



STATE'S FIRST CITY GIVES GLAD WELCOME TO 19,000 HEROES OF IRON DIVISION

Great Parade of Soldiers Preceded Over Line of March By Solemn Funeral Cortège in Honor of Fallen; Eight White Horses Draw Catafalque Through Streets

LIBERTY BELL TAKEN FROM SHRINE SO THAT MARCHING TROOPERS CAN GET SIGHT OF IT

Philadelphia, May 15.—To-day this city, which sent forth tens of thousands of its sons to fight the battles of freedom in France, officially welcomed home the first contingent which went from this State, the old National Guard of Pennsylvania, which fought gallantly through the war as the Twenty-eighth Division of the United States Army, nicknamed the Iron Division.

Nineteen thousand of these men paraded over eight and a half miles of streets, along which was massed a cheering crowd from all over Pennsylvania, estimated at more than two millions.

The parade was preceded over the line of march by a solemn funeral cortège in honor of the 4,025 men of the division who gave up their lives. Upon a flag-draped artillery caisson reposed a great floral keystone with the figure 28 and 68 wreaths of bay, one for each of the 67 counties of the State and one for the State.

The catafalque was drawn by eight white horses, each led by a soldier and the whole flanked by a guard of honor composed of winners of Distinguished Service Crosses.

As General Muir, with Colonel J. David Davis, of Scranton, chief of staff, approached on horseback, the general saluted the beautiful decorated Liberty Bell and held the salute until he had passed the reviewing stand.

Instantly the stand at Independence Hall became a bedlam. Cheer leaders had doffed their coats and shirt sleeves brought cheer after cheer from the onlookers. There was not a minute that was unaccompanied by an ovation for the men in drab.

Overseas caps sat jauntily upon their heads, steel trench helmets swung from their left shoulders, just where the red keystone, insignia of the Iron Division, showed conspicuously. These men bore little resemblance to the youths who two years ago had marched over the same streets on their way to war. Many airplanes circled over head and dropped bouquets of flowers as the heroes marched.

Court of Honor Probably the greatest interest centered at Independence Hall. Here had been erected a court of honor, through which the soldiers marched. The court had been brought from its shrine within the hall to the pavement where all the marching soldiers could see it.

The state of General Washington, which stands in front of the hall, had been temporarily removed from its pedestal and the bell mounted in its place.

Bearing continental flags, the color guard of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution guarded the review. The flags they carried included one once borne by General Washington.

Great Day, Says Governor Governor Sprout, who motored from Harrisburg to this city to view the parade, was escorted over the line of march before the parade started.

"I never saw anything like it," he said. "This is a great day. The entire city and a large section of the State has turned out to honor the boys who have returned from the Iron Division. I saw the peace jubilee and other celebrations here and in other cities, but I never saw such enthusiasm or such a number of people. I predict that by the time the parade is over the boys of the Iron Division will have seen something to remember as long as they live."

The replacement men from the west will have their eyes opened also, for I do not believe they ever have witnessed such a sight or ever will witness such a sight.

Governor Sprout was escorted to his place on the official reviewing stand at Independence Hall by a guard of honor composed of twenty-four mounted cadets from Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, the Governor's home town. Seated beside the Governor were General Frank D. Beary in the uniform of a brigadier, Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, members of his cabinet, city officials and leading citizens sat in the stand with Governor Sprout.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled A feature of the day was the unveiling of a memorial tablet to the heroes of the war to be erected in Broad street, near the City Hall. The tablet bears the inscription:

"This tablet is erected by a grateful people in honor of the men who made the supreme sacrifice—and of the women who, forever glorified in womanhood—and other patriots who made victory possible in the great World War.

"Not for a transient victory or some stubborn belief that they alone were right—not for a selfish proudness did they fight, but for the crowded millions still to come."

Commander Wilby, a soldierly figure on horseback caught the attention of the Independence Hall spectators and they thundered their approval in a greeting to him. It was Brigadier General William G. Price, of Chester, commanding the Fifty-third Field Artillery Brigade, the officer of his rank of the old Pennsylvania National Guard who retained his position in the war. General Price is to be the commander

Wilson Message Will Be Short, President Cables Wire Chiefs

Paris, May 15.—President Wilson has advised the cable companies that his message to the forthcoming special session of Congress will not be more than a few hundred words, enabling it to be cabled probably on the day of delivery.

Thieves Get Money From Barrel's Bottom

Seven dollars in cash and a ham were stolen during the night from the store of Wolf & Abramson, 211 North Second street, members of the firm reported to the Harrisburg police this morning. Entrance is believed to have been made through an outside cellar door, which had been left open.

It is believed by police officials that the theft was committed by persons familiar with conditions about the store, for the stolen money had been secreted in the bottom of a barrel.

STEALS GIRL'S SHOES FROM FEET

Coblenz, May 15.—Among the Germans in the American occupied area, leather is nearly as greatly in demand as butter, bacon or soap. At Kesselsheim, on the Moselle, recently a servant girl was held up at the point of a gun by a German and compelled to take off her shoes and give them to him.

THE WEATHER For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably light showers to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature, lowest to-night about 52 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Showers probably late to-night and Friday; not much change in temperature; moderate, variable winds.

Considering the Performance He Gave



THREE CHILDREN AND FATHER ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Flames Did Little Material Damage to Chambersburg Home

FOUND NEAR WINDOW

Mother of Family Died Several Weeks Ago; Two Babies Left

Chambersburg, Pa., May 15.—Denny Geyer and his three motherless children were burned to death early to-day when flames did several hundred dollars damage to a double frame dwelling in Central alley.

Bodies of the children, Brady, 8; Elmer, 10, and Charles, 12, were found huddled under a window to which they had crawled in an effort to escape.

The father's body, burned to an unrecognizable crisp, was found at the head of the stairway.

Excitement was so great at the Geyer home that the neighbors apparently were unable to gather their wits sufficiently to make an effort to rescue the children who lost their mother six weeks ago.

Simon Lake, who also lived in the house made his escape.

Geyer's wife died several weeks ago leaving him with five children. The two smallest were taken by friends and consequently they are the only ones of the large family to remain alive.

Geyer was a laborer, and according to stories of the neighbors did not provide a very good home for his family. His efforts to get a house-keeper failed and the boys as usual could muster up courage enough to enter the empty house. Geyer came in late and it is said intoxicated.

The neighbors are of the belief that Geyer kicked over a lantern used to light his room.

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NAVAL BALLOON GROPE IN FOG NEAR ST. JOHNS

Dirigible C-5 Reaches New Foundland After Trip of 25 Hours and 45 Minutes

St. Johns, N. F., May 15.—The American naval dirigible C-5, scheduled for a possible nonstop flight from this post to the British Isles, arrived here to-day after a day and night cruise from Montauk Point, N. Y.

The balloon had been in the air 25 hours and 45 minutes. The C-5 reached the Quidi Vid anchorage at 10:45 P. M. Greenwich (9:45 A. M. N. Y.) time. The start from Montauk Point was made at 8 a. m. yesterday.

Navigator Makes Error With the clear weather which prevailed throughout the balloon's cruise from Montauk Point yesterday and last night succeeded by fog and rain, the Chicago's radio operator received both telegrams and telephone messages from the fliers this morning.

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MUTINOUS WAR CAPTIVES SHOT

Berne, May 15.—An isolated band of Russian prisoners of war, armed and wearing Bavarian uniforms and under the command of Spartacan leaders, was overwhelmed by Wurttemberg troops in a wood near Graefelfing, Bavaria, according to newspaper reports.

They were court-martialed and seventy-two men, with the leaders, were condemned to death and shot in a gravel pit near Lochnausen, it is said.

ENGLAND PAUSES TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SLAIN NURSE

Body of Edith Cavell, Executed by Germans, Buried From Norwich Cathedral

London, May 15.—England paid tribute to Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed by the Germans at Brussels, October 12, 1915, here to-day when her body enroute from Brussels to her native city of Norwich, was taken to Westminster Abbey for an impressive memorial service.

It was a public funeral, in which, it seemed, every resident of the great metropolis endeavored to participate. The streets through which the cortège moved were congested, and every inch of standing room in the neighborhood of the Abbey was occupied by a densely massed multitude which was eager to do reverent homage to "that brave woman," as the Bishop of London described her, "who deserves a great deal from the British empire."

High Officials in Abbey The congregation at the Abbey included high officials of the government, representatives of foreign countries and men prominent in many walks of life.

King George was represented by the Earl of Athlone, brother of Queen Mary. The service, which began at noon and lasted half an hour, was conducted by the Dean of Westminster. No address was delivered.

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7 ALDERMANIC CONTESTS STIR UP CITY WARDS

Well Known Magistrates to Seek Re-election With Strong Opposition

Aldermanic contests at the fall election in seven of the fourteen wards in the city already are arousing much interest in the local campaigns, according to party leaders and should result in an unusually heavy vote.

The contest probably will enliven the wards to an extent known only in the old-time common council contests.

In six of the seven wards the present holders of the office intend to run for re-election. In one district, the Fourth ward, there is a vacancy caused by the death of the late Alderman George L. Smith.

No successor has been appointed yet by the Governor.

Probably the biggest contest of the fall will be in the Third ward. Alderman Charles Emmett Murray will probably have at least two opposing him in the district. Clarence F. Snyder, at present acting chief clerk to the county commissioners, and Merlo Cope, 19 South Third street, according to reports in the district.

Seek Re-Election In the Fourth ward Alderman E. J. Hilton is completing his first full term and will be out in the fall for re-election. Two years ago he ran for the Republican nomination for Coroner against Jacob Eckinger, but lost at the primaries.

He and Alderman Murray are well known in the business district of the city, both having offices in North Court street, about a block apart.

In the Fifth ward, Alderman Fritz Kramme will run again he said. So far no opponents have been talked of.

Alderman Kramme is well liked by the youngsters in his ward as he usually gives them a treat on holidays.

Alderman John B. Nicholas, Jr., is serving in the First ward as the successor to his father, the late Alderman John B. Nicholas, who held the office for years. The present Alderman says he will be in the race this fall, and his friends are predicting his election, many having promised their support already.

Alderman George D. Herbert, Eleventh ward, is the only Democrat magistrate whose term ends next January, and he too, will seek re-election. It is reported in the ward that he may be opposed by Constable S. H. Garland, a well-known crook in the downtown district. Mr. Herbert is widely known in Democratic circles. For ten years he was secretary of the Democratic State Committee.

Alderman C. Vernon Rettew, Thirteenth ward, was appointed to succeed the late Alderman George B. Sprout, and he has announced he will be a candidate for a full term.

GERMANY UNABLE TO SIGN PACT, FOREIGN MINISTER DECLARES

Teutons Meet With Stern Rebuff in Their Efforts to Secure Alterations of Treaty Submitted For Enemy Signature

VIGOROUS MEASURES QUICKLY TO FOLLOW IF REJECTED BY HUNS

By Associated Press. BERLIN, May 15.—Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau, the head of the German peace delegation, in communicating to the other members of the delegation the text of the three notes he sent to Premier Clemenceau, pointed out that the Peace Treaty in its present form could not be accepted and could not be signed because it was impossible to fulfill its terms.

Dispatches from Versailles reporting the count's action add that he told the German delegation that it would sign nothing it was not intended to fulfill. The delegation, he continued, would endeavor to improve the treaty and make its signing possible.

Germany has met with another rebuff from the Council of Four of the Peace Conference in the effort her plenipotentiaries at Versailles are making to secure alterations in the Peace Treaty by setting forth objections in a series of notes.

The Council has refused to consider the note sent by the Germans regarding international labor legislation and in a lengthy note states the reasons why such consideration is not given. The Council's belief that the terms of the treaty meet the objects the Germans profess to desire is set forth and the defects in the German plan are pointed out.

Vigorous Measures in Readiness Vigorous measures that will be an immediate result of a refusal of the Germans to sign the peace treaty have been planned by the Council, Marshal Foch, commander-in-chief of the Allied armies, is now on the Rhine front and dispatches state that he will take such action as is necessary in the event of the failure of the enemy to sign the treaty.

An immediate economic blockade of Germany is also planned as a part of the program in case continued hostile action against the enemy is considered necessary.

Adriatic Question unsettled. The Austrian peace mission is not on hand at St. Germain-en-Laye near Paris, having arrived Wednesday night, and the belief in some quarters is that the peace terms the delegates will be asked to sign will be presented them within a week, possibly within three or four days.

The Adriatic question, which has so important a bearing on the Austrian treaty, has not yet been adjusted, however, and this fact may serve to delay the presentation of the terms.

Meanwhile there are reports that strong Italian forces have been landed at the ports of Zara and Sebenico, on the Dalmatian coast of Italy.

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KOLCHAK TROOPS CAPTURE SAMARA

Berne—The troops of Admiral Kolchak have captured Samara, an important city on the Volga river, the Ukrainian press bureau says it learns from a well-informed source.

MUST DISMANTLE SKODA WORKS

Paris—The Austrian peace terms probably will be presented to the Austrian delegation Wednesday. The terms, it is understood, require the dismantling of the famous Skoda works, among other armament plants.

MAURER TO BE RE-ELECTED

Harrisburg—James H. Maurer was nominated to succeed himself as president of the State Federation of Labor. He was not opposed. Other nominations follow: Charles F. Quinn, secretary-treasurer; John A. Phillips, Philadelphia; Philip Wagaman, Centennial; Andrew P. Bower, Bethlehem; William J. Kromelbein, Wilkes-Barre; Larry Hart, Scranton; Eugene J. McManus, Erie; Clarence E. Mattin, Pittsburgh, vice-presidents.

AZORES NOT INVITING TO FLYERS

Trepassey, N. F.—Commander Towers announced after a conference this afternoon with his trans-Atlantic flight colleagues that reports of weather conditions on the eastward end of the course to the Azores were "not highly favorable." However, no decision was announced regarding a possible start late to-day.

ITALIANS FORTIFY STRATEGIC POINTS

Paris—There are reports that strong Italian forces have been landed at the ports of Zara and Sebenico, on the Dalmatian coast between Fiume and Spalata. These forces are said to have moved inland and to be fortifying strategic points.

37 CASUALS REACH PORT

New York—Three hundred and seventeen American soldiers and civilian field clerks from the expeditionary forces arrived here to-day on the French steamer Espagne. The troops were all casualties.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William T. Meyers and Daisy M. Moore, Harrisburg; Charles G. Johnson and Dora W. Long, Harrisburg.