Austro-German Forces Are Compelled to Recross Piave River.

### COUNTER ATTACK SUCCESS

With Recapture of Positions on Monte Asolone, Southern Soldiers Have Written Glorious Page in War Annals, Says Dispatch.

ROME, Dec. 24.—Enemy forcs which had crossed the Plave River at Plave Vecchia have been driven back over the river, the War Office announces.

On the mountain front, the statement says, the Austro-Germans passed the Italian positions in the Asiage sector in the region of Buso Montevalbella, but stopped at the Italian rear positions, from where the Italians are counter attacking with satisfactory re-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Official dis-patches from Rome today give a de tailed story of the fighting on Monte Asolone. They say:

Austro-Germans Lose Heavily. With the recapture of the positions en Monte Asolone the Italian oldiers have written a glorious page in the annals of this war. Their bravery has prevented the enemy from spreading his forces in the south to complete the surrounding of Monte Grappa. Our soldiers fought for several days under terrific artillery fire and against the deadly effects of asphyxiating gasea. ne enemy suffered enormous losses.
"It is calculated that in the action at Berretta and Monte Asolone the enemy lost three divisions. General Pfeffer, commander of the fourth enemy division and the commander of the seventh and eighth Austrian brigades, has

been seriously wounded.

Women and Children Enslaved. The enemy command in the city o Udine has issued rules by which all workmen, women and children, are obliged to work in the fields from 4 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening with half an hour rest in the morning, one hour and a half at midday and half an hour in the afternoon. The transgressors of these rules will be accompanied to work and watched by German soldiers, and at the termination of the harvest they will be imprisoned for six months, and every three days they will receive only bread and water. Slow or lazy women will be exiled and lazy children will be flogged. If necessary the com-mander will inflict corporal punish-ments.

ments.
"In Macedonia German troops have recently launched three very powerful attacks against the positions held by Italian soldiers along the Cerna River.
All the attacks were repulsed and the enemy suffered considerable loss "

### ITALIAN TROOPS REMEMBERED Soldiers at Front and Sick, Wounded Have American Christmas.

VENICE, Dec. 23 .- (By the Assoclated Press.) — American Christmas cheer will be carried to the Italian soldiers in the trenches and to the sick and wounded soldiers in and around Venice by B. Harvey Carroll, Jr., American Consul at Venice, acting for the American Red Cross. Mr. Car-roll will leave Venice with General tour of the trenches on Christmas eve.
They will be accompanied by detachments of soldiers with trucks bearing huge bundles of gifts for distribution among the troops. Each soldier will receive a pack-

age containing socks, handkerchiefs, tobacco, sweets, some articles of food and a distinctive present. Another distribution will be made in Venice on Christmas eve and Christmas morning to wounded soldiers and civ-ilian poor. Large numbers of wounded are now coming in from the Plave to the hospitals of Venice. Each of these will be remembered with clothing,

food and sweets. The city of Venice remains compara-tively undisturbed by the recent re-newal of enemy pressure on the lower Piave nearest to Venice, where his line is 12 miles east of the city. While shells from the heavy guns could reach Venice, it is known that the enemy has been unable to bring across the river anything except machine guns and a few pieces of small caliber. No shells have fallen anything anything except machine guns and a few pieces of small caliber. No shells cution?" he need the indictment. have fallen anywhere near the city. The rumble of the bombardment can be heard day and night, but the popu-

be heard day and night, but the population has become accustomed to it, as it had to the previous menace from the air and the sea.

One of the chief reasons for calm is the belief that Pope Benedict has intervened in some way by which the Austrians will not shell the city.

The custodians of the art treasures in the city have considered it desirable to move a large number of paintings and the statues, which up to this time had been stored within the city. The most valuable were sent south months

most valuable were sent south months ago, but now the entire bulk of removable art treasures has been taken away. It is estimated that 12,000 square meters of paintings were taken from the ducal palace alone.

The famous equestrian status before

The famous equestrian statue before St. Mark's is being dismediated for removal, although it was at first intended to protect it by a brick covering.

### Aged Man Killed by Train.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 24 .-(Special.)—Stephen Dood, aged 70, was struck by the engine of the Great Northern passenger train No. 459, late Sunday night, and was instantly killed. The body was found in the morning by the trackwalker. The man was a county charge and had wandered away from the farm. He was feeble and it is supposed he had lain down on the track. He leaves a wife in Castle Rock

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MISS ANNE MORGAN SUPERINTENDS REBUILDING OF HOMES IN DEVASTATED FRANCE.



MISS MORGAN S TANDS AT LEFT.

Miss Anne Morgan, head of the American fund for French wounded reconstruction unit, is personally superintending the rebuilding of ruined peasant homes in the Aisne district. Here she is shown giving directions to the soldier workmen, who have been placed under her orders by the French military authorities. The American fund for French wounded has been militarized and works directly under the army authorities. In addition to rebuilding homes, the unit supplies the refugees all household necessities, as well as clothing and farm implements.

Is Convicted.

### **BOLSHEVIKI CONDUCT TRIAL**

Woman Denies Misappropriation Charge and Says She Is Ready to Deliver Money to Con-

PETROGRAD, Dec. 24.-Countess Pannin, who was Minister of Public Instruction in the Kerensky Cabinet, was on trial today charged with misappropriation of public funds. Hers was the first case tried by "the popular revolutionary tribunal." The Counters was convicted and sentenced to "imprisonment until the return of the money, and to public censure."

The small courtroom in the Palese. The small courtroom in the Palace

of Grand Duke Nicholas was filled with friends and sympathizers of the Countess. The judges, five workingmen and two soldiers, were all elected members of the Petrograd workmen's and soldiers' deputies. They sat at a long table draped in red. To the left, near the wall, the defendant sat, a soldier with

No one replied. The president then invited a statement for the defense. An elderly man, a former employe at the Ministry of Public-Instruction, arose and spoke of the great philanthropic and educational activity of Countess Pannin. He depied the misuse of funds and said that the Countess had refused to acknowiedge the right of the present govern-ment to demand the money. He de-clared that she would return the funds o the constituent assembly, which was

the sole authority over her. Next a young workingman, speaking for the prosecution, made a clumsy, heated speech to the effect that nobil-ity of character and educational ac-tivity need not cloud the fact that the Countess took public funds and opposed the authority of the workmen's and soldiers' government. He exhorted the judges to disregard the personality and

judges to disregard the personality and past of the defendant.

In her "last word" the Countess said:

"As has been stated, I have not misused the funds. I consider myself responsible for their safety and will deliver them to the constituent assembly, to which alone I must account for my actions. Since the convening of the constituent assembly has been post-poned, the money has been deposited in the State Bank until it assembles." The so-called misappropriation of public funds consisted in the transfer by the Countess of all the ministry funds to the State Bank, which left

ROOSEVELT STRONG FOR PROHIBI-TION DURING WARTIME.

Letter to Hend of National Temperal Board Quotes ex-President's

Sons in France.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24 .- A letter from Theodore Roosevelt favoring war-time prohibition, not only for fighting men but for citizens working on rail-roads and in mines, factories and ship-

Colonel Roosevelt wrote that he favored prohibiting the use of food grains at the outbreak of the war, and added:

'Neither the men in the Army nor

the men engaged in doing vital work for the Army in connection with railroads, factories, mines and shipyards should be allowed to waste strength and health in drink at this time.

"The same reasons that render it necessary to prohibit the sale of lighter. necessary to prohibit the sale of liquor to soldiers in uniform or within a given number of miles from a military camp and to stop its use on battleships apply to extending similar protection for all citizens engaged in the work of rall-roads, factories, mines and shipyards.

"I may mention that my sons, who are now in the Army in France, write me most strongly (just as General Pershing has expressed his public publications most strongly) as to the harm opinion most strongly) as to the harm done to the men of the Army by per-mitting the sale of liquor to them, stating that they believe in absolute prohibition for the Army in wartime—

perience has made a permanent pro-hibitionist of him.

SCOTT GRAY AND JESSIE YOUNG VISIT POLICE JUDGE.

Couple Live Together Thirty-Eight

Gray, 60, and Miss Jessie Young, 48. It came to the attention of the police

recently that this couple had over-looked the wedding ceremony when they started their communal existence 28 years ago, and they were arrested. Yesterday, they both expressed their willingness to become legally married, willingness to become legally married, so the charge against them was dismissed. A difficulty arose, however, when it developed that Mr. Gray had no money with which to buy a license. Deputy District Attorney Ryan overcame the difficulty by passing the hat in the courtroom and sending a policeman to the Courthouse with the proceeded. The coremany than proceeded. without a hitch.

## CHILDREN GET LESS MILK

As Cost of Commodity in New York Goes Up Consumption Declines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- The price of milk in New York City has risen 55 per cent since June, 1914, and about 20 per cent less of the product is being con-sumed, according to a report of the Mayor's committee on milk, made pubthe safes in the ministry empty when the Bolsheviki took control. She de-

report stated, "and are substituting tea, coffee, beer, wine and other things or the feeding of young children whose ealth and growth are injured by such ubstitutes.

The cost of milk production on the average dairy farm supplying milk to New York City for the year of 1917 was 6 1-3 cents per quart, and for the months of October, November and Deember was 7 cents per quart."

# CHILD FATALLY INJURED

Edwin Reini, of Astoria, Run Down by Automobile.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24 .- (Special.)-Edwin Reini, 9-year-old son of Mr. and yards, was made public tonight by Dr. Mrs. Reini, was struck by an auto-Clarence True Wilson, of the National mobile while stepping from behind a Mrs. Reini, was struck by an auto-Answering a letter from Dr. Wilson. He died a short time later.

eral Kaledines.

ANTONOFF GOES TO KIEV

Military Commandant of Petrograd District Has Instructions to Negotiate With Ukranian Rada for Settlement of Difficulties.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 23 .- A Caucasian army of 100,000 men is advancing on the rear of the troops of General Kale-dines, the Cossack leader, according to an announcement made today by the Bolsheviki press bureau.

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- General Antonoff, the military commandant of the Petrograd district, has gone to Kiev, says a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, with instructions to negotiate with the Jerusalem and the Holy Sepulchre, Ukranian Rada in an effort to settle

Efforts to Establish Harmony With Ukranians Explained.

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- Petrograd dispatches report that attempts are being made by the Bolsheviki commissar-

Concurrently with these statements tilities on a large scale or of such a troops to nature as to indicate important de- with the fo velopments.

Many news dispatches from Petro-grad speak of the supposed impend-ing arrival of the Germans there, which is said to be the universal topic of discussion in the city, but every one seems to have a different version. Many of these stories center around the report ed concentration near the capital of a large force of released German war prisoners, to whom arms are being nanded over, according to some of the

reports. Referring to these rumors, the Pet-rograd correspondent of the Post says that unquestionably thousands of German war prisoners are flocking towards Petrograd from all parts of Russia, but he believes that at present a more important phase of the situation is the active and thorough manner in which the Germans have been pushing trade with Russia since the frontier was opened. He reports they are making the most of a commercial opportunity such as the world has never situation is the small number of British to Shipping Board officials, is that of seen before, inasmuch as Bussian inmans have no competition.

doctrines in the German army. They also declined to admit Trotzky's newspaper printed in German for army

The Bolsheviki are negotiating with the Social Revolutionists on the left for the formation of a coalition government wherein the latter will hold the ministries of the interior, justice, posts and national affairs.

was to have begun yesterday before a three years of war has shown that ex-Wedding Ceremeny.

Wedding Ceremeny.

Wedding Rossman performed a Christmas eve wedding ceremony in the courtroom at the close of yesterday's session. The principals were constant of her department. The Council of Petrograd University on Friday elections at the close of yesterday's session. The principals were constant of the Courtroom at the close of the courtroom at the close of the courtroom at the close of yesterday's session. The principals were constant of the courtroom at the close of the courtroom at th ed the Countess an honorary member in recognition of her educational work.

A dispatch from Tashkent, capital of Turkestan, described the lynching, under horrible circumstances, of General Korovitchenke, who was Kerenteral Korovitchenke, who wa

sky's military commander in the provformal protest against the pillaging by armed men of the apartment of the embassy's first secretary.

It is reported that the Germans are moving troops from the Russian north-ern and western fronts to the south-western and Roumanian fronts.

having asked him what he would do if Germany refused such a peace, Trotzky answered that then the peace would not be signed and that the Maximalists might be led to "wage a revolutionary war."

Trotzky added that "if public opinion was opposed to such a war, the question would then be carried before the constituent assembly." He concluded by saying that if the Bolsheviki succumbed to the resistance they are meeting within Russia, the country would be given over to anarchy.

The Havas note concludes:

"This conversation, which is correct throughout, must be considered as creating no new relation between the Maximalist government am us."

Feeling of Builders Improved.

"It has served to get the builders in a much-different mental attitude. and if steel is moved reasonably well, so as not to delay the yards, there will be a realization of the 1918 building programme."

The new conwacts mean that there will be expansion at both plants, as well at the Willamette Iron & Stee, works, where boilers and auxiliary machinery are turned out. More machinery are turned out. More machinery are turned out. Sons of Italy Are Loyal.

### Progress of the War.

Christmastide of 1917 finds the armies on all the major battlefronts virtually inactive, except where the Teutonic aliles are endeavoring to over-whelm the Italians and force a passage through the hill country of Northern Italy out upon the plains of Venetia.

As viewed from the war maps the battle lines today are markedly changed from those of the yesteryear. The Russian front from the Baltic to the Black Sea is virtually non-existent; the Italians under the intensive drive of the Teutonic allies today are standing miles from where they were a year ago along the Isonzo front; from Belshir to the region around Vergun gium to the region around Verdun great salients have been driven into the German lines by both the British and French armies, and in Asiatic Tur-key the British have made notable gains both in Mesoptamia and Pales-

Northward through the latter region General Allenby's forces have made great progress against the Ottomans and Christmas of 1917 finds the Christians once more in control of Bethle-hem, the birthplace of Christ, and of

the differences between it and the Bolsheviki government.

BOLSHEVIKI REALIZE DANGER

Although the sound of "peace" is in the air, seemingly there is no prospect of ending at any early date the titanic struggle that is in progress. The Teutonic, allies and the Russians are endeavoring to effect a cessation of hostilities on the eastern front and probably will reach some kind of an agreement that for the moment, at least, will render the counter revolu-tionary forces in Russia inactive and throw a greater burden upon the shoulders of their former allies.

ies to negotiate with the Ukranians for The enemy for weeks unofficially a settlement of the differences which has been proclaiming his desire for has been proclaiming his desire for peace, but no terms have been advanced by him which would indicate a vanced by him which would indicate a willingness to bring the war to an end along lines that would make the world "safe for democracy." On the contrary, the German Emperor, in his latest uttersance, made before the second army last Saturday, boasted of the successes of the Teutonic allies during that the victories of the central powers had been proclaiming his desire for peace, but no terms have been advanced by him which would indicate a willingness to bring the war to an end along lines that would make the world "safe for democracy." On the contrary, the German Emperor, in his latest uttersance, made before the second army last Saturday, boasted of the successes of the Teutonic allies during that the victories of the central powers had been proclaiming his desire for peace, but no terms have been advanced by him which would indicate a willingness to bring the war to an end along lines that would make the world "safe for democracy." On the contrary, the German Emperor, in his latest uttersance, made before the second army lates and along lines that would make the world "safe for democracy." On the contrary, the German Emperor, in his latest uttersance, made before the second army lates and along lines that would make the world "safe for democracy." On the contrary, the German Emperor, in his latest uttersance, made before the second army lates are the latest uttersance, made before the second army latest and latest uttersance, made before the second army latest are the latest uttersance, made before the second army latest are the latest uttersa

Apparently, however, while strenuappear numerous reports of military appears numerous reports of military activities on the part of the Ukranians and Cossacks and of the sending of more Bolsheviki troops southward to oppose the Ukranians. There are disconnected rumors of further fighting. German Emperor has made a final enbut apparently there have been no host troops on a large scale or of such a troops to frighten peoples unafraid. deavor in his latest address to his troops to frighten peoples unafraid, with the following declaration:

"If the enemy does not want peace then we must bring peace to the world by battering in with the iron fist and the shallow sword the doors of those the shining sword the doors of those who will not have peace."

> Meanwhile his armies and those of its ally, Austria-Hungary, finding that heir attempts to break the Italian line between the Brenta and Piave Rivers in Northern Italy, were without result have shifted the ground of their at-tack again to the Aslago plateau. Here counter attacks against him. On the lower Plave River the enemy troops, who forced a crossing of the river last week now have been compelled, under violent attacks by the Italians to seek counter attacks against him. On the lower Piave River the enemy troops, who forced a crossing of the river last week now have been compelied, under violent attacks by the Italians to seek safety through a retreat to the eastern bank of the stream. bank of the stream.

casualties dustries are nearly dead and the Ger- the entire front held by the British only 13,919 casualties were reported, these a part of a mass of statistics just embracing men killed, wounded or misturned over by the Shipping Board to

Teaches Early Retirement.

PARIS, Dec. 24 .- Premier Clemenposts and national affairs.

The trial of persons who have been eral Petain and all the army chiefs pointing out that the experience of

## The Italian Embassy has made a 40 SHIPS TO BE BUILT

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DREN GET LESS MILK

BOLSHEVIKI PEACE OUTLINED

Trotzky Says Maximalists Might

Wage Revolutionary War.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Leon Trotzky, Bol
The Courthouse with the pro"I feel that we can show what real work is in shipbuilding," said Mr.
Bowles. "The Pacific Coast is the big hope of the Shipping Board, for the Atlantic yards are crowded with Government work, such as Navy vessels and transports, with some cargo vessels."

The Courthouse with the proThe Courthous PARIS, Dec. 23.—Leon Trotzky, Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, according to a note issued by the Havas Agency, called on Joseph Noulens, the French Ambassador to Russia, and explained that the Bolsheviki wished to keep to the principle of a "democratic peace," leaving to the veople the right to dispose of themselves. The Ambassador having asked him what he would do if Germany refused such a peace, Trotzky

### Sons of Italy Are Loyal.

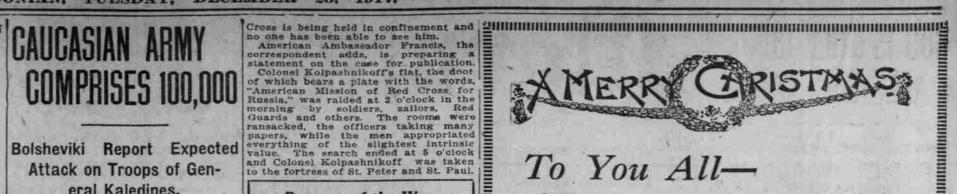
Rooms of American Agent of Red

Cross Raided by Bolsheviki.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Colonel Kolpashnikoff, the American Embassey at Petrograd has been assured, is alive, but the correspondent of the Morning Post in the Russian capital says the former agent of the American Red

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Eight hundred lodges of the Sons of Italy in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts and New Jersey have pledged support to the thrift and war savings stamps campaign, it was announced here tonight. The lodges represent a membership of 100,000. Each member has promised not only to buy stamps, but to encourage his neighbors to do so.

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Official Estimate Just Issued for Year Allows for but One Labor Shift-Increased Operations

May Be Effected. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Five mil-lion deadweight tons is the Shipping Board's estimate of America's 1918 out-would affect the general industrial world without the confines of those mall gains were made but the Italians, tiffening their fine, held the enemy rom further progress and at the last ecounts were delivering successful gramme of 8.246308 tons is 18.2 per gramme of 8.246308 tons is 18.2 per

The builders' reports have been made hibitionist of him.

"I wish your board every success in its effort to stop all waste of food, men, labor and brain power during these days when the Nation needs every energy of every man at his best."

"I wish your board every success in the Germans have refused to admit M. Zinovieff, a close associate of Nikolai Lenine, and other Bolsheviki whom the Soldiers' and workmen's deiegates wished to send in to spread their doctrines in the German army. They 20 per cent and the contract steel ships
4 per cent on their way to completion.
Henry Ford, serving with the Shipping Board as a manufacturing expert,
has proposed extension of the fabricating programme. He has advised that the Board have built in the South number of fabricating yards in which would be turned out steel vessels or the endiess-chain system employed by Ford in his automobile factory. Ter

Banker Hecht Reinterned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. - Rudolph

Hecht, partner in the banking firm of Chandler & Co., who was interned as an alien enemy, but was granted a parole of three weeks under \$25,000 bail, was sent back to Ellis Island today. He asked the authorities to extend the parole over the Christmas holidays, but his request was refused.

## MECHANICAL QUESTION UP

Anglo-American Standardization of Screw Threads Planned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. - Secretary Redfield announced today that he had accepted an invitation from the British Ministry of Munitions to appoint dele-gates to an Anglo-American conference on standardization of threads to be held in London early next

In accepting, however, he suggested that such standardization should be effective and complete and "not limited to the mere mutual accommodation of two nations, while Laving undeter-

### FLOUR SHORTAGE IS DENIED

Five Months' Supply on Hand, Says Member of Food Administration.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.-Frank L. ministration grain corporation, who returned today from New York, where members of the corporation have been in conference, declared in answer to reports of a flour shortage that there is a breadstuffs supply in storage and on market now sufficient to answer the needs of the entire country for five

months.
Mr. Carey also announced that approximately 1,000,000 bushels of wheat from the Pacific Coast has been or-dered shipped here for use of local

Major Slated for Victoria Cross.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. L. Pearkes, of Mount Tolmie, B. C., near here, has heard from unofficial sources in England that her son, Major George Randolph Pearkes, M. C., second in command of the 116th Canadian Battalion, has been recommended for the Victoria Cross. Major Pearkes Joined the Canadian forces as a private.

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