

GREAT CROWDS OUT TO HONOR PERSHING

Fifth Avenue Lined for Miles
While General and Men of
First Division Pass.

HEARTY CHEERS FOR TROOPS

People Get First View of Fighters in
Combat Equipment—Few Ac-
cidents Mar the Day.

General Pershing saw a real New York crowd yesterday as he rode along Fifth Avenue. Paris crowds and London crowds have honored him, each in its own way, but in his mental comparison of similar occasions the General must have been immensely pleased at the magnitude of his reception by his own countrymen.

He saw New York's great boulevard in full holiday dress, its buildings exuberant with cheering thousands, and its streets massed with men, women, and children, who used every means ingenuity could contrive to give him a real American welcome. And he said afterward it was the greatest patriotic demonstration he had ever witnessed.

The crowd came early and stayed until the end. The streets were astir several hours before the procession and they were almost as crowded when the last unit of the 1st Division passed as they were when the General at its head rode by.

It was America's first glimpse of a complete army division in full combat equipment, and although it took more than three hours to get that glimpse, the crowd was interested enough to wait and see it all.

There were 7,000 policemen on hand, and they had little difficulty holding the crowds in check. "They're used to parades now and they know how to act," one policeman commented. There was space a-plenty for those who knew where to go, but at several points the jam was so great that the crowd was backed into side streets for distances as great as 300 feet from the avenue. At such places there was much traffic in boxes, barrels, tubs, planks, and anything else from which an impromptu stand could be constructed.

"Get your own grandstand for \$1," was the way one box vender advertised his wares.

Spectators Up at Dawn.

Some of the spectators were abroad before the sun, scouting for possible vantage points. The crowds, from all five of the city boroughs, began to assemble as early as 7 o'clock, and by 9 trains and boats, bringing throngs from suburban places, had added so greatly to the traffic that at many points the police had to straighten out congestion.

The avenue was cleared of all vehicular traffic north of Fifty-ninth Street at 9 o'clock, and south of that intersection at 10 o'clock. Crosstown traffic was provided for in Sixteenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-sixth, Thirty-second, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-eighth, Forty-fourth, Fifty-second, and Sixty-fifth Streets for eastbound traffic, and at Fifteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-seventh, Thirty-first, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-ninth, Forty-fifth, Forty-ninth, and Fifty-seventh Streets for traffic westward.

The police, under Chief Inspector John Daly, were on duty by 9 o'clock. Inspector John O'Brien, in charge of traffic, had his headquarters in a telephone booth at the northwest corner of Eighty-second Street and the avenue. Seventeen police inspectors were stationed along the line of march, each with responsibility for the police work in ten blocks. Parade accidents were few.

Show windows all along the avenue were fitted up by the shop proprietors as reviewing stands, most of them for the use of employees and friends, but in many cases for the general public. Persons who sat in these windows looked comfortable, as compared with those who went early to the outdoor stands and sat for hours to await the parade.

The largest crowds were between Fifty-ninth and Forty-second Streets. The sidewalks in this section were filled with spectators by 8:30 o'clock, crowds overflowing into the side streets. At Madison Square, also, the throng was thick, but there was more space to accommodate it there than at any other point.

Mechanical sound-making contrivances were not so numerous as at some other demonstrations, most of the spectators preferring to rely upon their lungs for noise. Many carried flowers to toss at the General. His appearance at many places was the signal for storms of torn paper from the windows of tall buildings.

Second only to the General himself in point of popular interest were the artillery pieces, particularly the heavies, which were drawn by tractors. The racket they made was not sufficient to drown out the shouts of the spectators. The excellent condition of the horses was favorably commented upon.

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GIFTS AND SMILES ENLIVEN THE MARCH

One Soldier Uses His Helmet as
a Basket to Catch Cigarettes
and Chocolates.

GEN. PARKER'S HORSE BACKS

Flowers Presented Along the Line
Dangle from Many Bayonets
in the Parade.

One of the soldiers in yesterday's parade can well be called a great strategist. When the high trucks went by the Knights of Columbus workers eagerly threw their presents to the soldiers seated on the seats, but many of the goodies didn't reach the men on account of their height from the ground and the weakness of the young ladies' arms. Not wanting to lose any of the cigarettes or pieces of chocolate, this strategist removed his helmet and held it by the strap. In this manner the top of the helmet served the purpose of a basket, with the result that it was heaped to the top before the auto had advanced a block.

All of the paraders were received by the spectators with applause and cheers except the military police. For some reason better known to men who had served in the army, smiles stole upon the faces of many of the people at their approach. These smiles turned into loud laughter when the casualties who were seated in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral yelled in unison, sarcastically without a doubt, "Who won the war? The M. P.'s."

Another incident which caused the crowds in the vicinity of the Cathedral to laugh heartily was the actions of the horse ridden by Brig. Gen. Frank Parker. One of the K. of C. girls went over to the General to hand him a bouquet of flowers, and at her approach the horse balked and started to walk backward. This was repeated a few times until one of the male workers of the organization took the flowers and, getting at the side of the horse, handed the bouquet to the General.

The work of the police at yesterday's parade was exceptionally good, when it came to keeping people away from Fifth Avenue while the parade was in progress. At Fifty-first Street hundreds of would-be spectators were held back, but suddenly there was seen a lone soldier walking proudly to the avenue. A shout arose when he was seen, and the humor of it brought laughter to the mouths of all.

The Knights of Columbus workers were so eager to cheer the soldiers with smokes and candies that they did not hesitate, even when they knew the boys were at "attention." Most of the men would not reach for anything until they were "at rest," but one of them brought on smiles by his actions. He was seated with arms folded upon one of the guns. A girl went up to him with an orange, and, not wanting to make much show in accepting it, but still, not wanting to refuse it, he opened one of his hands, keeping his arms folded, and thus took the proffered fruit.

The parading soldiers got their breakfast in the streets before the start yesterday morning from the Y. M. C. A. The "Y" acted under a divisional order giving the organization the responsibility for the morning meal. It cost \$10,000 for the food and milk.

Washington Square looked like a picnic ground after the parade. Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, and Y. M. C. A. workers were there in large numbers, distributing food to the soldiers. The men didn't even have to use their mess kits, as paper pie plates were used.

Many of the bayonets were covered with flowers presented by spectators during the course of the march. Several soldiers carried on the outside of their packs large bunches that had been given to them.

A man in the dining room of the Waldorf, on the Fifth Avenue side, got all the oranges he could find and threw them to the units halted in front of the window.

Boy Killed Watching Airplane.

While watching an airplane which had been taking pictures of the parade, Louis Sella, 8 years old, of 530 West Thirty-ninth Street, ran into a steam locomotive on Eleventh Avenue near Thirty-eighth Street and was killed. The boy had been to see the parade and was playing soldier with several companions when the machine passed overhead, flying low. The boy ran after it and did not hear the engine because of the noise of the airplane motor.

Another serious accident resulting from the parade happened to Celia Tannenbaum, 15 years old, of 231 Snedeker Avenue, Brooklyn, who fell twelve stories through a glass ventilator. She is in a serious condition at Bellevue Hospital, but it was said she probably would recover.

The girl, who is employed by the L. & S. Feather Pasting Company, at 15-17 West Forty-fourth Street, went to the roof of the building with other employees. She climbed to the ventilator cover to let a friend take her photograph. The glass broke and she dropped to the second floor. Her screams were heard as she fell, and tenants of the building hurried to the bottom of the shaft, expecting to find her dead. She fell on a pile of waste paper. Her right leg was broken in several places.

Peter Cilda, 12 years old, of 150 Varick Street, and Paul Rula, 12, of 135 Varick Street, fell into a cellar at 46 Washington Place, while watching the parade, and were slightly hurt.

Several Hurt in Accidents.

Charles Rubinsky, 12 years old, 325 Madison Avenue, fell from the top of a halted trolley car at Fourteenth Street near Fifth Avenue and broke his left wrist.

Vincent De Fozzi, 11, of 186 Hester Street, had his right shoulder broken in a jam in front of 853 Broadway after the parade.

A window screen fell from the eighth floor of 527 Fifth Avenue upon Margaret White, 31, of 508 West 145th Street, and George White, 8, of the same address while they were waiting for the parade.

Police Sergeant Cornelius O'Donnell of the Thirty-eighth Precinct had his foot trampled on by a horse ridden by a member of "Pershing's Own" Regiment, but he remained on duty.

Elizabeth Miller, 29, of 354 East Fifty-third Street, sprained her ankle in a fall from an army truck at Fifty-fifth Street and Fifth Avenue. She was watching the parade when the seat she was occupying collapsed.

While marching in the parade Private Ernest Blomshom, 25, of Headquarters Company, 28th Infantry, became ill at Twenty-third Street. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where it was said he had pneumonia.

In anticipation of accidents ambulances with nurses and doctors were stationed at Fourteenth, Twenty-third, Thirty-fourth, Forty-second, Fifty-first, Sixtieth, Seventy-second, and Ninety-sixth Streets.

LAUDS THE PATRIOTISM MANIFESTED BY PEOPLE

Pershing Makes Brief Speech Presenting Flag to Daniel G. Reid at Central Park Concert.

General Pershing left the Waldorf last evening at 6:40 o'clock in company with Mayor John F. Hylan, Rodman Wanamaker, Alfred J. Johnson, former City Chamberlain; Robert L. Moran, President of the Board of Aldermen, and Barclay Warburton, and was taken to the Mall in Central Park to attend the concert by Walter Damrosch's New York Symphony Orchestra. When the General came out of the hotel a crowd swarmed around him and greeted him with cheers. It took several minutes for him to make his way to the automobile. When the car bearing the General started off automobilists blew their horns and people all along the street stopped to cheer as he made his way to the Park.

His arrival in Central Park was heralded by cheering and applause of thousands of persons who had gathered there.

When the first number ended Philip Berolzheimer gave a signal to Police Inspector John O'Brien to bring forward an American flag, which General Pershing presented to Daniel G. Reid, who rendered conspicuous service during the war and donated the General Hospital No. 1, on Gun Hill Road.

General Pershing in presenting the flag said:

"We are here to honor one of New York's distinguished citizens. During the war the patriotism of Americans was shown in many ways. There has never been before in the history of our country a more noble attitude on the part of men to bestow generously than that manifested during the recent war. Mr. Reid stands pre-eminent in your city, and we know of some of his deeds which have caused our people to recognize him by presenting to him this flag, which it gives me a great deal of pleasure to hand to him."

The orchestra then played the national anthem, and the General greeted Mr. Reid and personally congratulated him. Mr. Reid responded in a few words.

Prior to the flag presentation eleven-year-old Gladys Perkins of 568 West 171st Street, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Catherine Perkins, was escorted over to meet the General by Mr. Berolzheimer, and she presented to the General a shield in which were embedded hundreds of small red, white and blue flowers, and she exclaimed:

"Welcome home.
"Is a General more deserving for the deeds of honor he has done."

"Let us all appreciate him for the glorious task he won."

The General sprang from his seat and with both hands he held the child by the shoulders and affectionately kissed her on both cheeks. Later, Gladys's mother said the child had composed the little speech herself.

The concert was given in honor of the General by Mrs. Philip Berolzheimer, a member of the Mayor's Committee on Reception to distinguished Guests. More than 200 police reserves assisted the regular police to keep order at Central Park. After the presentation of the flag, General Pershing left in his automobile and reached the Waldorf at 7:50 o'clock.

PERSHING AT DINNER WITH U. S. NOTABLES

**Guest of Rodman Wanamaker,
Is Escorted to Table by
Mayor Hylan.**

VISITS THE HIPPODROME

**General's Son Warren Has a
Grand Time at Theatre
and Among Elephants.**

Gen. Pershing spent last evening to a long round of cheers and cheer. He left the Waldorf at 6:30, amid a throng of several thousand persons, drawn to the spot by the General's flag flying from the beribboned motor of Deputy Police Commissioner Harriss and the guard of motorcycle policemen sputtering at the curb. The General's staff lined the path from the door of the hotel to that of the car. They came smartly to the salute as he appeared. It was the signal for a spontaneous yell from the crowd that followed him all the way up the avenue.

Deputy Commissioner Rodman Wanamaker, Gen. Pershing's host for dinner, insisted that he ride in an open car rather than in the closed one that had been decorated for him. The General agreed with a smile, and then followed a comic tussle among the policemen in an endeavor to shift the General's flag from one car to the other. The crowd, however, needed no flag, and cheered the right car until he arrived at the Ritz.

There the table was set about the edge of the ballroom and the entire centre of the floor was turned into a gorgeous garden of roses, gladioli, other brilliant flowers and great masses of foliage. Within the lovely green walls of the ballroom it presented a picture seldom excelled at such an affair in this city.

On Mayor Hylan's Arm.

Gen. Pershing entered on the arm of Mayor Hylan, with Commissioner Wanamaker and the General's staff following. Others at the dinner included Rear Admiral Glennon, Major-Gen. Shanks, Commissioner Enright, Deputy Commissioners Harriss, Leach, Wallace and Allan Ryan; Senator Warren, Marcel Knecht, T. Coleman du Pont, John Barrett, Harry Sinclair, August Silz, John F. Sinnott, John Shaw, Thomas A. Hayes and Alfred Johnson. The dinner was purely an informal one and there were no speeches.

Long before the General had finished dining young Warren Pershing, thrust into obscurity for the afternoon, was telephoning to the Hippodrome, warning Mark Luescher that he, Warren, would be there early to see the elephants and insisting that he be placed in a box near his father. His desires were not only made good but between the acts Mark dug up some apples and a pretty girl and sent Warren into the mysterious lower regions of the Hipp to feed the pachyderms.

"I wouldn't have missed it for anything!" Warren beamed as he came up again.

Outside a big crowd had gathered, and the cheers telling of the arrival of the General coincided nicely with the applause at the end of the book tableau on the stage. The General appeared in an upper box decorated by a huge laurel wreath and his four starred flag. The audience stood to a man and cheered him.

Arrives in Midst of Cheers.

Gen. Pershing arrived in the midst of these cheers. Suddenly he stopped and his hand snapped to the salute while his whole face and figure became rigid at attention. He first of all the throng heard the band playing "The Star Spangled Banner." Other officers drifted in and were almost seated before they realized what was going on. But Gen. Pershing heard it immediately.

There were demands for a speech, but the General smiled and settled back between the Mayor and Mr. Wanamaker to enjoy the show. He grinned broadly when a lightning sketch artist drew a picture of him, and he showed a healthy interest in the trick riding of Boots Hanaford. He showed a no less healthy one in the diving girls who climbed the proscenium arch near his box and almost took premature tumbles into the tank trying to see him. In fact, the General almost broke up the show on a number of occasions with pretty girls forgetting their steps to get a good look at him.

Gen. Pershing returned to the Waldorf at 11:20 and found another big crowd

waiting to cheer him to bed. He began to see the humor of it.

"I thought I'd fool you by getting home early," he said as he stood up in the car and saluted. Then he ran like a boy up the steps and disappeared.

LINE DOWN FIFTH AVENUE STARTS AT TEN O'CLOCK; GREAT THRONGS CHEER ARMY LEADER IN STREETS

Commander of American Expeditionary Forces Will Cover Entire Route.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FURNISHES HIS MOUNT

City Will See for First Time Entire Division Equipped in Battle Array.

TO OCCUPY SIX HOURS

City Announces Traffic Regulations for Tremendous Demonstration in Fifth Avenue—Halts Every Hour.

GENERAL PERSHING'S PROGRAMME FOR TODAY

- 9:00 A. M.—Leaves Waldorf to take part in parade.
- 12:30 P. M.—Estimated time he will return to Waldorf.
- 1:00 P. M.—Private luncheon with family.
- 7:00 P. M.—Attends concert in Mall, Central Park.
- 8:00 P. M.—Attends Victory dinner at Waldorf. Rodman Wanamaker, Toastmaster. Addresses by Vice President Marshall, Secretary of War Baker and Mayor Hylan.

When Broadway and Fifth avenue look arms and admit they have one object in common, that object warrants some consideration. Yesterday, if one had been blindfolded and placed in an automobile following that of General John J. Pershing, it would have been impossible to distinguish one acclaiming throng from another. General Pershing, in six hours, stood by marble walls, by wooded meadows, in Broadway, in Fifth avenue, in Central Park—in fact, he rode and walked among the high and the low, the young and the old, and his hours were filled with one long howl of cheers from the crowds that crushed in about him wherever his machine was halted.

From the moment the General walked down the wide staircase of the Waldorf-Astoria from his suite on the third floor at noon, until he returned there to retire, the General of the American armies heard and saw what New York and the nation—for there were hundreds here from out of the city—thought of him.

Up Fifth avenue at a tediously slow speed because of the packing of vehicles and pedestrians in front of and around his machine, to Central Park, where he was entertained by several thousands of school children, down Eighth avenue and again southward on Fifth avenue, over to Broadway, and back again to the Plaza Hotel for tea, returning to the Waldorf, he found, and from the broad smile on his face, quite to his liking, the same eager numbers that on Monday had in his own words given him an "overwhelming" welcome back to America after two years of service at the head of the American Expeditionary Force in France.

Dinner Delayed Thirty Minutes.

"I'm so glad to see you all," were Pershing's words as he stepped into the lobby of the Waldorf after a restful night and a long chat in the forenoon with re-

latives and friends. He had risen at half-past nine o'clock. It was his purpose to go directly to the dining room of the hotel, but if his food was waiting for him it must have cooled. Thirty minutes elapsed before he could make his way through the crowd in the lobby.

It was a quarter past two o'clock when the General entered an automobile standing in Thirty-third street, in front of the hotel door, to go to Central Park. Hundreds of thousands shouted themselves hoarse in the following hour. At the first sight of his trim figure marching—for he marches when he walks—through the doorway, a cry was lifted that would have been envied by any variety rooting squad ever put together.

The throngs became more chummy with the distinguished soldier. They acted as if they realized fully that he was their guest, and they shouted, "Oh, you John!" and "Thassa boy!" to him, and it was an unusual sight to behold this man who has been so unalterably rigid and stern throughout the war grinning and chatting with his companions and even with some who came near enough to his automobile, and thoroughly enjoying the informality of it all.

As the Pershing automobile turned into Fifth avenue, headed northward, the General saw, for the first time, a part of what is in store for him this morning. He saw flags upon flags, silk and cotton, big and little, and he said, turning to Rodman Wanamaker:—"It certainly is the Avenue of Flags."

Children Wait for "Audience."

Proceeding slowly because of the demonstrations taking place about him, Pershing had an opportunity to see the workmen placing in position the scores of grand stands of chairs and tables and benches and plain pine boards all the way. At last, after three-quarters of an hour had passed, the automobile reached Fifty-ninth and turned west and raced northward through the park to the Meadows where the singing children already were twisting on their toes and wondering where their "audience" might be.

There will be many a youngster of today telling their own little children of tomorrow about what happened next. General Pershing had just a plain, out and out good time there with the children. And when he had said "goodby" to them he was taken to the Durland Riding Academy, where he received a six-year-old thoroughbred Virginia charger, the gift of the Lieutenant Jefferson Feigl Post, of the American Legion.

In order that the occasion of his trip to Central Park might be commemorated, General Pershing then rode to the east edge of the meadows in Central Park and planted a tree while hundreds gathered and watched him bend over and help throw the earth about its roots.

Sees "Movie" About Himself.

Back in Fifth avenue, bound for the Plaza Hotel, the chauffeur was instructed to turn off and go into Broadway. This was a trick to get the General out of the sight of the increasing crowds, and in a few minutes he found himself jostled in through a dark door of the Rialto Theatre looking at a screen picture of "Pershing's Life Told on the Screen." It is a story of the principal events of his life, and when a scene showing Aunt Susan contentedly rocking herself on the back porch of the old home in Laclade, Mo., he grinned and turned to his friends and commented upon it, nodding his head in approval. The old swimmin' hole, too, brought back pleasant memories, as several nude youngsters were shown tying each other's clothing into knots. A moment later a likeness of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt was thrown on the screen, and General Pershing, sober-faced and turning from one to the other of his companions, nodded his head and clapped his hands.

Going then, as the glamoring Broadway crowds would allow his machine to pass, to the New York Bible Society headquarters at No. 675 Madison avenue for a moment, where he received an exquisitely bound copy of the Bible from John W. Carter, secretary of the society, he returned to his automobile and went directly to the suite in the Plaza Hotel of his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Senator Francis E. Warren and Mrs. Warren, where he and Mr. Wanamaker and Colonel J. G. Quekemeyer, Pershing's aide, had tea together. Even as he entered the quiet Fifty-eighth street entrance of the hotel, traffic in Fifth avenue was congested instantly and hundreds of automobiles attempted to force their way into the narrow roadway. Persons came racing from street cars and nearby streets, and waited there until a half hour later when he emerged, doffing his cap and smiling in return for their cheers.

Hundreds who had heard the General was at the Plaza went into the hotel for an hour after he had left, demanding that they be allowed to wait and see him,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNORS GREET THE ARMY'S LEADER IN SPECIAL MESSAGES TO THE NEW YORK AMERICAN

NATION SPEAKS ITS PRIDE IN SOLDIER AND HAPPINESS AT HIS RETURN TO NATIVE SHORES

"Civilization Saved for World Under His Leadership," Says One Tribute; Another Points Out That He Served Both His Own Nation and Mankind.

HEAD OF WORLD'S BEST CRUSADERS
IS PLEDGED GRATITUDE OF PEOPLE

GOVERNORS of nearly all the States in the Union have sent messages of welcome to General Pershing through the columns of The New York American. Their congratulations on his return from European battle fronts as one of the foremost of American military leaders express the sentiment of the nation toward the great soldier.

General Pershing's skill in handling a gigantic machine, his constant devotion to duty and his conduct as chief of America's land forces are pointed out in the gubernatorial messages sent The American. Following are the "welcomes" which the various Governors extend through The American to the home-coming General:

ALABAMA

**"Splendid Skill Strengthened
Army's Place in the World"**

"MONTGOMERY, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"In common with her sister States, Alabama joins in a warm welcome and hearty greeting to the man whose splendid skill and fine leadership, of the armed forces of America in their gallant struggle with the forces of evil and tyranny, and whose personal character has served to strengthen the esteem in which the soldiery of America is held by the world.

General Pershing has achieved for himself a proud eminence, and, on his return to the glad acclaim of thousands, will witness the love and affection of an appreciative people. Alabama joins with me in good wishes of strength for further service to the Republic.

General Pershing, the United States Commander-in-Chief



CITY'S ENTIRE POPULATION TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING OF THE VICTORIOUS WARRIOR

Giant Leviathan Will Dock at Pier 4 in Hoboken at 8 A. M. To-day—Demonstration to Be Unparalleled in History of Liberty Loving People

AEROS AND DESTROYERS TO LEAD
HUNDREDS OF WELCOMING SHIPS

America is waiting with an eagerness that increases every minute for the return of the nation's greatest soldier from the field of victory and glory.

Since yesterday the eyes of the whole country have been turned eastward toward the Atlantic, where the great liner Leviathan is tearing through the waves. All arms are outstretched eastward to him who was first of our fighting force to start overseas and last to come back to the homeland.

Arrives To-day at Hoboken.

General John J. Pershing will arrive at Pier 4 in Hoboken at 8 o'clock this morning. Radio communications streaming through the air from the huge transport last night reiterated this assurance almost hourly, in reply to the endless current of interrogation from the military wireless stations and passing vessels.

The Leviathan will pick up Ambrose Light at 4 o'clock this morning, and at 7 o'clock General Pershing will view the Statue of Liberty for the first time in more than two years, with the skyscrapers crowning New York in the background. Hoboken then, and a review of the troops in charge of the Port of Embarkation—and New York!

General Pershing returns to the United States after an absence overseas of two years, three months and ten days. He sailed for Europe aboard the Baltic May 28, 1917, and landed on June 8. Returning, he left Brest aboard the Leviathan last Monday.

Among the thousands of military and civic officials concerned in the reception there was enthusiastic rapidity of action for the perfection of the final details of the far-reaching plans. Among the millions in and about the city, who are just as intensely interested, there was an atmosphere of emotional restraint, something that seemed a blend of anxiety, solemnity and pride—shot through with rays of pure joy.

It was as if America possessed a single son and that man-child, after passing an interminable ordeal calling for courage, fortitude, statesmanship to sustain the family honor, was nearly home again, unscathed, undaunted, and with head unbowed by even the weight of honors. It was as if the heart of the nation was pulsing to the vibrations of the vessel speeding him to it.

Aeros Among First in Greeting.

Every possible line of information regarding the Leviathan's progress

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"Governor.

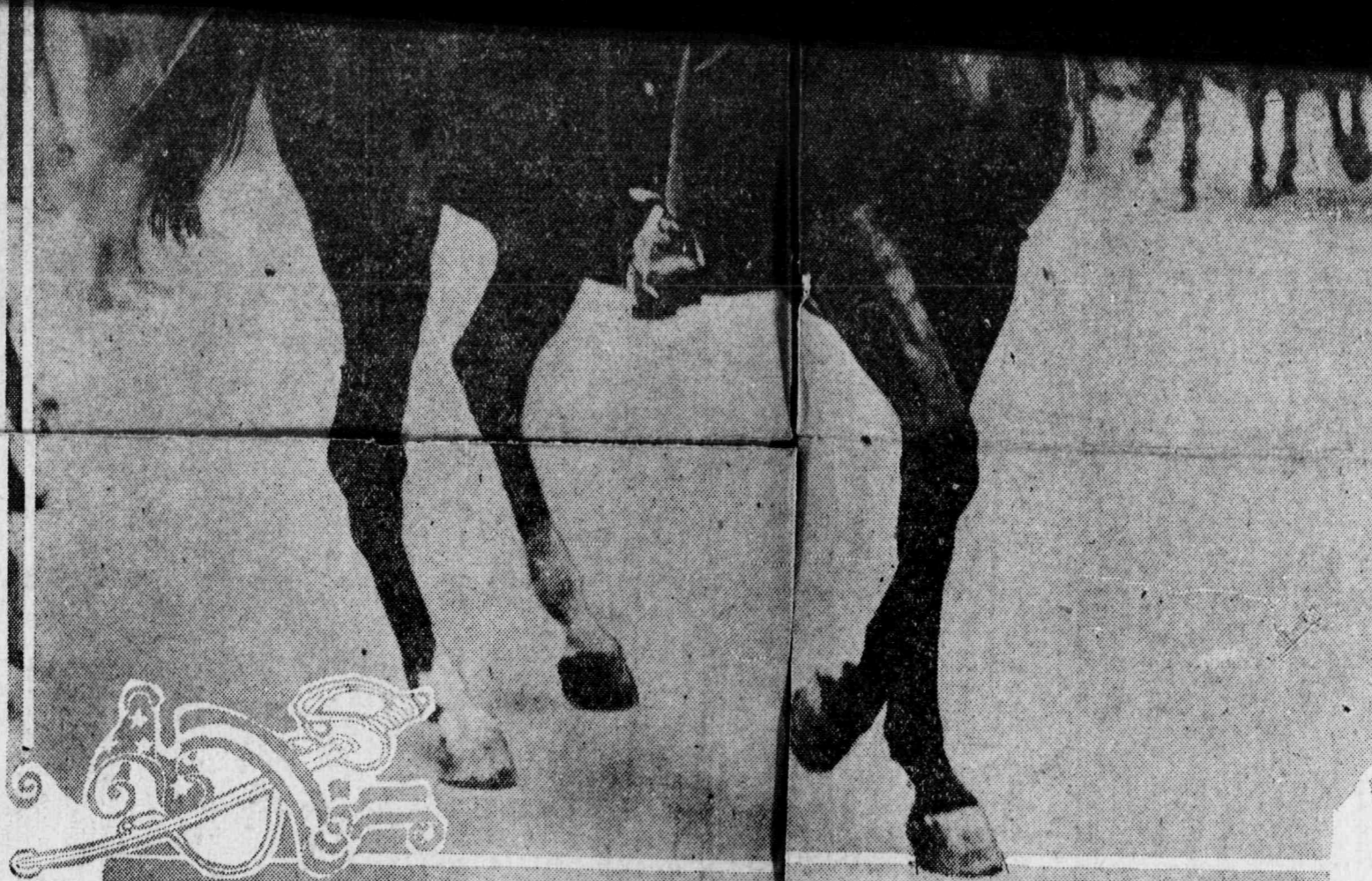
ARIZONA

"Civilized World Owes Him It Can Never Repay"

"PHOENIX, Sept. 5.

New York American:

It gives me great pleasure in behalf of the people of Arizona to extend a welcome home to General John J. Pershing. Arizona, in harmony with the rest of the nation, believe that this nation, but the civilized world, owes a debt of gratitude to General Pershing which it can never repay. The



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least we can do to show this appreciation will be an enthusiastic welcome to this great warrior, whose home-coming should be made an occasion of public recognition.

"THOMAS E. CAMPBELL, Governor of Arizona."

ARKANSAS

"Proud of His Achievement; Happy at His Return"

"LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 6.

To the New York American:

"As Governor of Arkansas I extend a hearty welcome on behalf of her citizenship to General John J. Pershing upon his return to American shores. All Arkansas is proud of his achievement in the great world war and are happy in his return to the States.

"CHAS. H. BROUGH,
"Governor."

CALIFORNIA

"Stood Foremost Among All the Generals of the War"

"SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

California joins with the nation in heartiest greetings to General Pershing. Among all the generals of the war, the man who commanded the American forces stood among the foremost. Pershing contributed an important part in bringing all allied armies under a single command, thus establishing unification that helped materially to expedite the end of the conflict.

"In this Pershing showed the greatness of spirit that is the true American ideal of a military official. Pershing's name

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Among the thousands of military and civic officials concerned in the reception there was enthusiastic rapidity of action for the perfection of the final details of the far-reaching plans. Among the millions in and about the city, who are just as intensely interested, there was an atmosphere of emotional restraint, something that seemed a blend of anxiety, solemnity and pride—shot through with rays of pure joy.

It was as if America possessed a single son and that man-child, after passing an interminable ordeal calling for courage, fortitude, statesmanship to sustain the family honor, was nearly home again, unscathed, undaunted, and with head unbowed by even the weight of honors. It was as if the heart of the nation was pulsing to the vibrations of the vessel speeding him to it.

Aeros Among First in Greeting.

Every possible line of information regarding the Leviathan's progress was congested yesterday with inquiries about the vessel, and scores of official sources where no information existed were called on for details of the transports' log. At the Port of Embarkation, at Governors Island, at City Hall, and at the offices of the Mayor's Committee of Welcome, the inquiries were endless.

Army officials forecast that despite the publicity given to the General's programme for the next week, despite the carefully planned series of celebrations, there will be a spontaneous demonstration when the homing hero arrives that will render insignificant anything of the kind ever witnessed.

Airplanes and seaplanes will wing down the bay before the Leviathan arrives in the Narrows, to greet the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces. A destroyer, the Blakely, bearing Secretary of War Baker and other distinguished officials, will speed out to sea before the transport arrives.

The first formal greeting to General Pershing will be from Mayor John F. Hylan in the form of a welcoming message dropped from a seaplane of the Police Reserve Air Force. The message reads:
"General John J. Pershing,
"Aboard U. S. S. Leviathan.
Dear General Pershing:
"The people of the City of New

Grateful Country Announces Its Readiness to Honor A. E. F. Commander

Words of Greeting from Every Part of Land
Testify to People's Affection for
Army Chief.

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generals.
WILLIAM D. STEPHENS,
"Governor of California."

COLORADO

**"Leadership Has Brought
Undying Fame to American Arms"**

"DENVER, Sept. 5.

"General John J. Pershing, care N. Y. American:

"The people of America gladly welcome your return to your native shores. Your magnificent and masterful leadership of the American forces abroad has brought undying fame to American arms and registered Americans' pulse-beats in the hearts of the peoples of the world.

"On behalf of the people of Colorado permit me to offer you their most cordial greetings and wish that your coming years will bring you the recognition to which you are so richly entitled by reason of your splendid services in the cause of humanity and the Government of the United States.

"GOVERNOR SHOUP."

FLORIDA

**"World-Wide Hero, Who Has
Made Mark on History"**

"TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

"The greetings of the great State of Florida to this world-wide hero. The achievements of the American army through this great general will go down the annals of the ages showing the worth and merit, not only of the soldiers in khaki but of the general who directed the great world-wide movement upon the battlefield in France. Florida, therefore, hails his return to America with best wishes.

"SIDNEY J. CATTS,
"Governor of Florida."

GEORGIA

**"Ranks with Washington and
Lee," Says Governor Dorsey**

"ATLANTA, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

"On behalf of the great State of Georgia—whole population is a patriotic unit—I wish to welcome General Pershing to the home land of America. He returns to us a victor in the most gigantic struggle of all time—a hero of democracy and a champion of the rights of man.

"As spokesman for three millions of people, I extend a Georgian's handshake of welcome to one of the foremost figures in modern history and to a soldier worthy to rank with Washington and Lee.

HUGH M. DORSEY,
"Governor."

IDAHO

**"Are Proud of the Fact Our
Men Fought Under Him"**

"BOISE, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

"Idaho extends to General Pershing a most hearty welcome upon his return to his country. As a State we are proud of the fact that our men fought under his exceptional leadership to preserve the fundamentals of liberty.

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To the New York American:

"In a spirit of 100 per cent Americanism Indiana, which fulfilled every obligation put upon her citizens in the prosecution of the world war, welcomes back General John J. Pershing, the supreme commander of the American forces abroad.

"In men and money over there and over here Indiana performed her full part, as she did sixty years ago under Governor Morton. The State rejoices now that in most of the elements of victory she was first. Naturally, we rejoice in the return of General Pershing, and on behalf of Indiana I extend to him our affectionate greetings and welcome.

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To the New York American:

"Illinois joins with her sister States in welcome to General Pershing. Under his able leadership the armies of

The First and the Last

By JOHN O'KEEFE.

You were first of the arrows we sped when our hands were unused
to the bow.

And the sky was a target of red, that was flaunting its face
for attack;

You were first to go daring the beast, as he burst on the world for
its woe;

You were first to leap light to the East, and the last to come
back!

Black Jack's a-riding, a-riding up the road,

And oh! the quiet smiling

To see his boys go fighting!

Yet far thoughts dim those eyes of him, that once so hotly glowed.

Black Jack's a-riding, a-riding up the road!

You were first to be burned by the blast from the hell in the
hearts of the foes;

You were first in our visioning vast of a world to be nevermore
black;

You were first where the gray phantoms flit in the dusk that comes
up from below;

You were first to stare into the Pit, and the last to come back!

Black Jack's a-riding, a-riding up the lane!

The old load on his shoulders

No longer there, beholders!

Yet still there slips across his lips the touch of worlds in pain!

Black Jack's a-riding, a-riding up the lane!

You were first for the sickening feel of the face of a pal in the dark;

You were first where the stars seem to reel when the sky's
flimsy curtains go crack;

You were first with the prayer, and the sob, and the jest, and the
song of a lark;

You were first of the Men on the Job, and the last to come back!

Black Jack's a-riding, a-riding up the way,

And he alone is hearing

A gray host's silent cheering,

For with him, go, in row and row, the souls of yesterday!

Black Jack's a-riding, a-riding up the way!

KANSAS

**"Congratulates Gen. Pershing
on Magnificent Record"**

"TOPEKA, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"Kansas desires to join the other States in expressing the sentiment of welcome to General Pershing upon his return from the victorious campaign of the American Expeditionary Forces in France and with it the congratulations of the State upon the magnificent record of his army.

"HENRY J. ALLEN, Governor."

KENTUCKY

**"Has Served Well Nation's
Cause and That of Mankind"**

"FRANKFORT, Sept. 6.

To the New York American:

"All Kentuckians heartily join in welcoming the return of General Pershing to his and our nation, whose cause and that of the liberty of mankind he served so well during the recent great war.

"JAMES D. BLACK, Governor."

LOUISIANA

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To the New York American:

MINNESOTA

**"His Was Splendid Part in Great
Struggle for Civilization"**

"ST. PAUL, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

"Minnesota sends greetings to General Pershing, expressing to him its deep appreciation of his splendid part in the great struggle in behalf of civilization.

"J. A. A. BURNQUIST, Governor."

MISSISSIPPI

**"Welcome Him for Honor and
Lustre He Gained for America"**

"JACKSON, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"Please convey to General Pershing, through your great journal, assurances of the most cordial greetings on behalf of the people of Mississippi upon his safe return from the war front. We welcome him home again with gladness and gratitude in our hearts for the honor and the lustre his brilliant career abroad has bestowed upon the name of America.

"We welcome him, too, as an honored fellow-citizen, whose name and fame are imperishably linked with the history of the greatest world events of all time. We feel that his splendid military services to our country in its hour of peril deserve our highest commendation and our everlasting appreciation.

"THEODORE G. BILBO, Governor."

MISSOURI

**"He Has Brought to His Native
State Greatest Honor"**

"JEFFERSON CITY, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"In a very special and proud way Missouri would join in the welcome extended to General John J. Pershing on his arrival from France in the incomparable work wrought in behalf of the nation and mankind. General Pershing has brought to Missouri, his native State, the greatest possible honor and glory.

"Therefore we would make our welcome the sincerest, the most generous and the heartiest of which we are capable, knowing it will, on account of human limitations, fall short of what General Pershing has earned, because of what he is and what he has accomplished.

"He has the first place in the heart of every Missourian, and we would greet him as our most distinguished and honored son.

"FREDERICK D. GARDNER, Governor."

MONTANA

**"To His Generalship Was Due
Much of the Glory"**

"HELENA, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

"I am glad to extend greetings on behalf of the people of Montana to General Pershing, to whose wise generalship so much of the glory of American arms overseas was due. Our debt to him is great and our hearts warm to him.

"SAM V. STEWART,
"Governor."

NEBRASKA

**"Love Him Here Because We
Know Him"**

"LINCOLN, Sept. 3.

To the New York American:

"Nebraska welcomes General Pershing's return, not alone because of his wonderful military achievements, nor as the commanding general of the victorious overseas force, but as an adopted son. We look upon him out here as one of us and we love him because we know him.

"SAMUEL B. MCKELVIE,
"Governor."

NEVADA

**"Confidence in Him Justified
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"CARSON, Sept. 2.

To the New York American:

"I gladly avail myself of your courtesy in order to greet General Pershing on behalf of Nevada and in my own name. The confidence with which Nevada saw him go has been justified by his victorious return, and he has earned with his rank that same gratitude that has gone out to those in whose glorious company he by both rank and right belongs.

"EMMETT D. BOYLE,
"Governor of Nevada."

NEW HAMPSHIRE

**"He Qualified as Commander
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"CONCORD, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

America. New Mexico is proud of the work done by the American army in Europe under your command, and with you rejoices in the great victory that it helped to achieve. The Legislature of our State voted a medal of honor to you in recognition of your valuable services in the war, and I shall be glad to present it to you whenever at your convenience you can honor New Mexico with your presence.

"O. A. LARRAZOLO,
"Governor."

NEW YORK

**"Heartfelt Gratitude in the
Empire State Welcome"**

"ALBANY, Sept. 5.

"General John J. Pershing, care N. Y. American:

"The people of the State of New York, with heartfelt gratitude, join with the citizens of her sister States in welcoming you on your victorious return to American shores.

"ALFRED E. SMITH,
"Governor."

NORTH DAKOTA

**"People Deeply Appreciate
Work for Country"**

"BISMARCK, Sept. 3.

To the New York American:

"The people of North Dakota deeply appreciate General Pershing's untiring efforts in behalf of our country's welfare and wish to congratulate him on his safe return to the home land.

"LYNN J. FRAZIER,
"Governor."

OHIO

**"He Always Took Pride in U. S.;
Let Us Bespeak Our Pride"**

"COLUMBUS, Sept. 2.

To the New York American:

"We are glad to avail ourselves of the opportunity offered by you to extend a welcome on behalf of the State of Ohio to the leader of the American forces overseas. The State which gave an entire volunteer fighting division, thousands of the members of which now sleep under the poppies and in the Argonne Forest; which gave the largest pro rata number of enlistments in the regular army, and which ranked only third in selective service representation, demands even higher place in the share of pride we have in our able and successful military leader. General Pershing, in his every act, has bespoken his pride in America. Let us now bespeak our pride in him.

"JAMES M. COX,
"Governor."

OKLAHOMA

**"Has Proved Soldiers of Republic
Outclass Those of Monarchy"**

"OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"Oklahomans take a personal interest in the welcome to be extended to General Pershing upon his return to the country which he has so signally honored by his splendid services as a soldier. He has demonstrated that under the most trying circumstances the citizen soldiers of a Republic are the equals in courage and the superiors in fighting-spirit of the machine-like armies of absolute governments.

"General Pershing is a representative type of those American military officers whose illustrious performances from the days of Washington to the present have reflected glory not only upon our country, but upon the entire human race.

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"Illinois joins with her sister States in welcome to General Pershing. Under his able leadership the armies of America have won immortal fame upon a score of foreign battlefields and have saved to the world Western civilization. Illinois extends her greeting to General Pershing upon his arrival in New York as an earnest of the welcome she will give him when he visits this State.

"FRANK O. LOWDEN, Governor of Illinois."

IOWA

**"Rejoices That America Had Such
a Man Ready for the Call"**

DES MOINES, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"Iowa is glad to have the opportunity to take part in showing appreciation of General Pershing on his return from his command in Europe. The task assigned him was difficult, but he was ready for just such an emergency. The splendid victory achieved spells his success. All Iowa welcomes General Pershing home and rejoices that America had such men ready for the call.

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CALVIN COOLIDGE,
"Governor."

MICHIGAN

**"His Was the Leadership That
Made Effort Effective"**

"LANSING, Sept. 3.

To the New York American:

"We of Michigan are proud of the splendid war record of our soldiers and sailors and marines, but we realize that without the right kind of leadership the magnificent fighting spirit of our men would have been largely ineffective.

"It is my privilege in the name of the people of Michigan to extend to General Pershing a cordial welcome on his return to home and native land.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER,
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"CONCORD, Sept. 4.

To the New York American:

"New Hampshire joins wholeheartedly with the other States of the nation in greeting the gallant leader of our intrepid soldiers who have enshrined for all time the glory of American valor in a righteous cause. General Pershing had to command the best crusaders the world could produce, and he qualified as fit to be their commander. Higher praise cannot be given him. He deserves fully the magnificent reception that awaits him when he lands again on American soil.

"JOHN H. BARTLETT,
"Governor."

NEW MEXICO

**"Medal of Honor Awaiting
His Visit to State"**

"SANTA FE, Sept. 1.

"General John J. Pershing, care N. Y. American:

"The people of New Mexico heartily welcome you back to

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"WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Governor."

SOUTH CAROLINA

**"Deep Appreciation
for Great Service"**

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 7.

To the New York American:

"Have addressed following telegram to General Pershing:
"In behalf of the people of South Carolina I extend to you the heartiest of welcomes upon your return home, and

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wish to express to you our deep appreciation for the great service you have rendered. R. A. COOPER, Governor."

SOUTH DAKOTA

**"Warm Affections of Nation
Will Continue with Him"**

"PIERRE, Sept. 3.

To the New York American:

"On behalf of South Dakota's entire people, her soldiers and sailors and those who served at home I want to extend to General Pershing our heartiest good wishes upon his coming home. The warm affections of the nation will continue to surround him.

"PETER NORDBECK, Governor."

TEXAS

**"He Left from This State and We
Would Welcome Him Back"**

"AUSTIN, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"Texas, the Empire Commonwealth of this Union, extends a hearty hand-clasp across the country in welcome to General Pershing.

"After leading a punitive expedition into Mexico in 1916 to punish marauders who had violated our soil, he came to Texas and assumed command of the Army's Southern Department, with headquarters in our historic city of San Antonio. While engaged in an inspection of border conditions along the Rio Grande, he was halted in the work he had to do by the orders that sent him to France. Now that he has finished his world task in Europe we welcome him to that unfinished task that lies to the south of the Rio Grande.

"The National Guardsmen of Texas, the volunteers of this State, and the draft men, who served under him in the American Expeditionary Forces, will hasten to his standard if he is assigned to lead an expedition that has for its purpose the protection of life and property of American citizens in Mexico and the enforcement of a policy that will guarantee safety of investment to American interests and that will drive banditry from our borders.

"Yes, we welcome Pershing home. We welcome him to his native land. We are proud of the work he has done for world safety and democracy on the other side of the seas, and we join with all the nation in giving him the homage that is due.

W. P. HOBBY, Governor."

UTAH

**"Highest Traditions of America
Have Been Maintained."**

"SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 5.

To the New York American:

"Since the Stars and Stripes were unfurled as the emblem of Liberty it has been the privilege of our people to greet returning leaders of our forces only as victors. In meeting with open arms the returning leader of our victorious forces in Europe we are given not only the proud privilege of knowing that the highest traditions of America have been maintained but for the first time we are permitted to welcome an American leader who, for the preservation of democratic ideals, has participated in an Old World strife. On behalf of the people of the great State which it is my honor to represent, I extend to you, my dear General, a most cordial welcome.

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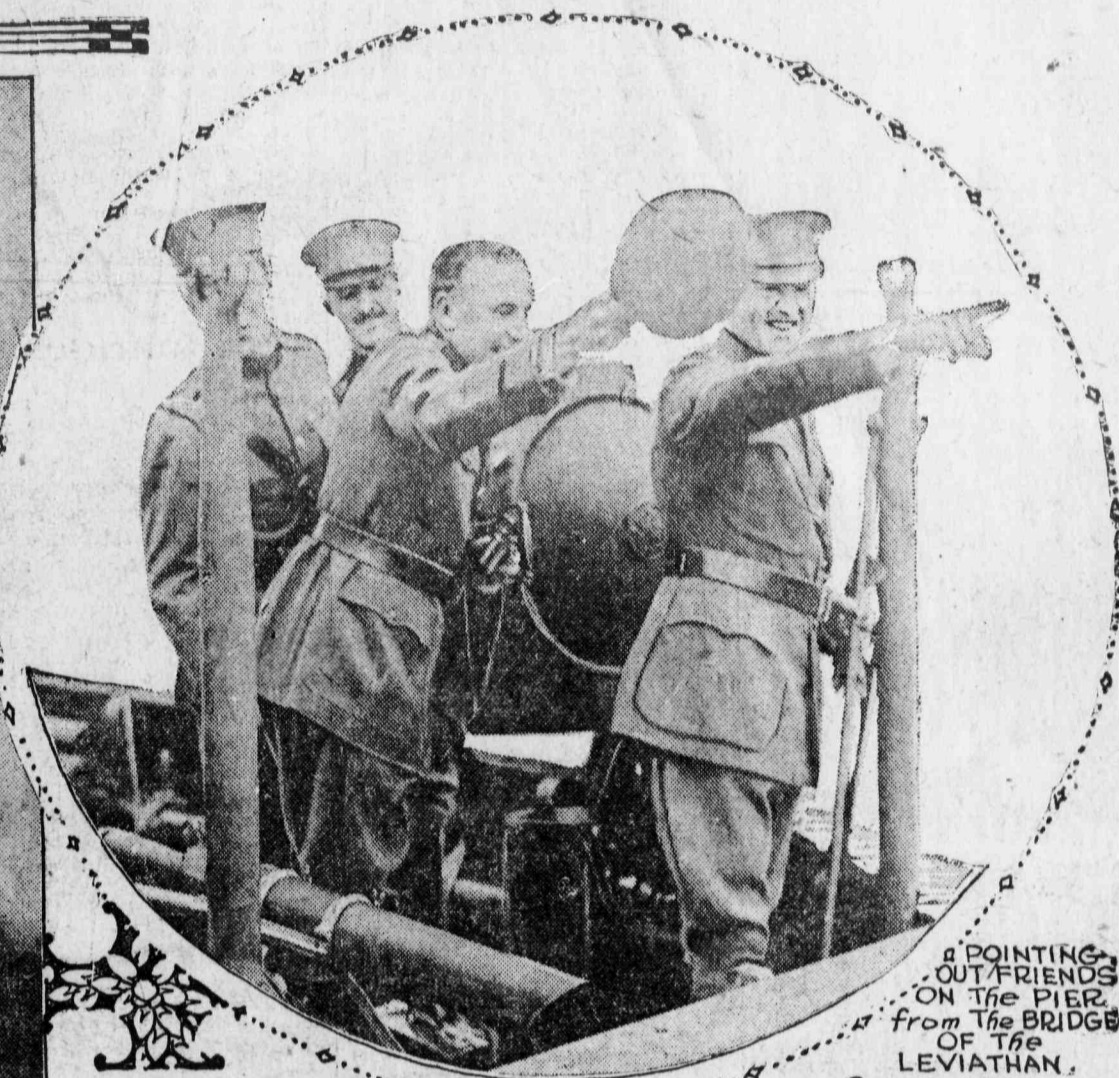
"In behalf of the people of the State of Wyoming permit me to add their welcome upon your homecoming to that of the balance of the people of the nation. This is an added pleasure to us because of your nearness and dearness to the people of Wyoming and because all the people of the State of Wyoming have a personal pride in the manner in which you have acquitted yourself of the arduous duties imposed upon you as the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces and the great credit which you have reflected upon the nation.

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PERSHING'S WELCOME TO NEW YORK AS RECORDED BY THE CAMERA



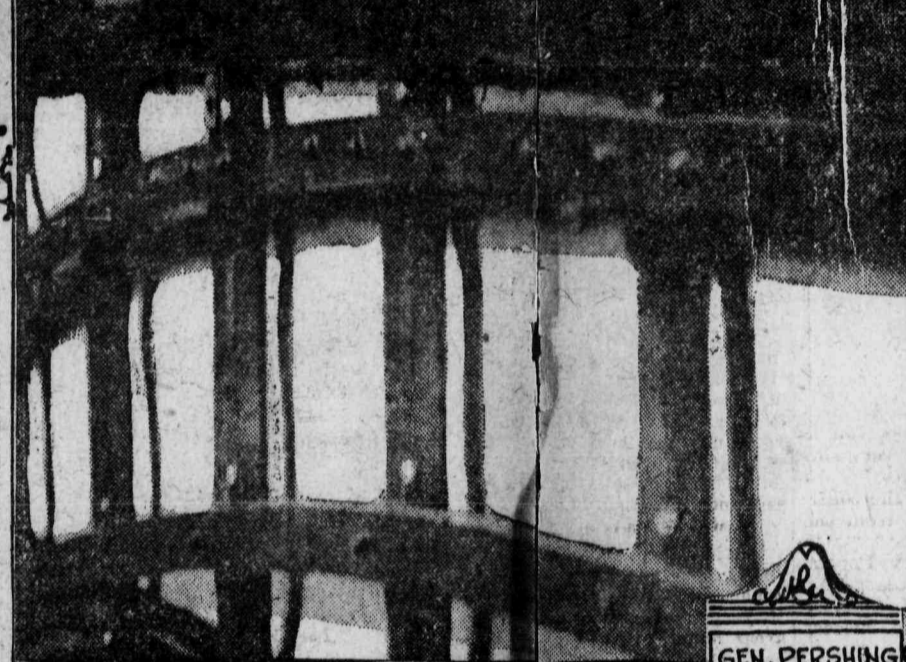
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WORLD STAFF.



POINTING OUT FRIENDS ON THE PIER FROM THE BRIDGE OF THE LEVIATHAN.
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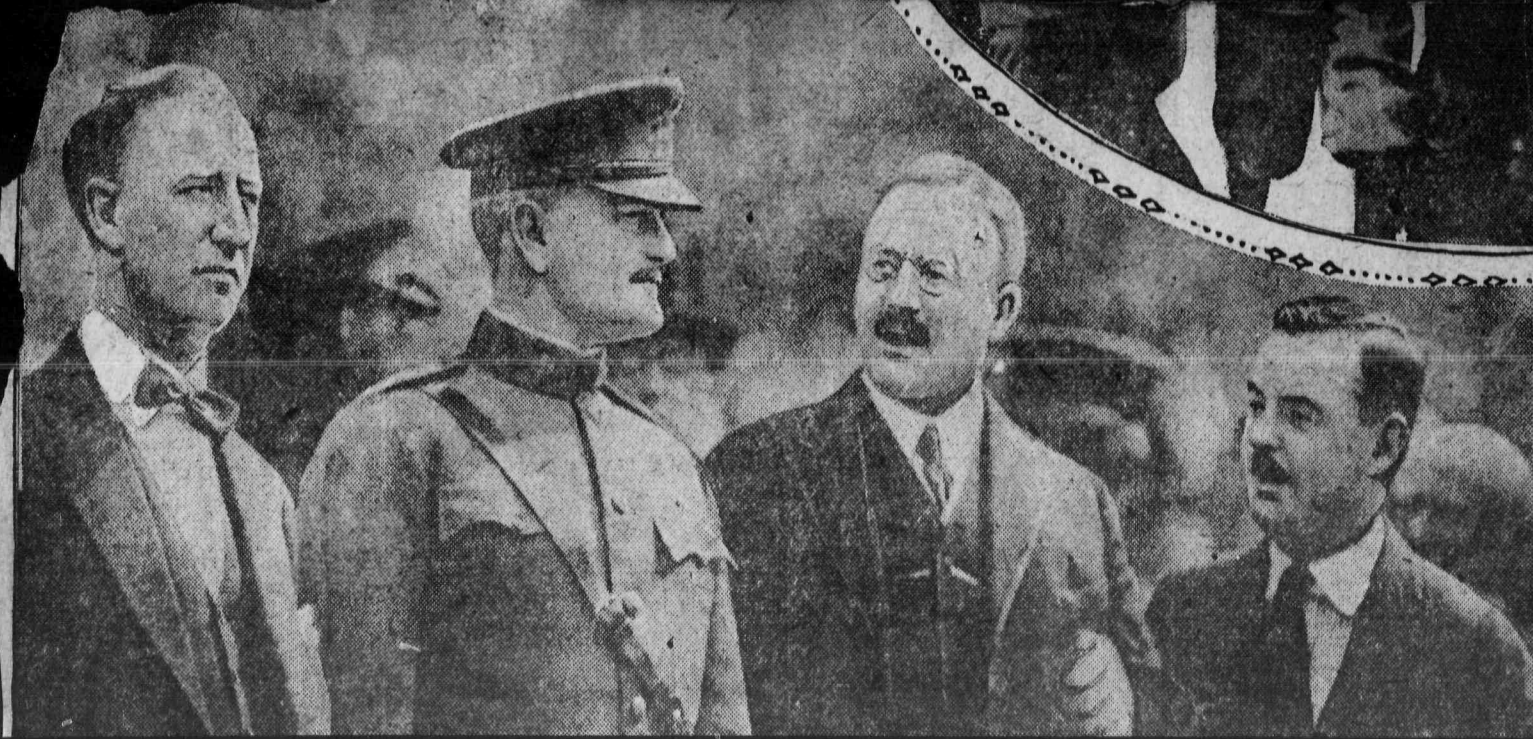
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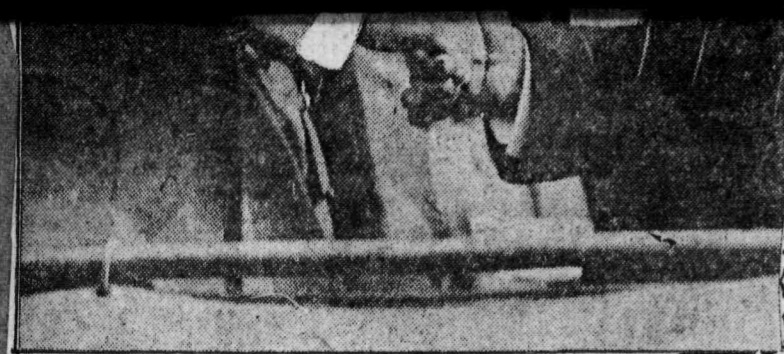
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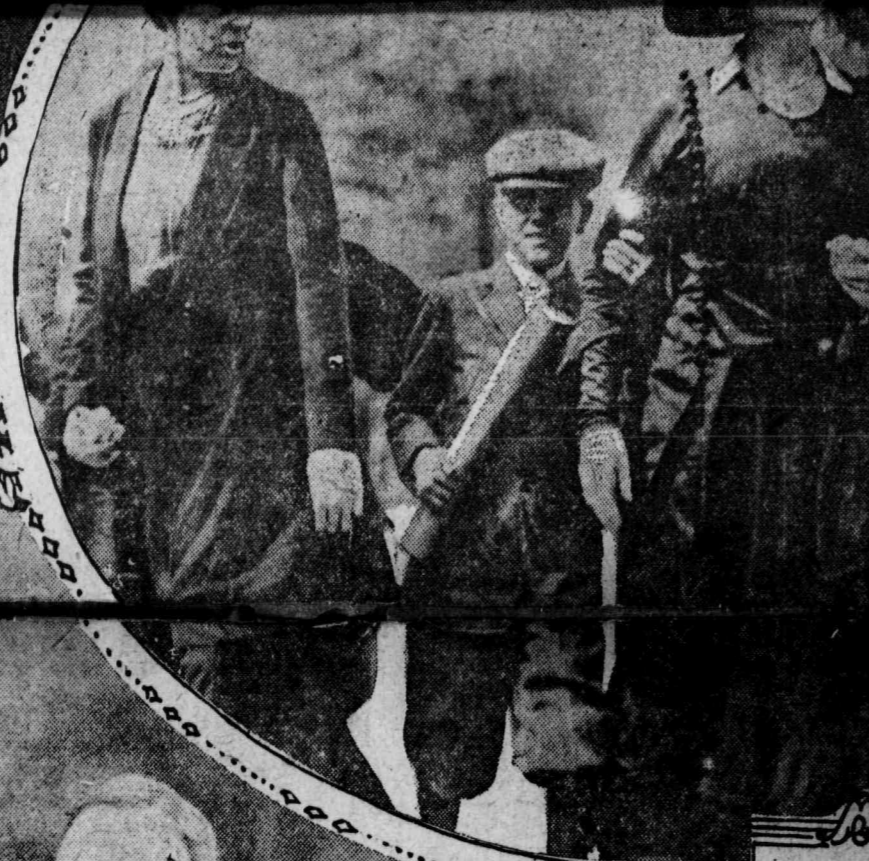
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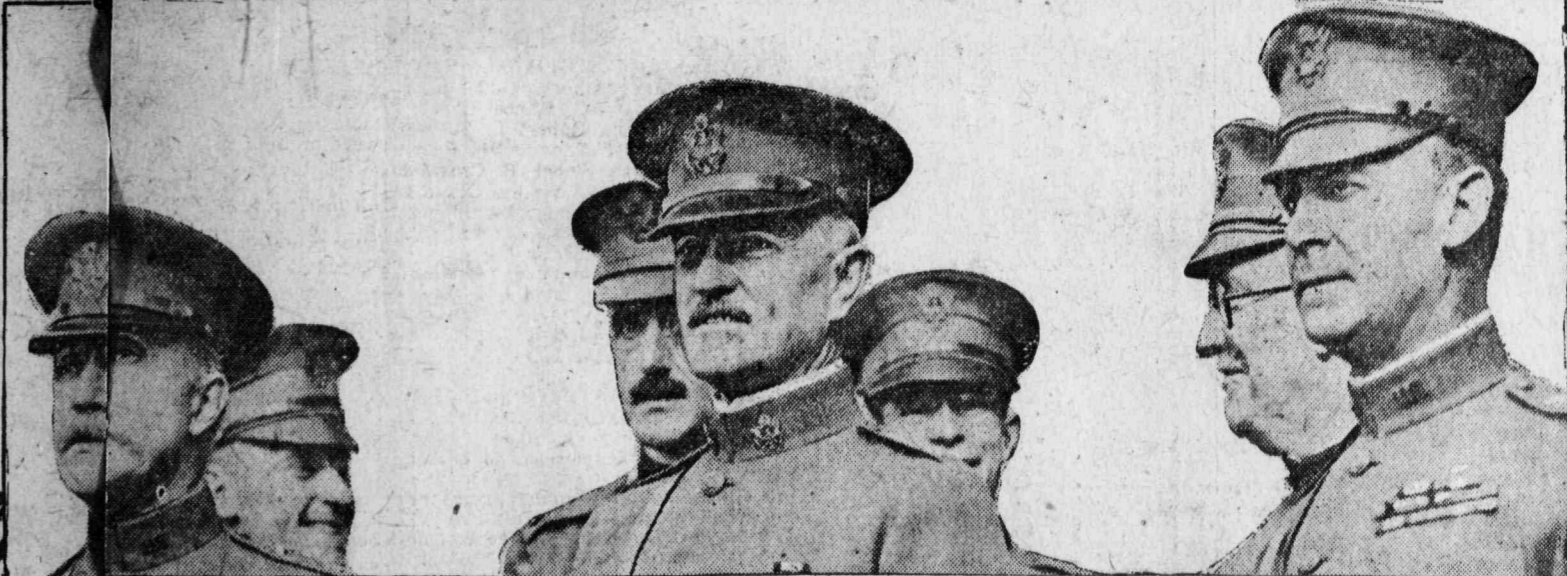


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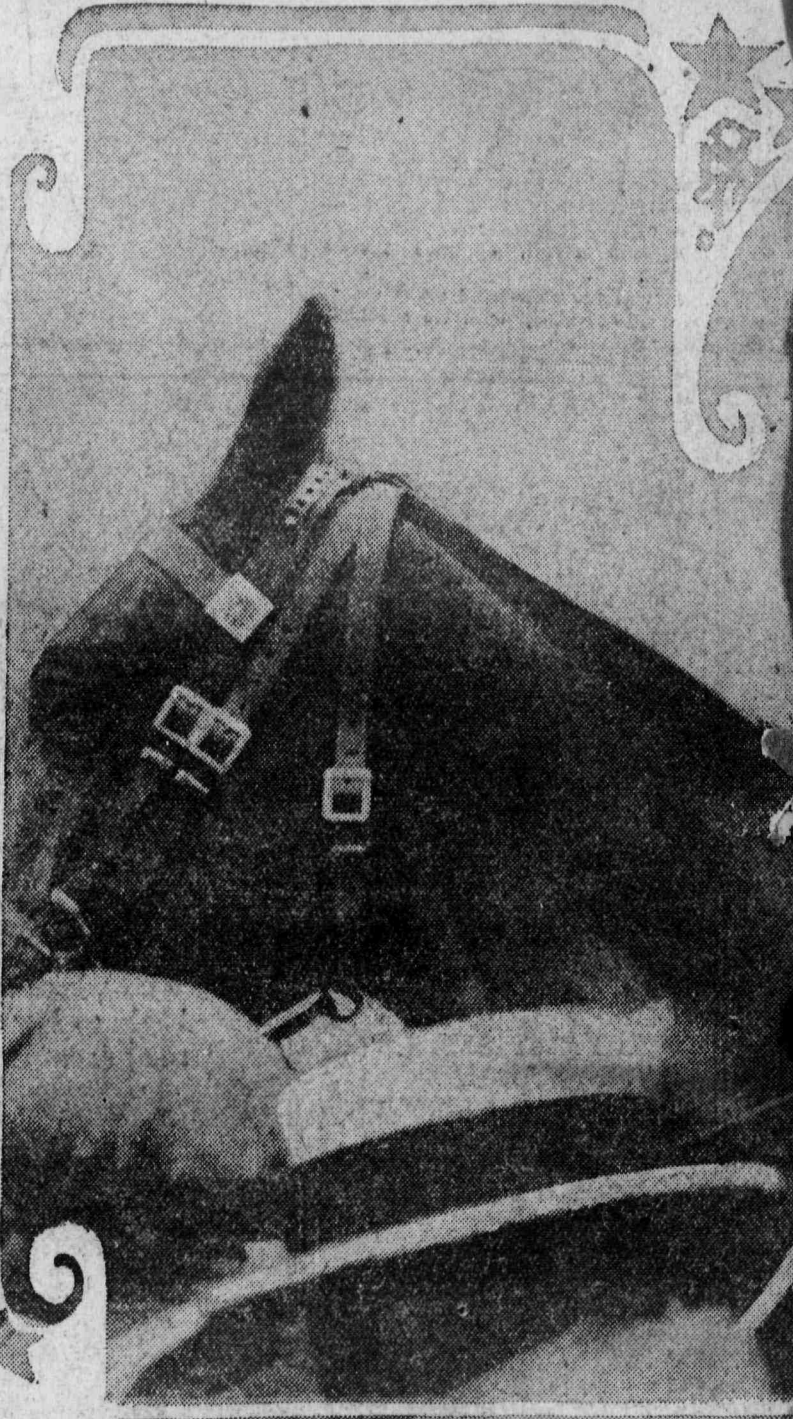
The GENERAL and SOME OF HIS STAFF...
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HOME FROM WAR FIRST DIVISION MARCHES FOR COMMANDER

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General Pershing's son, Warren, and his sister, Miss May Pershing.

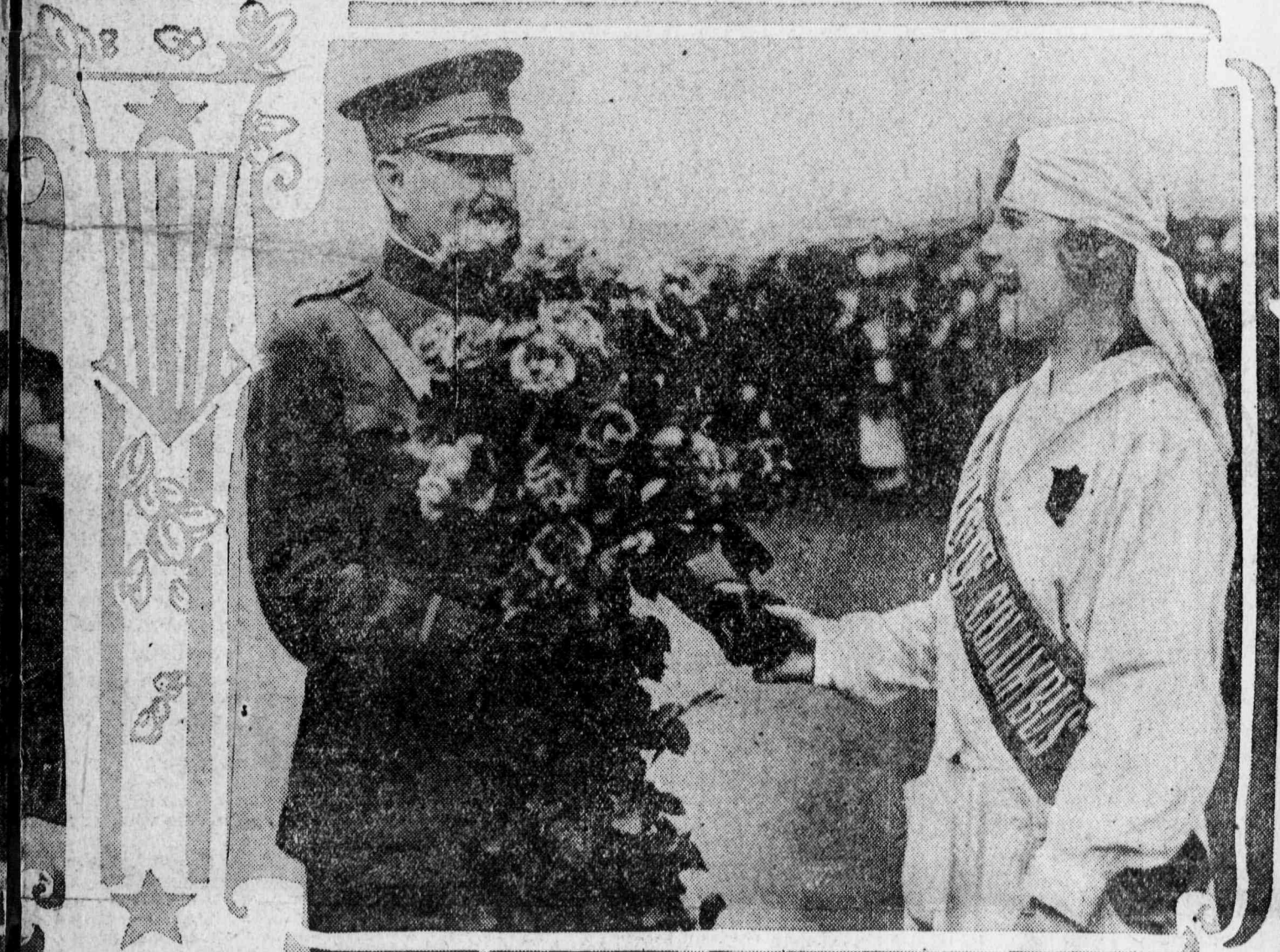


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A characteristic pose of General Pershing in acknowledging the greetings of the crowds. He is mounted on "Jeff," his latest mount, presented by the Jefferson Field Post American Legion, originally owned by Lieutenant Harman, of the New York American.



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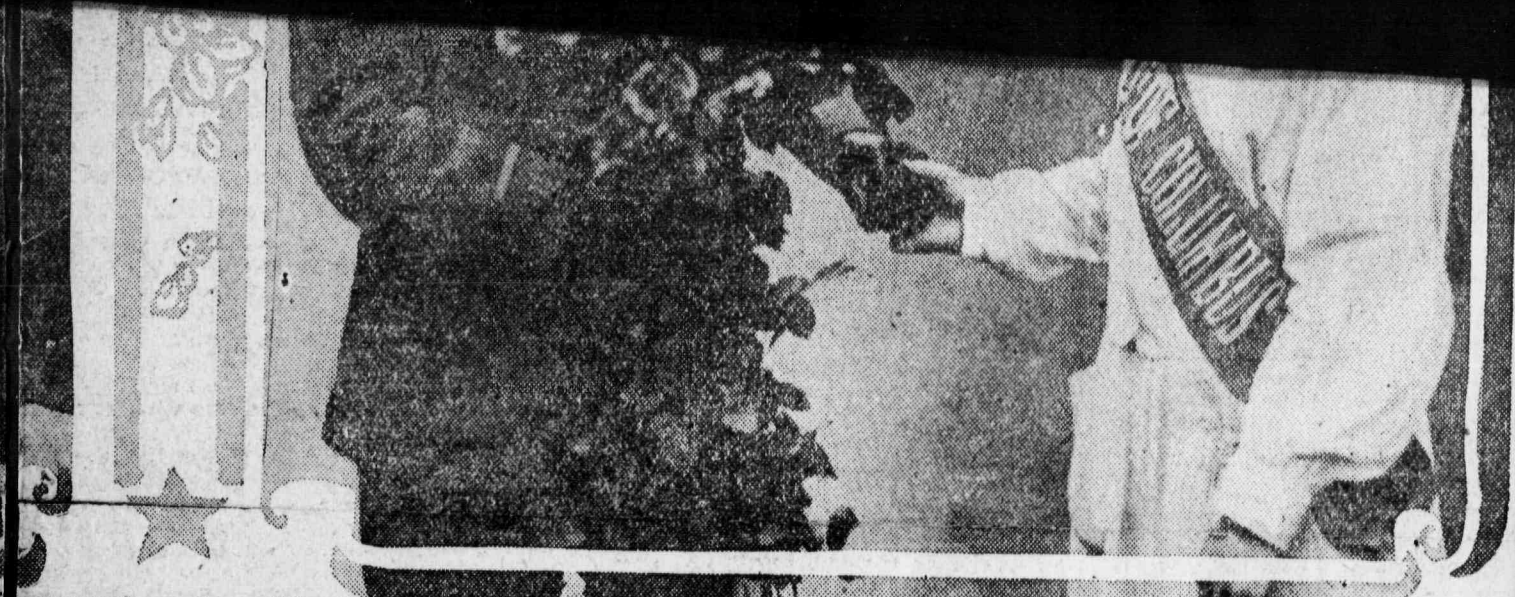


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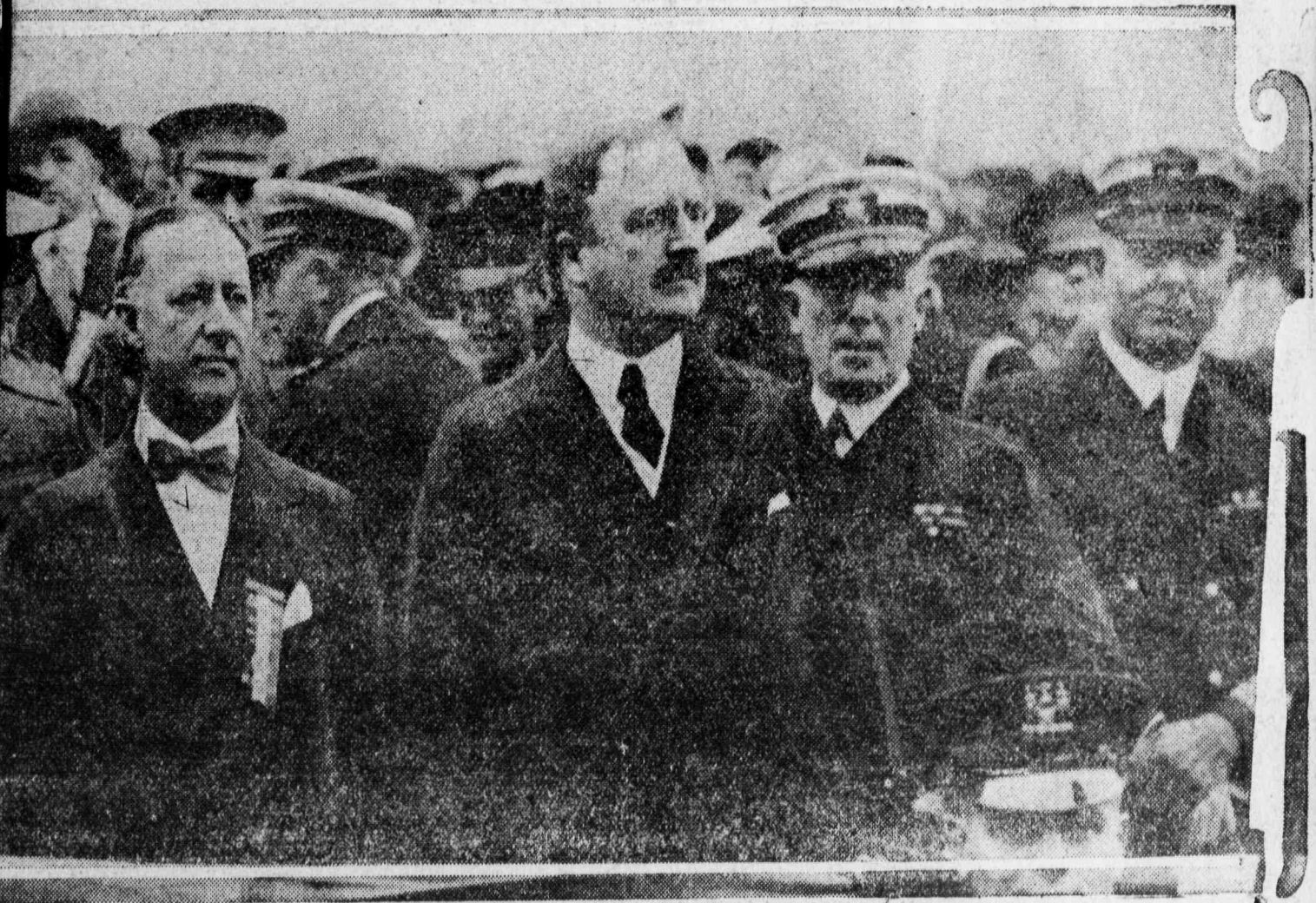
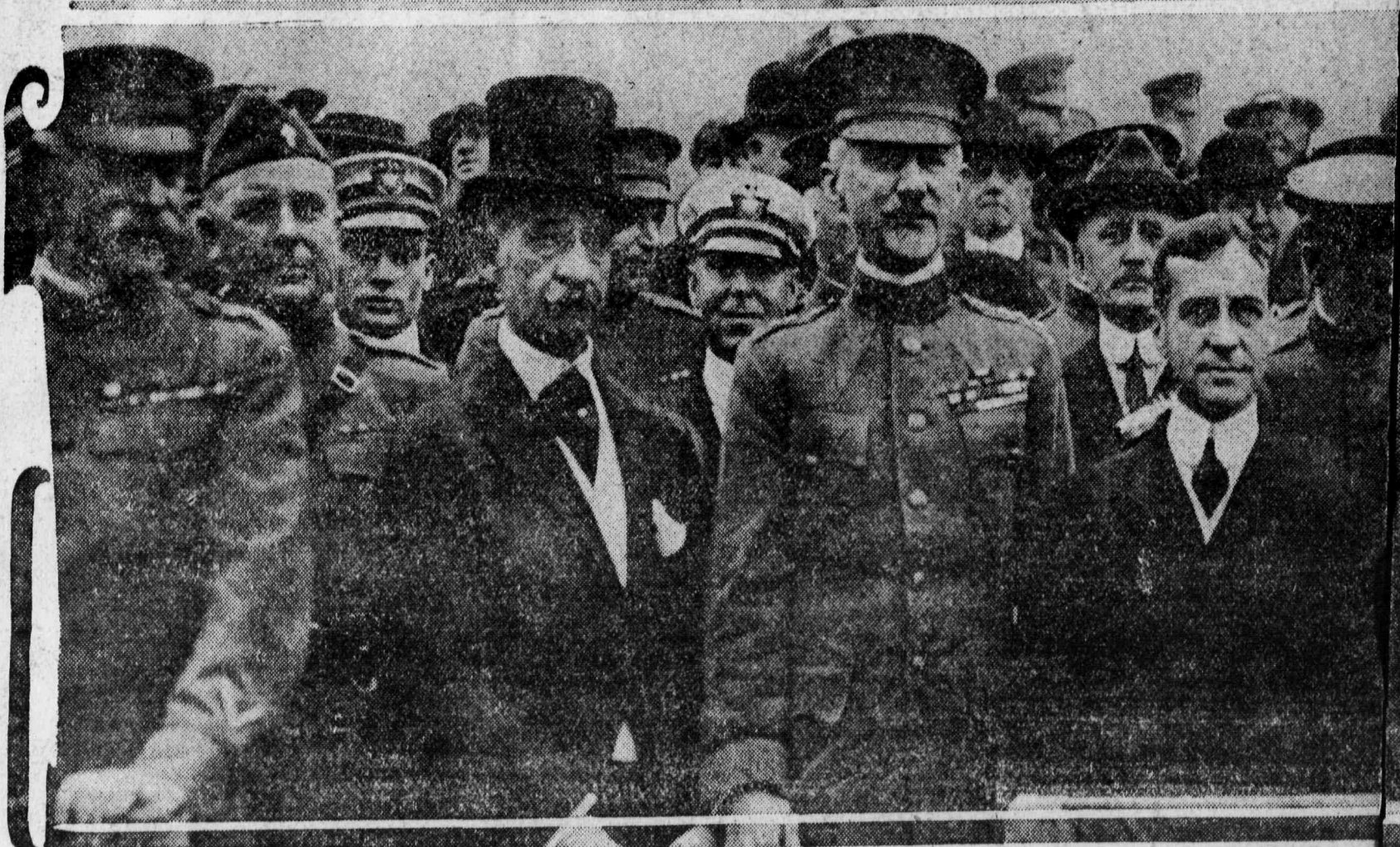




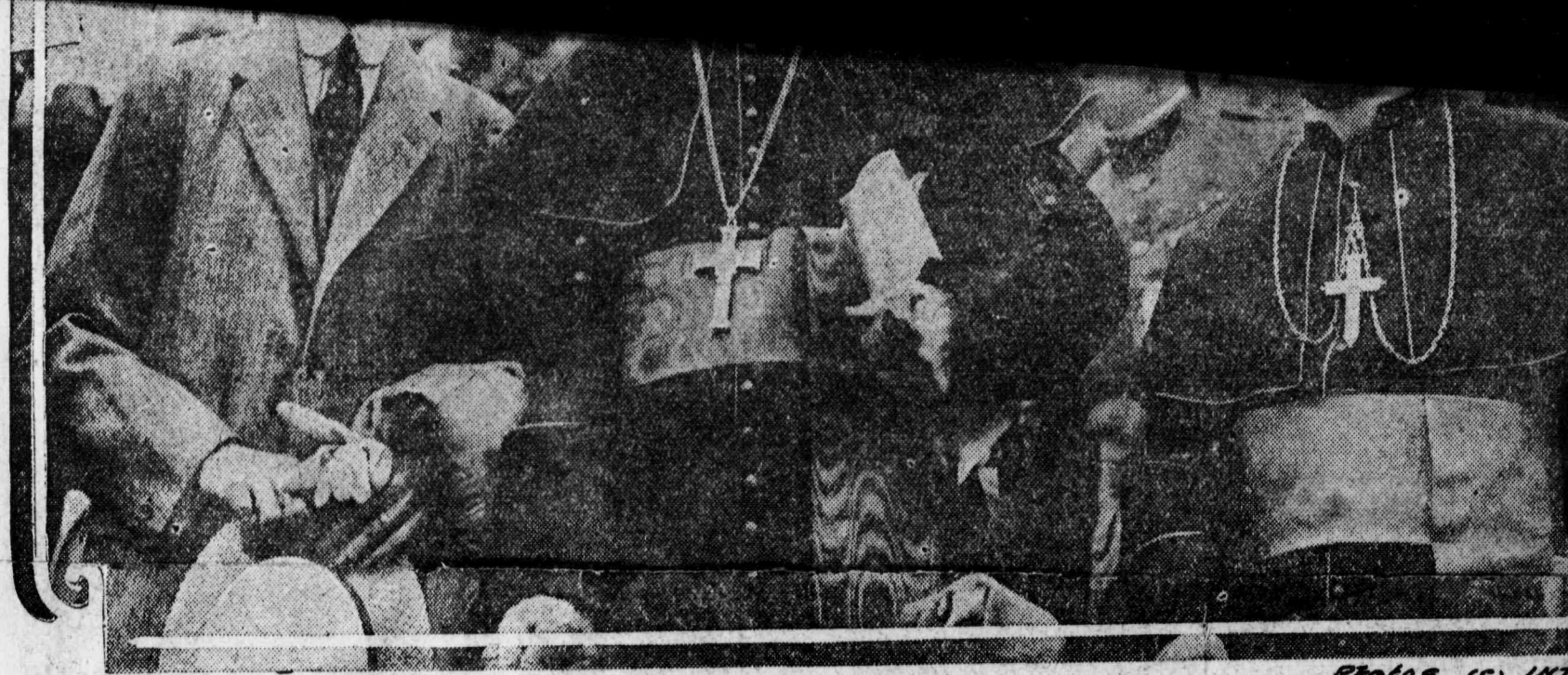
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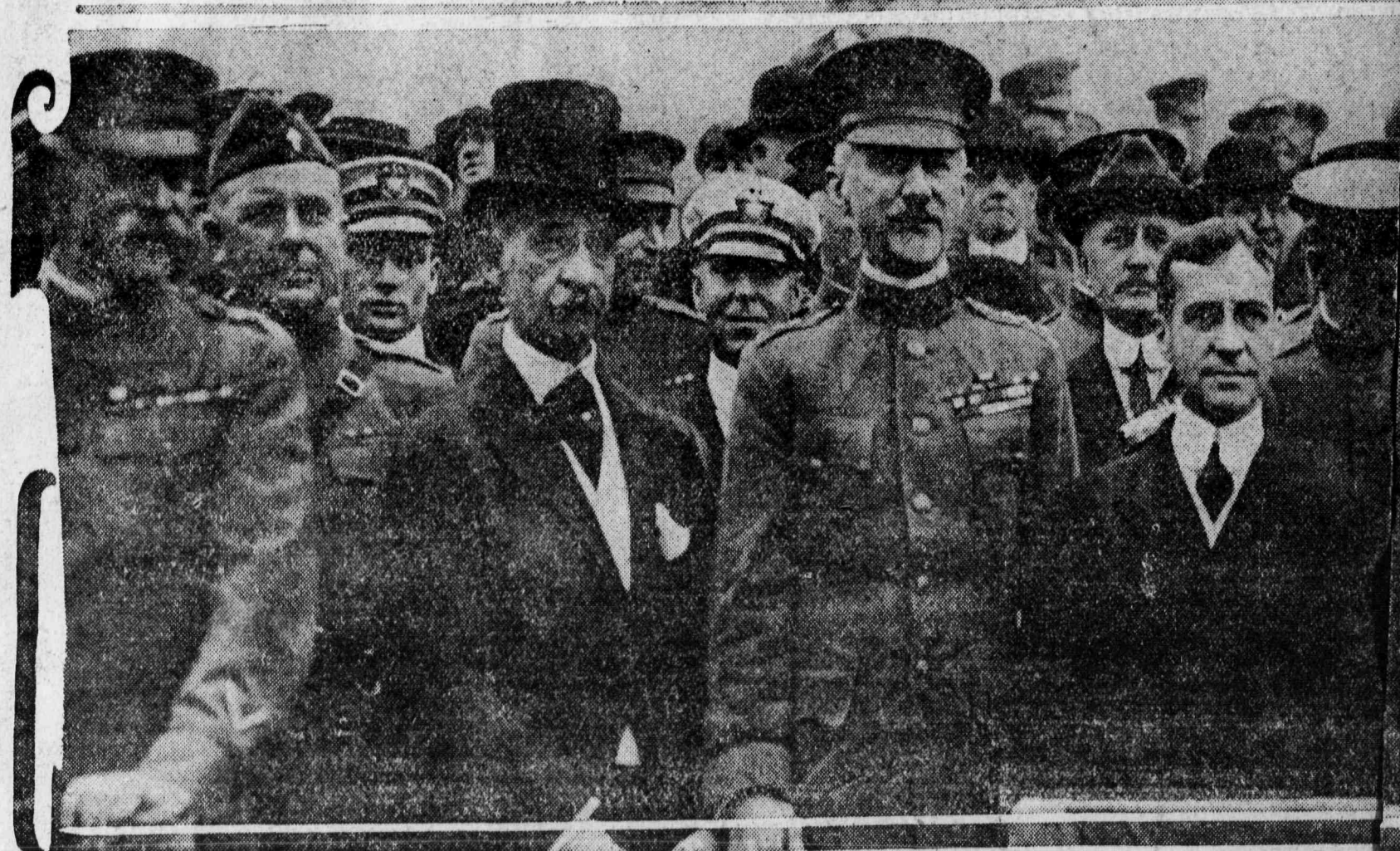
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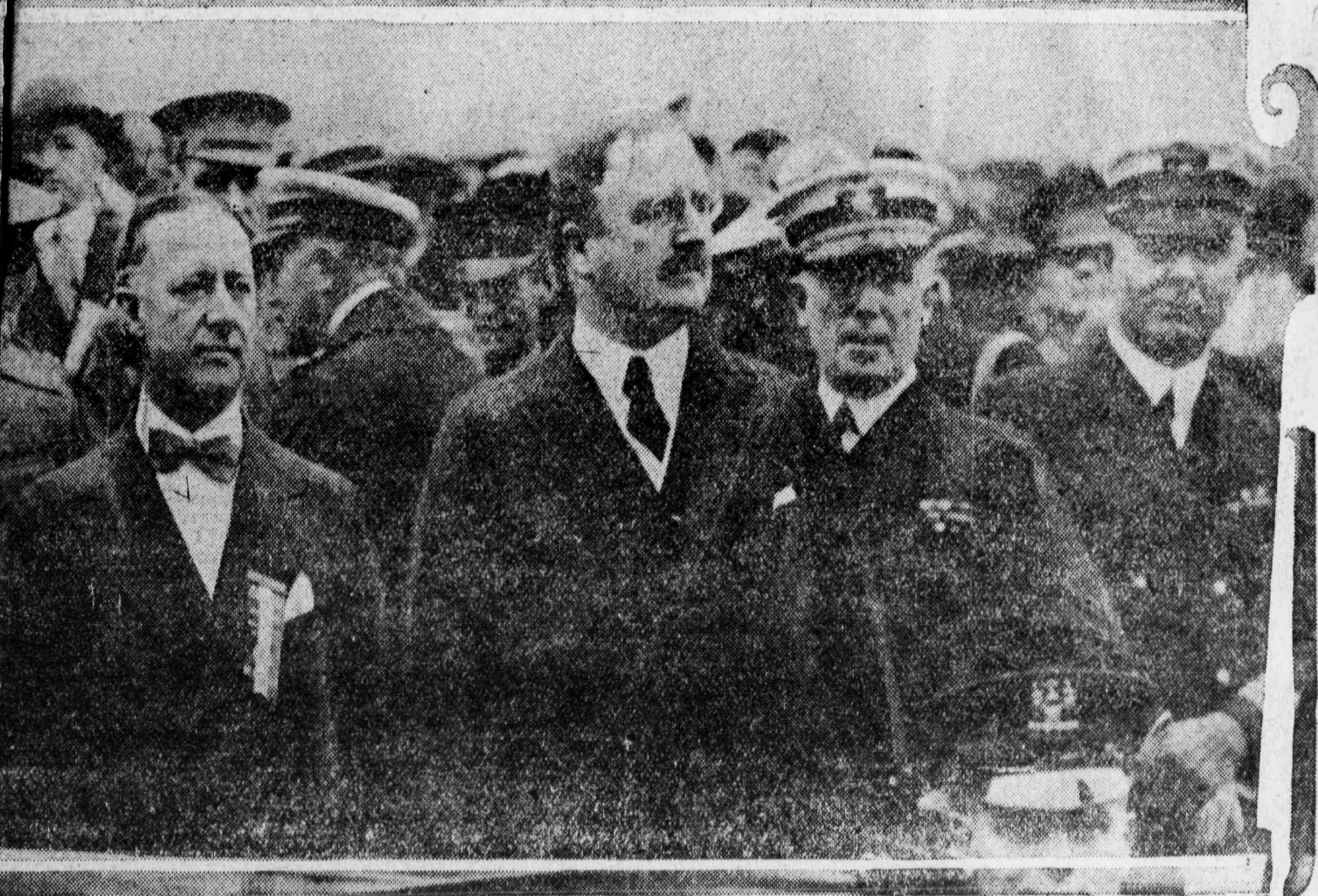
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NEW YORK'S GREATEST PARADE PAYS TRIBUTE TO PERSHING

Motion pictures of the parade were shown on the screen at leading theatres in Greater New York yesterday afternoon through the enterprise of the International Film Service.



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From Washington Square, where the parade ended, General Pershing hastened to the Waldorf to witness a part of the demonstration in his honor. The International camera caught him in a serious and wistful mood as he looked down on the men he had led with such distinction on foreign soil. Mayhap his thoughts were on those who did not return, for a moment later the General said: "I wish those we left behind could witness this tribute to their valor." Warren Pershing is seated in the chair back of his father, the General.

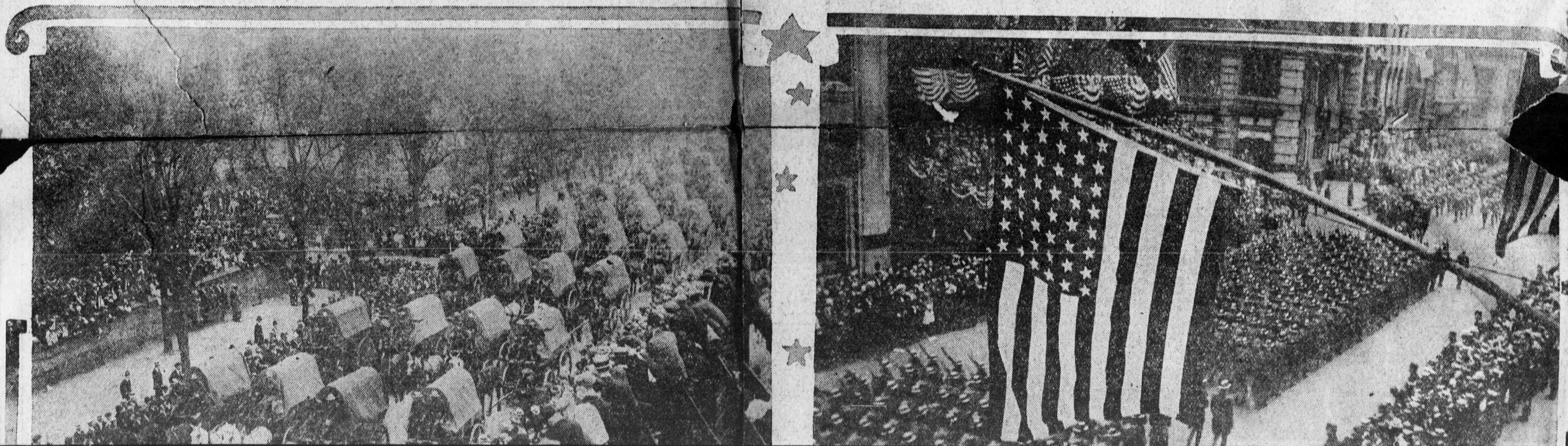
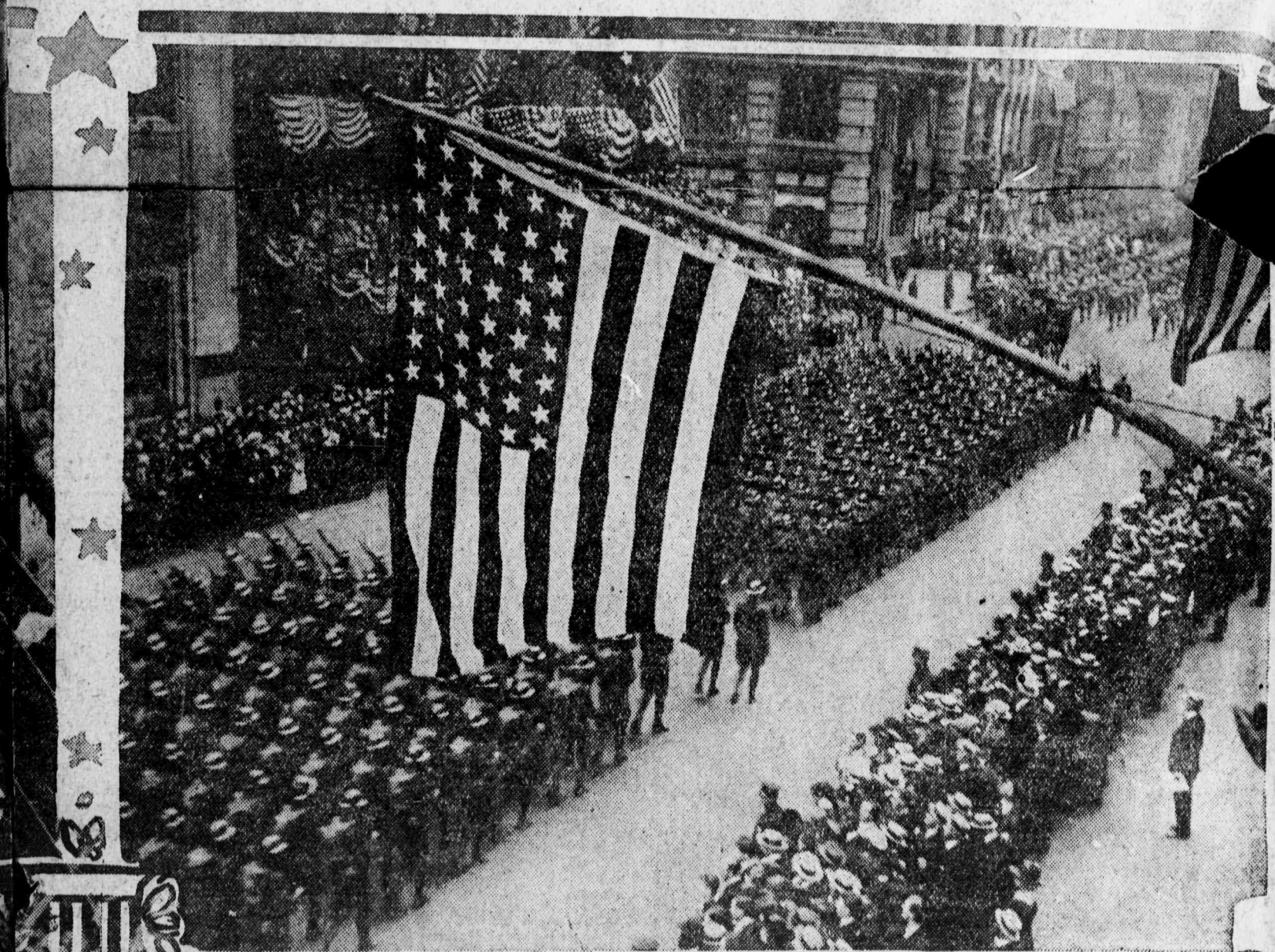
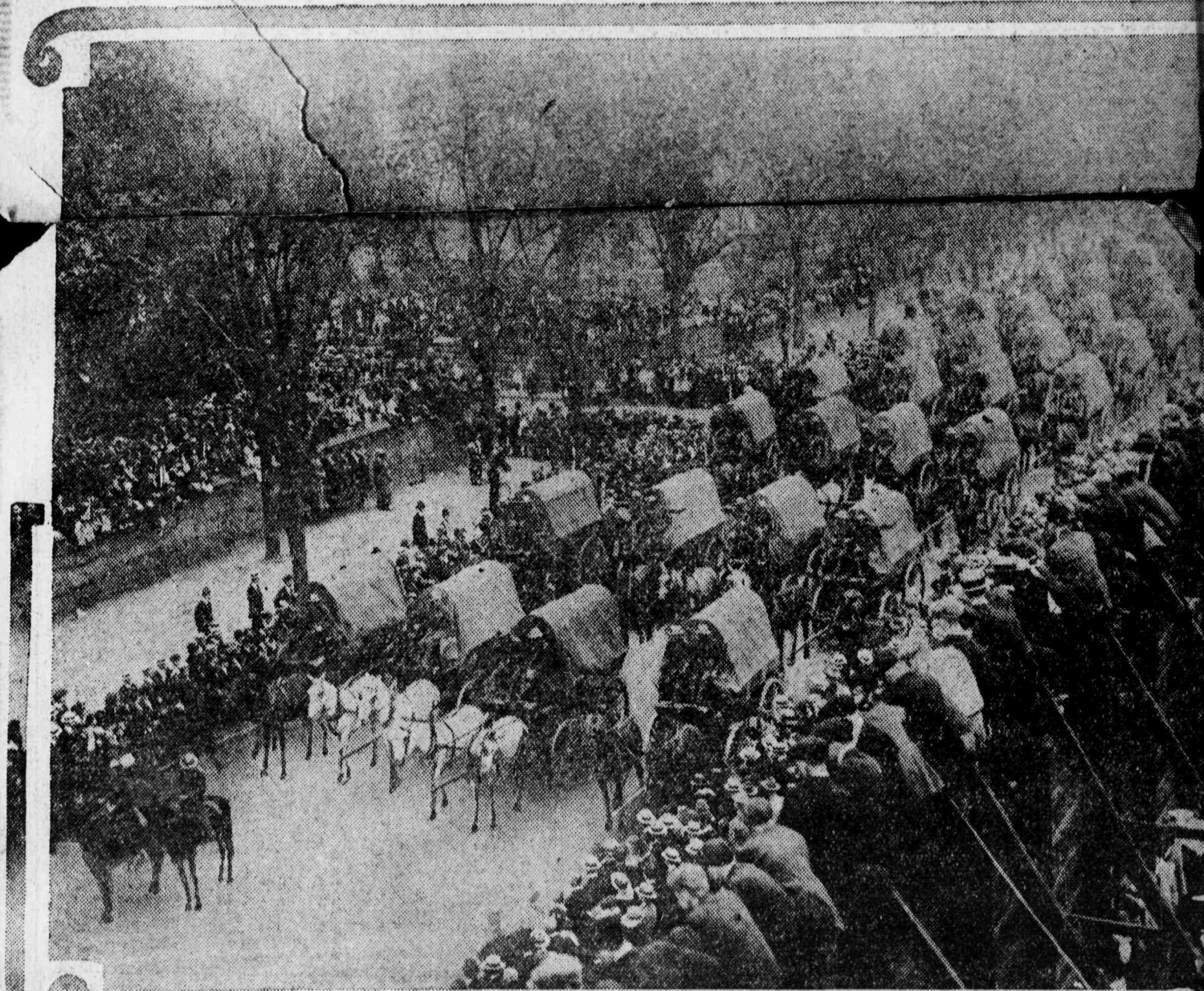


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At Eighty-sixth street and Central Park the fleet of army schooners, of the supply division, drawn by Uncle Sam's Missouri "show me" mules, was a feature that attracted much attention. Photo by Keystone.

As the line passed the Union League Club at Thirty-eighth street and Fifth avenue the marchers moved true to form. The alignment was perfect and the First Division lived up to its splendid reputation. Photo by Keystone.

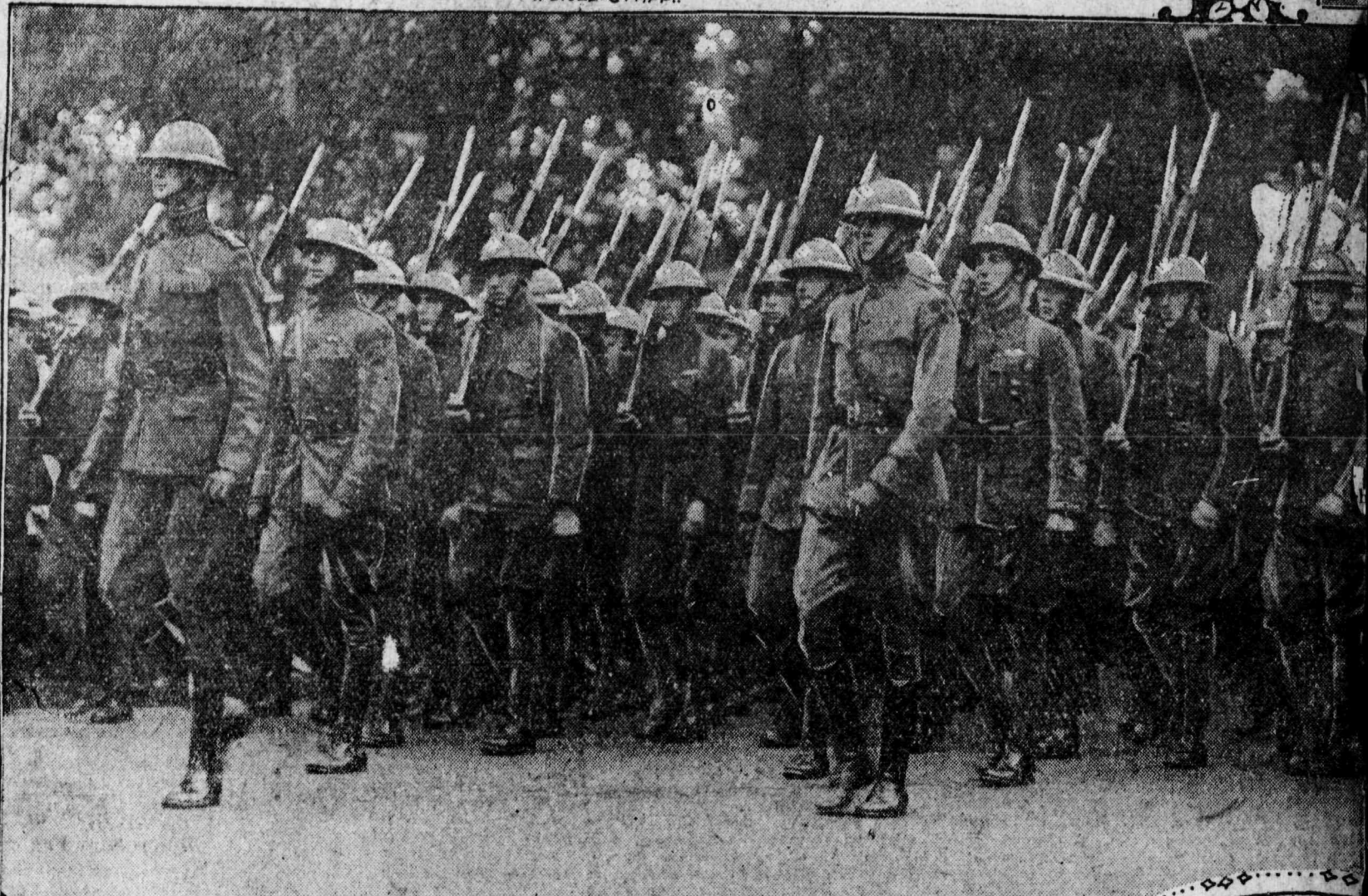
CAMERA RECORDS HIGH LIGHTS OF GREAT DAY IN THE AVENUE



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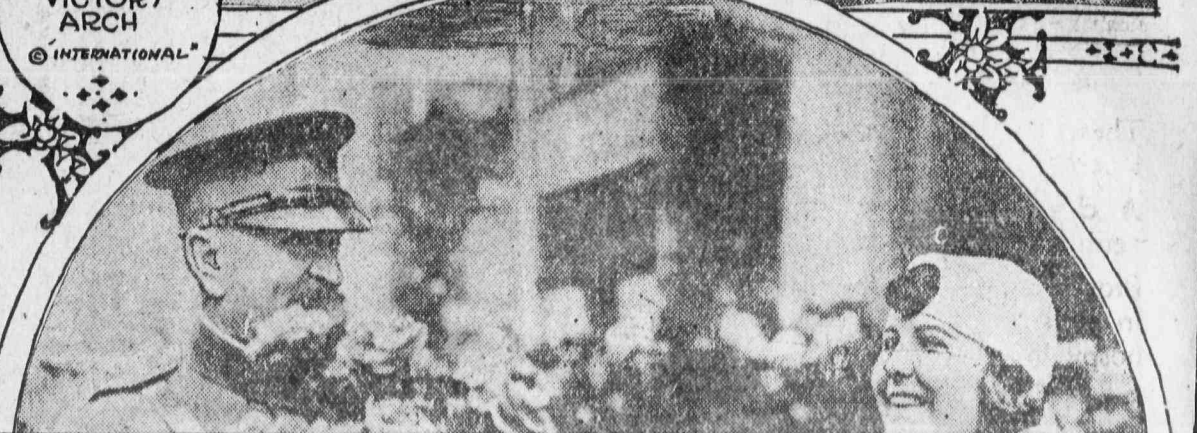
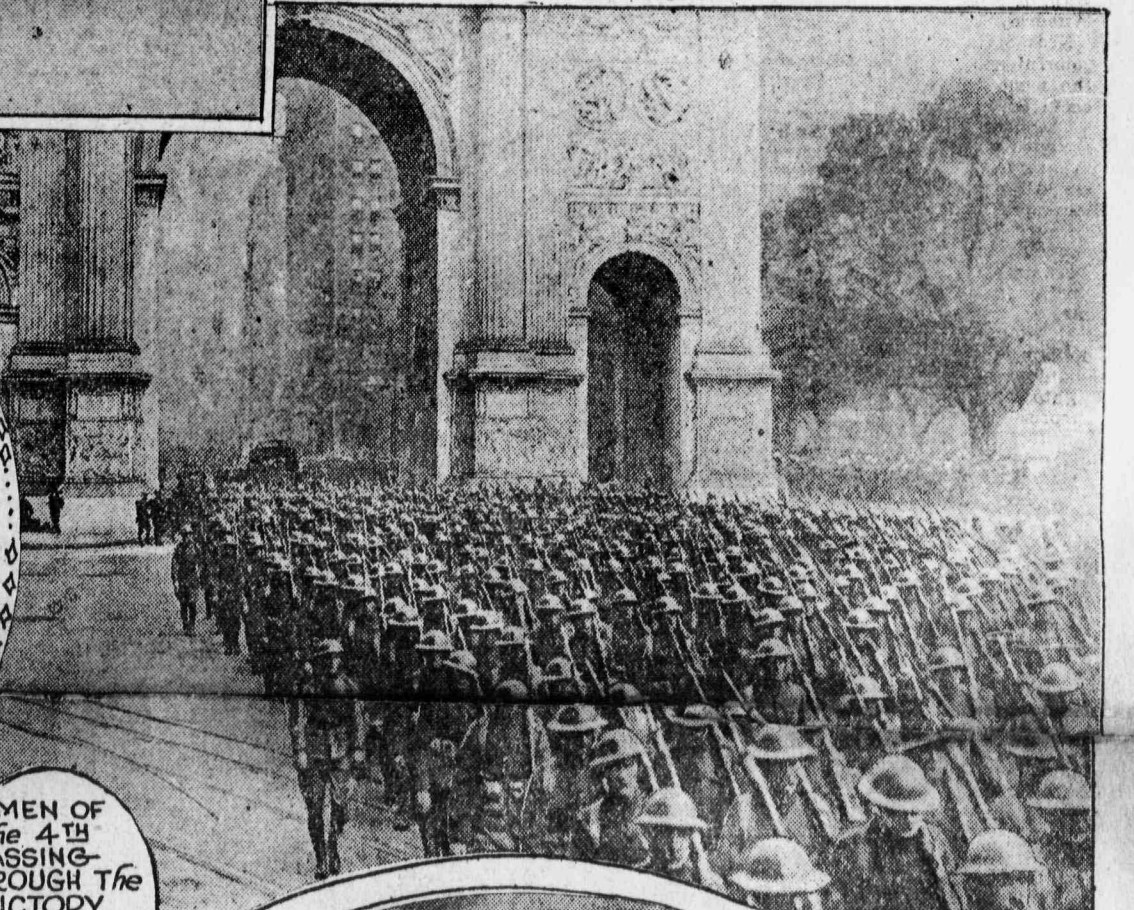
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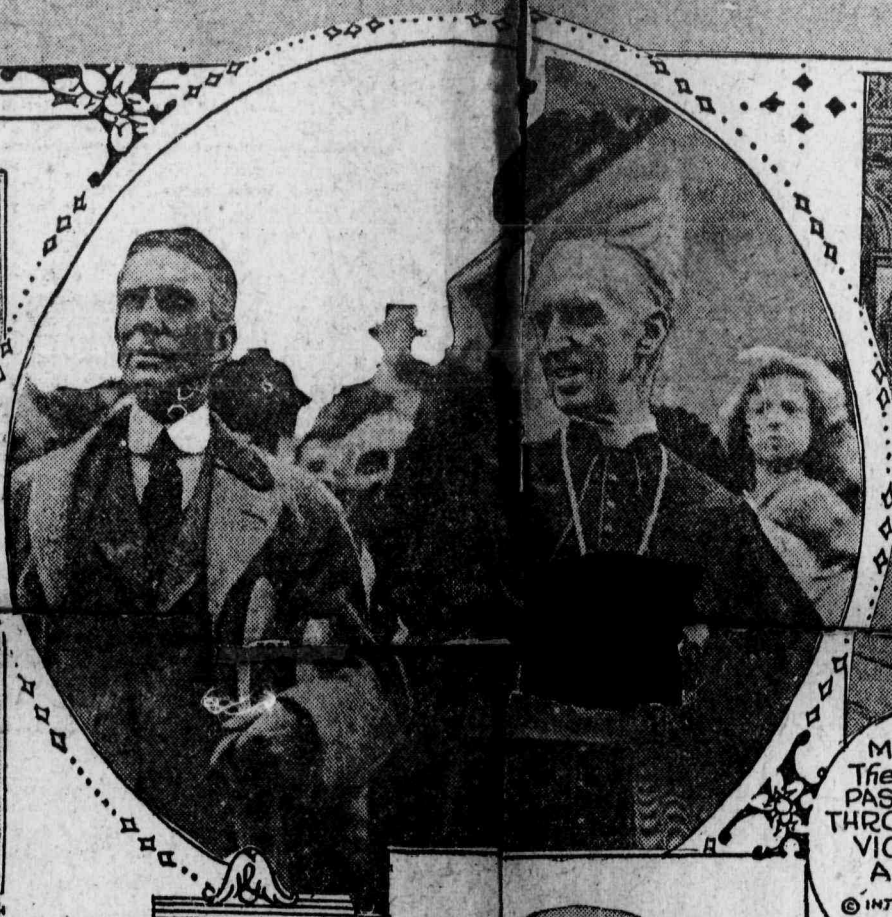
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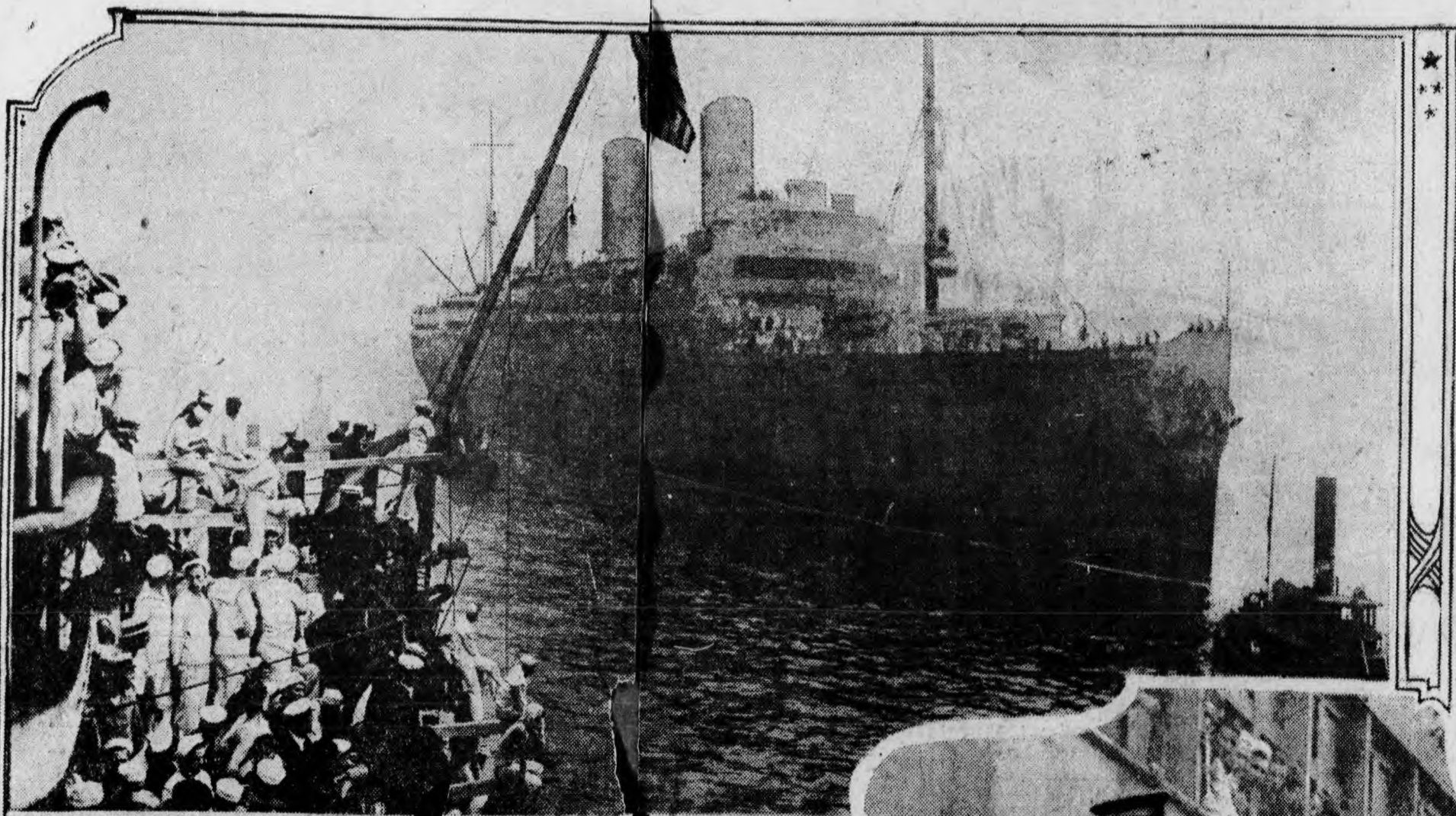


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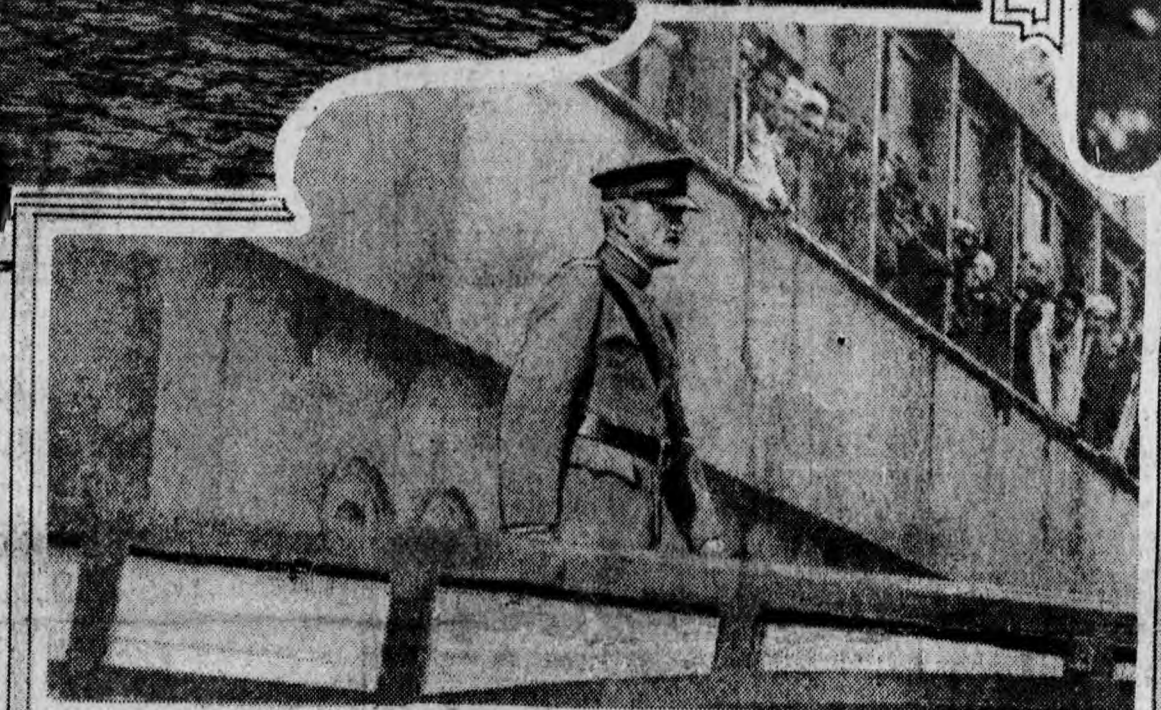


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THE GENERAL'S HOME COMING SMILE

NATION'S FIRST CITY GREET'S THE NATION'S FIRST SOLDIER

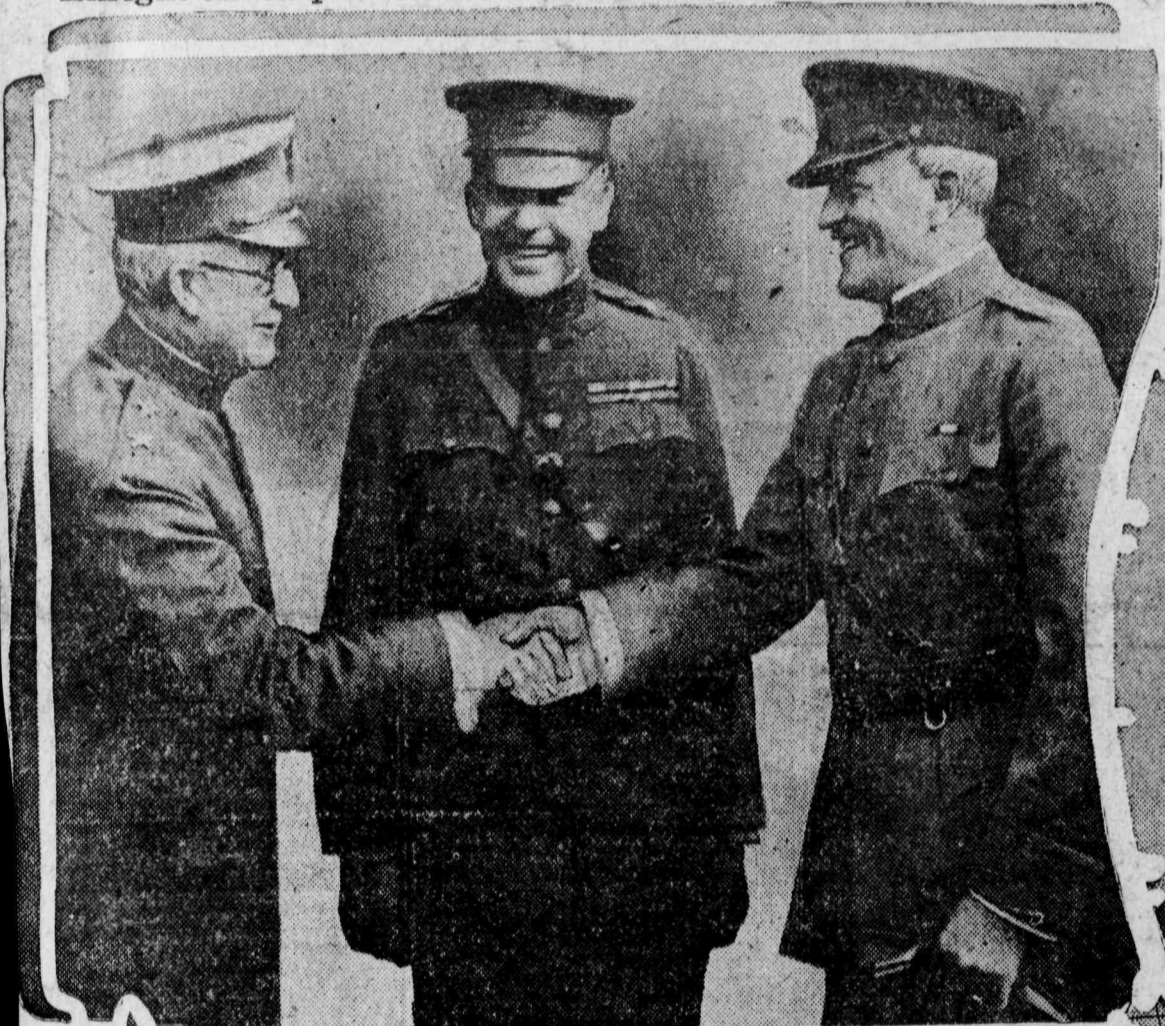
(Pershing Pictures Are Released To-day in Hearst News No. 37)



General Pershing, Secretary Baker, Rodman Wanamaker and Police Commissioner Enright on the patrol boat of the New York Reception Committee.



At this moment General Pershing caught sight of his father-in-law, Senator Warren, and the camera caught the Pershing smile of welcome.



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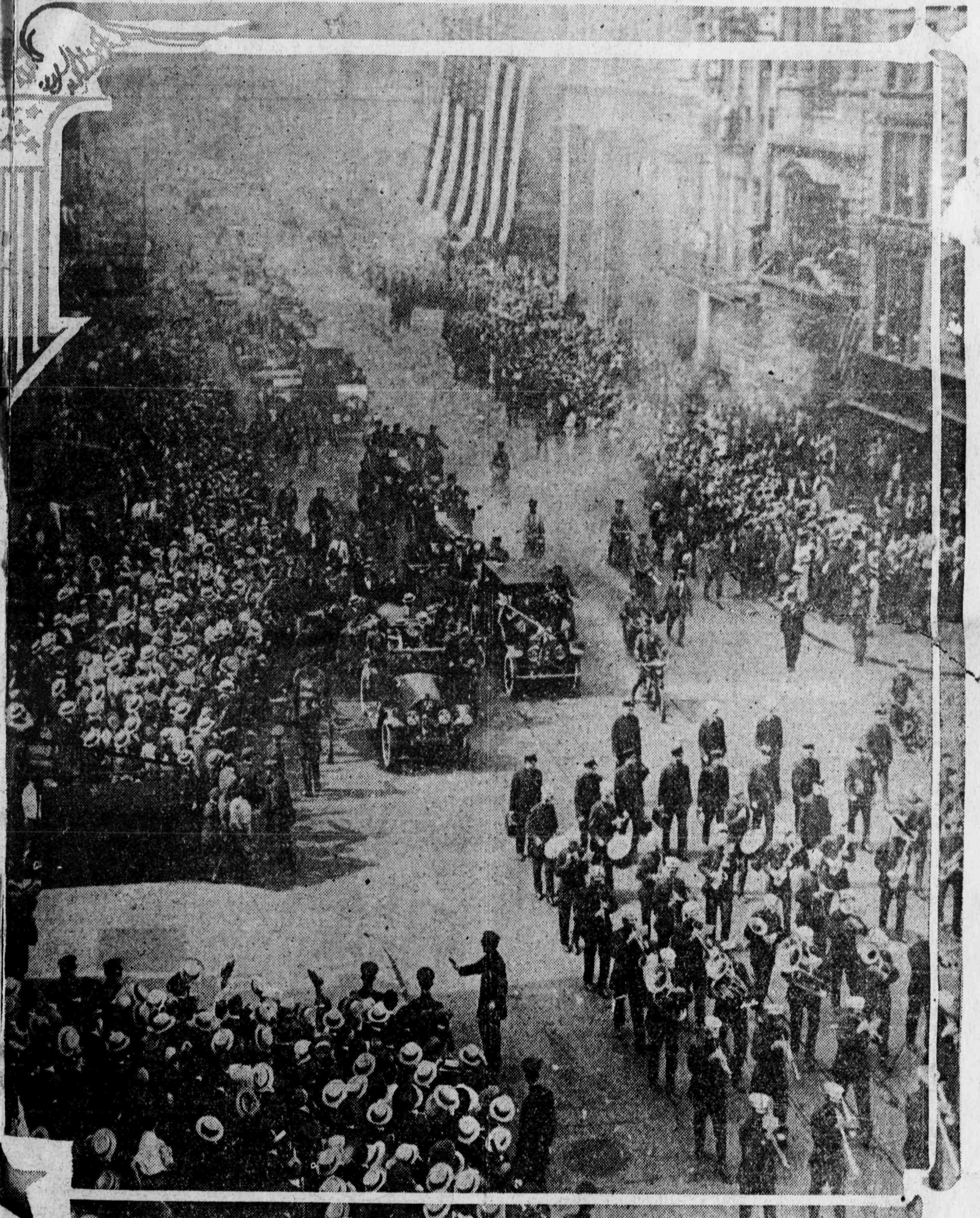


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Above to the left, General Pershing and Rodman Wanamaker marching between rows of girls of the Motor Corps at the docks at Hoboken. To the right General Pershing, greeted by Major-General David C. Shanks. In the center the Pershing smile, as it reviewed the crowds. The large picture is of the distinguished guest, General Pershing, Governor Smith, Mayor Hylan, Rodman Wanamaker and other members of the Mayor's Reception Committee, taken on the steps of the City Hall.

"MY OWN, MY NATIVE LAND," WELCOME TO GENERAL PERSHING

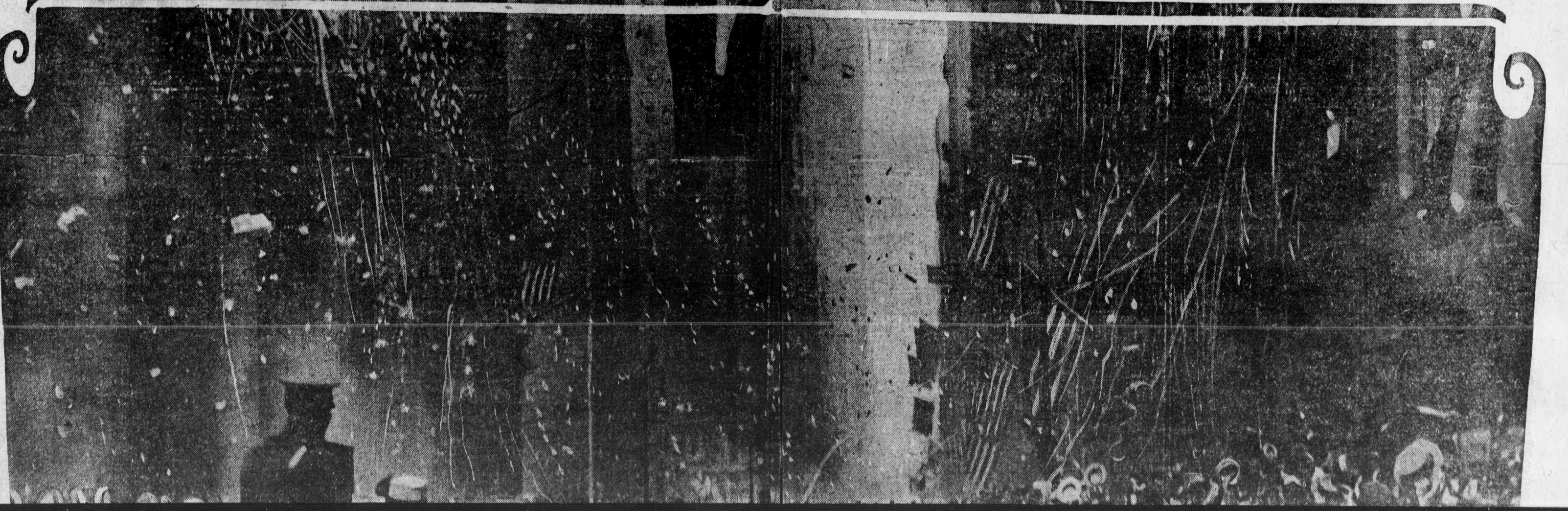
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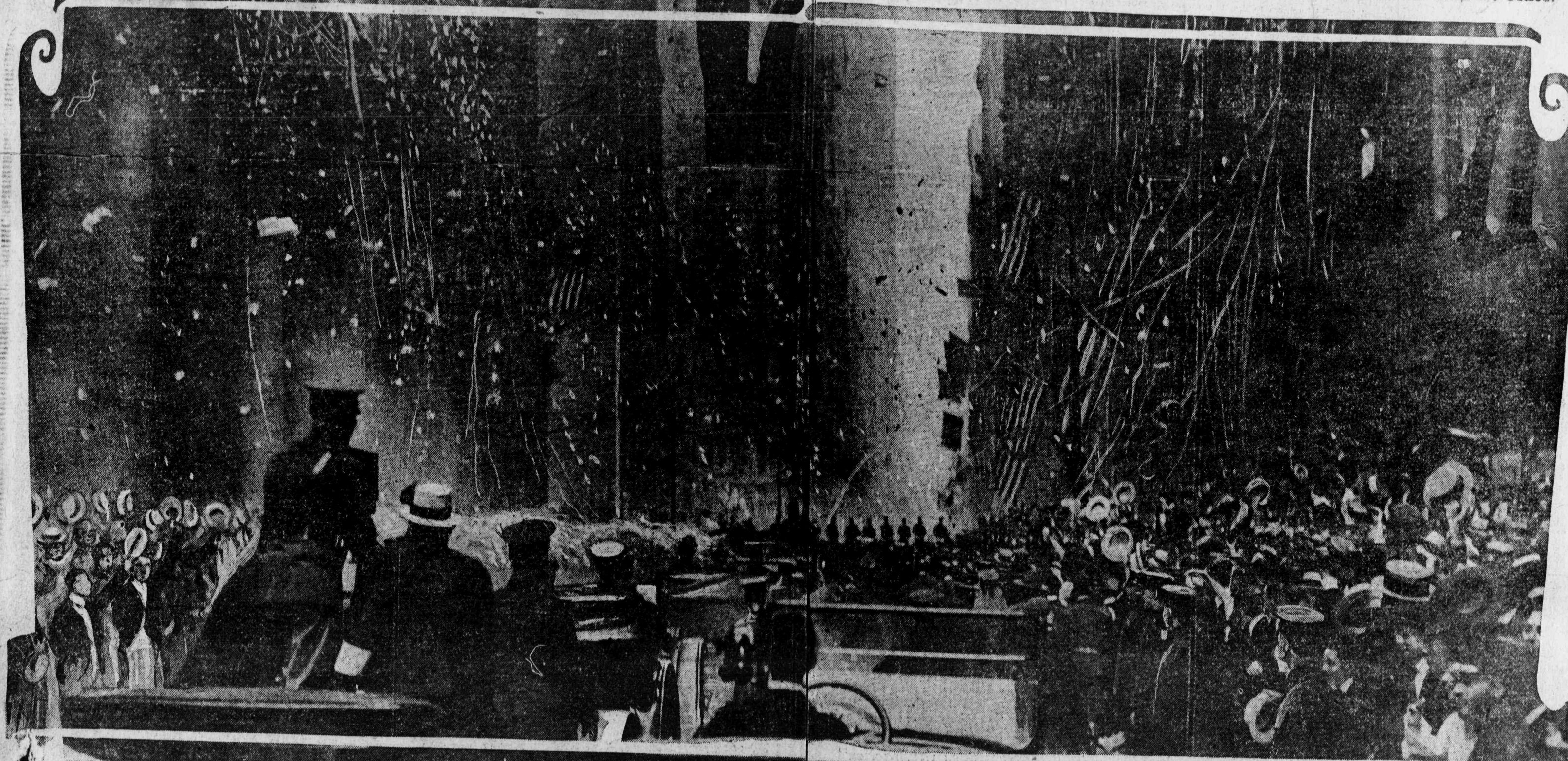
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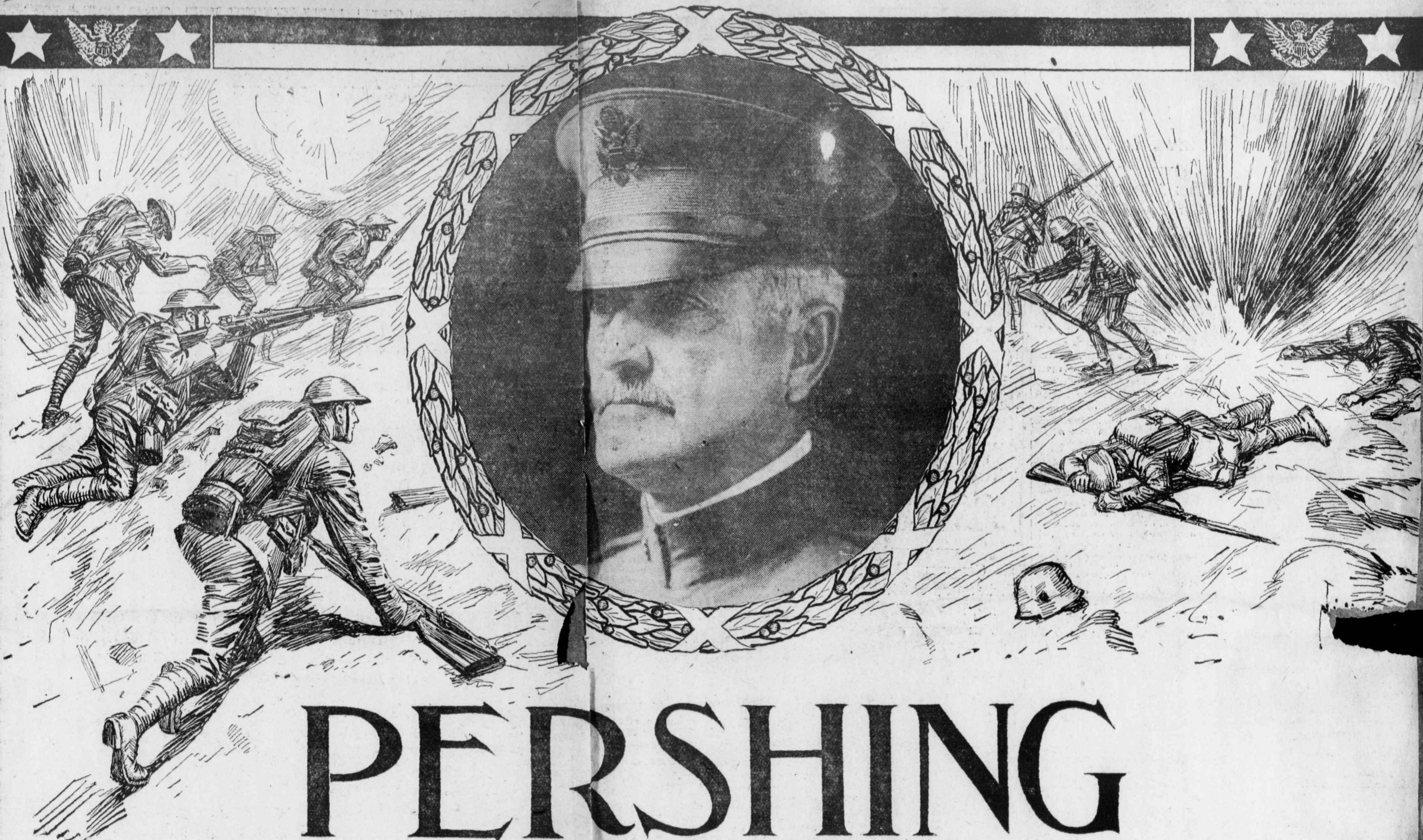
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Along lower Broadway's grand canon the welcome to the General was heard in the Bronx. Ticker tape and confetti came from the windows of the largest buildings, the sun made the scene resemble showers of gold and silver. Hundreds of thousands here witnessed the welcoming from vantage points and the streets were crowded to the curb,

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PERSHING

AN APPRECIATION

A GAIN will New York echo and re-echo with the plaudits of numberless thousands densely packing sidewalks, crowding windows, peering from house-tops, gazing eager-eyed from every point of vantage.

Again will New York present the inspiring, warlike spectacle of thousands of soldiers in full equipment marching to the quickening strains of pulse-speeding music.

For it is the proud and glorious privilege of palpitant New York today to extend a rousing, ringing, historic "welcome home" to General John J. Pershing, Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces.

Not since the days when New York went mad over Admiral Dewey's return and all Fifth Avenue vibrated with enthusiasm and uproarious welcome have there been scenes such as will be witnessed today. And New York has been the theatre of many dramatic and picturesque episodes since America began

A wonderful day, indeed, to pass into civic chronicles!

No need here to go into details concerning the great achievements of General Pershing. THE NEW YORK HERALD has told of his splendid accomplishments, of his indomitable, masterful activities.

And elsewhere it tells of the great preparations for today—of the heart-thrilling scenes that all who behold must witness with deep emotion.

New York is proud today to pay homage to America's splendid, outstanding figure of war and peace!

New York merchants, institutions and varied activities who have given so much to help win the war are glad, indeed, to pay tribute to Pershing, the man and soldier.

And they append their business signatures to this brief and humble appreciation as a minor token of their profound admiration for a man whose name will pass to posterity through the vivid pages of American history as the greatest soldier of his time!

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GEN. PERSHING ADDRESSING CHILDREN AND PLANTING TREE IN CENTRAL PARK



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PART OF THE CROWD OF MORE THAN 50,000 SCHOOL CHILDREN LISTENING TO GEN. PERSHING IN THE SHEEP MEADOW OF CENTRAL PARK



GEN. PERSHING PLANTING A TREE IN CENTRAL PARK (by World Staff Photographer Yesterday)

10,000 Pupils Give Hero A Tumultuous Greeting

weep Aside Police in Rush Toward Pershing, Who Thanks Them—Elks Hold Big Reception in Club House For Order's Distinguished Member.

Fifty thousand children from the public schools assembled in the sheep pen in Central Park yesterday afternoon and shouted themselves hoarse in gleeful welcome to Gen. Pershing. There was not the slightest question or doubt about the sincerity of that greeting. It brought Gen. Pershing to a dead stop as he gained the grand stand in the centre of the meadow and for the first time realized the scope and significance of the scene. Slowly, very slowly, he surveyed the picture and then, stepping briskly forward, he tore off his cap, waved it aloft and grinned back at the red faced youngsters.

Fifty thousand flags, large and small, were being waved at arms' length. Fifty thousand voices, shrill and broken with emotion, shouted his name. He was the hero of that army of youngsters. There is no doubt that whatever. And they forgot nothing but that hero of theirs, standing before them erect, smiling, such a soldier. In the ardor of enthusiasm they brushed past the smiling policemen, worried teachers and perspiring and Boy Scouts. Banked about them they shrieked and whooped and cheered and tossed their hats aloft. And for the hundred time, for fear that there might be a misunderstanding about the matter, assured the General that they were glad he was home and that they appreciated to the full just what he had done "over there."

Children Swarm Toward Stand.
An elaborate programme had been planned. The children were to sing "Over There" and kindred melodies, after which Supt. Ettinger was to step forward and "introduce" Gen. Pershing.

The programme looked well on paper, but it did not work. From the instant the youngsters caught sight of Gen. Pershing plans and all semblance of order was tossed to the wind. For an anxious five minutes an inadequate number of policemen crowded over the meadow had their hands full breaking the bucking lines of children that swarmed toward the stand from north, south, east and west.

Pershing slowly circled the stand, waving his hat and kissing the children. No one thought of dignity. "He's havin' as good a time as th' rest of us," said an old park attendant, and so it seemed.

When Gen. Pershing reached the front of the stand again he mounted a small dais beneath a large silk American flag. The Police Band struck up the "Star-Spangled Banner." With every bit of strength in

their lungs the youngsters shouted the anthem. And when it was finished and just as the last notes were dying away, Gen. Pershing reached forward and reverently clasping the folds of the flag above him, pressed the hem to his lips.

The General Thanks Them.

When the multitude had been reluctantly hushed Gen. Pershing spoke.

"School children of the City of New York," he said, "it gives me extreme pleasure to be here this afternoon for a few moments and to witness this beautiful ceremony. It is upon you that we must depend in the future to carry out the principles of our forefathers and to defend our flag which we all love so well. I feel sure you all understand the principles for which the war has been fought and join with me in congratulating America upon its successful conclusion."

"I am sure that the patriotism of you school children was not only appreciated by the grown-ups in America, but also by the boys who carried muskets in the front lines. I wish to thank you indeed, and I wish that every man who was in Europe could be here this afternoon. Thank you very much."

Earlier in the day Gen. Pershing accepted as a gift a horse bearing his own name, given by the Jefferson Feigl 1st Division Post of the American Legion.

Before General Pershing was received by the General a demonstration was given at the Durland Riding Academy in West 68th Street. Col. Quackenmeyer of Gen. Pershing's Staff rode the horse round the ring several times and took a hurdle in the centre.

Lieut. J. T. Harmon, representing the Jefferson Feigl Post, then said: "Gen. Pershing, will you accept this horse?"

"Of course," said the General. "It is a very valuable gift. I will keep it in memory of the Old 1st."

The horse is described as a "handsome thoroughbred bay charger, bred in Staunton, Va., former home of President Wilson."

PERSHING THANKS NEWSPAPERS FOR THEIR COURTESY

Calls Parade of First a Great Object Lesson on the Vastness of War.

Expressing great gratitude for the reception New York has accorded to him, General Pershing took a few minutes of his busy day yesterday and talked with newspaper men at the Waldorf. It was the second time he has given an interview with correspondents since arriving from France.

"I did not want to leave without expressing my thanks to the press," said General Pershing, "for its extreme courtesy to the First Division and all others in military commands, and its attitude toward them. It quite delighted them, to say nothing of myself."

"Neither have I wished to go away," continued the Commander in Chief, "without saying how important I consider it has been for the people of New York to see an entire division in full equipment. Such a thing gives every one a clearer idea. Multiply this division by forty others, and heavy artillery, tanks, airplanes, and also add forty per cent for the service of supply along the line of communications, and you will get some idea of what the American Expeditionary Force really was. I think it is important for all the American people to have that same impression."

"Without saying anything formal, because I will tell that to Mayor Hylan, I want to say I am immensely pleased with the reception I received. New York has quite outdone herself, which is saying a great deal. It is most gratifying to return and get such a wonderful reception."

General Pershing was asked about the St. Mihiel offensive, which was started a year ago today, and was one of the most remarkable achievements of the war. "Tomorrow, the anniversary of the St. Mihiel victory," the General answered, "brings to my mind, as it does to the minds of others, the very striking success of that first battle. It demonstrated to the world that the American army was a great and powerful force to be relied upon in anything that it might be called upon to perform."

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Sept 1919

PERSHING GREETES 50,000 CHILDREN AND PLANTS TREE IN CENTRAL PARK



GENERAL PERSHING AIDS AT TREE PLANTING IN CENTRAL PARK.

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The school children of New York, fifty thousand strong, paid their tribute to General John J. Pershing in the Sheep Meadow in Central Park yesterday afternoon with all the ardor and flaming enthusiasm of youth. Compared with the many ceremonies and ovations that have been given in foreign countries and in this city in honor of the great American general that gathering in Central Park without a suggestion of pomp or military display might have seemed tame to some men. But General Pershing proved yesterday that above all else he has not lost his human touch, that the heart of the warrior had lost none of its warm responsiveness to the appeal of childhood.

Not since his return to this country has he been so demonstrative in acknowledging the ovations of his grateful countrymen. It seemed that for the moment the soldier gave place to the father who throwing aside all military regulations stood there on the platform throwing kisses to the sea of radiant faces that stretched out before him on all sides. Nor were those caresses perfunctory salutes. It seemed as if a bit of the joyous fervor of the whole American army flashed out with each one of those kisses.

For the children it was a memorable half holiday. They began gathering in platoons and regiments long before the appointed hour for the arrival of General Pershing, each carrying a small American flag. As the crowd increased singing began to be heard and soon the teachers and song leaders had got the great chorus well started on the song "Hurrah, Hurrah, for General Pershing" sung to the tune of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and the cheer leaders got their

charges warmed up with a cheer or two, as if such a thing were necessary on a day like that.

On the stand sat a band and city officials, and the whole school board led by Anning S. Prall, and at the Seventy-second street entrance to the park were two thousand of the city's choicest Boy Scouts and restless and eager all the thousands waited.

"Here he comes!" Like the buzz of wind the announcement spread over the vast field to be followed a moment later by such a roar of cheering as perhaps has never been heard in that park before. Through a lane kept open by the police he came, standing erect and smiling in his motor car, the General, the idol of all that vast assemblage, came waving his hands and cap to left and right. It was with difficulty that the children were kept back from making a rush and clambering all over that motor car. And from the expression on the General's face it seemed pretty certain that he wouldn't have minded such a thing a bit.

At last he reached the platform, and mounting took a place beneath a flagstaff where he stood at attention while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner," and from those fifty thousand young throats came the words, "Oh, say can you see?" and the flags were waved so frantically that they seemed like the fluttering wings of a vast flock of gayly colored birds.

It was plainly noticeable that the General was deeply touched. Although he stood with eyes straight before him as a soldier should during the playing of the national anthem, he could be seen taking a number of unnecessarily long breaths and his lips tightened as he struggled with his emotion.

Kisses the Flag.

Just as the signing subsided he reached over to a silk American flag held by a standard bearer near by and drawing the

folds of it down to his face he kissed it fervently. It brought a roar of affection and delight from the children. Then General Pershing spoke briefly:—

"It gives me great pleasure to be here for a few moments this afternoon and to witness this patriotic ceremony. It is upon you that we must depend in the future to carry out the principles of our forefathers and to defend our flag which we all love so well. I feel sure that you understand the principle for which the war has been fought and join me in congratulating America in its successful conclusion. I am sure that the patriotism of you school children has been an inspiration not only to the grown-ups in America but also to the boys who carried the muskets in the front lines. I wish to thank you, and wish that every man who was in Europe could be here to see you."

Of course all did not hear him. But all had seen him speak, and that was enough. There was a demonstration which for spontaneity and heartfelt adoration exceeded anything that had gone before. And it was now that General Pershing surrendered to his emotions and suddenly began throwing kisses toward the upturned faces. Fully a score of these messages he threw and then he went to the other sides of the stand and greeted the children there in the same manner.

On his way out of the park the General stopped at the Eastern edge of the meadow and surrounded by Boy Scouts, he planted a maple tree to commemorate the occasion.

The whole ceremony at the park did not last more than half an hour, but in fifty thousand homes last night at least one little boy or girl was excitedly telling parents of the glorious experience of having seen the great general himself, and in after years these same boys and girls grown up will be telling other wide-eyed children of that memorable occasion.