# AS SOLE ARBITER GERMANY'S LOSS IS ESTIMATED

Study of Conditions Follow Week of Celebration.

### FRENCH AND BRITISH AMAZED

All Sorts of Perplexing Problems Confront President.

#### IRISH APPEAL FOR RELIEF

Executive Proceeds With Business Without Regard for Critics in U. S. Congress.

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PARIS, Dec. 22 .- (Special, by Wire less 1-After a week of celebrations and ceremonies, President Wilson is settling down to the business in hand, that of familiarizing him elf with conditions. L. has already conferred with the French capital. President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau, ex-Premier Briand, Premier Sonnino, of Italy, and the Italian King.

Other members of the American delegation whose personality scarcely attracts any public attention, are holding daily conferences under President Wilson's direction with representatives of smaller powers having claims to present to the peace conference. Among Generals out of 310 were killed. these are Serbian Minister Varnanitch, President Hararyk, of the Czecho-Slavo Independents, and Polish emis-

#### President is Sole A. biter.

As a result of these conferences President Wilson has a pretty fair conception of some of the most disturbing problems confronting the peace conference, though generally they are not the

By common consent the leading men have temporarily set aside-more conelderation of the major issues-the League of Nations and the freedom of the seas, with their collateral features, The President finds himself in the role the leaders, for the new and independent states, some of which involve direct National Issues with the European

During the last few days the odd speciacle has been provided of the nations close to the fringe of civilization, appealing to the former college profes-

### Home Rule Problem Looms.

The Shereef of Mecca, an Arab, has arrived with a picturesque suite to ap- SMUGGLER DEVICE CLEVER government is set up will repudiate peal to the democratic President to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the disputes with England and France concerning the creation of the new pan-Arab state, to be known as the Kingdom of Hadjes.

The Irish propagandists are beginning to exert pressure upon President Wilson to use his admittedly great prestige in bringing about a settlement of the home rule problem. These Irish confidence that the President will indicate to the English leaders the whole hearted sympathy of the American people with their aspirations. Indeed, their belief amounts to the conviction that President Wilson will take up their fight, and is apparently based the alleged definite assurance from Washington that he declared his intention to do so.

### Disturbing Situations Arise.

Elements in the Slavic constituencies are appealing to him for intercession in the disturbing features of the Serbian attempt to bring the irreconcilable obstructionists to accept the plan for the 15,000,000 Slavic Union.

The Italian attitude, provoked by the disinclination to admit the proposed union to share the Adriatic Sea, is causing some concern.

All of these things are daily reflected in the conferences held by Mr. Wilson the commission entrusted with subordi- found on the shore at Jenner, a nearby nate details. Mr. Wilson has been very village. patient in heeding the appeals of this supplicants that such appeals should be disregarding repeated remonstrances, addressed not to him as an individual resuscitated the young woman. but to the full peace conference through

#### accredited delegates. French and British Amnzed.

The President's faculty of grasping details and his tolerance in hearing the applications are proving amazing to Steel Operator Presidential Choice both French and British leaders who are intensely interested in his methods. It is a new experience to them and they naturally manifest great curiosity in the manner in which he tackles such of the United States, was voiced at a problems.

The initiative in all the preliminar-

ies for the peace gathering is being left and other representatives of 750 mato President Wilson. He is the only man | chinery construction and metal workupon whom the eyes of the leaders of ing concerns. European nation are now focused. His fellow delegates are working along subordinate lines, organizing the com

plete machinery for the conference. The French view of the American delegation is very unique, permitting New Executive of Czecho-Slovakia at no doubt in the French mind that it is one-man affair. The leading French statesmen could not remember the names of the other commissioners, ex- sor Thomas G. Masaryck, the president cept that of Colonel House, or the of the newly formed republic of number. Yet, the other commissioners Czecho-Slovakia, has made his solemn are doing good work in reducing to a entry into Prague, according to addefinite status the American machinery vices received here today from that (Concluded on Page 3, Column 3.)

### TOTAL SLAIN IN WAR ABOVE SIX MILLIONS

Russia Is Second, With 1,700,000 Killed-France's Dead Is Placed at 1,400,000.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22 .- (By the Asoctated Press.)-Russia's war casualties total 9,150,000 men, according to s telegram received here today from Petrograd. Of this number 1,700,000 were killed.

while 3,500,000 other soldiers were wounded. The Russians taken pris- Death Blow Dealt Anti-Amerioner 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 FAKE NEWS ACKNOWLEDGED 3,000,000 were killed and about 1,000,

000 disabled for life." Figures compiled by the Cologne Ga zette and published November 25 placed the total German casualties at more than 6,000,000. Of this number it was estimated that about 2,000,000 were

killed. The French soldiers killed in the war, according to a statement in the French Chamber of Deputies on December 20, by Lucien Voilin, a Socialist Deputy,

number 1,400,000. Italy lost 500,000 men in killed o

killed total 658,704.

ginning of the war up to the end of States. May, 1917, were slightly over 4,000,000, May, 1917, were slightly over 1,000,000, according to official statistics re-according to official statistics re-lization created under his direction in

### AMERICANS PATROL RHINE

All Traffic on River Is Under Strict

Regulation. COBLENZ, Dec. 20 .- (By the Asso ciated Press.)-American marines who began patrolling the Knine today con-trol river traffic from Coblens to to Dr. Arthur von Magnus, of the Ger-beyond Rumagen. All traffic on the Rhine is under the regulation of an immediately all propaganda. If they The President finds himself in the role of the American sector must present existence is impossible without the

cargo and other details. A policing system for the Rhine in the vicinity of Coblenz and Neuwaied has also been inaugurated, the military police using motorboats requisitioned from the Germans.

The marines and river patrol sor for justice for their National and Julian L. Dodge, of San Francisco, racial claims.

Provost-Marshal of Coblenz. der command of Lieutenant-Colone,

Sack Holding Ten Quart Bottles Worn Under Overcoat.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 22 .- (Special.)-Laurity Andressen, a member of the crew of the tank steamer &rgyll, was found guilty here yesterday on a charge of having liquor in his possession and was fin.d \$50, which he paid. Andressen, who was arrested by customs officers, had a specially structed sack which he wore under his overcoat.

The sack had a separate compartment for each quart bottle and accommodated 10. When wearing this arrangement the bottles hung below his hips in such a way that they did not bulge beyond the usual line of his overcoat and a hasty inspection by the officials would ordinarily miss the whicky.

### SEA CHEATED OF VICTIM

Woman Resuscitated 9 1/4 After Apparent Drowning.

GUERNEVILLE, Cal., Dec. 33 .- Nine and a half hours after being overwhelmed by a breaker yesterday on the beach below here and carried out to sea, the apparently lifeless body of direct, or through other members of Miss Lucille Armstroff, a teacher, was

An aged man, known locally only as character, but has attempted to convey. "Filipino Joe," insisted there was life in diplomatically, the suggestion to the the body, and after several hours' work,

Physicians say she will recover fully.

### CHARLES SCHWAB BOOMED

of Chicago Machinery Club.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.-Choice of Charles M. Schwab for next President banquet given by the Chicago Machinery Club to 750 plant superintendents

Partisanship was not mentioned.

### MASARYCK ENTERS PRAGUE

Bohemian Capital.

PARIS, Dec. 21 .- (Havas.) -- Profescity.

Foremost Bulwark of Kaiserism Is Removed.

### BETTER FEELING TO PREVAIL

can Propaganda.

Irritation and Distrust of United States Brought About by German Minister.

BY ROBERT H. MURRAY. (Copyright by the New York World. Pub-

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22 .- (Special.)dead of wounds. A statement to this A profound sensation has been caused effect was made in Paris, December 21, by the announcement of the recall by by Salvatore Barzilai, a former member Berlin of the German Minister to Mexof the Italian Cabinet, who accompanied Ico, Heinrich von Eckhardt, the fore-King Victor Emmanuel on his visit to most bulwark of Kaiserism in Mexico, and it is regarded as a death blow to The British army official losses in anti-American propaganda and a forerunner of the dismissal from their posts of all German consular officials who GENEVA, Dec. 22.—(By the Asso- have freely used their official position ciated Press.)-The casualties of the during the war to foment ill-feeling Austro-Hungarian armies from the be- among Mexicans against the United

With the downfall of Von Eckhardt Mexico after the United States entered the war and which included a score of subsidized newspapers and an elaborate mechanism for distributing a "Take" telegraph news service fabricated in the offices of the German information bureau in Mexico City.

Propaganda Ordered Stopped. Instructions have been sent from Berlin through the Swiss Legation and began patrolling the Rhine today con- the Mexican Embassy in Washington inter-allied commission. Freight is not are complied with it is inevitable allowed to cross the river from the that virtually all the German newswest. All boats entering either end papers will cease publication, as their financial aid which Von Eckhardt had

been giving them. For several years Von Eckhardt has been financing his propaganda with been financing his propaganda with forced loans obtained from wealthy members of the German colony, with christoffersen. Thomas H., Morris, Minn. whom the Minister would pledge German government notes in exchange for Mexican money. The total of these loans amounted to at least \$1,000,000. The lenders are greatly disturbed at the prospect that whatever permanent Von Eckhardt's obligations. When the Minister recently sought to borrow additional sums from his countrymen here, they refused flatly to lend. Among the government officials who Zallewski, John, Buffale, N. Y. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 3.)

#### Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22,—Casualties

reported today total 2385, classied as follows: Killed in action, 54; wounded severely, 680; wounded (degree undeter mined), 543; Wounded slightly, 1108 Following is the tabulated summary

 
 Deaths
 Reported, Today.
 Total

 Killed in action
 26,943
 54
 26,997

 oet at sea
 396
 396

 Oled of wounds
 10,497
 10,497

 Died of disease
 15,644
 15,644

 Oled of accident
 2,108
 2,108
 Total deaths .... 55,592 Wounded ..... 103,389 Missing and prisoners 17,168 2,331

OREGON.

Killed in action—
Noehkhouse, Ernest, La Grande, Or.
Iones, Aubrey P., Salem, Or.
Wounded severely—
'oster, Frank H., Fossil, Or.
imoneen, Simon A., Riverton, Or.
'ay, Clarence F., McMinnville, Or.
Wounded slightly—
tieger, Otto A., Portland, Or.

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Külled in action—

Reynolda, Ward A., Seattle, Wash,
Lucy, Raiph C., Washtucna, Wash,
Wounded severely—
Pacher, Athanasios, Seattle, Wash,
Anderson, Benjamin, Seattle, Wash,
Anderson, Benjamin, Seattle, Wash,
Nicola, Ravifeld J., Enumelaw, Wash,
Nicola, Ravifeld J., Enumelaw, Wash,
Maniey, James, Renton, Wash,
Woounded—undetermined—
Schudder, Marshall (Capt.), Takima, Wash,
Watson, Hay P., Pemeroy, Wash,
Shaw, Daic V., Tacoma, Wash,
Kienion, Emil J., Seattle, Wash,
Isitt, Louis E., Walla, Wash,
Wounded alightly— WASHINGTON.

lsitt, Louis E., Walia Walis, Wash.
Wounded slightly—
Mortensen, Marius C., Seattle, Wash.
Nelson, Vernon W., Galvin, Wash.
Lund, Martin, East Stanwood, Wash.
Thompson, C. E., Ritzville, Wash.

Wounded severely—
Ulrich, Vernon F., Cedar Palla, Idahe.
Boka, George, Thiton, Idaho.
Wounded—undetermined—
Schinzel, Leo A., Post Falls, Idaho.
Osmer, Leon D., St. Maryes, Idaho.
Wounded slightly—
Knoulin, Loyal C. (Cpl.), Pecatello, Idaho.
Rennsker, Charles R., Goldsberg, Idaho.
Morrow, Robert E., Silver City, Idaho.
Marrison, James, Cataldo, Idaho.
Marrison, James, Cataldo, Idaho.

Hopewell, Ala. CALIFORNIA. CONSECTICUT.

Burnside, Conn ILLINOIS. Killed in action— Poths, Harry P., Amber, Ill., Baburek, Charles, Chicago, Ill. IOWA.

KANSAS. Killed in action-lenson, Walter W., Wetmore, Kan. KENTUCKY.

C. (Cpl.), Balkans, Ky. MARYLAND. Killed in action— ounkin, John A., Grantsville, Md. MASSACHUSETTS,

Killed in action— uller, Ben W. (Lt.), East Milton, Maze, tabioney, Cornelius J., Jamaica Plains, Maze, ouger, Patrick A., North Adams, Maze, MICHIGAN.

MINNESOTA. MISSISSIPPI.

MISSOURI. Pierce, Henry Harrison, Levis, Mo.

Graves, Arthur T. Killed in action-MONTANA. NEW YORK.

President's London Visit May Bring Decision.

#### ALARMIST REPORTS SPREAD Total casualties....176,120 2,385 178,514

Kuban Government Maintaining Valiant Fight.

#### PROMPT ACTION DESIRED

Fighting Strength of the Bolshevik Army Estimated at From 200,-000 to 300,000 Men.

LONDON, the 21.-The whole ques tion of Russia is under serious consideration by the Allies, Reuter's agency been greatly alleviated. learns from an authoritative British source. No plan, however, has been formulated, and nothing can be settled definitely until there has been an opportunity to discuss the matter with President Wilson.

It is fully realized on all sides that he Russian problem is one of the most urgent and important that is to be dealt with and it is hoped that during President Wilson's stay in London it

with a view to prompt action. There have been numerous alarmist reports relative to the size of the Bolshevist army, but figures quoted so far are considered exaggerations. The actual fighting strength is probably not much over 200,000 or 200,000. Discipline has been introduced but only by means that are far more tyrannical than anything under the old regime.

Provisional Government Established. In the Kuban district, General Alexieff's volunteer army, which since his death has been under the command of swords, iron crosses and the like. General Denikine, is maintaining a valiant fight against the Germans and Bolsheviki. A provisional government has been set up there and numbers among its members moderate politiclans such as Serghts Sagonoff, former Ambassador at London; M. Astroff and Killed in action—
Ward, William E. E. Grand Rapids, Mich.
McLentick, V. W. Jackson, Mich.
Lasinski, Michael J., Brenson Branch, Mich.
Support has been given by the modand others identified with that party. Support has been given by the modthere.

In the Don district is another antimoderate Social Democrat. This gov- aware of General Pershing's presence. ernment is in close association with the Kuban government and both work with the provisional government in Crimea. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

### **EX-GERMAN EMPRESS** IN GRAVE CONDITION

PAST WEEKS OF EXCITEMENT AGGRAVATE AILMENT.

Former Emperor, Suffering From Ear Trouble, Leaves Bed First Time in Several Days.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22,-The Frank fort Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, says the former German Empress will hardly live to see the New Year. Her ailment, heart disease, has grown considerably worse during the past exciting weeks. Previously for several months she had suffered from the effects of a stroke of apo

plexy. The condition of the former Empress the newspaper adds, has had a serious effect on her husband, who is seriously iil. It is feared that his ear trouble will spread to the brain. His nervous condition is bad.

A dispatch from Amerongen, Holland, last Friday said former Emperor, William was able to walk about the castle grounds that day, after having been confined to bed for several days. The dispatch added that he appeared to have recovered from his chill and that it was understood his ear trouble had

### WILSON TO BE SURPRISED

Army Plans Christmas Tree and Gifts of Trophies for President.

may be found possible to discuss it United States but not in France. The affair of side-lights. story has been passed by the Army censor and concerns the welcome that is friendly, emotional, sentimental, noisy, being arranged for President Wilson at courageous, efficient, and withal, in the Christmastide,

The Army is arranging for President and Mrs. Wilson a Christmas tree as a surprise and also the most gorgeous collection of German souvenirs yet ahead; if not he does not go ahead. gathered by the American Army of occupation.

The souvenirs include officers' gold

### PERSHING IN RHINELAND

Few Know of Visit of American Com-

AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Dec. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)— There is testimony to the effect that General John J. Pershing made his first the American casualties are just twice erate Social Revolutionaries. The allies visit to the Rhineland today. He ar- as high as the average in the affled are in touch with this government, rived in a private car which was parked armies. The present witness heard a which possesses a thoroughly efficient at the edge of town. It is doubtful if British General may so. But, without army of at least 100,000 men and a I per cent of the inhabitants of the reflection on the valor or capacity of British military mission has been sent place knew that the commander-in- any allied army, it may well be asked to inquire into the military position chief of the American forces was in if any of them, without being willing

# AERIAL MAIL POUCH LOST

seeking to recover it. Field, Sacramento, Cal., and Seattle. to drop the miniature mail sack at guns.

Official casualty list. Page 1.

Foreign,

Ex-German Empress in grave condition afraid of it. The man with steady Page I President looked to as sole arbiter. Page 1.

Great London gathering to welcome President never came back.

Boys Prove
Parties combine to fight off snarchy, Page 2.

The American in

esident Wilson i France. Page 4. National.

Sports.

Portland and Vicinity,

Food restrictions are to be discarded today, done their duty and they know it, and

Average Far Above That of

### ARGONNE DRIVE YET MYSTERY

America's Advance There One

#### PRICE PAID FOR RESULTS

When Call Comes Uncle Sam's Boys Go, Regardless of Unknown Terrors Lying Ahead.

#### TWENTY-FIRST LETTER.

PARIS, France, Nov. 7 .- (Editorial French army and the French people in-

The French soldier is a puzzle to the American man of action. He is voluble, American view, prudent to the line of dilatoriness. He has learned something-a good deal, indeed-in four years of warfare. He counts the cost. and if he is willing to pay it, he goes

mander to District.

their midst. With the exception of General Dick- paid, could have got as far as General Bolshevist government. Here General man, commander of the Army of oc- Pershing's men did, or accomplished as Krasnoff's army is operating under cupation, not even the officers at the much? the political control of M. Harlamoff, a headquarters of the Third Army were

# Packet, Dropped by Military Aviator, 700,000 Americans in that magnificent

Sought in Portland. A packet of mail, the first to be car-

tenant Hogland, the military aviator, will exceed 150,000, perhaps by many making his round trip between Mather part of American casualties in the war the flier passed over and he was forced weeks. It was largely by machine

The Weather.

easterly winds. War.

Ailles are considering Russian problems.

Entente powers asked to restore order in Russia. Page 4.

Walter Hines Page, former Ambassador to in the shop, or studying or practicing Great Britain, dies. Page 3. National bank resources touch new high mark. Page 5.

Oregon soldiers take part in inaugural parade in London. Page 11.

Germany presents sublime spectacle of hour, declares Rev. John H. Boyd. Page 5.

Santa Claus works Sunday to prepare Christmas cheer. Page 10.

William Keongh, "holiday swindler," caught. Page 13.

Exercised by the control of the control o

Weather report, data and forecast. Page 13.

# Allied Armies.

of War's Miracles.

### BY EDGAR B. PIPER

Correspondence.)-The impressions of visitor to Paris who has seen Paris silhouetted in fractional part through a hospital window, and has had the terpreted to him from the lips of WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF wounded American soldiers, are necess OCCUPATION, Dec. 21 .- (By the Asso- sarily casual and hasty. There was a clated Press.)-Here is a guarded Army later journey, to be sure, about town secret concerning the President of the to get the high-lights of Paris, but for United States for publication in the the most part the stay there was an

American Blames Somebody,

The American blesse, with a shot in his leg or a fragment of shell in his and steel helmets, anti-tank gun shells, stomach, is likely to have vivid recollections of how it happened and definite notions of how it might have been avoided. He is prone to blame somebody besides himse; though la may have been rash or ignorant, and have "got his" where a more experienced soldier, particularly a "pollu," would have emerged with a whole skin, and

an unimpaired disposition. to pay the price the American Army

### Argonne Drive Flerce One.

The casualties in the St. Mihiel saflent were light, in a movement lasting but little over a day-some 6000 or 7000. But in the Argonne drive they were tremendous. There were 500,000 to march toward Berlin. It began on September 26, and reached a height of tierce and deadly intensity in the early ried by airplane between California ar I days of October, diminishing gradually the Northwe . is somewhere in Port- until the capture of Sedan just before land, and the postal authorities are the Greatest Day-November 11, It is said that the numbers of killed. The packet was dropped by Lieu- wounded and missing in the Argonne who recently passed over Portland in thousand. Unquestionably the largest occurred in the Argonne, and most of The city was obscured by a fog when them were inflicted in the first two

The American learned in the Argonne to have a wholesome respect for INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS for the German sharpshooter. But Frits and his machine-guns, and also Fritz did not stop him-never. The way the American boy went ahead in TESTERDAY'S-Maximum temperature, 40 degrees; minimum, 53 degrees.

TODAY'S-Fair; continued cold; light northa miracle and a mystery. If you take a given number of men of any nationality, including your American, ye may be sure that among them will be some who have a contempt for danger and others who are timid and perhaps nerves, not to be shaken by ordinary High casualty average speaks for American soldiers' valor. Page 1.

Total killed in war estimated more than 6,000,000. Page 1.

The soldiers' valor is the control of the c Von Eckhardt's recall sensation in Mexico. Sal report is that when the call came to go, all went, and many, very many,

#### Boys Prove Real Soldiers. The American in America, whom you

see every day, with his books on his

incarnation of hope for back, bound for school, or driving the plow in the field, or selling necktles in the store, or pounding a bar of steel law or medicine or theology-all alike were transformed into trusted and trustworthy soldiers of a cause, and they acquitted themselves am soldiers. Plane expedition to explore Arctic. Page 2. they acquitted themselves an soldiers. Casualties laid to lack of equipment, Page 6. What is it that gave these boys high resolve, a real nobility and exaltation of spirit, a willingness to do and to J. B. Troch wins Gun Club liberty sheet. of spirit, a willingness to do and to Page 12. 1918 uneventful year for pugilists. Page 12, that they had it, and have it now. They are going home soon with their laurels Corporal Jardin second victim of police pa. and with a new light in their eyes, a new fire in their souls. They have

gets along with them quite as well as oundation company negotiates for \$100,- with the English or the Canadians or 000,000 contract with France. Page 6. Red Cross workers make final appeal ter. The fact that the latter are mem-(Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

#### SANTA CLAUS IS FLYING HIGH, BUT HE'S DELIVERING THE GOODS.

(Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

