# POILUS DIG IN TO HOLD **BALTIC CITY**

Heavy Casualties Reported in Fighting With Lithuanian Irregulars-Invaders Form a Provisional Government.

> Universal Service. Special Cable Dispatch.

Paris, Jan. 14.-Serious clashæs between the Lithuanians and French are reported from Memel. Four French soldiers were killed, say the dispatches, and the French are digging in in preparation to meet further attacks.

The Lithuanians are said to bemassing for a new onslaught. The allies are sending 3,000 reinforcements commanded by a French officer. Five British cruisers are enroute to the scene.

ESTABLISH NEW CAPITAL.

Copenhagen, Jan. 14 .- The Lithuanians have seized the town of Heydekrug and have made it the capital of the provisional government for Memel. M. Simaitis is provisional premier.

MEMEL SURROUNDED.

Universal Service. London, Jan. 14.—Dispatches from Riga to the London Daily News Sunday describe the situation at Memel as "grave." The insurgents have surrounded the city of Memel and the French troops opened fire, killing 160, the report states.

A British cruiser and two French warships are rushing to Memel.

### HELD AS LEADER OF MINT HOLDUP

Chicago Police Capture Suspect Asserted to Be Albert Hollywood-Little Cash Found on Him.

Universal Service.

Chicago, Jan. 14.-A man answering the description of Albert T. Hollywood, alleged leader of the bandits who robbed the Denver mint of \$200,-000 December 18, was arrested here Sunday. He was trapped by a telephone conversation with another suspect in Kansas City.

The man denied he was Hollywood and claimed to be Dan Culhane, a St. Louis gambler, according to Chief of Detectives Hughes.

The tip to Detective Hughes came from the Kansas City authorities, who said a man had telephoned from the Washington hotel in Chicago to a man in Kansas City, suspected of be-

ing connected with the robbery. The hotel was raided. Culhane was found in bed. He did not resist the five detectives who swooped down on him with drawn guns.

The "Hollywood" ganf, after the Denver robbery in which a guard was killed, was suspected of robbing the Citizens State Bank of Springfield, Mo. Approximately \$20,000 was taken from the bank's vaults.

Culhane had only a small amount of money on him when arrested. The authorities found several money wrappers sewed in his coat.

Chief Hughes said Culhane answers the description of Hollywood and announced the suspect would be held pending the arrival of the Kansas City authorities.

#### LITTLE GIRL SWEPT INTO STORM SEWER

Crippled Child Tried to Wade in Gutter-Body Not Recovered.

Universal Service. Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 14.-Laughing with glee as the sun broke through a bank of clouds after a heavy rainfall Sunday, Angelina Sciachitano joined her three playmates wading in the street. Angelina was four years old and had been a cripple since a baby, from infantile paralysis.

The water was knee deep, racing down the gutter to a storm sewer. The little cripple stepped off the curb but her weakened limbs were not strong enough to hold in the swift current. She fell and was carried, screaming, to the mouth of the yawning sewer half a block away.

Her three little companions ran along the sidewalk after her as fast as they could but were unable to reach her before she was swept over the brink, her cries drowned in the water roaring down the dark cavern. The body had not been recovered late Sunday night.

#### TURK OFFICIALS HANG CHRISTIANS AT SMIRNA

Universal Service.

Smyrna, Jan. .4 .- Five Christians found guilty on charges preferred by the Turks were hanged here Saturday by order of the Angera tribunal.

Airplane companies in London and on the continent are planning to handle a small army of American air-going tourists during the coming spring and summer. Tourist agencies are getting up itineraries. One American traveled 25,000 miles over Europe in a plane last year.

# LITHUANIAN **INSURGENTS** SEIZE PORT

French Garrison at Memel. Surrenders, Berlin Reports -Battle in Heart of City Reported Earlier.

Universal Service. Berlin, Jan. 15 .- Dispatches from Memel state that the French troops of occupation surrendered at noon Monday to the Lithuanians.

It is known that the Lithuanians, alleged to be insurgents, are equipped with French guns and munitions, strengthening the opinion held, in Berlin in political circles that the Memel action is but the overture to more serious military enterprises to undertaken by France's "vassal states", especially Poland, whose goal is the occupation of the remaining Silesian territory.

Monday's announcement of the calling to the colors of younger troops by the Polish congress is regarded as a forerunner of coming trouble.

Added to this the soviet government at Moscow Monday issued a statement that in case France's invasion of the Ruhr should have the reaction of drawing Poland into military operations, it might also cause Russia to participate directly in the central European crisis.

OVERCOME FRENCH FORCE.

London, Jan. 15 (U. P.)-Lithuanian troops raking the central part of Memel with machin guns and rifle fire had driven defending French troops to the outskirts, according to dispatches from the Baltic port early

The Lithuanians ocupied the center of the city following their invasion Monday, the French holding surrounding portions.

FIGHT IN HEART OF CITY. Berlin, Jan. 15 (U. P.)-French and Lithuanian troops battled in the heart of Memel for possession of the

city today. The Lithuanians, entering the city, drove back a handful of French troops who had entrenched themselves before the gates.

British and French warships were reported Saturday enroute to Memel to reinforce the French troops. Memel is a neutral zone under the League of Nations. It is on the Prussian border and is particularly desired by Lithuania, whose frregular troops are taking advantage of the Ruhr situation to attack.

The Lithuanians are reported in almost complete possession of the contested port.

"AFTER GERMANS ONLY."

Copenhagen, Jan. 15 (U. P.)-It is reported from Memel that the insurgent commander there had handed the allied high commissioner a note declaring the insurgent action is directed exclusively against the Ger-man government, "which is proving itself intolerable."

The commander asked that the French troops refrain from hostile

# **COMPULSORY BIBLE**

Nebraska Legislature Asked to Place Bible in Schools as Obligatory Study.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 15 (Special) .-A bill making reading of the bible in the public schools of the state, obligatory was introduced in the house Monday by Densmore, of Gage County. The bill provides that the governor shall appoint a committee of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches to designate what books of the bible shall be read, so that there shall be no disagreement or discrimination. The present law makes reading of the bible optional, prescribing use of the English language.

Parkinson of Pawnee offered a legislative amendment reducing salaries of members of the legislature from \$800 to \$500 for the session.

Aunten of Boone county introduced a resolution in the house calling on departmental heads of leading educational state institutions to furnish the legislature with a detailed report of the distribution of funds made two years ago. The resolution is the outcome of charges of extravagance on the part of major educa-

tional institutions. The Streplow bill, intended to limit the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, was favorably reported by the house, committee on miscelleanous subjects. The vote in committee was unani-

WALKER SCORES KNOCKOUT. Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 15-Mickey Walker, of Elizabeth, N. J., world's welterweight champion, made his first appearance in Philadelphia Monday night since winning the championship from Jack Britton, and knocked but Steve Latzo, of Hazelton,

in the third round of their bout. ORDERS GRAND JURY TO PROBE MASKED WHIPPING

Houston, Tex., Jan. 15 (A. P.)-In scathing terms, Judge C. W. Robinson in criminal district court today instructed the grand jury to cease its investigations into "petty thievery and burglary" and devote its whole attention to running down those responsible for the whippings of Mrs. R. H. Harrison and R. A. Armand at Goose Creek 10 days ago.

Mrs. Harrison was in the court room while the instructions were given and afterward was taken into the grand jury room.

### Caroling Chambermaid Of Waldorf "Discovered"

BY CORINNE RICH. Universal Service Correspondent.

politan opera house." It was Asta Mober talking, a very

small cog in the very large wheel that makes the Waldorf Astoria a leading ous contracts here. America was alhostelry of New York. We sat Monday in a half dark ante

room adjoining the hustling foyer of the hotel, Asta and I. A hearn from an outside light struck the dark face and transformed a demure little men-ial into a being radiant with life, full of-the joy of doing things.
Then She Was "Discovered".

Asta Mober, who has but rounded the quarter century mark came to the hotel two months ago to work in a small capacity, just as hundreds of other girls had done before her. A short time ago she was "discov-

Asta was singing, humming something or other under her breath, as see, music makes me thrilled, any she changed beds and straightened kind of music, if it is played correctly.

"Have you ever sung in public?" "I had given myself away," Asta told me, going on with her narrative, her gray eyes widening with interest. bobed hair and her magnetic per-

years in the Royal Opera house in Stockholm, Sweden, my native land, New York, Jan. 15 .- "Ah, but I and that two years ago I had come shall not always be a chambermaid. to America to make my fortune, after Some day I shall sing in the Metro- losing most of my family in the flu epidemic."

Couldn't Get Contracts.

most too much for little Asta and at last she came, discouraged but not disillusioned, to the Waldorf.

"I am no business woman," she went on in her broken but musical English. "I need somebody to get back of me. Oh, I could, what you say, make good. But I don't get the

While her money lasted she studied here. But finally she was reduced to any sort of work.

"Can't Help Singing."

"Now everybody is good to me," she said. "I can't help singing, and sometimes the patrons ask me to. You When I hear the orchestra here, I "Oh, you can sing, really sing," have to sing. But opera I love be ejaculated the head housekeeper. and I know all the parts of many." have to sing. But opera I love best,

for me, this Jenny Lind. Some day Asta with her neatly "Yes," I told her I had sung for five sonality will have her chance.

And she thrilled a few bird notes

#### DRY" LAW CASES DOUBLE IN YEAR

Twice as Many Now Pending in U. S. Courts as Year Ago -Prohibition Starts Fourth Year.

BY HERBERT W. WALKER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

(Copyright 1923 by United Press.) Washington, Jan. 15 .- The dawn Tuesday of the fourth year of constitutional prohibition will find the federal courts clogged with almost twice as many prohibition cases as were on the dockets a year ago.

This was shown Monday by a comprehensive summary of enforcement work during the third year of national prohibition, which was prepared for the United Press by the prohibition

As the third dry year ends Monday hight, a grand total of 68,562 prohibition cases are pending in the federal courts, as compared with 38,851 on January 1, 1922. In addition, there are many more thousands of cases in state and municipal courts.

47,132 New Cases Filed. The large increase was partly ac- men, black hoods will have been counted for by 47,132 new cases which named. were filed during the year, while the congestion in the courts resulted in a disposal of only 17,412 suits. Officials first of our vital witnesses on the claimed that the increase also was stand," was the statement made Moncaused by a stricter enforcement of day night by a man who holds the

Summarizing its work during the last year, the prohibition bureau re-

ported as follows: Fines received from convicted violaters totalled \$3,172, 330.15. Including fines, forfeitures and col-

lections, the prohibition bureau turned into the federal treasury a total of \$4,804,271.95-more than half the cost of the federal enforcement organization. Number of convictions in federal courts, 21,640. Indictments found or informations

filed, 35,469. 20 Distilleries Seized. Twenty distilleries and distillery warehouses have been seized for violations of the Volstead act. Indictments have been returned against all of them, and to date 11 distillers

have been convicted. A total of 257 breweries fell into the toils of the federal authorities for the night of the kidnaping. So were violations during the year, and 70 were placed under seizure with armed guards stationed on their premises

### KLAN HEARING **NEARS CLIMAX**

Prosecutors Announce Testi- to "November 24." mony Will Definitely Identify Black Hooded Men of Murder Mob.

BY A. G. BROWN,

Universal Service Correspondent. Bastrop, La., Jan. 15.-The state of Louisiana is about ready to offer its first clinching testimony as to the identity of the members of the hooded mob which led Watt Daniel and Tom Richards into the woods and racked them until they were dead.

Within the next 48 hours, unless the program determined upon by state afternoon on a side street here. His prosecutors at an important conference Monday night is altered, at least two members of the black hooded broken. Apparently the man had band will have been named.

Both will later, according to the information, be identified as members

Expect to Name 15 More. And, before many days have passed, this information continues 15 other caused his death.

#### TEACHERS AND PUPILS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Oklahoma City, Okla., \*Jan. 15 .-Two teachers and two school children were killed and two children fatally o'clock Monday evening.

a mile before coming to a stop.

MARCONI COMMENTS ON OCEAN RADIO PHONES

Universal Service. Special Cable Dispatch. London, Jan. 15.—"Experiments today are most prom-ising and valuable, but I do not think commercial telephoning by radio across the Atlantic will be likely for two or three years yet," said Senor Marconi Monday, commenting on the recent successful radio telephony tests across the

"There are many improvements necessary before radio telephony across the Atlantic becomes a factor in commercial life," said the famous inventor. "I am not sure that the Americans are developing trans-Atlantic telephony in the right way. I have several experiments which I am working on which may be

"Today's experiments are successful and cannot be considered a freak. It is a beginning which will likely grow into a great commercial factor in the not distant future."

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"We are about ready to place the

confidence of Attorney General Coco. Thus this probe of the state of Louislana is moving on to its great climax. Open charges are about to be filed. Probability of numerous arrests becomes greater each day. The end is drawing in sight.

Monday Developments. Aside from the decision of state prosecutors that they are ready to attack the very heart of the case there were three very important de-

velopments Monday: First-Disclosure from the witness stand of the nature of the alibi which will be offered by a number of the leaders of the klan should any suspicion be directed towards them as members of the black hooded band which kidnaped Daniel and Richards. Captain Skipwith, "shelk of the klan," was declared by two klan members to have been in Bastrop all evening other influential leaders of the organization.

Second-The statement of F. C. Eason, Monroe, a sworn witness, who declared that Captain Skipwith, in discussing with him the disappearence of Daniel and Richards, had explained it as follows:

"The community thought they were bad characters and needed attention." Third-Claims by the state that official records have been tampered with through the changing of dates on a search warrant from "November 25"

#### **NEBRASKA FARMER KILLED BY AUTO**

County Officials Attempting to Locate Driver of Death Car.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 15 (Special) .-Joseph Kedzer, farmer, of Naper, Neb., was found dead late Monday skull was crushed and his nose was been struck by an automobile.

Investigation disclosed that he had been dragged about 30 feet. An inof the Morehouse parish Ku Klux quest will be held at Naper Tuesday. County officials are making an effort to locate the driver of the automobile that is believed to have

#### CANTON SITUATION BETTER.

Hong Kong, Jan. 15 (A. P.)-The situation at Canton which arose from the revolt of some of the troops uninjured when Santa Fe passenger der General Chen Chang-Ming last train number 18 struck the open tour- week has been eased as a result of ing car in which they were return- Chen finding money with which to ing to the country from school, at pay the troops, according to advices Fifty First street south, here at 5:30 received here today. It is believed now that the projected attack on Can-The train, traveling at an estimated ton by the adherents of Dr. Sun Yat speed of 60 miles an hour, completely Sen, deposed president of the South demolished the car, dragging it half China government, who hope to retake the city for him, can be repelled.

GOATS? POUF! NOT SO

BASIL D. WOON, Universal Service Correspondent. Special Wireless Dispatch. Paris, Jan. 15 .- Dr. Serge Voronoff Monday ridiculed the reported discovery by Dr. Leon Hansen, an American, that goat glands may successfully displace monkey glands in rejuvenating operations on

humans.

"No other animal but the chimpanzee is suitable for such operations," said Dr. Voronoff, "because no other animal is of the same physical and chemical construction as

- Official recognition of gland the Pasteur Institute which has sent a mission to Africa to establish a breeding farm for chimpanzees to keep up the

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### **SOLONS JOCKEY** ON ALLOWANCES

Many Members of South Dakota Senate Loath to Surrender \$200 Extra Pay.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 15 (Special) .-When the Amsden bill providing for the repeal of the legislative expense allowances came before, the senate Monday afternoon it was subjected to jockeying by a group of members who wished to avoid being forced into directly committing themselves on the subject. The sidetracking program had been carefully arranged in advance and was successful, except in the effort to refer the badly amended bill to a committee for suppression. On

that point the senate membership

balked and the amended bill will be before the senate for action Tuesday. While the Amsden bill was under consideration on its merits, talks were made in favor of the measure by Senators Amsden, Larson, Benson and Tank. Opposing statements were made by Senator Martens, of Hughes county, and Senator Kaas, of Marshall county. Mr. Amsden based his argument on the claim that the extra compensation for legislators, even if justified by conditions, was clearly a violation of the constitution and that two members of the special supreme court had so held. Senator Tank said it was the political duty of the republican party to clear itself of the record made on these expense

Need the Money, They Say.

Mr. Martens and Mr. Kaas in their opposition to the bill argued the legislators needed the extra \$200 to cover necessary expenses and that a decision of the special supreme court had settled the question of constitutionality.

The discussion was under good headway when Senator-Crawford, of Huron, stepped in with the prepared program to befuddle the situation. He submitted two amendments repealing the existing expense allowances for supreme court judges, circult judges and constitutional state officers. These amendments were adopted, getting their principal support from members who wanted to dodge a record on the original bill. Then Kaas, of Marshall, in pursuance of the program, moved to refer the bill and amendments to the ways and means committee. After some discussion the Kaas motion was defeated and the amended bill was held before the Senate for action Tuesday. If a vote can be forced on it in its present form the record roll call will prove an embarrassment to some of those who participated in the jockeying. But additional horseplay is fairly certain.

A mild attack was made on the regular practice of holding up the general appropriation bills until the last few days of the session, thus giving legislators no opportunity to deal with the merits of the various allowances. Senator Brownell introduced a concurrent resolution providing that the general appropriation bill must be before the assembly not later than the 40th day of the session. By request of the appropriation committee chairman he changed the date to the 45th day of the session and the Senate adopted the resolution in that form. The budget committee report is now due under the statutes, but that committee still is at work. It is said that a provisional budget of \$7,000,000 has been outlined and that this must be increased to allow for some necessary buildings. That is just about double

Monday Early Budget Urged.

the budget report of two years ago. Senator Brownell introduced two bills providing for modifications in the rural credite law. One makes the state treasurer the treasurer of the rural credit board. The other provides that only persons living on the land are eligible for farm loans through the rural credit system.

Charles Day Holds Job. The senate Monday afternoon confirmed the reappointment of Charles M. Day, of Sloux Falls, as a member of the state board of charities and corrections.

TAKE JEWELS FROM GRAVE.

London, Jan. 15 .- A Daily News dispach from Luxor Monday reports the removal from the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen of a jewel box containing some of the finest specimens of jewelry of that distant period, a cane seated couch mounted on a gold frame and several remarkable ala-

baster vases. MARKS GO LOWER. London, Jan. 15 (A. P.)-German marks took a fresh slump today to the lowest figure on record in Lon-

don 55,000 to the pound sterling.

# U. S. TO GIVE MORE TIME FOR PAYING

Britain to Be Granted at Least 50 Years on Big Debt-Commission Asks 66 Years and Low Interest.

BY COLE E. MORGAN, Universal Service Correspondent. Washington, Jan. 15 .-- There will be no final settlement of the more than \$4,000,000,000 British war debt owed this country under 50 years from the time of the passage of the funding act a year ago, it was learned Monday.

The British are asking an even

longer period, 66 years from the passage of the act or 65 years from the present time. The British are prepared to keep up current interest payments and begin small payments on the principal in the immediate future, these principal

payments to start in less than five Payments Indefinite.

The amount of the principal payments will depend upon the rate of interest to be agreed upon and the future economic recovery of Great

A high interest rate will mean smaller orincipal payments and a longer period for the final retirement

of the debt. The British are not disposed to pay a higher rate of interest than 31/2 per cent., which is the rate paid by this government to holders of the first Liberty bond issue The European war loans were made under the authority of the same act that author-

ized the first Liberty bonds. Want Rate Retroactive. The British have proposed that the interest rate to be agreed upon be made retroactive from the time the loans were granted in lieu of the 5 per cent. rate in effect up to this time, with proportionate credit given on the \$270,000,000 of interest already paid and the \$430,000,000 accrued and unpaid. To do this on a 31/2 per cent. rate would cut the British interest account already accrued a little more

than \$200,000,000. The British and American commissions are not in full accord on many points in the negotiations now pending, though they have gotten down to discussion of actual terms. The British have not assented to centain proposals by the American commission and the American body has not seen its way to agree to some things the

British have proposed.

Revealed By Spokesman. The foregoing summary of the debt funding situation was revealed Monday through official sources by an authorized spokesman for the Ameri-

can commission. No session was held by the two commissions Monday, the British envoys having asked for time to communicate with their home government. The nature of the cables exchanged was not revealed. Joint discussions will be resumed Tuesday, with the forecast that a basis of agreement will be reached before the end of the week. Specific terms are expected to be dis-

cussed at Tuesday session. The American commission has conceded that the British are not in position to retire the debt within the 25 year limit of the funding act, a year of which already has expired. The discussions are being confined to a minimum of 50 years and a maximum of 66 years. The American commission takes the view that the time period really has not very much to do with the question. They hold the view that sometimes long term bonds are of more value than short term ones, when account is taken of the debtor's ability to make his payments. It is a question of paying off the debt and fixing a satisfactory rate of interest with which the con-

ferences are struggling. The American commission is not favorable to the retroactive interest suggestion, nor to a suggestion that has been made of a flexible rate of interest. The suggestion has been made, it is said, that the interest start at 3 per cent. for a period of years, then increase to 314 or 314 for another period and by successive stages go still higher until it would reach a figure that would strike an average for the whole period acceptable to the American viewpoint, The American commission, however, does not regard this arrangement as destrable.

### NEWS BRIEFS.

WASHINGTON .- Minority party leadership in the House will probably remain unchanged as the result of an announcement by Representative John N. Garner, of Texas, he was not seeking leadership of the democratic

party. CHICAGO.-Samuel M. Felton. president of the Chicago, Great Western railway, declares the charges made by Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, that the railroad officials did not support the government during the war were "base and unsupported calum-

OMAHA.-Bill Brennan and Billy Miske, will meet in an Omaha ring either February 2 or 14, according to Jack Reddy, Miske's manager.

APPEAL TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 15 (A. P.)-Draped in gaudy blankets and wearing beaded moccasins and feathered head dresses, a dozen Pueblo Indians from New Mexico appeared today before the Senate committee to oppose the bill of Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, to validate title of settlers on the Pueblo lands, and in support of a bill by Senator Jones, democrat, New Mexico, which would set up a separate court to determine the titles of white squatters and other claimants and settle disputes of many years' standing,