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WILSON ORDERS BIG LINERS OF GERMANY GIVEN UP TO ENGLAND

Shipping Board Announces He Has Directed Ships of Emperor Group Turned Over to Great Britain

USED TO BRING U. S. SOLDIERS BACK HOME

Include Seven Vessels Now at Anchor in New York Harbor; Ruling Made by Inter-allied Naval Council

Washington, Dec. 26.—By the direction of the President the former German passenger ships, of the Emperor group, now in New York harbor, are to be delivered to Great Britain, the Shipping Board announced today.

The vessels are those assigned to the United States after the armistice for repatriation of American troops and designated by the inter-allied naval council to be turned over to Great Britain under the armistice terms. The Emperor has already been delivered to the British.

In a letter to Secretary Lansing made public today, John Barton Payne, chairman of the Shipping Board, says: "I am directed by the President to comply with the request contained in your letter transmitted to me this day from the White House and to advise you that the seven ex-German ships, to wit: Graf Waldersee, Zeppelin, Pretori, Cap Finistere, Mobile, Prinz Friederich Wilhelm and Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, now in the harbor of New York will be delivered to the representative of Great Britain as soon as the proper person is designated to receive the same."

Delivery of the ships to Great Britain was delayed as the Shipping Board wished to obtain the form of the American owned oil tankers formerly under the German flag. The proposal was made by Chairman Payne that each country be permitted to use the vessels desired pending a final determination of their ownership.

No action has been taken so far on this proposal and the transfer of the former German ships to Great Britain is made without any explanation of the returns that will be done by direction of the President.

Action Follows Report The President's action, it was said at the State Department, followed a report from Great Britain that the ships be surrendered under the original allocation of the Inter-Allied Shipping Commission, which arranged to get the vessels out of German harbors following the armistice.

On investigation, it was added, the department had found that the United States had no right to retain the ships beyond the period of their service in bringing back American

Pay of Vote Tabulators Cut to \$200 by Court on Protest of Commissioners

Harvey E. Knapp and E. Frank Nead, who tabulated and computed the official returns of the November election, will receive \$200 each for their services, it was announced at the County Commissioner's office today.

BOLIVIA SEEKS NEW LAND Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, Dec. 24.—Bolivia expects to secure the territory of Arica, between Chile and Peru, and the port of Antofagasta, according to an interview with General Montes, former president of Bolivia and delegate to the Peace Conference, which is being held here.

SOVIET ENVOY ON MISSION Paris, Dec. 26.—A Soviet republic envoy, charged with a special mission to the Italian government, arrived at Naples yesterday and is en route to a dispatch received here from Rome.

THE WEATHER Harrisburg and Vicinity: Cloudy and warmer to-night with low temperature about freezing Saturday fair.

SIX DRY MONTHS GIVE POLICE A REST PERIOD

Number of Arrests For Year Closing Cut in Half

AUTO THIEVES ARE BUSY Many Stolen Cars Recovered, E. M. White's Records Show

Forty-five per cent fewer arrests by the Harrisburg police department during the first 51 weeks of 1919 than during a similar period in 1918, furnishes additional data to those who argue that the world is growing better.

The total number of arrests in 1919, in fact, is less than the number of disorderly practice arrests during the preceding year, according to records filed at Harrisburg police headquarters. Until midnight of December 22, inclusive, the city police department made but 1,233 arrests as compared to 2,306 during the similar period of 1918.

Property stolen during these 51 weeks was worth \$57,812, according to reports filed with Record Clerk, Earl H. White. These figures are compared to \$75,488 worth of goods stolen during the first 51 weeks for the previous year.

The decrease in number of arrests as well as property stolen, has been general throughout the year, although it has been especially marked since the beginning of prohibition measures, became effective on July 1.

Petty Offenses The bulk of arrests during the year, as usual, was made up of those persons arrested for disorderly practice, the number totaling 717.

On every charge, with the exception of arrests for traffic violations, fewer arrests were made during the last half of the year than in the first half. In the case of traffic violations, 117 arrests were made during the last half of the year and 74 during the first six months.

Scientist Is Seeking Evidence of Lost Land in Southern Pacific

Buenos Aires, Dec. 26.—Evidence of a lost continent in the Pacific Ocean, a 6,000-mile prehistoric "bridge" of land between America and Hawaii, long submerged, is being sought by an American scientist, William Alan Bryan.

Mayor and Mayor-Elect to Address Ad Men

Additional interest in the monthly dinner of the Harrisburg Ad Club has developed through the announcement of the program committee that two additional speakers have been secured in the persons of Mayor Daniel L. Keister and Mayor-elect George A. Hoover.

200 BARRELS OF RUM ABOARD Boston, Dec. 26.—Two hundred barrels of English rum were included in the cargo of the American steamer Lake Ellsberg, which left here today for Smyrna and Constantinople.

Woman Burned When Stove Blacking Explodes

Hummelstown, Dec. 26.—While blackening her kitchen range, Mrs. Herman C. Luckenbaugh was burned about the face and arms when the blackening box exploded.

EXCURSION!! SEE AMERICA FOR THE LAST TIME. WHY BE MISERABLE IN THE UNITED STATES? WHEN THE GLORIES OF A LIFE IN RUSSIA AWAIT YOU. SPECIAL RATES TO J.W.W.

DISCUSS ENDING COAL STRIKE IN KANSAS FIELDS

Meeting Called in Conformity With Promise of Howat to Use His Influence

Pittsburg, Kans., Dec. 26.—Members of the executive board of district No. 14, United Mine Workers of America, met here today to discuss ending the strike of the Central Coal and Coke Company's men in this region.

Probe Into Thefts at Army Depot Is Slowed Down Over Holidays

Lieutenant Benjamin Wolfson, property custodian at the New Cumberland Army Reserve Depot, together with several other officers, will be court-martialed for their connection with the alleged looting of the depot.

GREAT STORM IS MOVING EAST

A storm that may reach gale proportion to-morrow is approaching the North Atlantic coast, moving eastward from Lake Huron.

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GIVES ANCIENT FLAG AS FRIENDSHIP TOKEN

Winchester, Va., Dec. 26.—As an expression of friendship of the people of Winchester, England, through which the million American soldiers passed on their overseas journey to join the American Expeditionary Force, the original municipal flag of the Ancient British city, has been presented to its American namesake, Winchester, Virginia.

BATTLE RECORD WINS FUGITIVE HIS FREEDOM

Long-Sought Man Cited For Brilliant Work and Awarded Decorations

Boston, Dec. 26.—Arthur E. Abbott, long wanted as a fugitive from justice for the theft of \$15,000 from the Federal Trust Company of this city, enlisted in the marines and as Sergeant William H. Haskell was cited for brilliant war service.

Loses Leg When Thrown Under Car in Yarls

Thrown from a car in the Harrisburg yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Chester K. Dorey, 1802 Bois street, a Philadelphia division brakeman, had his right foot and leg so badly crushed that it had to be amputated at the Harrisburg Hospital.

FRANCE WILL START SAVING DAYLIGHT

Paris, Dec. 26.—The cabinet met today and approved the bill providing for the turning ahead of the clocks one hour beginning February 1 as a fuel conservation measure.

PAGEANT, FILLED WITH HOLIDAY SPIRIT, PLEASES

Thousands Crowd the Capitol Plaza For Open Air Christmas Exercises

Several thousands of persons crowded the Capitol grounds last evening for the presentation of the Pageant of the Nativity, the one big formal number on the city's observance of the Christmas tide.

Speculation and Rents Boost Realty Values Millions in Newark

Newark, N. J., Dec. 26.—Speculation and high rents have caused an increase in real estate and personal property valuation to more than \$500,000,000 this year as compared with \$450,000,000 in 1918.

BAR PICTURE BRIDES

Tokio, Wednesday, Dec. 24.—The Japanese government according to the newspapers to-day, has decided to discontinue the issuance of passports permitting "picture brides" to proceed to the United States.

NEW LINES TO BRAZIL

Washington, Dec. 26.—Regular steamship lines to Brazilian ports is to be inaugurated by two new steamship companies, a dispatch today from Rio de Janeiro to the Department of Commerce said.

PEALE GOES TO CAPITAL TO SIT ON COAL BOARD

Central Pennsylvania Operator Attends Initial Meeting There Today

OTHERS SEE PROBLEMS Predict There Will Be Detailed Reports on Profits and Wages First

Johnstown, Dec. 26.—Rembrandt Pease, Central Pennsylvania coal operator who was appointed on President Wilson's coal commission in Washington today for the initial meeting of the commission.

Before leaving for the capital he said he was unable to give any further information concerning the scope and powers of the committee than was contained in the original announcement of the appointment.

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Ninety-Eight Per Cent of Machinists Vote to Strike Against R.R. Bill

Washington, Dec. 26.—Ninety-eight per cent of the 125,000 union railway machinists voted in November to strike with other trades if Congress should enact the Cummins railroad bill with its antistrike provision.

Padded Payrolls

Dover, N. J.—Charged with embezzlement in padding payrolls, J. T. Fletcher, freight agent at the Port Morris Transfer Station, of the Lackawanna Railroad, was held under \$5,000 bail to-day pending a hearing at Newark Tuesday.

BLOOD DISCLOSES TRAGEDY

Egg Harbor, N. J.—Louis Deininger, of Philadelphia, was killed by a train here last night. Blood discovered on the pilot of the locomotive when the train reached Philadelphia gave the first indication of the action.

"CHAPPIE" MORAN SURRENDERS

Indianapolis.—Charles "Chappy" Moran, known all over the country as a "dress suit" confidence man today surrendered himself to Federal authorities and pleaded guilty to complicity in the Muncie fraud case.

VICTORIOUS FLYER CROSSES HIGH MOUNT

London.—Captain Ross Smith, the Australian aviator, who recently completed a flight from England to Australia, thereby winning a prize of 10,000 pounds, has landed at Charleville, Queensland, after safely negotiating the formidable Mount Owen range, according to advices from Sydney.

DECLARES AVIATORS MURDERED

El Paso.—Lieutenants Cecil Connolly and Frederick Waterhouse, American aviators who lost their lives after being forced to descend in Lower California, Mexico, were murdered, according to testimony before the Senate subcommittee investigating Mexican affairs given here today by Joe Allen-Richards.

QUITS PIPE PLANT SUPERINTENDENCY



WILLIAM P. STARKEY

STARKEY RESIGNS AS MANAGER OF PIPE BENDING CO.

Will Continue as Member of the Board of Directors IN COMPANY SINCE 1901

Appointment of New Superintendent Will Be Made on January 1

Announcement was made today that W. P. Starkey, general superintendent of the Harrisburg Pipe and Pipe Bending Company plant for the last six years, has resigned the position effective December 31.

Unarmed Watchman With Four Bullets in His Body Forces Gunmen to Flee

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 26.—The plucky fight of Daniel Whitlock, an unarmed watchman at the plant of the National Biscuit Company, forced three gunmen to flee after they had shot him four times late last night.

NEW IRON PLANT TO BE OPERATING IN EARLY SPRING

Company Will Utilize Scrap to Make One Thousand Tons a Month

Harrisburg's newest iron company, the Capital City Iron Company, will start operations within the next several months, unless labor disturbances prevent the early delivery of machinery needed in the operation of the plant.

ROBBERS GET \$10,000

Englewood, N. J., Dec. 26.—Robbers last night forced a safe in the store of Jacobs Miles here and escaped with Liberty Bonds and War Savings certificates valued at \$10,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Emery, Jr., Frankville, and Susanna M. Fleming, Harrisburg; Harry J. Brancey and Annie C. Lentz, Harrisburg; Lloyd L. Palmer, Harrisburg; and Margarette O. Robinson, Harrisburg; Clarence J. Sharp, Lewisburg, and Helena E. B. Tetterer, Harrisburg; Fredrick Schelhaas and Margaret Zeigler, Harrisburg; Alexander L. McElroy, Frederick, and Sara A. Hutton, Harrisburg; Charles D. Banks, and Estia M. Stahler, Harrisburg; Morris A. Frye and Beattie Fox, Harrisburg; James T. Gardner and Ruth A. Keister, Harrisburg; Robert E. Neidhauser, Washington Heights, and Mabel J. Gammill, New Cumberland; Herman P. M. Her, Jr., and Nancy A. Lewis, Washington, D. C.; Herman L. Wolfensberger, Lower Paxton Township, and Beattie A. Kreiser, Lincolnton; Luther G. Bizer and Pauline E. Davidson, Camp Hill; John F. Koppenshaver, Elizabethville, and Mary E. Shoop, Millersburg; John C. Raffenberger and Floy R. Wagner, Harrisburg.