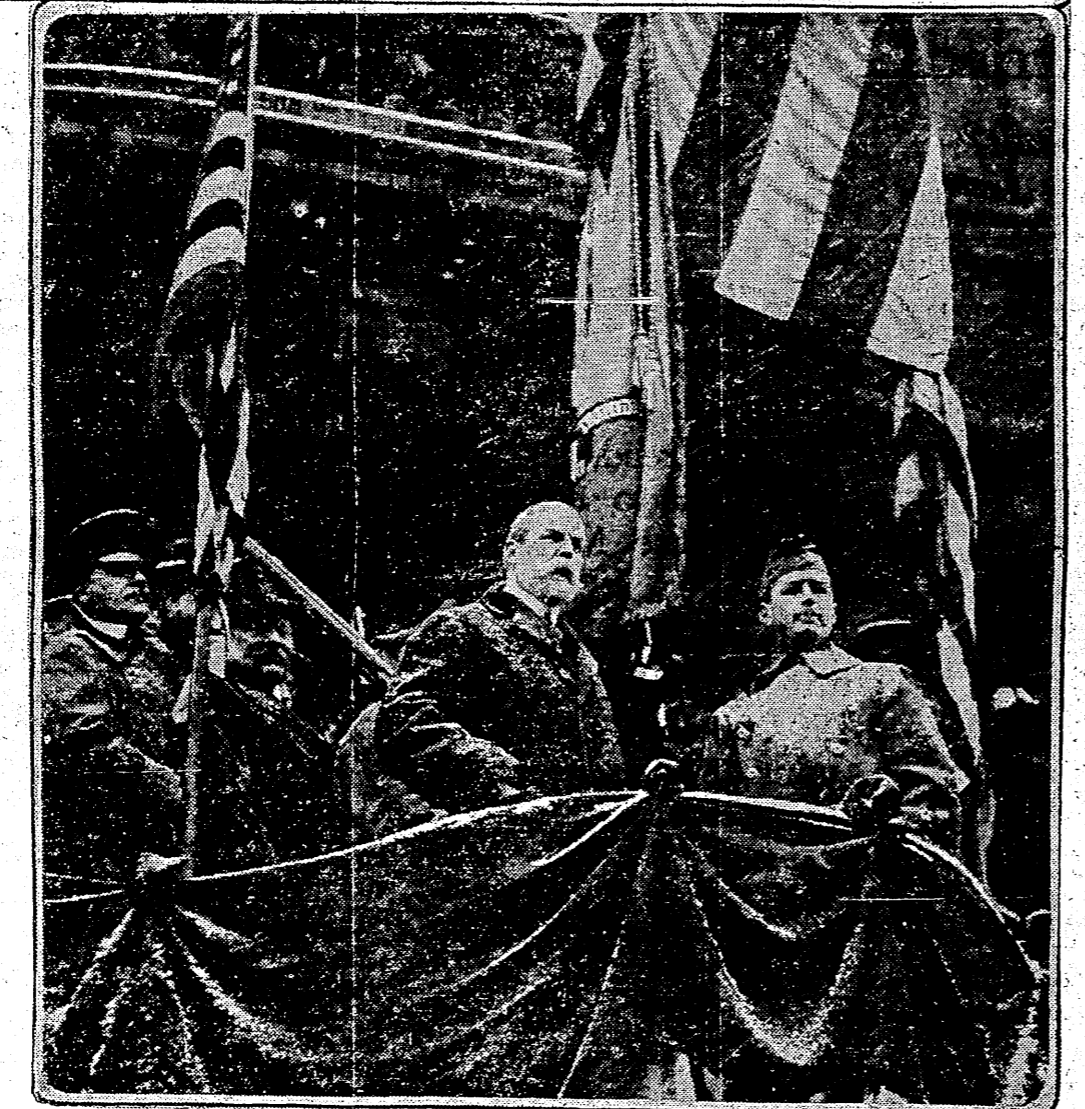


NEGRO REGIMENT'S BATTLE FLAGS BEING RETURNED TO DONOR



When the 68th Regiment of colored troops, called the Buffaloes, was organized, the Union League Club of New York gave the organization its battle flags with the understanding that they would be returned when the war ended. The pictures show ceremonies attending fulfillment of the pledge. The upper photo shows color bearers of the regiment with the flags ready for delivery to the club. In the lower photo Charles E. Hughes is accepting the trophies from Major Appleton, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion.

PLAN TO COLONIZE JAPANESE PROBED

Oriental Said to Be Negotiating for 800,000 Acres in Mexico Near Border.

SENATOR SENDS REPORT

Special by Leased Wire. WASHINGTON, D. C., Friday, March 21.—An alleged scheme of a Japanese syndicate to colonize a vast tract of land in Northern Mexico adjoining California is being investigated by the State Department. According to the accounts which have reached the department the California & Mexican Land & Cattle Co., with headquarters in Los Angeles, has been engaged for some time in negotiations for the sale of 800,000 acres of land in Mexico at the head of the Gulf of California to a Japanese concern interested in exploiting large properties. The Japanese who approached the owners of the Mexican land are understood to have stated that they had in view the development of a great agricultural project with Japanese labor. The plan is said to call for the transportation of thousands of Japanese and their families to Mexico, where they would be established on the threshold of the United States. Transmitted by Senator. The reports of the negotiations were transmitted to the State Department by Senator Phelan of California. The senator said that according to his information the deal was practically closed. His letter, however, did not indicate clearly that it was a Japanese syndicate seeking to obtain the Mexican tract. The department called for further information, which was obtained by the senator and received here today. This additional information indicated the conviction on the part of some of the persons concerned in the negotiations that the brokers seeking to purchase the tract represented Japanese capital. After reviewing the statements made by Senator Phelan, Acting Secretary of State Folk invited the secretary of Mexican affairs to investigate the reports. May Ask Explanation. If the inquiry should substantiate the reports that so large a tract of land adjoining the United States is being purchased by Japanese capital, the investigation will extend to the relations between the syndicate and the Japanese government, which would be called upon for an explanation of the scheme. A close relationship between the Japanese government and a Japanese syndicate purchasing land adjoining the United States would make the deal repugnant to the provisions of Lodge resolution, passed by the Senate in 1912. There had been rumors in that year of a scheme of the Japanese government to get possession of Magdalena Bay in Lower California. It was alleged that a Japanese company was buying land around the bay from Mexico. Secretary Knox investigated and eventually informed the Senate that there had been some negotiations for the sale of land on Magdalena Bay by American owners and Japanese syndicate, but that the deal fell through because the Japanese syndicate could not obtain the sanction of the Japanese government, which made its approval conditional upon approval of the purchase by the United States. In order, however, to put the nation on record against the granting of concessions which might be utilized by foreign governments to the detriment of the United States, Senator Lodge obtained the adoption by the Senate of a resolution providing: "That when any harbor or other place on the American continent is so situated that the occupation thereof for naval or military purposes might threaten the communications or the safety of the United States, the government of the United States should not see without grave concern the possession of such harbor or other place by any corporation or association which has such a relation to another government as to give it practical or government practical power or control for naval or military purposes." Rumors spread that this was not an accident, but a subterfuge covering a design of Japan to obtain a foothold on the American continent. These reports Japan strenuously denied, and eventually the cruiser was floated and sailed away.

CHURCHES TARGET OF GERMAN SHELLS

New Explanation Offered of Reason for Smashing Religious Edifices.

PARIS, Friday, March 21.—To build and restore the many Protestant churches which were in the path of German shells, the French Protestant committee for rehabilitation has just been formed with headquarters here. Churches are to be rebuilt under a systematic program based on location and accessibility, without respect to their denomination. American Methodists, through the organization of their church's \$100,000, 600 centenary movement, have made a first contribution of \$25,000 to the cause. Other American churches of practically all denominations are expected to do likewise. The delegation from the Methodist Episcopal Church now in Europe, which is headed by Dr. Frank Mason North, is making a close study of present conditions as well as inquiring into reasons for events of the past story has been going the rounds here, brought by several American missionaries from fields in the Near East. That the Germans had some very definite "strictly efficient" reasons for damaging churches as they did during the war. It is explained that the Kaiser had represented himself to Mohammedans as "a follower of Mohammed" and that, through agents he had promised the Mohammedans he would "wipe Christianity from the face of the earth" if he could get the proper aid through a "holy war." Thousands of photographs of ruined churches were circulated in Mohammedan countries by his agents, the missionaries say, accompanied by the boast "Here's what we're doing to Christianity." By many the story is believed, because it is undeniable that churches suffered more from German shell fire than other buildings of similar size in the same cities and towns. In military circles considerable doubt is expressed as to the authenticity of the suggestion, it being pointed out that church steeples often were the easiest targets for the German gunners and that no other reason actuated the Germans in aiming at them. Together with this explanation it is contended that the distribution of the photographs of the ruined churches was merely the result of an afterthought; with churches already destroyed, the Kaiser might as well employ photographs of them to further his propaganda among the followers of Islam.

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TRY MAGNESIA FOR STOMACH TROUBLE

It Neutralizes Stomach Acidity, Prevents Food Fermentation, Sour, Gassy Stomach and Acid Indigestion.

Doubtless if you are a sufferer from indigestion, you have already tried pepsin, bismuth, soda, charcoal, drugs and various digestive aids and you know these things will not cure your trouble—in some cases do not even give relief. But before giving up hope and deciding you are chronic dyspeptic just try the effect of a little bisulphated magnesia—the ordinary commercial carbonate, citrate, oxide or milk, but the pure bisulphated magnesia which you can obtain from practically any druggist in either powdered or tablet form. Two compressed tablets of the powder or two after your next meal, and see what a difference this makes. It will instantly neutralize the dangerous, harmful acid in the stomach which now causes your food to ferment and sour, making gas, wind, flatulence, heartburn and the bloating or heavy, lumpy feeling that seems to follow most everything you eat. You will find that provided you take a little bisulphated magnesia immediately after a meal, you can eat almost anything and enjoy it without any danger of pain or discomfort to follow and moreover, the continued use of the bisulphated magnesia cannot injure the stomach in any way so long as there are any symptoms of acid indigestion. (Advertisement)

Advertisement for Smoked Cigarettes. Includes text: "Influenza Germs Smoked Out", "Tobaccoless CIGARETTES", "All Druggists 20c".

Advertisement for Shiloh cough medicine. Includes text: "AVOID COUGHS and COUGHERS!", "SHILOH", "30 DROPS—STOPS COUGHS HALF THIS FOR CHILDREN".

HUN SHIPS READY TO BRING YANKEES

First Consignment of German Merchant Marine Delivered for Transport Use.

TROOPS LOSE RHINE TRIP

Special Cable, via Leased Wire. —PARIS, Friday, March 21.—American troops at Coblenz and Luxemburg were to have sailed for Antwerp and embark at the Belgian port instead of going down the Rhine, by Rotterdam, and the army does not want another Brest situation with the men overcrowded and without sufficient quarters. British Catch Cold. The only drawback against Antwerp is the lack of rolling stock for the rail haul to the Belgian port, and the enlisted men will have to travel in freight cars—little cars accommodating forty men, as painted signs on the outside announce. British demobilized soldiers complained bitterly about having to ride in unheated freight cars, and gripes claimed many victims, owing to lack of reliable transportation, but it is believed much of this trouble can be obviated because of the warmer weather here now. It has been rumored that Antwerp was substituted for Rotterdam as an embarkation port owing to an epidemic of typhus at the Dutch port, but Mr. Hoover's food commission denies there is any typhus there. Huns Deliver Liners. The first consignment of German passenger liners was delivered yesterday at English docks under terms agreed upon at Brussels last week. It is expected the enemy shipping will be available for American troops next week. Nine German liners will carry home an entire division on the first trip. Nearly all the rolling stock used to haul Americans from the Meuse, Luxemburg and Coblenz areas to Antwerp will be German locomotives and cars obtained from the enemy under the armistice terms. The troop trains will be routed over the main German four-track railway from Antwerp, but the total tonnage reserves from Flanders to France during the war. (Copyright, 1915.)

NEW INDUSTRIAL CENSUS

Department of Commerce Asked to Make List of Manufacturers.

A nation-wide movement to obtain important information in connection with the industrial census to be taken by the United States Department of Commerce has been started. It was started at the meeting of the executive committee of the Industrial Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce and Commerce Club yesterday, when a resolution was adopted asking the government to obtain a list of manufacturing plants in certain conditions, the names and addresses of manufacturers in various communities.

The policy of the Census Bureau in the past has been not to give to the public anything but statistical totals from its industrial survey every five years. The vital need of an authoritative list of manufacturing plants, manufacturing associations and similar bodies is urged. Organizations in other cities will be asked to take similar action.

Those Royal Profiters. Mrs. Newby went to the grocery store to buy her morning's marketing and she was determined that the grocer should not take advantage of her in any way. "These eggs are dreadfully small," she criticized. "I know it," he answered. "But

that's the kind the farmer brings me. They are just fresh from the country this morning." "Yes," said the bride, "and that's the trouble with those farmers. They are so anxious to get their eggs and that they take them out of the nest too soon!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Advertisement for Ernst Hardware Co. Includes text: "ERNST MONEY SAVERS FOR SATURDAY", "A Fine House Broom Regular 75c value. SATURDAY 59c", "Get a Good Sprayer Now 50c and Up", "Shoe Leather Needs a little attention once in a while, and it will last twice as long.", "Garden Tools", "Lawn Mowers", "Puritan Cleaner", "ERNST HARDWARE CO. 514-16-18 PIKE ST.".

Advertisement for First National Bank. Includes text: "A Friend in Need", "It is too much to expect—even if you are an optimist—that every worker in Seattle who wants to work and can work will always be employed.", "First National Bank".

Advertisement for The Criterion Millinery Store. Includes text: "Spring Dawns Today and with it comes the welcome announcement that tomorrow we place on special sale Fashions Newest Concepts in MILLINERY at \$7.50", "IDEAS THAT SPLENDIDLY CONFORM TO THE MOST MODERN DICTATES OF THE MODE. THE WOMAN OR MISS INTERESTED IN THE LATEST STYLE DEVELOPMENTS WILL FIND HERE MANY BEAUTIFUL HATS IN HARMONY WITH HER PARTICULAR LIKING.", "The Criterion Seattle's Largest Millinery Store Second at Seneca".