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THE PRESIDENT'S FLAG

One of the many perquisites that President-elect Harding will enjoy when he enters the White House is the flag which will be his alone to use and which is distinctive from any other flag flown in the world. It is used by the president in his ex-officio capacity of commander-in-chief of the army and navy. It is not flown over the White House ordinarily.

This flag, which is no doubt unknown to many in our land, consists of the coat-of-arms as it appears on the president's seal, set in a blue field and flanked by four stars. The four stars are the symbol of high command—the same as those of an army general or navy admiral.

When the president boards a U. S. vessel his flag is hoisted and if possible 21 guns are fired; when he leaves, another salute of 21 guns is fired and at the last gun his flag is lowered. Should the president embark in a boat his flag is usually displayed from the bow, in which case passing naval vessels parade the full guard, four ruffles are given on the drum, four flourishes are sounded on the bugle, the national anthem is played by the band, and officers and men salute. If aboard ship the president is saluted by passing naval vessels and all naval batteries with the regular 21 guns.—*The Pathfinder Dec 4th.*

RUSSIA

Condition of Refugees Ghastly. Refugees from the Crimea driven out with Wrangel by the red army are held in 90 ships strung along the Bosphorus and the

suffering of the wretched people is appalling. Persons of all ages and both sexes are huddled together in indescribable filth, and in spite of all that can be done by the French government, which is in charge, the American navy and the Near East relief, hundreds are being reduced to insanity and suicide by lack of food and water.

A repulsive odor is noticed upon approaching one of the vessels, and diseases are found rampant. Wealthy women offer their jewels for a piece of bread; poor women try to give away their children. It is feared that before adequate relief can be furnished cannibalism will develop and that the wretched people will be driven to devouring their own children.—*Ibid.*

HOLLAND

Ex-Kaiser Pays Big Tax. The Dutch government has estimated the wealth of the former German emperor at \$522,000 annually, and the little town of Doorn where he resides expects to receive as its share of the tax on his estate more than \$13,000. This will be about one-fourth of the taxes for the entire town, and the citizens are beginning to look upon the exile as a welcome guest.—*Ibid.*

RADIO RECEIVES 1000 A MINUTE.

A new wireless station about to be erected on Long Island is to be equipped with receiving apparatus said to have a capacity of 1000 words a minute. In this receiver radio impulses are made to oscillate a mirror which reflects a beam of light on a moving light sensitive tape. After the latter is run through a bat of developing of solution the operator reads off the message rapidly in dots and dashed of the Morse code.—*Ibid.*

FRANCE

Rich Oil Fields Found. Newly discovered petroleum fields near Limogne have been pronounced by a Russian expert as indicating a vast oil basin in that region. Steps have been taken by the government to investigate and exploit the area, which is said to have the same geological formation as the Mexican oil fields. New laws are being passed and steps are being taken to make France independent as far as petroleum is concerned in case expectations from the new fields are realized.—*Ibid.*

AUCTION.

At the request of Lawyer STAKEMANN on behalf of Miss SUSAN BOUGH will be offered for sale at public auction to be held at the undersigned Vendue-Office in Government House on

WEDNESDAY

the 29th of December 1920

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