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WILSON GOES BEFORE NEW CONGRESS WITH HIS ANNUAL MESSAGE

Stands Firm in His Desire to Sit at Peace Table

CHEERED ONLY BY DEMOCRATS

Republicans Silent When President Outlines Plan

Washington, Dec. 2.—The President spoke as follows: Gentlemen of the Congress: The year that has elapsed since I last stood before you to fulfill my constitutional duty to give Congress from time to time information on the state of the union has been so crowded with great events, great processes and great results that I cannot hope to give you an adequate picture of its transactions or of the far-reaching changes which have been wrought in the life of our nation and of the world. You have yourselves witnessed these things, as I have. It is too soon to assess them; and we who stand in the midst of them and are part of them are less qualified than men of another generation will be to say what they mean or even what they have been. But some great outstanding facts are unmistakable and constitute in a sense part of the public business with which it is our duty to deal. To state them is to set the stage for the legislative and executive action which must grow out of them and which we have yet to shape and determine.

An Epoch in History A year ago we had sent 145,198 men overseas. Since then we have sent 1,950,513, an average of 162,542 each month, the number in fact rising in May last to 245,951, in June to 278,760, in July to 207,192 and continuing to reach similar figures in August and September—in August 289,570 and in September 257,438. No such movement of troops ever took place before across 3,000 miles of sea, followed by adequate equipment and supplies, and carried safely

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And Still the Blamed Thing Doesn't Fall



T. J. SCHEFFER IS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Thomas Jefferson Scheffer, who for thirty-five years, was manager and owner of the store established by his father, Theodore F. Scheffer, at 21 South Second street, died at the Harrisburg Hospital at 7 o'clock this morning at the age of 72 years. Death was caused by a complication of heart and kidney disease. He had been under treatment at the hospital since September 27. Mr. Scheffer was one of the most widely known businessmen in the city, and also was known in the city and Central Pennsylvania as a printer. His stationery store at 21 South Second street long was a factor in the life of the city. During the period when students purchased their own school supplies, his store was a mecca of the majority of the city's youth. He closed out the business several years ago. Mr. Scheffer was born September 1, 1850, the son of Theodore F. and Louisa Jefferson, formerly Miss Geety, of Lancaster county, who was [Continued on Page 14.]

GERMANY SORRY ONLY BECAUSE KAISER FAILED

Paris, Dec. 2.—Discussing the situation in Germany brought about by the former emperor's act of renunciation, the National Zeitung, of Basel, according to a dispatch to L'Information, says: "The impression is made that the Hohenzollerns were dismissed only because they failed to conquer and not because they violated all laws of humanity."

TEUTONS SILENT AS YANKEE ARMY ENTERS

Streets of German Villages Are Almost Deserted When General Dickman's Forces Cross Into Subdued Territory; Larger Crowds at Treves

Here and there a German stood in the doorway watching the troops pass and occasionally groups gathered at street corners, but there were no signs of either pleasure or larger crowds were encountered in Treves, the largest place occupied later in the day, but even there most of the people kept moving, maintaining always a studied air of indifference. So far as possible the men in khaki were ignored. Occasionally the youngsters under six years of age were carried away by the excitement and displayed enthusiastically over the marching troops. [Continued on Page 4.]

POLICE MAY BE GRADED BY CITY INTO TWO CLASSES

Good Men, Deserving Higher Wage Scale, Would Benefit PLAN UP TO COUNCIL Mayor Keister Understood to Favor Idea, as Do Department Officials Steps are under way to grade the city patrolmen according to their ability and number of years of service, so that efficient and faithful policemen will be properly rewarded for their work, it was said at the Mayor's office today. Mayor Keister, it is understood, would be in favor of dividing the men into two grades. He said that he will ascertain what methods other cities follow in grading their patrolmen, with a view to applying a system here. Officials of the police force, it is said, favor three grades for the patrolmen. Officials feel that with the patrolmen asking for \$25 a month increase in salaries, a system whereby good, mediocre, and first rate men, would be separated and paid according to their abilities, would solve the question of how to secure the greatest amount of efficiency from the force. It is understood that a number of the patrolmen are now on a month, while others are not paid commensurate with their ability at the same salary. Moreover, there is a growing feeling of dissatisfaction over the system which puts a man on the force at the same salary the first month as the man who has been working a long term of years. Council, it is thought, could arrange for the grading of the officers without violating any of the provisions of the Clark act, which governs third class cities. At the present time, to receive an increase it is necessary for a patrolman to pass a civil service examination for a sergency. The number of sergencies naturally is limited, so that there is little opportunity there for even efficient men to better themselves. It is readily recognized by officials of the police department, that with a graded system of pay, every man would strive to make himself so efficient that he would be placed in a class receiving the highest compensation.

SHOPS FILLED WITH SPIRIT OF HOLIDAY SEASON

Early Shopping Indicates the Great Volume of Business Throughout City Stores in Harrisburg are reported to be doing a greater volume of business during the present Christmas season than ever before in the history of the city. This information was gleaned from a number of representative merchants this morning. It is apparent that the prosperity of the working man and the joy occasioned over the ending of the armistice and the immediate prospects of peace, will make the first "Peace Christmas" one of unregretted happiness. The receipts reported by merchants show a spirit among the citizens in general to out-

TOO COOL ON ISLAND

Members of the staff at Selective Service headquarters marked the breaking up of Camp Murdoch on the island yesterday by eating a turkey dinner. Present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harbaugh, Colonel J. E. Leaman, Leroy Lefean, John J. Nagel, Jr., Raymond Dewees, B. V. Hastings, Ed. Herkert, Harry Lowengard and the Misses Bretz.

PLOT TO RESTORE KAISER TO THRONE FOUND IN BERLIN

Big Sums of Money Expended For New Revolt

MACKENSEN TOOK PART

Old Army Officers Were to Work Up Sentiment

London, Dec. 2.—A plot to restore imperialism and secure the return of Emperor William has been discovered in Berlin, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Express. According to the dispatch, which was filed at Amsterdam on Friday, the chief men behind the plot were Field Marshal Von Mackensen, General Von Born and General Count Sixt Von Arnim. It is said that they instructed the Prussian officers' corps to carry on a pro-emperor agitation, beginning immediately after the demobilization of the troops was completed. Large sums of money are said to have been placed at the disposal of the leaders by munition makers.

Secret Service Man Overhears The plot collapsed, owing to the fact that a secret service agent overheard a telephone conversation. Many arrests have been made in Berlin and other cities, while the government has long lists of suspects, who had planned to seize members of the present government. No direct evidence of William Hohenzollern's connection with the

plot has been found, it is said, but it is believed that the outline of the plan was brought to Berlin by two of his suite, who recently went to the German capital for the ostensible purpose of taking the wife of the former emperor to Holland.

Von Hindenburg Declines Lieutenant Dr. Gustav Krupp Von Bohlen is said to have been in control of the financial arrangements. Field Marshal Von Mackensen is reported to have attempted to induce Field Marshal Von Hindenburg to join, but the latter refused, saying he intended to retire after the demobilization of the army.

The whole Prussian court, it is stated, was in sympathy with the plotters and it is said Prince Von Buelow and Dr. George Michaelis former imperial chancellor, had promised to help. The plan was to organize a provisional government under Field Marshal Von Mackensen or some other military leader and then urge William Hohenzollern to return.

BRITISH OVER THE FRONTIER London, Dec. 2.—General Plumer's advanced troops yesterday crossed the German frontier between Beho and Eupen and advanced toward the Rhine, the War office announced last night. By evening the troops had reached the general line of Hurg, Reuland, Bullingen and Montjoie.

BRENNEMAN REFUSED NEW TRIAL Harrisburg—In an opinion handed down today Judge McCarrell refused a new trial to George and Mary Brenneman against the Borough of Middletown. This case was tried ten years ago at which time the jury granted \$150 to the plaintiffs, suit being instituted because of damage to property by flood and bad drainage.

HOOPER MESSAGE READ IN CHURCHES Washington—The food administration's "conservation week for world relief" campaign got into full swing today over the country. It opened yesterday with the reading in all the churches of a message from Food Administrator Hoover, who outlined the nation's opportunity for renewed sacrifice in feeding the millions of people in Europe relieved from German domination.

Washington—To hear President Wilson address Congress today house galleries began to fill early this forenoon. As the hour for the convening of the third and final session of the Eighty-fifth Congress drew near, there was an air of expectancy about the Capitol.

BISHOP OF IDAHO DIES Boise, Idaho—Right Rev. James Bowen Funston, first Protestant Episcopal bishop of Idaho, died suddenly at his home here yesterday.

NO TENDERNESS FOR HUNS, SAYS LONG London—Walter Hume Long, secretary of state for colonies, speaking at Bristol, said the empire need have no anxiety on the ground of undue tenderness toward Germany on the part of Great Britain and the Allies.

YORK SOLDIER IN BRITISH HOSPITAL Ottawa—E. Cookson, of York, Pa., has been admitted to a hospital, and A. H. Sher, of Easton, Pa., has been wounded, according to last night's Canadian overseas casualty list.

TEAMS COVER 167 MILES IN RACES Madison Square Garden, New York—Thirteen of the fifteen teams which started in the six-day bicycle race shortly after midnight had covered 167 miles, seven laps, at 8 o'clock this morning. The Bowler brothers and Bello and Markey were one lap behind the leaders.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Peter Bolds and Claudious Banks, Harrisburg.