He Doesn't Know What Italians Should Receive

By the Associated Press

Paris, Dec. 20. President Wilson, in addition to the conference he had today with Italian statesmen, also conferred with Captain Andre Tardieu, French high commis er to the United States, with whom discussed relief work in France and economic questions.

Plans for extending relief to famished as the most immediately pressing question needing settlement, are rapidly maturing in such way as to secure full co-operation by the Allies. The President sometime ago indicated in a speech that something should be done promptly for relieving the liberated and neutral regions which suffered so severely frem the war. He now has supplemented this by making it known to the Allies that he regards the relief measures as of ex treme importance, both for the stricke equiations and also as a means of and resentment aweeping westward in the train of the Bolshevist movement. The relief plans that have matured arrival of Herbert C. Houver

the fou, administrator, are un to have gone before the land, France and Italy are repr A number of exchanges have been on with the committee, which is gradu

lying idle in German ports, the use of this was contemplated, and Allied freight tonnage, to to relief work interest in the subject he has made the

adjusted. large shipbuilding contracts in American yards, but the American Government, it is said, intends to keep the yards free until the Peace Conference

develops fully what yards the United

States may need for its navy. BACK IN A YEAR States may need for its navy.

An official statement probably will be given out soon, explaining the status of the censorship. Although it had been promised by President Wilson that the consorship would be lifted entirely, it develops that his promise applies only to political matter concerning the Peace Conference which does not concern France and Great Britain. The Amer-ROADWAY DANGEROUS CLAMP LID ON COBLENZ the need of clarification, and is asking ican delegation, it is declared, recognizes

Confers With Orlando

Early in the day Mr. Wilson con ferred for some time with Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino, of Italy, who explained in detail their country's ambitions. The President has and diverted to American export trade to aid home industries in changing from Italy's aspirations, but has not comexpressed warmest sympathy with

mitted himself fully as to his views. After the conference, Mr. Wilson spent some time in going over material pre sented and comparing it with data coling home Canadian and Australian lected by Colonel E M. House who ican needs, as those dominions are not mine what, in his opinion, should be Italy's legitimate claims. Mr. Wilequ. frankly told Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnine that he did not know what italy should receive, but added that he in-

tended to support action that we The program for the day also includ a reception at the Murat residence the ambassadors and ministers uccroil

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Garage Proprietor Causes Arrest of Visitor From Wilmington

question of the freedom of the seas.

Fiver persons were killed early today

The victims are: HERMAN STATZENBACH, proprie-

CASPAR BALDUS, a munition worker, residing at 2616 Atlantic avenue. MRS. MARIE BALDUS, wife of the planning to return their soldiers very

learned this morning that Mrs. Annie, Stazenbach widow of William Statzenbach, a brother of the dead cafe man,

rushed to the bridge and found that the big motor had skidded on the frosty bridge planks, ripped its way through the timberguards and plunged into a breach of Seach Thoroughfare, forty