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## 4,000 KILLED IN FIGHT IN RUSSIA.

Dead And Wounded Fill Streets  
As Bolsheviki Take Kiev,  
In Ukraina.

### ODESSA IS THREATENED

Menaced By Roumanians Who Now Control Part of Bessarabia—Poles Defeat Bolsheviki at Bobruisk—Teutons Renew War.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Operations have been resumed on the Russian front. The Germans have crossed the Dvina. This announcement is made by general headquarters.

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—After sanguinary fighting the Bolsheviki have captured Kiev, one of the principal cities of Ukraina. The streets were filled with dead or wounded. While the fighting was at its height the city was bombed by Bolsheviki aviators. Poles Defeat Bolsheviki.

Polish troops have defeated the bolsheviki at Bobruisk, 85 miles southeast of Minsk. Other Poles are advancing toward Smolensk. Roumanians control the Akkerman district of Bessarabia and are threatening Odessa.

4,000 Dead, 7,000 Wounded.  
The casualties at Kiev are estimated at 4,000 killed and 7,000 wounded.

In a battle at Odessa between the bolsheviki and the moderates hundreds were killed. The city was bombarded by warships.

New Battle Begun.  
A battle was begun between the bolsheviki and a wing of the Cossack army of General Alexiev, former Russian commander-in-chief, which is advancing toward Kharkov in Ukraina, 420 miles southwest of Moscow. The bolsheviki are sending troops to crush this newest revolution, but reports received here indicate that the forces of Boris Savinkov, who was a member of the Kerensky cabinet, are ready to join General Alexiev.

Friction Among Forces.  
Diplomatic reports indicate that the Alexiev movement is obtaining less support than its originators expected. Much friction exists among the forces in the Don.

The newspaper report that a group of Polish troops is advancing against the bolsheviki on the northwestern front and that another force is making an advance in the vicinity of Minsk. Ensign Kiylenko, the bolsheviki commander-in-chief, is insisting on the removal of headquarters from Mohilev to Petrograd.

Bolsheviki Staff at Odessa.  
The bolsheviki have established a staff at Odessa, from which point they are conducting the Ukrainian and Roumanian campaigns.

Ensign Kiylenko, the bolsheviki commander-in-chief, has decided to come to Petrograd to raise an army of 100,000 bolsheviki which he will command personally in operations against the Cossack army of General Alexiev.

### T. R. HAS EIGHTH GRANDCHILD

Says He is "Perfectly Delighted" At News of Arrival.  
New York, Feb. 19.—Theodore Roosevelt, who is convalescing in a hospital here, said he was "perfectly delighted," when a long distance telephone message from Boston Monday, brought word of the birth of his eighth grandchild—a boy born to Captain and Mrs. Archie Roosevelt.  
Captain Roosevelt, who has just been promoted to that rank, is with General Pershing's forces in France.

### TO MAKE WHEAT PRICE \$2.85

Amendment to Food Bill Introduced in Senate.  
Washington, Feb. 19.—An amendment to the food bill to fix 1918 wheat at \$2.85 a bushel instead of \$2 as now authorized, has been introduced by Senator Thompson and referred to the agricultural committee. Amendments fixing the price at \$2.50 were introduced recently by Senator Gore and another naming \$2.75 was presented by Senator McCumber.

Peace Talk Teuton Trick, Taft Says  
Camp Custer, Mich., Feb. 19.—"Brand present peace talk as propaganda," warned former President William H. Taft in an address before the largest assembly of enlisted men since the building of the cantonment. The great Y. M. C. A. auditorium was filled to capacity with soldiers in training. "Stamp on all proposals of peace as ill-advised or seditious, and then time will make our victory certain," said Mr. Taft.

To Handle American Propaganda.  
New York, Feb. 19.—A campaign of American propaganda in foreign countries, including Germany and neutral lands, will begin shortly, it became known here, by the appointment of Arthur Woods, who was police commissioner of this city during the administration of Mayor Mitchell. The appointment of Mr. Woods by the government is understood to have been made through the committee on public information with which he will cooperate in plans designed to counteract influence of German propaganda.

## BOCHE RAIDER DOWNED

U. S. Aviator Drives Enemy Machine to Earth.

Foe Planes Scram Site From Which Red Cross Had Moved Shortly Before.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 19.—During the past two days there has been considerable increase in aerial activity in the American sector.

German planes again flew over the town where a few days ago an American field hospital was located, and dropped bombs, but without damage. One hostile machine was driven to earth in a damaged condition by an American aviator.

The activity of the American anti-aircraft gunners, machine gunners and battery operators kept the enemy machines from flying low enough to get a good aim. One attempted to come lower, but was hotly engaged and driven off. Another was chased down after it had been hit by anti-aircraft fire.

Artillery Action Lively.  
Artillery action also was lively and a number of casualties are reported. One shell dropped on a cook tent and wounded six men. Three men in the trenches were wounded by shrapnel, including a second lieutenant. Several others were injured when a town was shelled.

Bright moonlight assisted work of the American patrols, but no Germans were seen. A part of the sector was subjected to a slight gassing by the enemy, but the men put on their masks and there were no casualties.  
Naval Flyer Shot Down; Missing.  
Washington, Feb. 19.—A naval seaplane on scout duty in European waters has been shot down and its pilot, Ensign Albert Dallou Sturtevant of Washington, D. C., is missing, the Navy department is advised from England.

### PROTEST ACTION OF RUSSIA

Allies Reserve Right to Claim For Repudiation of Debts.  
Petrograd, Friday, Feb. 18.—(Delayed.)—All the diplomatic representatives of the 14 Allied countries and six neutrals have protested against the repudiation by the Bolsheviki government of the national debt and also against the decree respecting the confiscation of property. They have declared that these edicts have no value so far as their nations are concerned and they reserve the right to claim damages.

### AIR RAIDERS SLAUGHTER 27

Results of Recent Attack on London Announced.  
London, Feb. 19.—Eleven persons were killed and four injured in the aerial attack on London last Saturday. It is announced officially.  
The casualties in Sunday night's air raid were 16 killed and 37 injured, it was announced later.  
Six or seven airplanes took part in the raid Sunday night. The first flew over London, dropping bombs in various districts. All the others were turned back.

Three Shot in I. W. W. Hall Raid.  
Hillsboro, Ill., Feb. 19.—Three men have been shot in a raid on I. W. W. headquarters here. One of the wounded men is expected to die.

### DAILY MARKET REPORT.

Minneapolis Grain.  
Minneapolis, Feb. 19.—Oats, May, 84%; May, Rye, 22.3.  
Duluth Flax.  
Duluth, Feb. 19.—Flaxseed, May \$3.78 3/4; July, \$3.76.

Chicago Grain.  
Chicago, Feb. 19.—Corn, March, \$1.27 1/2; May, \$1.26 1/2; Oats, March, 80%; May, 84%.  
Chicago Live Stock.  
Chicago, Feb. 19.—Hog receipts, 46,000; strong, 25c above Saturday's average; bulk, \$16.70@17; light, \$16.45@17.05; mixed, \$16.40@17.05; pigs \$13.25@16.25. Cattle receipts, 15,000; firm; native steers, \$8.50@13.80; stockers and feeders, \$7.35@10.60; cows and heifers, \$6.40@11.65; calves \$8.50@13.75. Sheep receipts 20,000; weak; sheep, \$9.75@13.20; lambs, \$13.75@16.65.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.  
Minneapolis, Feb. 19.—BUTTER—Creamery extras, per lb., 48c; extra firsts, 47c; firsts, 46c; seconds, 45c; dairy, 40c; packing stock, 38c.  
Eggs—Fresh prime firsts, new cases, free from rots, small, dirties and checks out, per doz., 51c; current receipts, rots out, \$14.70; checks and seconds, doz., 40c; dirties, candled, doz., 40c. Quotations on eggs include cases.  
Live poultry—Turkeys, fat, 10 lbs. and over, 22c; thin, small, 10@12c; cripples and culls, unsalable; roosters 16c; stagsy springs, 18c; ducks, 22c; geese, lb., 20c; 1917 roosters, lb., 22c.

Cossacks Hang Bolsheviki Official.  
San Francisco, Feb. 19.—Cossacks took the Bolsheviki minister of marine from a trans-Siberian train and hanged him while he was en route to Harbin to buy supplies for the Bolsheviki government, according to Dr. G. B. Schribman, member of the American Red Cross mission to Russia, who has just arrived here from Petrograd. The Cossacks, Mr. Schribman said, boarded the train as soon as entered Cossacks. Mr. Schribman said, boarded the minister and promptly executed him without ceremony.



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### TREASURERS' REPORT.

Semi-Annual Report of A. L. White, Treasurer of Howard County, Iowa, for the period from June 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917, inclusive.

RECEIPTS.		Amount
On hand June 1, 1917.....		\$41595.59
From current taxes, 1916.....		115107.89
From delinquent taxes, 1915 and prior years.....		1380.25
Penalty and interest.....		1309.47
Drainage taxes, No. 3.....		179.18
City special assessments.....		92.12
Automobile tax from the state.....		3480.00
Interest on bank deposits.....		293.07
Principal of school fund.....		1600.00
Interest of school fund.....		720.09
Teachers' examination and institute fees.....		46.50
State appropriation for teachers' institute.....		50.00
Sale of bonds, Drainage No. 2.....		11397.55
Fines and forfeitures.....		952.00
Trust funds (including unclaimed fees) from clerk.....		91.45
Care of patients in state institutions.....		126.20
Sale of produce, county home.....		970.43
Sale of bridge material.....		238.56
Fees of county auditor.....		139.20
Fees of county treasurer.....		13.10
Fees of county recorder.....		469.10
Fees of clerk of the district court.....		426.50
Sheriff's fees (from clerk of the district court).....		296.83
Miscellaneous receipts (not included in classification above).....		2487.92
Transfer from funds.....		18791.51
Total Receipts.....		\$202254.51

Total Disbursements.....\$202254.51  
Cresco, Iowa, Jan. 21, 1918.

I, A. L. White, Treasurer of Howard County, Iowa, do hereby certify that the report given above is a correct summary of the business transacted by me as said treasurer during the period therein specified.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS BY FUNDS.		Balance	Receipts	Total to be	Disbursements	Balance
		June 1, 1917	Dec 31, 1917	Accounted For	Dec 31, 1917	Dec 31, 1917
FUNDS						
General State Revenue	316.22	1742.73	1742.73	1742.73	1742.73	1742.73
County Grounds	12.30	498.53	510.83	510.83	510.83	510.83
County Jail	4041.13	13327.49	17368.62	17368.62	17368.62	17368.62
County Insane	223.51	9488.36	9711.87	9711.87	9711.87	9711.87
County Bridge	659.75	3788.40	4448.15	4448.15	4448.15	4448.15
County Road Cash	5207.80	3064.36	8272.16	8272.16	8272.16	8272.16
County School	5618.07	14955.83	20573.90	20573.90	20573.90	20573.90
Soldiers Relief	2290.71	13754.69	16045.40	16045.40	16045.40	16045.40
Orphans Home	407.83	6899.86	7307.69	7307.69	7307.69	7307.69
Bond, (Series 1915 and 1917)	2827.23	407.93	3235.16	3235.16	3235.16	3235.16
Drainage Assessment No. 2	37.20	2052.93	2090.13	2090.13	2090.13	2090.13
Drainage Assessment No. 3	182.36	11397.55	11579.91	11579.91	11579.91	11579.91
Motor Vehicle	6582.91	1309.47	7892.38	7892.38	7892.38	7892.38
Principal of School	3480.00	3480.00	6960.00	6960.00	6960.00	6960.00
Interest of School	4094.72	1000.00	5094.72	5094.72	5094.72	5094.72
Teachers' Institute	3354.49	720.09	4074.58	4074.58	4074.58	4074.58
Fathers' Institute	123.50	94.50	218.00	218.00	218.00	218.00
Domestic Animal	82.00	82.00	164.00	164.00	164.00	164.00
City Special Assessments	1454.75	676.25	2131.00	2131.00	2131.00	2131.00
City Special Assessments	775.94	179.18	955.12	955.12	955.12	955.12
School District Funds	1883.09	92.12	1975.21	1975.21	1975.21	1975.21
Township Funds	5395.10	16576.46	21971.56	21971.56	21971.56	21971.56
Township Funds	1857.80	48185.44	49043.24	49043.24	49043.24	49043.24
Net total	43880.23	154285.26	198165.85	198165.85	166002.69	42163.16
Overplus	41965.59	154285.26	196090.85	196090.85	166002.69	29788.16

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