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#### IN PROBATE.

In the matter of the Estate of Frank Sobolik, Deceased.

Notice of Appointment of Executrix. To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed, and has qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Frank Sobolik, late of Howard County, Iowa, Deceased.

All persons in any manner indebted to said Deceased or his Estate will make payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against said Deceased or his Estate will present them in manner and form as by law required, for allowance and payment. Dated this 4th day of Dec. A. D. 1917.

MARY SOBOLIK, Executrix of Said Estate.

#### Important Announcement.

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### TRUSS AFFIRMATION EFFECTIVE NOW

Slavs and Teutons Sign Agreement to Stop All Hostilities Until January 14.

### ALLIES TO HELP RUSSIA

Will Do All Possible To Prevent Economic Collapse of Nation, Says London Dispatch—Kaiser Not To Transfer Troops.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—According to an official announcement just issued an armistice agreement between the Bolshevik government and the Teutonic allies has been signed at Brest-Litovsk.

The armistice becomes effective at once and is to remain in force until January 14.

A provision in the armistice agreement is that peace negotiations are to begin immediately after the signing of the armistice.

The text of the communication follows:

"An armistice agreement was signed at Brest-Litovsk by plenipotentiary representatives of the Russian upper army administration on the one hand and those of the upper army administration of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey on the other hand.

"The armistice begins at once, and remains in force until January 14, 1918. Unless seven days' notice is given, it continues in force automatically. It extends to all the land, air and naval forces of the common fronts.

"According to Clause 9 of the treaty peace negotiations are to begin immediately after signing of an armistice."

#### Allies to Help Russia.

London, Dec. 17.—While the Russians were continuing to make progress in the ratification of an armistice arrangement with Germany, the Entente governments apparently were approaching an agreement for more sympathetic dealings with the Bolshevik government. The adoption of a more tolerant attitude toward Russia is said to have been urged by American delegates to the recent Paris conference, and this viewpoint now apparently has been adopted by all members of the Entente.

#### ANOTHER TEUT PLOT BARED

Berlin Would Cause Trouble Between U. S. and Japan.

Honolulu, Dec. 17.—While the ship's band was playing lively tunes to drown out all tell-tale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German cruiser Geier, at the time she was interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war, according to an article printed in the Star-Bulletin here.

The article, published with authority of the United States Naval Intelligence bureau, declares that the seal placed on the Geier's wireless by the American government was broken by the Germans.

This information was obtained from the diary of Captain Grasshoff of that vessel, the article states. Grasshoff's diary says, according to the article, that in November, 1914, and February, 1917, messages ordering widespread promulgation of reports that Japanese forces were to land in Mexico and German forces in Canada were handled by the Geier's wireless.

#### ITALIANS CALLED TO COLORS

Government Summons 2,000,000 More Fighters.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Italy has called all men of the classes of 1874 to 1899 to the colors. The action is officially described as designed to "be ready for whatever may occur." The Italian contingents now under arms are officially stated to be 4,200,000. Besides these 800,000 men previously rejected on physical grounds have been called upon to submit themselves for re-examination. Altogether the steps taken will add more than 2,000,000 men to the forces under control of the war ministry, many of whom will be developed into first line effectives.

#### U. S. ENGINEER HELD IN RUSSIA

Arrest a Mistake and Release Ordered Says Petrograd.

London, Dec. 17.—Charles E. Smith, member of the American Railway commission to Russia is reported to have been arrested by Bolsheviks in Siberia.

The Petrograd government says the arrest, if true, is a mistake and ordered Smith's release.

Mr. Smith is reported to have been arrested at Tschita, Siberia, in company with M. Oustragouff, former assistant minister of railways.

#### Gregory Scores U. S. Critics.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—America's entrance into the world war was due to the inevitable trend of events, Thomas Watt Gregory, attorney general of the United States, told members of the guests of the Iquois club, leading Democratic organization of Chicago, at a banquet. "To ask whether the United States was justified in entering the war indicates profound ignorance or a diseased brain," he said. "This is a war of extermination not of peoples, but of systems—the system of autocracy against democracy."

### JUDGE K. M. LANDIS

Guarded by police at I. W. W. conspiracy hearing in Chicago.



Extra detachments of police and secret service men guarded the court room in Chicago, Saturday, when 106 members of the Industrial Workers of the World were arraigned before Federal Judge Landis on a charge of conspiracy against the government. The defendants, one of them a woman—Miss Elizabeth Gurley Flynn of New York—were indicted by a federal grand jury last September. Sixty others indicted still are at liberty.

### APPEAL FOR RED CROSS

Issued by Harry P. Davison, Chairman of War Council.

Believes Present Drive Will Create Organization Representative of Entire People.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Henry P. Davison, chairman of the war council of the American Red Cross has issued this call on the eve of a great Christmas membership campaign of the organization:

"To the 5,000,000 members working loyally with us today—stand by the colors."

"To the ten or fifteen million members who will join us before Christmas eve—fall in."

Mr. Davison, who was called upon by President Wilson to serve the Red Cross after the country went to war, told in his statement something of what he had learned about the organization and of its wonderful expansion to meet war conditions.

#### Is Modern Miracle.

"Today the American Red Cross is one of the modern miracles," he said. "It has accomplished the impossible in its national organization with volunteer workers; in the Junior Red Cross for children; in its chapter administration covering the whole of the United States map. It has mobilized America for action in the world emergency. It stands behind the American army and navy with supplies and with personnel for every call which they may make upon it. It works with President Wilson's approval in the task of preparing our people for mutual service to those among us who may suffer because of changes which the war has brought.

"If the Red Cross is not as democratic as you would like to make it, that is probably because you are on the outside looking in. My experience is that no one has the right to criticize who is not in the work up to his neck. I believe we shall obtain a membership of 20,000,000, in which all social lines are flung to the winds and an organization representative of the entire people will be created."

#### FIND GUN ON I. W. W. COUNSEL

U. S. Agents Search All Who Enter Court Room at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—George Vanderveer of Seattle, chief counsel for the I. W. W., was arrested by government agents in the corridor of the Federal building Saturday as the 103 I. W. W.'s were being arraigned on a charge of espionage.

Vanderveer had a huge revolver in his pocket and was technically charged with carrying concealed weapons. He was later released, temporarily.

All persons who entered the court room were searched. As two big operatives "frisked" Vanderveer, they discovered the revolver and took him immediately before Milton G. Claaburg, chief of the Justice department bureau in this district.

#### Holidays at Front.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 17.—General Pershing in general orders just issued proclaimed Christmas and New Year's day holidays. No work is to be performed that is not absolutely essential.

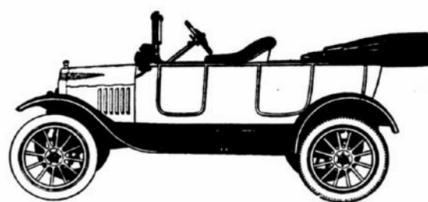
#### German Republic Urged.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The committee on public information has made public an article written by Germans and circulated in Germany urging the overthrow of the German war lords and the proclaiming of a republic. The document, which contains about 2,500 words, was distributed through German representatives in Switzerland, declares republicanism will not come until Hohenzollern completely overthrown and the German people take a firm and decided stand for humanity and civilization.

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## Message of the Hour

As we know for more than three years the world has been involved in the greatest war of all times. The people everywhere are asking, "Why should we have such a war? What will be the result? Those who read the Bible have wondered if this is the great war therein foretold. For a long time order-loving people, Bible Readers and Christians, have desired to understand the prophecies of Revelation and Ezekiel.

The Bible Society of Brooklyn, New York, have a work recently published which is the first and only book that makes clear every part of Revelation and Ezekiel. It takes up these prophecies verse by verse, and explains them. It throws more light on the present war, the real causes, and what will be the result, than does anything yet written. It shows what part the Catholics, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians and other church denominations have played in the world history, and what part they are yet to perform. It treats the subject from the political, scientific, historical and prophetic viewpoints. You will want it. You can't afford to be without it. The publishers have placed it at such a low figure that it is now within the reach of every one, and it is now for sale at the Plain Dealer office for **60c**

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Estate of L. F. Markovetz, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the subscriber has been duly appointed Administrator to the Estate of L. F. Markovetz, late of Vernon Springs Twp. in the County of Howard, State of Iowa, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds as the law directs.

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