

ASKS GUARANTEE FOR 1919 WHEAT

Government Seeks Congressional Safeguard Against Losses

MUST PAY FIXED PRICE Department of Agriculture Recommends Legislation Approved by President

By the Associated Press Washington, Dec. 26.—The government is today asking Congress to pass legislation to make effective the wheat price guarantee for the 1919 crop and at the same time to safeguard the Government against losses...

First. Extension by Congress beyond June 1, 1920, of the date for the Government purchase of the 1919 crop. Second. Continuance of the food administration grain corporation or creation of a new agency to buy, store and sell 1919 wheat that may be offered to the Government...

Third. Possible legislative provisions to protect the Government against wheat or flour brought in from other countries during the period of effectiveness of the guarantee...

The memorandum was compiled with the approval of President Wilson, and Secretary Houston in submitting it said, "The Government has made a guarantee and it is intended by June 1, 1920, and if producers cannot sell their wheat to the United States before that date and are left with wheat on hand, it will be felt that the obligation of the United States has not been carried out in good faith."

The Government purchasing agency, the memorandum sets forth, "must have ample funds to at all times purchase throughout the United States at the guaranteed price such wheat as the 1919 crop may be offered to it and also to provide storage facilities to take care of the same by lease or purchase of facilities now in use or by building additional facilities, or both."

The appropriation will have to be on a basis to enable the guarantee price to be maintained at all times to the same extent with funds provided by the Government and without relying on the outside credit.

The food administration grain corporation in maintaining the price for the 1919 crop with its capital of \$150,000,000 and its credits, combined with the export demand for wheat, the 1918 crop is estimated at the end of the year on November 29 last the movement from the farms amounted to 588,000,000 bushels of wheat...

"It will be observed," said the memorandum, "that there is a very large amount of the 1918 crop yet to be moved from the farms, and it will take all the resources of the grain corporation and the most careful attention to every detail to carry out the guaranteed price for the crop of 1918. In fact, if the export demand should diminish, it is possible that in order to maintain the guaranteed price it may be necessary that there be a further appropriation...

Pauline, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the couple, heard her father's screams and entered the room in time to prevent her father from hitting the woman again with the axe as he lay on the floor. Mrs. Digrolana, a British nurse, who was in the room, was also injured. Her condition is critical.

1 KILLED, 3 STABBED IN FIGHTS Death and Injuries Result of Brawls in Saloons One man was killed and three others stabbed in early morning saloon fights...

MUMMERS WILL TURN OUT ON NEW YEAR'S AS OF YORE No Official Parade, but Clubs Plan Reception to 1919 in Manner Rivaling Previous Processions—Neighborhood Organizations Offer Prizes to Competing Masqueraders

The mummerys will parade on New Year's day as they did many years ago, without any official sanction. They will march where they please, visiting the homes of their friends and other.

There are no indications that about sixteen clubs will parade. Numerous neighborhood organizations have offered prizes in the shape of big cakes and loving cups.

The following clubs have obtained permits to parade: Silver Crown, Federal, Charles Klein, Harry Wall, Tribby, George Hand, Biggans, Meadowbrook, Spring Mand, Brewster-Tully, Hugh Murray, Franklin St. Lobster, T. B. Blue, Dickey, Short Bear.

CREEL QUILTS POST; REPORTED ON WAY HOME

Washington Mystified by Abrupt Decision of Public Information Head

Washington, Dec. 26.—The abrupt announcement of the relinquishment of his special office and his return to the United States by George Creel created consternation among the associates and confidants of the Committee on Public Information.

It was understood in Washington that Mr. Creel expected to remain abroad for three or four months, and his plan to return to the United States, after a stay of less than three weeks, proved a great surprise.

Nothing is yet known in Washington as to why Mr. Creel, after staying abroad less than one quarter of the time he originally intended to remain, should be posting off for home.

Daniels Reviews Great U. S. Fleet Continued from Page One Ten thousand sailors were hurried ashore in launches after the dreadnoughts reached the points of anchorage, and assembled for a parade, which took them through Fifth avenue...

Admiral Beatty, commander of Great Britain's grand fleet, who he bade the ships salute, spoke of his "comrades of the sea" and of their returning to shores where he was told "the sun always shines."

The wireless room of the waiting Mayflower Secretary Daniels engaged in a wireless conversation with Admiral Mayo, the fleet's commander, who was on his flagship, the Pennsylvania, fifth ship in this line of battle led by the Arizona.

"I wish you and Mrs. Mayo and your officers and their wives a merry Christmas," the Secretary said in a radio message to the fleet.

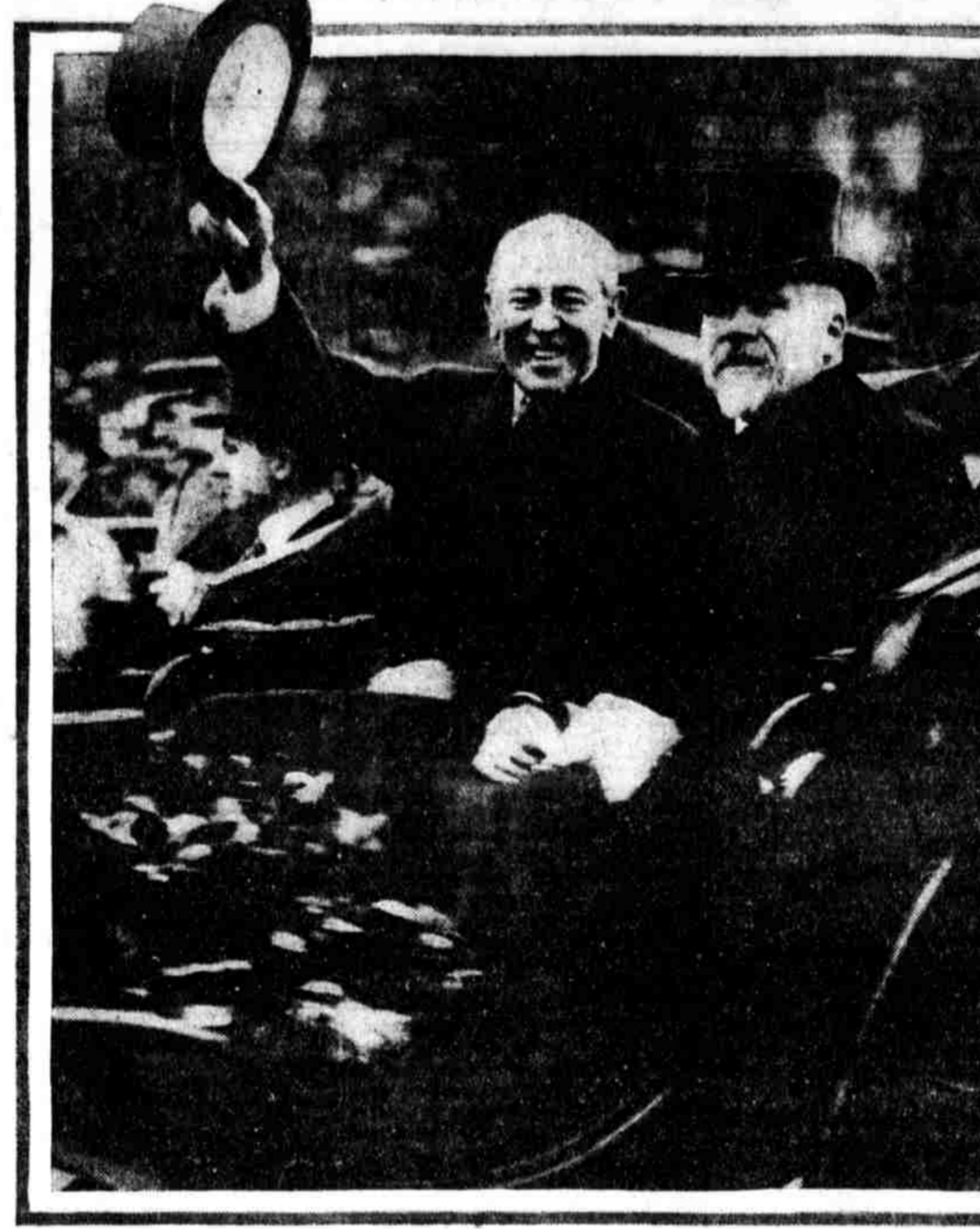
"I am sorry to have brought the snow with me, but I am here on time," replied Admiral Mayo.

"You always are," the Secretary's immediate response. "Thanking the receiver of the wireless telephone for naval officers had arranged to meet the returning admiral and his associate officers, who were "listening in" should hear the voice of their civilian chief extending a welcome home...

Doughboys Cheer Civilian Chief When the Florida, the last in line, had gone into the Hudson, with her bow-coming pennant fluttering in the breeze, the Saxonia, a British transport, bringing home American wounded, dove into sight from quarantine. A sailor wig-wagged to the Saxonia the "compliments of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy."

Army Transport Reaches Port New York, Dec. 26.—The army transport Carrillo has arrived from Bordeaux with twenty-four officers and twelve men. Major W. A. Menden, of the 127th Infantry, was aboard.

PRESIDENT WILSON SMILES ON PARIS CROWDS



The first photographs of President Wilson in Paris have just reached America. This one shows two Presidents, Wilson and Poincare, driving through the streets of the French capital from the railway station to the home of Prince Murat, the "White House" overseas during the American President's visit to France, amid the acclamations of the public. The Wilson smile was a revelation to the French of a side of his character they had not realized.

LONDON GAILY HAILS WILSON

Continued from Page One "Mr. President and fellow soldiers: We are gathered here today to do honor to the commander of our armies and navies. For the first time an American army on foreign soil—the soil of a sister republic, beside whose gallant troops we have fought to restore peace to the world..."

Wilson's Address to Troops In replying President Wilson said: "General Pershing and fellow comrades: I wish that I could give to each one of you the message that I know you are longing to receive from each at home who love you. I cannot do that, but I can tell you how every one of you has done it with a spirit which gave it distinction and glory."

Wilson Addresses Crowd at Palace As soon as President Wilson and his party entered Buckingham Palace the crowds outside, including several hundred wounded soldiers in the palace yard, began cheering. There came shouts of "We want Wilson! We want Wilson!"

President Wilson laughed and waved his hand, indicating that he would rather not speak. Mrs. Wilson, who was with him, stepped ashore, and Mrs. Wilson soon appeared on the second floor balcony. Their appearance was the signal for renewed cheering and the crowd, until the constant assembly shouts, began calling for a speech.

As soon as the President's speech was concluded, the party re-entered the palace, where King George received a large group of American newspaper correspondents, including those who preceded President Wilson to France aboard the steamship Orizaba.

WILSON SEES IDEALS NEARING REALIZATION

By the Associated Press On Board President Wilson's Special Train En Route to Calais, Dec. 26.—President Wilson left Chaumont for England yesterday afternoon feeling more strongly than ever the magnificent part American soldiers took in winning of the war. Yesterday's review, in which ten thousand American soldiers marched before him, created a deep impression on the President.

The progress of the royal and presidential processions, in which each drawn by four dark horses, with two postillions in scarlet coats, white breeches and black silk hats, and two British field marshals. He remained seated throughout the journey, permitting President Wilson to accept the demonstration. Mrs. Wilson carried a large bouquet of flowers and wore black.

General Pershing, who accompanied the President from headquarters, delivered an address, in which he said:

which this war was entered by the United States. "You knew what we expected of you, and you did it. I know what you and the people at home expect of me; and I am happy to say, my fellow countrymen, that I do not find in the hearts of the great leaders with whom it is my privilege now to co-operate any difference of principle or of fundamental purpose."

Way to Peace Simple "It happened that it was the privilege of America to present the charter for peace, and now the process of settlement has been rendered comparatively simple by the fact that all the nations concerned have accepted that charter, and the application of these principles laid down there will be their application. The world will now know that the nations who fought this war, as well as the soldiers who represented them, are ready to make good, make good not only in the assertion of their own interests, but make good in the establishment of peace upon the permanent foundation of right and of justice."

"This is not a war in which the soldiers of the free nations have obeyed masters. You have no masters. Your very commanders represent you in representing the nation of which you constitute an integral part. And everybody concerned in the settlement knows that it must be a people's peace and that nothing must be done in the settlement of the issues of the war which is not as handsome as the great achievements of the armies of the United States and the Allies."

Proud to Back Fighting Heroes "A thrill has gone through my heart, as it has gone through the heart of every American, with almost every gun that was fired and every fighting that was struck in the gallant fighting that you have done, and there has been only one regret in America, and that was the regret that every man there felt that he was not here in France, too."

"It has been a hard thing to perform the tasks in the United States. It has been a hard thing to take part in directing what you did without coming over to see the fighting. It has taken a lot of moral courage to stay at home. But we are proud to back you up everywhere, that it is possible to back you. And now I am happy to find what splendid names you have made for yourselves among the civilian population of France, as well as among your comrades in the armies of the French and it is a fine testimony to you men that these people like you and love you and trust you, and the finest part of it all is that you deserve their trust."

"I feel a comradeship with you today which is delightful as I look down upon these soldiers who are the victors of the terrible scenes through which you have gone and realize how the quiet of peace, the tranquillity of settlement and home life has ever fought in a nobler cause."

"You, Mr. President, by your confidence and by your support, have made the success of our army, and to you, as our commander-in-chief, may I now present the nation's victorious army."

"Now that the date for a constitutional assembly has been fixed and the political situation stabilized, we must concentrate all our efforts upon bringing peace and establishing our world position." Scheidemann said.

"The woman was greatly touched by his plea and often fed him. He spent much of his time in a little third-floor room, which he rented for \$1.25 a week. Mrs. Schleicher was much surprised when she learned that the man whom she had befriended had died leaving a small fortune."

GIFTS FOR FORMER PATIENTS Child Hygiene Clinic Staff Entertains Youngsters and Parents Under the auspices of the Child Hygiene Bureau of the Department of Health and Charities, several hundred children and their parents who attended the clinic during the year, and children of the vicinity were guests of the staff of the clinic at a Christmas entertainment held last night.

The exercises were held at the headquarters of the southeast corner of Fourth and Green streets, over which Miss Louise Lawton and Miss Helen Wolfson presided. For the entertainment of the children a huge Christmas tree was erected on the main floor.

Following the entertainment the children were presented with toys and candy. Each mother also was the recipient of a box of candy and an article of wearing apparel.



HERMAN MENNERWITSCH He was a supposed pauper and died in the Philadelphia General Hospital, leaving \$5000 to Mayor Smith, out of an estate which bankbooks show to be worth more than \$6000

"Pauper" Wills \$5000 to Mayor Continued from Page One Mennervirtsch was supposed to be without funds, but policemen who investigated his room found \$575. J. Louis Breiting, an attorney who had known the man, was called in after his death and named administratrix. He arranged for the burial of the body."

After the law firm of Wilson & McAdams, representing Mayor Smith, filed with the Register of Wills the letter purporting to have been written by Mennervirtsch, and at the same time filed a petition asking for the letters of administration.

Two bank books named in the letter were found to refer to a deposit of \$2847.60 in the Philadelphia Saving Fund and \$268.84 in the Western Savings Fund.

The total savings of Mennervirtsch amounted to more than \$1600. After \$500 is deducted from the estate for a bequest to Anetta Fullwood and \$200 for the burial of Mennervirtsch, \$500 would be left to the Mayor if the validity of the letter as a will is established.

Lawyers representing the brother and sister so far have been unable to find any trace of Anetta Fullwood, who is named in the letter as living at 2110 Lombard street.

The difference in the spelling of the last names of the testator and his brother has not been sustained as a will by attorneys representing the Mayor, follows: "Dear mayor Smith: I ask one favor of you please come to the Philadelphia hospital I can't live I want you to get me a lawyer if you don't in time go to my lawyer's office at 515 North Third street and in my room look in book you will find \$575 and two bank books give anetta fullwood 2210 Lombard st. but for me who help me one night when sick every body find their book take 200 bu to beary me and take the balance for you mayor smith"

"Mennervirtsch lived a frugal life, often asking Mrs. Schleicher for a bowl of soup or rolls for dinner. He explained he could not afford a more sumptuous repast."

SENDS FOUR TO HOSPITAL Three Antagonists of Christening Guest Bitten "Three men were bitten and another had his hand broken in attempts to subdue James Lasky, fifty-two years old, of 515 North Third street."

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DEATH G. GRAHAM, in New York city, Dec. 24. STEPHEN P. PERILLI, son of Harry J. and Mary E. Perilli, died at his home in Philadelphia, Pa. West Lawn, Philadelphia. PERILLI, Dec. 23. PATRICK PERILLI, son of John and the late Mary Perilli, died at his home in Philadelphia, Pa. West Lawn, Philadelphia. PERILLI, Dec. 23. PERILLI, son of John and the late Mary Perilli, died at his home in Philadelphia, Pa. West Lawn, Philadelphia.

"WE'RE WITH WILSON." SAYS SCHEIDEMANN

Berlin, Dec. 26.—(Delayed)—"We are all heartily in accord with President Wilson," declared Philipp Scheidemann, the German Chancellor, in an interview today.

"This statement summed up his analysis of the German attitude toward the peace settlement," Scheidemann said. "The German Government would soon accept the terms of the peace settlement if a stable government to deal with the Allies and the United States. All disorders in Germany will disappear shortly, he asserted, if rapidly doing."

"Now that the date for a constitutional assembly has been fixed and the political situation stabilized, we must concentrate all our efforts upon bringing peace and establishing our world position," Scheidemann said.

"The whole people of the United States are now waiting to welcome you home with an acclaim which would be more greeted any other day of the minority. That will come, because our country is like this country, we have been so proud of the stand taken, of the purpose for which we are here."

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