

**THE WEATHER**  
Washington, March 5.—Rain tonight; probably snow tomorrow.

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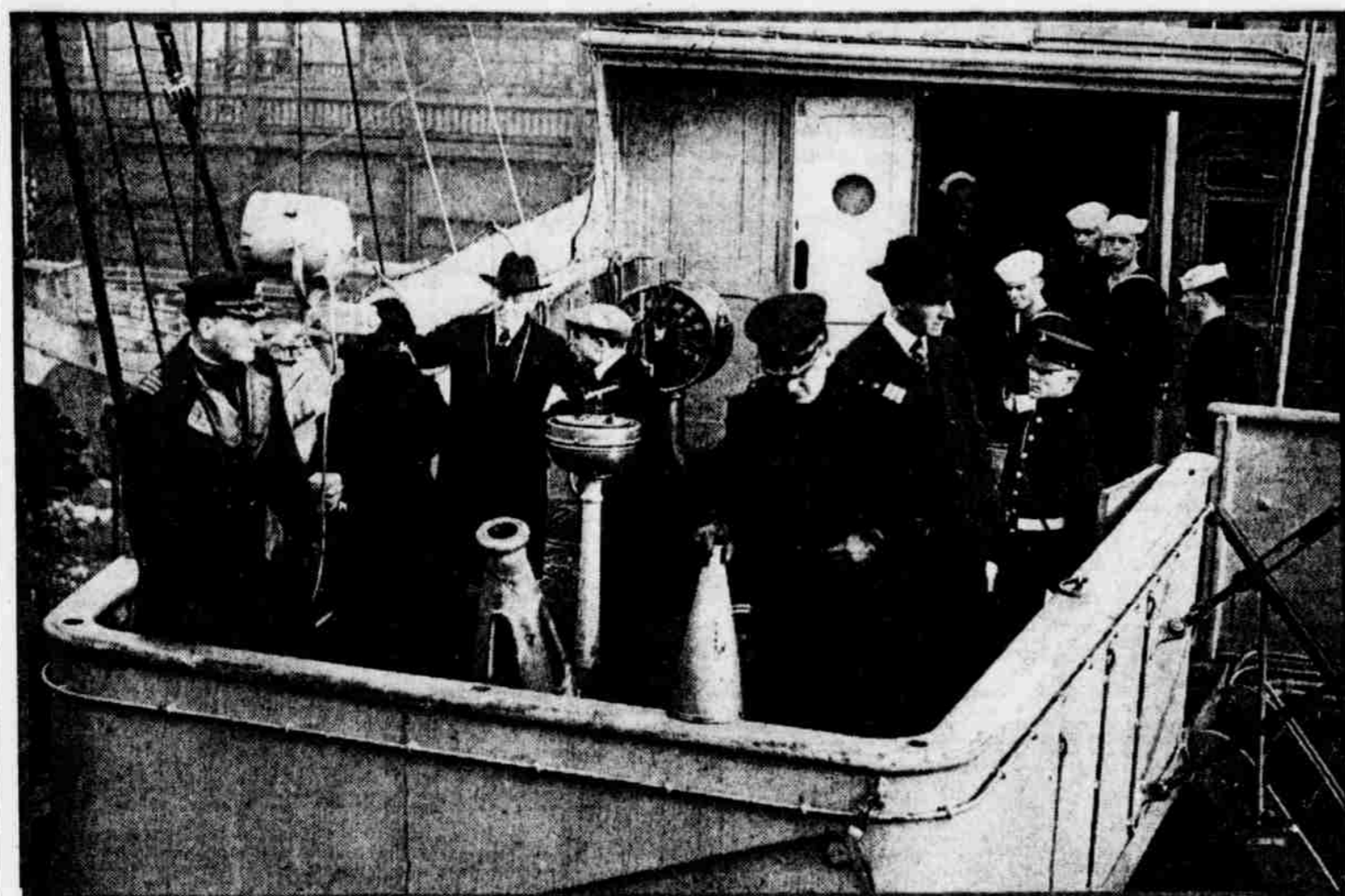
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## Wilson Sails for France After Denouncing "Selfish Opposition"; Impending German Smash-Up May Prevent Peace Being Made

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON ON BRIDGE OF TRANSPORT



The George Washington leaving the Hoboken, N. J., pier at 8:15 A. M. The President and Mrs. Wilson ascended to the bridge just before the transport sailed, waving farewells as the

**NEW DISCOVERY MAY BEAT POISON TAKEN BY BRIDE**  
Physicians Hope to Save Life of Mrs. Sumner C. Evans  
**SHE IS WAITING DEATH**  
Young Wife Calls for Army Officer to Come to Her

A new scientific treatment is being used by physicians of the Hahnemann Hospital in their efforts to save the life of Mrs. Sumner C. Evans, wife of an aviation officer now in Texas, who swallowed poison in an attempt at suicide when her husband deserted her.

Physicians shook their heads when she was taken to the hospital, convinced that death was only a matter of a few days, perhaps hours. Today, however, Dr. Harold Kleier, of the hospital staff, announced that a new scientific method to offset the poison had been discovered and that there is every hope science will win out.

"I cannot announce at this time what the treatment is," said Doctor Kleier. "I would prefer to wait until results are more certain. The treatment tends to neutralize the effect of the poison on the organisms which it would destroy, and gives strength to the body. I believe Mrs. Evans will recover."

Mrs. Evans, although somewhat weaker today, is fully conscious and knows that she faces death. She has again for her husband, and expressed her love for him. "I can't live without Sumner," she said.

Believes She Will Die  
Mrs. Evans does not entertain the hope that she will recover. She still believes that death is merely a matter of days and that her husband will come to her bedside and share her fate. Physicians believe that it will build up her morale so much that, with the new treatment, the recovery will be made complete.

Visitors were not allowed in the ward today, but relatives who arrived yesterday were at her bedside. It is hoped that the physicians have offered.  
"Death by this poison has heretofore been regarded as inevitable, although the victim has often been known to linger for days."  
Mrs. Evans's mother, Mrs. Fred Lawrence, and her father-in-law, David Evans, of Wide Horse pike, West Collingwood, N. J., have visited the son in Texas and his wife has attempted her life and has urged him to come here at once.  
"No reply had been received to their telegrams so far."  
Mrs. Evans's husband entered the army as a private, and while at Sea Girt, N. J., met his bride-to-be and was married after a brief courtship. At his request the marriage was kept a secret until he had left for an aviation field in Texas.

**STOLE 20 AUTOS TO EDUCATE SON**  
Florence Duke Admits Thefts as She Weeps in Cell  
**EXPECTS 10-YEAR TERM**

"I stole the automobiles to obtain money to give my boy an education," Florence Duke, known also as Mrs. Arthur Barrington, arrested for stealing more than twenty automobiles, made this statement in a cell at City Hall today as tears streamed down her face.

The woman, frail, but with a trace of beauty, buried her face in her hands as she made the statement.  
"Those who do not believe me," she said, "may easily find out. Each time that I received money for a stolen automobile I sent it immediately to Virginia where it is being saved for my poor little boy."

Realizes Her Plight  
Memory of her boy, who is now but three years old, started her grief afresh. After controlling herself somewhat she said, "Soon I will be behind the same prison walls as my husband, the man whom I married in Lawrence, Mass., but I hope he does not know of my plight. I also sincerely hope my little son down in Virginia may never know that his father and mother are in jail for theft."

Asked why she did not obtain a lawyer, the woman replied: "Why waste the money in counsel fees when it could be used for the welfare of my boy? I'll get at least ten years, if not more. I have been reading about the sentences given to automobile thieves and expect no mercy. Perhaps I do not deserve it, but I'm willing to stand the consequence, for God knows I did it for a good purpose."  
"Some days when my husband and I complete our sentences we may turn over a new leaf and be able to take our little son and start life anew. I do not know what my boy would say if he knew the truth about us, but have I not suffered enough without adding to the burden? I do hope that no misery will be added to his life through the faults of his unhappy parents."

**JOHNS HOPKINS HEAD CHOSEN TO ADVISE POLAND**  
Dr. F. J. Goodnow Will Help Draft Polish Constitution  
*By the Associated Press*

Paris, March 5.—Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., has been selected to assist in drafting a constitution for the Polish Government.

Baltimore, March 5.—(By A. P.)—When asked today about his appointment as a member of a commission to draft a constitution for Poland, Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University, said that he had not been notified officially of his appointment. He expressed no amazement, however, saying that "the matter had been talked over with him. He added that, although he knew in a general way who had been discussed as the other members of the commission, he did not feel at liberty to mention any names in advance of an authorized announcement."

Dr. Goodnow, who was the constitutional adviser of the Chinese republic when he was called to the presidency of Johns Hopkins in 1912, is an international authority on political and economic subjects. Since he came to Baltimore he has been called on frequently in an advisory capacity in public and institutional affairs. His most important work in this connection was the chairmanship of the commission that prepared the amendment to the Maryland constitution, providing the budget system for the state.

**WESTERN MAYOR ASSAILS WILSON**  
Rolph, of San Francisco, Throws Conference Into Turmoil  
**DEMAND FOR ACTION**

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 5.—Dissatisfaction of western delegates over failure of the conference of governors and mayors to take definite action toward relieving unemployment, which had been in evidence since yesterday, culminated today in a row, during which Secretary Houston left the hall.

**RAIL BILL FAILURE HALTS CAR AWARD**  
Construction, Bond Interest and Dividends Also Menaced, Says P. R. R. Head  
**REA MAKES STATEMENT**

Awarding of contracts for 11,500 freight cars needed on the Pennsylvania Railroad lines, east and west of Pittsburgh, will be halted by the failure of Congress to pass the \$700,000,000 railroad bill before adjournment yesterday.

This is the view of railroad officials in this city. Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, today had nothing to add to his statement of yesterday that immediate stoppage of construction work in progress on the railroads may occur.

The situation will lead heavily, he said, on companies in Pennsylvania which are largely dependent on railroad supply orders.  
4500 Needed in East  
Of the 11,500 freight cars that figure in the Pennsylvania Railroad's 1919 plans, 4500 are needed for the lines east of Pittsburgh. This number is divided as follows: Box cars, 3000; low-side gondolas, 1000; and hopper cars, 500.

The 7000 cars needed for the lines west of Pittsburgh are subdivided in this way: Box cars, 2500; low-side gondolas, 1000; hopper cars, 2000; and drop-bottom gondolas, 500.  
The rentals accruing to the Pennsylvania Railroad, to be paid by the government, total near \$45,000,000. Of that amount, \$21,250,000 was paid up to December 31, 1918, leaving a balance of nearly \$23,750,000 still due.  
Now that the treasury of the railroad administration virtually is empty, delay will inevitably result in payment of rentals due. A possible result, it is pointed out, may be that the railroad companies will not be able to pay the interest on their bonds or pay dividends. Even the borrowing of funds may not solve the dividend problem, as there is the question of the legality of paying dividends with borrowed money.

**GIRL ROBBED AFTER ATTACK IN HER HOME**  
Thirteen-Year-Old Victim Found by Mother, Bound and Gagged

May Fenest, thirteen years old, 6246 Addison street, says a robber attacked her in her home, bound and gagged her, forced her to take a drug, and then ran out the house.  
The girl was found by her mother, Mrs. Marie Fenest, on her return from work. The attack occurred Monday, but was only reported today.

The robber, from St. Charles's parochial school, and sent to a nearby shop on an errand, said the girl this afternoon, "and as I entered the house a man drew a revolver, put his hand over my mouth and told me not to scream."  
The girl is bright appearing, and attends household duties on her return from school.

She would shout if I dared make a noise. The man then forced me to take a drug, and I knew no more until my mother aroused me and removed the ropes with which I was bound."  
The police said they knew very little about the attack and are making an investigation.

**HINES SAYS U. S. WILL KEEP ROADS**  
Director Expects to Borrow or Employ War Finance Corporation Funds  
**PLANS NO RATE BOOST**

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 5.—The government has no immediate intention of relinquishing control of railroads as a result of the failure of Congress to appropriate funds for the railroad administration, Director General Hines stated today.

**ALLIES SEEM TOO LATE FOR PEACE TREATY**

Early Triumph of Teuton Reds and Collapse of Republic Foreseen  
**RADICALS MIGHT SPURN PROPOSALS OF ENTENTE**  
Paris Conference Rushes Madly to Get Pact Ready Before Crash  
**NEW SPARTACAN MOVE**  
Plan to Open Route for Invasion by Bolshevik Armies Revealed

By CLINTON W. GILBERT  
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe  
*By Wireless*  
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Paris, March 5.—The opinion is growing among the best informed persons here that it is now too late to make peace with Germany.

The conviction spreads that the German Government now constituted will fall and that the German Bolsheviks will obtain power before peace can be signed.

The Peace Conference is rushing madly to get a peace treaty ready before the threatened smash-up comes but the bad news from Germany is disquieting.

Russian agents are active in Bavaria and are almost in control, and it is feared that a general Bolshevik control of Bavaria will be accomplished soon and will spread to the rest of the empire.

It has been four months since the armistice was signed, and Germany has not been fed and peace is not ready to be signed.  
All Powers to Blame  
The responsibility for this delay falls on all alike. France, England and Italy have stood in the way of feeding the Central Powers, even Bolshevism, which now is a danger spot because of Italian interference in food matters.

**KING OF SERBIA TO ABDICATE**  
Fiume Dispatch Says He Will Cede Throne to Regent

Rome, March 5.—(By A. P.)—King Peter of Serbia soon will retire in favor of Prince Regent Alexander, according to a Fiume dispatch to the Idea National, quoting advice from Belgrade. It is said that King Peter's abdication will be read after the opening of the Council of State in the Serbian capital.

**DEPLORE MAKING LEAGUE AN ISSUE**  
Republicans in Paris Fear Forcing Wilson Into Race in 1920  
**PLAN BEST AVAILABLE**

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Paris, March 5.—Leading Republicans here disagree with the criticism of Senators Lodge, Knox and Borah on the league of nations.

Their position differs also from that of Taft and Straus, as they do not approve the proposed league, but feel that it is bad politics for the Republicans to make the attack they have in the Senate.

Men like Herbert Parsons and Thomas Lamont think the Republicans made a big mistake in handing the league of nations to the Democrats as an issue.

They fear that by forcing this issue the Republicans will make it necessary for President Wilson to become a candidate to succeed himself.  
Expect Husher to Run  
The general expectation here is that Secretary Baker will be the Democratic candidate, unless the Republicans force President Wilson to run again.

**ENEMIES HIT BY PRESIDENT IN FAREWELL**

Declares No Party Dares to Oppose the Society of Nations  
**WILL REMAIN ABROAD TILL PEACE IS SIGNED**  
Transport Carrying Executive Back to Brest Leaves at 8:15 A. M.  
**NO FRILLS ON GOOD-BY**  
Small Crowd Gathers at Pier, Wilsons on Bridge at Departure

The speech is printed on page 8, and a summary of former President Taft's speech on page 9.

New York, March 5.—After denouncing opponents of the league of nations plan as "selfish" in a speech last night, President Wilson sailed today for France, determined to stay "until it's over over there," and the final treaty embracing the world covenant signed.

The President spoke from the same platform as ex-President William H. Taft, who upheld and explained the treaty of nations constitution and declared it does not conflict with the Monroe Doctrine and the United States constitution.

President Wilson commented that "No party has the right to appropriate this issue and no party will in the long run oppose it." He said he was going to tell European nations that an overwhelming majority of Americans favor the league. The audience that heard the speech jammed the Metropolitan Opera House.

The transport George Washington, bearing the presidential party, left the Hoboken, N. J., pier at 8:15 a. m. The Chief Executive's departure was marked by a simple ceremony, contrasted with the noisy demonstration carried out by the George Washington when the President left America last December.

Small Crowd at Pier  
Today there was only a small crowd of persons assembled at the armory, farewells were given. Wilson waved his hand, and the George Washington swung out into the lower Hudson River, where the band on the transport played the "Southern" berthed nearby. Standing on the bridge the American flag heard the booming of the presidential salute of twenty-one guns.

**SHOOTS AT POINCARÉ'S HOME**  
Russian, Arrested, Says He Protested Allied Intervention

**LLOYD GEORGE OFF TO PARIS**  
British Premier Accompanied by American Ambassador

Maria Botchkareva Wins Respect of Her Fellow Soldiers by Her Intrepidity in the Trenches. Read Her Wonderful Story on Page 10.