

General News

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He considered that the Germans had made a tremendous effort to comply with conditions imposed upon them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—More than 68,000 girls have disappeared or run away from their homes in the U. S. during the last year, according to an estimate compiled by the Travellers' Aid society. In New York City, 3,600 girls have been reported missing. The society has cared for about 60,000 young men and women who have flocked to this city in the last 11 months.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Baron von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, said that hope was entertained in Entente circles that ratifications would be exchanged and peace would become effective before Christmas. The arrival of the German technical experts in Paris and the substance of the German reply are considered as justifying this hope.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Kupiansk, southeast of Khar'kov, are claimed in a Bolshevik wireless statement.

BERNE, Dec. 17.—Advices received by the Ukrainian mission here concerning the progress of the forces of General Petlura against the army of General Denikine in Southern Russia lead to the belief among the members of the mission that Denikine's situation is almost hopeless.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—After further consideration today of Austria's requirements for the relief of her distressing food conditions the supreme council decided that it would be necessary to furnish relief to the amount of \$70,000,000 at least, to go forward at the rate of \$8,500,000 monthly. Belief was expressed by the Austrian delegation that the total sum necessary, would reach \$100,000,000 which is the amount Dr. Renner yesterday asked the council to loan to Austria.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The force of Gen. Denikine continues to retreat before the Red offensive, according to a report issued by the war office today. During the past week the Bolshevik have compelled Denikine to withdraw another 50 miles along a vast front. The Bolshevik have virtually an unrestricted hand against Denikine since the fighting on other sections has slackened, and continue to rush heavy reinforcements south.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Fierce fighting by the Montenegrin people against the Serbian occupation occurred around Cetinje between Dec. 1 and Dec. 12, it is declared in an official communique from the Montenegrin government the seat of which is a suburb of Paris. The statement asserts that the Serbians placed women and children in front of them to prevent the Montenegrins defending themselves. The government of Montenegro has reiterated its protest to the peace conference against the Serbian occupation, asking that Montenegro be evacuated.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.—Winter is bringing immense misery and hundreds of thousands of deaths from hunger and disease have occurred throughout the middle-east Caucasus. The flight of refugees of all nationalities through Asia Minor into South Russia has begun. Reports indicate the unprecedented hardships are increased by various little wars and also by little bands who prey on one another when there are no other victims. It is believed that cannibalism is frequent.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—German delegates are said to have furnished the allies proof that Germany cannot deliver all the harbor and dock material demanded in the peace treaty protocol. Allied experts are said to be disposed to consider a counter proposal which would reduce the amount to be turned over by 200,000 tons.

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