

Gifts for Six Million On Way



PACKING THE CHRISTMAS GIFTS; INSERT, MRS. LEONARD WOOD

New York, Nov. 15.—Laden with nearly 6,000,000 Christmas gifts for the women and children in the European war zone, the United States steamer Jason left New York.

One hundred carloads of Christmas presents were loaded aboard the vessel just before she sailed. They came

from every section of the United States. The gifts were packed in large boxes, with every box marked for its destination. Little Belgium, probably because of her greater suffering, will get more than an equal share.

Seventy-five soldiers and sixty

bluejackets loaded the big cargo. Great credit is also due to the wives and daughters of officers on Governor's island. Headed by the wife of Gen. Leonard Wood, commander in chief of the department of the east, they were busy packing the gifts for several days before the vessel sailed.

BELGIAN REFUGEES CELEBRATE TODAY

London, Nov. 15.—Thousands of Belgian refugees, who sought temporary homes in England when their country was invaded by the Germans, and hundreds of Belgian soldiers who are being treated in English hospitals, celebrated today the 14th day of King Albert, who with Queen Elizabeth, remains with the Belgian army.

This morning high mass was celebrated by Canon Moyes in Westminster cathedral in the presence of Cardinal Bourne. The congregation aggregated some 3,000, chiefly Belgians. Among them were the three children of the Belgian king and queen, who are guests of Lord Curzon at Kedleston, and many other Belgian dignitaries and representatives of the British royal household.

AN APPEAL IS MADE FOR STAPLE FOOD

WOMEN WORKING WITH BELGIUM COMMITTEE DESIRE TO ENLIST SEX IN AMERICA

New York, Nov. 15.—The woman's section of the American commission for relief in Belgium, co-operating with the Belgian relief committee in New York, Minneapolis, California, Kansas, Iowa and Oregon, sent out an appeal today for non-perishable food. The commission announces that in response to its preliminary appeals to a few accessible organizations more than 600,000 women rallied within three days to the aid of the commission. Its appeal now is to all the women of America.

It is requested that the shipment, preferably in carload lots, be of any of the following:

Cured or salted meats or fish, wheat, canned goods, including milk, flour, rice, beans, peas, coffee, prepared foods, cereals. These are to be sent to the women's section of the commission for relief in Belgium in this city that the simultaneous notification of money by check to the treasurer, Miss Anne Morgan, also will be acceptable and given due acknowledgment.

Mrs. Lindon Bates is the chairman of the section and other members of the executive committee are: Miss Morgan, Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. August Belmont.

WILSON GOES HOME.

New York, Nov. 15.—President Wilson closed his week-end visit to New York at 5 o'clock this afternoon and started for Washington, where he was to arrive at 11 o'clock tonight. The president attended the Fifth avenue Presbyterian church this morning.

FROM MEXICO INDEFINITE WORD

Officials in Washington Get Dispatches That Do Not Clear Issue Greatly

Washington, Nov. 15.—Important dispatches from Mexico were received by the state department today, but they left officials very much in doubt as to what is going on.

The first was a consular dispatch from Aguas Calientes, announcing that General Gutierrez, named by the convention as provisional president of Mexico, yesterday demanded Carranza's retirement as first chief of the constitutionalists within 24 hours.

Peace Move Bright
The second came from Consul Sullivan, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico City, saying that the possibilities of a peaceful settlement if the differences between Carranza and the Aguas Calientes convention leaders were brought today than at any time since the breach occurred.

General Blanco, commanding the Carranza forces in Mexico City, advised that an agreement binding the leaders of the warring factions to adjust the differences without further hostilities was confidently expected. That Carranza would consent to be a party of such an agreement was indicated.

DYNAMITE KILLS FOUR WHEN STORE IS BLOWN UP

Lafayette, Pa., Nov. 15.—Five persons were killed and five injured, two seriously, when the general store of Noah Kanaza, at Superior, near here, was blown up by dynamite early today. The store and five dwellings were burned, entailing a loss of \$25,000. The dynamite is supposed to have been the work of men who had threatened Kanaza, who is wealthy.

Kanaza's store was wrecked by two explosions, the dynamite having been placed at both ends of the structure. The building was soon aflame and the fire spread rapidly to five nearby dwellings.

Windows within a radius of two miles of Superior were broken and plaster was knocked from walls, five miles away.

Kanaza declares he has been threatened by an Italian with whom he had a law suit.

RESERVE BANKS OPEN DOORS TODAY

First Great Change of Banking System of United Since Civil War

TWELVE INSTITUTIONS TO CARE FOR NATION

Operations Will Be Limited to Rediscounting Commercial Paper

Washington, Nov. 15.—After months of work on the part of the federal reserve board and preparation by the banks which will be members of the new system, the 12 federal reserve banks will open their doors to business tomorrow. Their entrance into the field of re-discount will mark the first great change in the banking system of this country since the national bank was conceived and called into being after the civil war.

Location.

The 12 banks, designed to take care of the commercial needs of the entire nation are situated in the following cities:

Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco.

Operations.

For the present the operations of the banks will be limited largely to the re-discounting of notes, drafts and bills of exchange but as experience is gained steps to have them exercise their other funds under the currency act will be taken. The directors of all the banks have been selected, the board has named its representative for each and suitable quarters have been secured in all the 12 cities.

The System.

The system starts on its mission with 7,571 member banks. Their authorized capital is put at \$105,795,600, of which one-sixth has been called and is in their vaults. The exact figures for the cash reserves in all 12 banks has not been accurately computed, but the estimate puts the amount at close to \$250,000,000 drawn under the law from the present reserve agents of member banks.

Excellent Opportunity.

The reserve banks begin operations at a time when members of the board feel that there is an excellent opportunity to test out the value of the system. Their ability to rediscount paper is counted upon as one of the means to loosen the purse strings of the banks, provide machinery for caring for the annual movement of crops.

The formal call at the opening will be sent out tomorrow by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

McAdoo Talks.

Secretary McAdoo said: "The opening of these banks marks a new era in the history of business and finance in this country. It is believed that they will put an end to the annual anxiety from which the country has suffered for the last generation about insufficient money and credit to move the crops each year and will give such stability to the banking business that the extreme fluctuations in interest rates and available credits which have characterized banking in the past will be destroyed permanently. The federal reserve banks provide for a system of credits based upon commercial paper thus at last securing to the country an adequate supply of the necessary credits to meet the legitimate demands of business."

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British Warships Near Canal

Panama, Nov. 15.—The movements of three British warships less than 50 miles off Colon are being watched with interest by the Panama canal officials, who are expecting them to make use of the canal to reach the west coast of South America.

It is believed here that the ships are the cruisers Suffolk, Berwick and Lancaster, which have been patrolling Mexican waters but more recently have been in the West Indies searching for German ships.

The warships were sighted by officers of the steamer Ancon. They were taking coal from a collier at sea. It is thought here that their mission is to pass through the canal and join Japanese men of war in the Pacific and endeavor to destroy the German cruisers, which recently sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth off the coast of Chile.

YELLOWSTONE PARK BANDIT IS BELIEVED TO BE RANCHER

CHARLES ERPENBACK, A WEALTHY RESIDENT OF IDAHO, IS INDICATED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY—TRIAL AT NEXT TERM

Billings, Nov. 15.—Charles Erpenback, a wealthy rancher of Idaho, is to be tried at the next term of the federal court in Sheridan on the charge of having held up a number of stage coaches in Yellowstone park last summer and robbing the passengers, the hold-up being the most sensational in the history of the park.

Setting of the case on a change of venue brought to light the secret indictment of Erpenback by a federal grand jury at Lander some weeks ago. A kodak picture taken by one of the lone robber's women victims is understood to figure in the evidence.

Sensational.

The Yellowstone park stage robbery, which occurred during the past summer, was among the most sensational that has ever been attempted in the nation's wilderness. A total of approximately \$3,000 in money and jewelry was taken from the passengers of the stage coaches. A posse followed the trail of the alleged robber until, it was said, the trail was lost in the "Hole-in-the-Wall" canyon.

FRENCHMEN HONOR BELGIUM'S RULER

FETE DAY OF ALBERT IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT FRANCE AND COUNTRY PRAISED

Paris, Nov. 15.—France was dressed in black, yellow and red today in honor of the fete day of King Albert of Belgium. There was a great outpouring everywhere of the people in sympathy with the heroic monarch and his subjects.

The city hall and other public edifices and most of the private buildings in Paris flew the Belgian colors and in spite of the heavy down-pour of rain, immense throngs attended services in the Belgian church and Notre Dame cathedral.

Many official messages were sent to King Albert expressing admiration and encouragement. Among those who sent telegrams was President Poincare.

"What the world owes the French no one knows better than the Belgians," said the spokesman of a delegation.

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DRAMATIC WAS THE SINKING OF DREADNAUGHT AUDACIOUS

New York, Nov. 15.—Two men who saw the British super-dreadnaught Audacious lying helpless in a heavy sea some 27 miles northwest of Lough Swilly shortly after she had struck a mine on October 27, arrived here today on the steamer New York from Liverpool. They confirmed the stories of the loss of the warship that had previously reported here and added numerous details. One statement was that the Audacious might have been floating today had she not been blown up by the British cruiser Liverpool at 9 p. m. on the day she was disabled through striking a mine.

Story of Musicians.

The men who told the story were James R. Beames, leader of the orchestra on the White Star liner Olympic, which rescued the crew of the

Audacious and made fruitless efforts to tow the battleship to shallow water, and Hugh Griffiths, one of the orchestra's musicians.

The story of Beames, who was helped from time to time by Griffiths, was substantially in part as follows:

Passengers Fearful

"We sighted land at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, October 27. The land was Tory island. An hour later we went below, when one of the stewards came to our quarters and said: 'You had better get up on deck and see those two lovely warships.' The passengers soon got wind of the presence of war vessels and there was much uneasiness among them."

Distress

"As soon as the steward told us about the warships we ran up on deck. Off our starboard side we saw a big battleship down at the stern and heavy seas breaking over her. She was flying the code flag of the letter 'N,' which is a distress signal."

"As we approached, the other warship, which we learned later was the cruiser Liverpool, came over to us and at high speed crossed our bows. Hardly had she crossed when she turned and recrossed and kept up this sort of movement for a half an hour. It seemed at first as if she were trying deliberately to keep in the way of the Olympic as a means of making her stop."

Liverpool Helped

"It was said on board later, however, that this performance was for

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WEATHER MAN BIG PART IN WAR

Lull in Flanders Battle Offset by Severe Storms, Men Suffer

GERMANS DETERMINED IN MARCH IN FRANCE

Dixmude Has Proven Death-trap for Kaiser's Men—Neither Side Gains

London, Nov. 15.—After four weeks of most desperate fighting there is a lull in the battle in Flanders. With this lull, however, has come little relief, for the men in the trenches, as the artillery and rifle fire to which they have been subjected with hardly any intermission has been replaced by one of those severe storms, which so often accompany November in this latitude.

In some parts of England the storm has reached the proportions of a blizzard; on the sea a heavy gale rages and the battlefields are getting their full share of wind and rain.

Germans Determined

For the most part the opposing armies have been content to shell each other at long range but the Germans have made several attacks around Ypres, which, according to the French general staff have been repulsed with heavy losses. Despite these losses it is not believed that the Germans have any intention of giving up their attempt to reach the French coast and the allies are making elaborate preparations to block any further advance in France.

Extensive Defense

Extensive defense work have been erected along the Yser canal and the French armies are holding that line from the Belgian border south to the river Oise and pushing forward approach works which place them in a better position for either defense or offense.

Dixmude Death Trap

The Germans report that they have taken a few hundred British and French prisoners, but that the unfavorable weather has impeded their progress. Concerning the fighting around Dixmude the public must rely on unofficial reports. Here, it is said, the Germans are finding the destroyed village, a death trap. They have been unable to debouch from this point in the day time, as all the approaches are commanded by the allies' guns and night attacks have met with disaster.

Neither Side Gains

The fact is apparent that neither side has been able to make any sensible advance, both being so well entrenched that neither artillery nor infantry can move them.

Winter in Belgium

The Germans are turning Belgium into a fortress which means that if they do not succeed in advancing they intend to be prepared for a winter in Belgium. The whole coast from Ostend to the Dutch border has been placed in a state of defense and civilians are rigorously excluded from that area.

East Prussia Theater

Fighting continues in East Prussia and other regions in the eastern arena, between the Russians and Germans and Austrians, but without any decisive result, according to the Berlin official statement.

A battle of some proportions is going on.

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LORD ROBERTS DIED AS HE WAS SLEEPING

London, Nov. 15.—The death of Field Marshal Earl Roberts, which occurred last evening at the headquarters of the British expeditionary forces in France, was extremely sudden. He was in his usual good health when he left England Wednesday with his daughter, Lady Alice Roberts, and his son-in-law, Major Lewin. The party had a rough trip crossing the channel, but the aged general felt no ill effects and went through with his program on the continent. In fact, he was about to return home when death occurred.

Dies in Sleep.

Earl Roberts had motored to the British bases and camps, had reviewed the Indian troops and had conferred with the leading officers. It was not until about dinner time Friday evening that he complained of a slight chill. As he was subject to trifling chest troubles, he followed his usual course and went to bed early.

Country Mourns.

The passing of the great warrior has created profound grief throughout the country. At all churches and in the soldiers' training camps touching references were made to his death today.

Message From Sir Joseph French.

In a telegram to Lady Roberts, Field Marshal Sir John French, in the name of the army serving in France, expressed deep sympathy, saying:

"Your grief is shared by us, who mourn the loss of a much loved chief. As he was called, it seems fitter to the ending of the life of a great soldier that he should have passed away in the midst of the troops he loved so well and within the sound of the guns."