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### FIRST LARGE BODY

#### OF TROOPS ARRIVE

Steamer Mauretania Reaches New York With Thousands

#### ADMIRAL MAYO PASSENGER

Mayor Hyland Asks Secy. Baker to Permit Troops to Parade Fifth Avenue

New York, Dec. 2.—The British steamship Mauretania, returning to the United States with the first large body of American overseas troops, anchored in Gravesend Bay at 7:40 o'clock tonight. She was met by navy and army tugs. She will probably remain at her anchorage until early tomorrow morning, when she is expected to dock at Hoboken.

The navy tug, it was reported, had been ordered to meet the Mauretania to bring ashore Admiral Henry T. Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, who was returning from England as a passenger. The army tug, it was said, had orders to bring ashore an army officer of high rank.

Several Thousand Aboard Aboard the Mauretania, as announced recently by Gen. March, chief of staff, are several thousand members of the air service, who were stationed in England. The ship also carries a number of casualties.

When the transport locks at Hoboken relatives and friends of those aboard will not be allowed on the pier, according to a recent announcement by Brig. Gen. G. P. McManus, embarkation officer at this port, who added that, to safeguard public health, the soldiers would be taken directly to demobilization camps for physical examination. Barracks at Camp Mills have been prepared for their reception.

To Parade Fifth Avenue Late today, however, Mayor Hyland telegraphed Secretary Baker, asking that troops aboard the Mauretania be permitted to parade Fifth Avenue tomorrow. Permission also was asked to give a dinner tomorrow night in honor of returning officers.

The mayor pointed out "that the people of the city of New York are most anxious to welcome the troops" and that "the mayor's committee of welcome and city officials have been waiting all day to meet the Mauretania at Ambrose channel."

Battery Park was crowded all day with persons eager to catch a glimpse

of the vessel bringing back to these shores the vanguard of the great army which America sent overseas. Despite reports that the transport would not reach port until early tonight, the crowds stuck to their posts until darkness.

#### Safe and Sound

It was announced tonight that when the Mauretania and other home-coming transports reach their docks, they will be met by a corps of Knights of Columbus secretaries, who will distribute among the troops thousands of "I am safe and sound" cards, which the men can address to their relatives and friends. Later the secretaries will collect and mail the cards, which are already stamped.

The mayor's committee of welcome made a trip down the bay tonight on the flag ship of the police department fleet and circled the Mauretania. Members of the party were not at first allowed to board the transport, and they used megaphones and wireless apparatus to convey the greetings of New York to the returned soldiers, but later a gangplank was shoved out and the civilians scrambled aboard.

As the police boat's searchlight played on the Mauretania's decks men and officers could be seen crowding to the rail as they shouted greetings in return. Back across the water, in reply to the welcome, soon came such queries as "when do we eat?" and "has the State gone dry yet?"

#### 'Phone Mother

When members of the party accepted an invitation to come aboard they were deluged with requests to "Phone mother and let her know I'm here," "to mail this letter to my girl" and to perform similar services.

According to those on the Mauretania the ship had a rough crossing. Four storms were encountered, and at one time the sea ran so high that the clerical force at work in the cabin had to quit when their typewriters were hurled to the floor. The ship was commanded by Capt. A. H. Rostron, of the British navy, who was in command of the Carpathia when that vessel picked up victims of the Titanic disaster in 1912.

There were rousing cheers when Admiral Mayo left the Mauretania and boarded the naval tug awaiting him. Among his fellow passengers on the trip from England were Harry Lauder, the comedian, who sang for the soldiers during the voyage home, and Major Ian Hay, of the British army.

### ULTIMATUM FROM SILESIA

Demands German Government Call Constituent Assembly

Copenhagen, Dec. 2.—The peoples' council of Breslau today sent an ultimatum to the German Government, demanding immediate convocation of the constituent assembly and threatening that Silesia would separate from Prussia unless a satisfactory answer is received within forty-eight hours.

### POWERFUL WIRELESS ON PRESIDENT'S SHIP

New York, Dec. 2.—A new wireless apparatus, said to be the most powerful carried by any vessel, was installed today by the American transport George Washington, so that President Wilson can keep in constant touch with Washington during his voyage to Brest.

### FIRE SWEEPS BUCHAREST

Copenhagen, Dec. 2.—Bucharest is burning, according to reports from Berlin received here. Peasant revolts are said to have broken out in all parts of Rumania.

### GERMAN-AUSTRIA UNITES WITH GERMANY

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—Dr. Hartmann today handed to Dr. W. S. Solf, the German foreign secretary, credentials to the peace conference as representative of the German-Austrian Republic. Dr. Solf, on receiving Dr. Hartmann, said he was deeply impressed by the decision of German-Austria to join Germany, as this was the long fostered desire of Germany.

### CITATION OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Clarendon. By J. M. Windham, Probate Judge. Whereas, R. D. McFaddin made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Joe Burgess,

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and Creditors of the said Joe Burgess, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Manning, on the 16th day of Dec., next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

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