

### GERMANS DEFEAT BOLSHIEVIKI AND CAPTURE FIFTEEN GUNS

#### Clash Occurs Near Zhitomir, Eighty Miles Southwest of Kiev—Bolshievi Outbreak in Estonia and Lithuania Gaining Headway—Soviet Government at Riga—Hungarians Evacuate Riga.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(Associated Press)—"Reports from Riga," telegraphs the correspondent at Koenigsberg of the Evening Telegraph, "show that the Bolshievi eruption in Estonia and Lithuania is proceeding systematically.

The negotiations of the central German soldiers council with the Bolshievi leaders, and the establishment of a demarcation line has come to naught. A Bolshievi army, comprising four divisions, was concentrated at Rostov and already has passed Danilovka on its way to Minsk.

The Bolshievi troops, which were in the Balk (90 miles northeast of Riga), are marching on Riga.

The Freiheit publishes the report that a Soviet government already has been constituted at Riga. It is headed, it is stated, by a newspaper man, who has issued a proclamation declaring that Livonia is now subject to Soviet laws and that private ownership of land has been abolished.

Berlin, Friday, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—German troops have been sent against the Bolshievi forces who are advancing on Minsk, about thirty miles southwest of Riga from Friedrichstadt, on the Dvina, according to the Lokal Anzeiger.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—(Reval), the capital of Estonia situated on the Gulf of Finland, has been evacuated by the Germans, according to a telegram from Berlin.

German troops are reported to have been engaged in fighting Bolshievi forces near Zhitomir, eighty miles southwest of Kiev, the capital of the Ukraine, the Germans captured fifteen guns from the Bolshievi.

Paris, Dec. 21.—(Havas)—The first elections to the new German national assembly are sympathetic of what the final results will be, says a despatch from Berlin to the Journal. In the Duchy of Brunswick where the minority party had assumed power, the defeat of the Bolshievi was crushing. In Mecklenburg and Anhalt, where the majority was in control, the Bourgeois also came out victorious.

### RUSSIA'S WAR LOSSES COLOSSAL

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### THREE MILLION DEAD SAYS ONE ESTIMATE

British Losses in Killed Six Hundred and Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Four.

500,000 ITALIANS LOST LIVES IN WAR

Of These 300,000 Died of Disease—Will Claim Territory Previously Held by the Enemy.

Copenhagen, Dec. 22. (By The Associated Press)—Russia's war casualties total 9,150,000 men according to a telegram received here today from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed. The disabled men number 1,450,000 while 2,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken prisoner total 2,500,000.

Estimates of the Russian casualties in the war made last week by the Russian Information bureau director, A. J. Sack, in New York, figured the total at "not less than 8,000,000 men, of whom 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,000 disabled for life."

Figures compiled by the Cologne Gazette and published by Reuters, stated that the French soldiers killed in the war, according to a statement made in the French Chamber of Deputies on Dec. 20 by Lucien Volain, a socialist deputy, number 1,400,000.

Italy had 800,000 men killed or died of wounds. A statement made in the Italian Chamber of Deputies by Salvatore Barzilai, a former member of the Italian cabinet, who accompanied King Victor Emmanuel on his visit to the French capital.

The British army official losses in killed total 658,704.

### American Decorations For Allied Generals

Washington, Dec. 21.—General Pershing notified the War Department today that he had conferred with the President and awarded Distinguished Service Medals to the Generals commanding the various French, British, Belgian and Italian armies.

In all decorations were awarded to sixteen French, seven British, two Belgian and three Italian generals.

### MILP PIPER FOOLS GUARD; KILLS SELF

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### WAR SERVICE GRATUITY IS NOW PASSED

#### For Three Years Service or Over Land and Sea Forces Draw 183 Days Pay and Allowances.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—An order-in-council was passed Saturday by the cabinet authorizing the payment of a "war service gratuity" to be payable to the naval and land forces of Canada in place of part discharge pay. Under this enactment the amount to be paid is graduated up to six months' pay and allowances exclusive of subsistence allowances or allowances in lieu of rations and quarters, according to the length and nature of service.

For the members of the land forces who have served at any time overseas, which means on the strength for pay and allowances of some recognized service establishment and were on the strength of the land forces on active service, on the date of the armistice, 11th November, 1918, the gratuity is graded as follows:

For three years' service or over 183 days pay and allowances.

For two years' service and under three years, 153 days pay and allowances.

For one year's service and under two years, 123 days' pay and allowances.

For less than a year, 93 days' pay and allowances.

### OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF WILSON'S ENGLISH VISIT

#### President of United States and Party Will Be Royally Entertained in Mother Country—Will Dine With King and Receive Freedom of City of Manchester.

London, Dec. 21.—Following is the official program in connection with the visit of the President of the United States to England.

The presidential party will arrive at Dover at 12.10 p.m. Thursday, and will be received by the Duke of Connaught, representing the King; John W. Davis, the American ambassador; Lord Reading, British ambassador to the United States and Lord Herschell, Lord-in-waiting to the King, who will be especially attached to the President during his visit.

Commander Sir Charles Cust, secretary to the King, will meet the President at Calais and will be especially attached to him.

The party will arrive at Charing Cross station in London at 2.30 p.m. and will be received by the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace. The President will be in the company of the King and Queen at the residence of the President in London, which the President will pass, and which he will spend Sunday. This visit will be without ceremonial.

From Calais the presidential party will proceed to Manchester, where the President will be the guest of the Lord Mayor. Arrangements have been made for the President to receive on Monday the freedom of the city of Manchester.

It is expected that President Wilson will leave England for France on Tuesday.

### POLICEMEN IN TORONTO GO TO WORK

#### Each Side Yield Points and Matter Will Finally Be Settled by Royal Commission.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The police strike was settled on Saturday at noon when the police commissioners and the strikers signed an armistice in which each side yielded something and both agreed to leave the final disposition of the charter of the police union to the finding of a royal commission to be appointed by the Ontario government. The commission is to decide whether to forego their insistence on the mandate giving up of the union charter and the men promised not to make use of it pending the report of the royal commission as to the legality of the strike holding such a charter. The strikers gained an important point in having the case of ex-police commissioner Ellis investigated by the royal commission. Ellis was discharged from the force, it is claimed by the police, virtually because he was secretary of the union when it was formed.

Following are the terms of agreement at which the strike was settled:

That the government appoint a royal commission to consist of three persons, one of whom shall be a representative of labor, to investigate and report on the question of the administration of police forces throughout the province of Ontario, including the constabularies of police commissions, the general administration of police forces, police laws and regulations, and including also the propriety of the organization of police unions either within themselves or affiliated with other organizations, and generally all matters relating to good government of police forces, and specifically to acquire and report on the complaint of one Ellis, lately of the Toronto police force.

The Toronto police to at once resume their duties, all men to be reinstated, save Ellis, and to have the same status as before the strike.

The union to hold their charter until such time as the royal commission gives its decision.

It is distinctly understood that nothing herein contained shall be construed as an recognition in any way by the police commissioners of the jurisdiction pending the final decision of the royal commission.

The police to give up the charter and surrender it if so decided by the royal commission to be appointed.

All parties to agree to accept and abide by the report of the commission of the majority of them.

The police union bind themselves that they will not engage in any way with any strike, sympathetic or otherwise, until the decision of the royal commission is given.

### WALTER H. PAGE PASSES AWAY

#### Former Ambassador to Great Britain Dies at Pinehurst, North Carolina—Distinguished Career.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 22.—Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Great Britain, died here late last night after a long illness.

Page's health began to fail nearly a year ago, and he gave up his post as American representative at the court of St. James late in the summer.

Dr. Page returned to the United States on October 13, and he was moved directly from the steamer to a hospital in New York. For a time his condition showed improvement, but late in November he suffered a relapse. Early this month he rallied and ten days ago was brought to Pinehurst. For a while he seemed to grow stronger, but suffered a second relapse last Thursday. Most of the members of Dr. Page's family were with him when death came. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed but it was announced that services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock on the Page memorial church at Aberdeen, North Carolina.

He was born in North Carolina, August 15, 1855, son of A. E. and Alice (Wilson) Page. Was a member of the publishing firm of Doubleday Page & Co.; since 1900 editor of "The World's Work"; from 1890 to 1895 was editor of "The Forum"; and from 1895 to 1899 editor of "The Atlantic Monthly."

### NEW PASSENGER DEPOT IN USE

#### Last Train to Enter Old Halifax Station Was Express from St. John.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—The people of Halifax are much interested in the change of the railway passenger station which occurred today. The new station is at the Halifax ocean terminals in the southern part of the city. In those parts there are 27 miles of tracks and the station is approached by six lines of rails. J. T. O'Rourke, district superintendent, tonight took representatives of the Board of Trade and other citizens in his car attached to the Maritime express from the new station to Fairview Junction. It was the first train out. He showed to the terminals three million yards of rock were removed and in laying the rails 185,000 yards of gravel were used. The last train to come in at the old station was Saturday night's express from St. John.

### WOODSTOCK, ONT., SCENE OF BATTLE

#### Police and Tramp Mix it in Hay Mow—Latter Badly Beaten up.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 21.—Following a desperate fight in the hay mow of a barn here this morning the police arrested two tramps, one of whom was badly injured.

The man concerned in the hay mow and when detected drew a 38 calibre revolver, but he was unable to use it. On being searched he was found to have over \$100 in money and a dozen or so dynamite fuses. He refused to make a statement, but the police are holding him for further investigation.

Donnelly was badly beaten up before he was overpowered.

At noon today the police captured a man who gave his name as Thomas Brown and his home as Peterboro. He is believed to be a member of the six million called to the colors were taken prisoner.

### NEW GERMANY MAY BE MODELED AFTER STATES

#### Suggestion is Offered That Country be Reorganized Into Seven Republics.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 22.—A Rhenish official advances the suggestion for a future Germany composed of seven republics constructed along the lines of the United States as follows:

First—Upper Saxony, composed of the former kingdom of Saxony with Thuringia, Erfurt, Magdeburg, Anhalt and German Bohemia. Capital Dresden.

Second—Lower Saxony, with Hannover, Lappe, Brunswick, Oldenburg, Bremen, Hamburg, Lubeck and Schleswig-Holstein. Capital Hannover.

Third—Rhineland, with Baden, Alsace, Phalz, Rhenish Hesse the Rhine Province, Hesse-Nassau and Westphalia. Capital Coblenz.

Fourth—Saxony, with Westphalia and Posen-Silesia. Capital Stuttgart.

Fifth—Bavaria.

Sixth—German-Austria, with Vorarlberg, Trentino and the Tyrol.

Seventh—Brandenburg and Pomerania, with Mecklenburg, Pomerania, Posen, and Silesia. Capital Berlin.

### ILLICIT WHISKEY STILLS DISCOVERED

#### Inspector Mann of Campbellton Has Tough Battle in Woods—Found Sixty Gallons of Booze.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 22.—Assistant Prohibition Inspector Mann of Campbellton, who was in Moncton yesterday, reports having located two illicit whiskey stills in Restigouche county last week. One still was found in the woods back of Bel river Thursday last, and the other was located in the woods at Balmoral. At the latter still he found sixty gallons of liquor and a smaller quantity at Bel river. Three arrests have been made in connection with the stills.

Inspector Mann reports that he had a rough time in effecting the arrests of two men alleged to be proprietors of the Balmoral still. He was attacked and knocked out, he says, but later succeeded in getting his men. One arrest was made at Bel river. The parties will be arraigned at Campbellton this week.

### NOTORIOUS CASE ENDS ABRUPTLY

#### Collar for Noose and Belt for Rope—Maintained Innocence to Last Moment.

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### OLD COUNTRY CELEBRATING

#### Christmas This Year Brings Memories of Four Years Ago—Stores Do Rushing Business.

London, Dec. 21.—The whole country is preparing for the first old-fashioned English Christmas in five years, with more than old fashioned enthusiasm. Nearly all the soldiers in Great Britain are flocking to their homes on a twelve days' leave, thousands are coming across the channel, while Colonials and Americans are pouring in for sight-seeing.

London is the clearing house for soldiers from every section, maddily and loaded equipment, but with holly in their caps. They fill all the incoming and outgoing trains. The shopping districts are crowded with huge masses of Christmas buyers, as have never been before known. The prices are higher than ever also, but the shop shelves are being swept clean.

The theatres and restaurants are doing a record business. No hotel home rooms are vacant and seaside and inland resorts are filling up with city people, while the country people are coming into the city.

The coast resorts, which were deserted for nearly four years because they were in the first line of naval bombardment and air raids, are again their old-time prosperity.

### WILSON IS HONORED BY FRENCH

#### Receives Degree of Doctor for His Works on Jurisprudence and Political Science.

Paris, Dec. 21.—In the great amphitheatre of the University of Paris, (the Sorbonne) President Wilson this afternoon received the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa, conferred upon him in recognition of his work as a jurist and historian. This is the first time in the history of the university that an honorary degree has been bestowed, authorization for his granting having been given by a recent decree.

President Poincare, the presidents of the senate and the Chamber of Deputies, the diplomatic corps, members of the government and the highest civil and military authorities were present at the ceremony.

Alfred Croiset, dean of the faculty of letters, welcomed President Wilson in a short address and presented to him the diploma of doctor as a testimony to his work as a historian and his writings on historical subjects. Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the faculty of law, then bestowed upon the President the degree of doctor for his works on jurisprudence and political science.

President Wilson, after speaking of the war, said: "I wish to thank you, sir, from the bottom of my heart for a distinction which is in a singular way crowned my academic career."

### MINOR SCRAP BETWEEN GREEKS AND BULGARS

#### Athens, Saturday, Dec. 21.—Bulgarian troops today fired on the Greek posts near Troussova, and wounded three Greek soldiers, according to an official despatch from Sofia.

### MATIN CENSORED

Paris, Dec. 22.—The first column of the first page of the Matin was censored today. Only the head lines of the article were left. These read: "Yesterday's article tomorrow's reality. Constitution of a society ready for serious consideration. Germany and her allies will only be admitted if they accept principles on which Entente governments shall have agreed."

### RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Bullas—Dec. 21.—Official agents on the Red Cross Christmas roll call show that up to Friday night 10,000, year 1918.

### SITUATION STILL A SERIOUS ONE

#### British and French Prevented Hostilities Between Parties at Omak, But No Agreement Yet Reached.

Vladivostok, Tuesday, Dec. 17. (By The Associated Press)—British and French officers have so far managed to prevent a clash from the Gensetok and Kolchak forces here but no definite results as to adjusting the controversy have as yet been reached.

They have been vigorously supported by the Japanese.

The situation at Omak is obscure but efforts are being made by the powers to prevent further disorder there. Traffic over the Trans-Siberian railway is threatened and only special trains are able to reach Omak.

### PROHIBITION LAW BREAKER IN JAIL

#### Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Dec. 22.—Sentence to pay \$500 or spend three months in jail was the penalty imposed by the court today on William Jordan, C. G. R. colored porter, who was charged with violation of the prohibition law.

Jordan pleaded guilty to the charge and the magistrate imposed the minimum fine of the offence. Jordan so far has been unable to pay the fine and is being held in the local jail.

### DERELICT SCHOONER PICKED UP AT SEA

#### Halifax, Dec. 22.—The American schooner Catherine of Gloucester, arrived at Liverpool, N. S., today with the French vessel Quo Vadis in tow, which she picked up sixty-five miles off the coast. The Quo Vadis was bound to St. Pierre with 3,500 bushels of salt. She was flying signals of distress to which the Catherine responded. One man was found frozen dead and the rest of the crew in their bunks in a freezing condition. Commander Liverpool harbor the towing line broke and a man on the French vessel had a leg fractured. The men are being cared for.

### CABINET OF JUGO SLAVS

#### Belgrade, Saturday, Dec. 21.—The Jugo-Slav cabinet which has just been constituted is composed as follows:

Premier—M. Protitch.  
Vice-Premier—M. Korosec.  
Foreign Minister—M. Trumbitch.  
Minister of the Treasury—M. Nintitch.

Premier Protitch will preside over the Jugo-Slav delegation at the peace conference in Paris.

M. Protitch, late Jugo-Slav Premier, was formerly minister of the interior in the Serbian cabinet. M. Trumbitch is president of the Jugo-Slav committee in Paris. M. Nintitch was formerly Serbian minister of agriculture.

### MUST GIVE A BETTER SERVICE

#### Nova Scotia Public Utilities Board Orders Street Railway to Put on More Cars and Run Them Oftener.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—The Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company are up against the Public Utilities Commission which has issued an order that will put the company to a lot of trouble in carrying it out.

The company has been saying that from influenza and various causes they have not enough men to operate the cars they run at present. The utilities board now orders new cars to be put on the main line and belt line, directs that they operate on a more frequent schedule and informs the company that they must report to them as to the cause of noisy cars and the progress made in putting into effect the new order.

People in Halifax have become such large users of gas for household purposes and coal is so hard to obtain and so poor a quality that the Nova Scotia Tramways Company has issued a notice to consumers to be as sparing as possible in their use of gas. The demands on the gas works at the present time are more than the available supply, the Christmas cooking party accounting for this extra consumption.

### REAL ESTATE AGENT WANTED BY POLICE

#### Wm. H. Moffit of New York Charged With Grand Larceny—Defrauded Bootblack.

New York, Dec. 21.—Police officials calling for the arrest on a charge of grand larceny of Wm. H. Moffit, a real estate operator, doing a business of \$750,000 a year in Long Island, Staten Island, New Jersey properties, were sent broadcast over the country by the authorities here today. Moffit was said to have been in Winnipeg, Manitoba, two weeks ago.

The accused man, who is sixty years old, was indicted after revelations made through investigation of the tax lien and mortgage loan evil is said to have defrauded a bootblack out of \$600 in a real estate deal.

### British Officers Will Investigate

#### Stockholm, Dec. 21.—A commission of British officers, according to the Polish bureau of information, has arrived at Lemberg. It will investigate the matter of German participation in the action of Ukraine against Poland and also the Jewish question.

### OLD BALL PLAYER DEAD

Halifax, Dec. 22.—Old baseball enthusiast may remember James V. Sullivan, who played several games in St. John, as a member of the Halifax Socials. In one game in that city thirty years ago he sustained a broken leg. This has troubled him ever since, and is said to be the indirect cause of his death, which occurred today.

ENGLISH ADMIRAL DEAD.

The death is announced in England of Rear Admiral Stoppard, who was married to a daughter of the late Hon. L. B. Baker, of Yarmouth.