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## IS THIS PEACE?

### Berlin, Dec. 12th (via Sayville Wireless)---Germany and her Allies propose peace.

### Teuton's Still Advance in Roumania.

Huns Cross River Between Bucharest and Buzeu—Important Railway Town of Buzeu is Now Before Invaders—Entente Forces Have Made Progress North of Monastir and Gained Two Hundred Metres Near Viklar

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Hungarian and German troops fighting in the centre of Roumania have now emerged from the swampy lands at Jalomitya River and have made a crossing of the stream near Receanu, about midway between Bucharest and the important railway junction town of Buzeu is before the invaders. Buzeu is now about 35 miles distant on a plain with no rivers to cross until Buzeu itself is reached. Despite severe storms the Teutonic Allies all along this front continue to make progress. The Roumanian attack, which had held the invaders in the Ploz region, has now been broken, according to Berlin, and several thousand additional Roumanians made prisoners. In the fighting in the eastern Carpathians, along the Moldavian front, Russian attacks have all been repulsed, says the Berlin War Office.

Considerable heavy fighting has again taken place on the Cerna River. Both the Berlin and Bulgarian War Offices repeat the repulse of the Entente Allies' attacks in this

sector, Berlin asserting the Serbians suffered losses. However, an advance of several hundred yards against the Teutonic Allies west of Susodol and north of Monastir is reported by the General Staff, while a French official communication records a forward movement on the Entente line of about two hundred metres, near Viklar.

Artillery actions and small engagements continue to prevail on the Western front in France and Belgium and also in the Austro-Italian theatre.

Quiet prevails in Russia and Galicia.

The Greek situation remains tense. A conference between the Entente Allies in an endeavour to reach a very radical solution of the problem is in progress according to an announcement by the British Foreign Office.

An unofficial report says a revolution has been started in Cyclades Island, in the Aegean Sea.

The speech of the German Imperial Chancellor at the opening of the Reichstag on Tuesday is awaited in Germany with much interest. The speech, it is said, will be the most remarkable since the outbreak of the war, and of world-wide historical importance.

The schr. Annie L. Warren is now being loaded by the Smith Coy., Ltd. for Brazil.

### REVISION OF FRENCH MINISTRY

Premier Briand Gets Views of Prominent Business Men as Well as Politicians to Aid New Combination—Ministers and Under-Secretaries Will Hand in Resignation

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Premier Briand was busy all day Sunday, seeing not only politicians but prominent business men and manufacturers in view of the new combination, to facilitate which, all Ministers and Under-Secretaries will hand in their resignations. In the meantime, according to the Matin, the reorganization of the high command in the army, being an essentially administrative question will not be settled until after the new Government makes its bow in the Chamber on Tuesday and is endorsed by a vote of confidence. In addition to forming a war council of five ministers, on the model of that in England, continues the Matin, Premier Briand has decided in the interest of economic organization of the country to throw the old administrative machine into the melting pot, and oblige all Ministerial Departments hitherto congealed in superannated methods to get in line with the rest of the country which is freely spending its blood and gold.

Another Ship Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lloyd's announcement that the British steamer Nora, is believed to have been sunk.

Protest Against Hun Piracy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Information assembled at the State Department by some officials and believed to present a clear cut violation of German pledges in the sinking of the British steamer Marina with the loss of six American lives has been forwarded Berlin for submission to the German Foreign Office, is announced by the State Department to-day. The evidence has been sent as a matter of courtesy to allow the Imperial Government to offer any otherwise facts it may have before the United States takes its next step. Officials indicated also that any move by this Government might be delayed until complete information concerning the British liner Arabia, for which Britain has been asked, could be sent to Berlin.

Shipping Warned

MIAMI, Florida, Dec. 11.—The British cruiser in the West Indian waters are sending out frequent warnings to allied merchantmen, urging them to watch for an armed German steamer, believed to be in the South Atlantic. Wireless messages picked up here to-day from cruisers, described the enemy craft as having two funnels and a straight stern.

The Roumanians Make Stand

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The stand that was made by the retreating Roumanian army east of Ploechti in eastern Wallachia, resulted in the driving back of the Teutonic forces a distance of several kilometres, according to a Petrograd despatch. In the course of the Roumanian attack two hostile squadrons are said to have been annihilated.

Hun Airships Destroyed

PARIS, Dec. 11.—Four German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday, two of them in Verdun front and two in Champagne. The War Office announces intermittent cannonading occurred south of the Somme last night.

Lloyd George Has Severe Chill

LONDON, Dec. 11.—An official announcement was made that the Premier was suffering from a severe chill and that on the advice of his physicians he was remaining indoors to-day.

The Doctor Knew

"My Doctor told me I would have to quit eating so much meat."  
"Did you laugh at him?"  
"I did at first, but when he sent in his bill I found that he was right."

### OFFICIAL

LONDON, Dec. 11.—From France and Italy there is nothing special to report.

The enemy has occupied Bucharest, and the Roumanian army has withdrawn virtually intact. The Allies have declared a blockade of Greek ports.

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BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Foreign Office announced to-day that the British Government was consulting with the Allies in an effort to reach a very radical solution of the Greek problem.

### Important Meeting of Reichstag

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—The Berlin correspondent of a Dutch newspaper emphasizes the importance of the session of the Reichstag, which will be held to-morrow and which they characterize as the most remarkable since the outbreak of the war, and of worldwide historical importance. All members of the Reichstag, even those in the fighting line, have been summoned by telegraph to Berlin. The Imperial Chancellor to-day received the Ministers of all the Federal States to discuss with them subjects which he will bring up in the Reichstag. It is said the Chancellor's statement has been met with the approval of the Governments at Vienna, Sofia and Constantinople, whereas similar Parliamentary sittings will be held simultaneously.

### Russian Council to Eliminate Irresponsible Influences

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Friday's session of the Council of the Empire marked an epoch in the evolution of the Russian Legislative institutions, says the "Times" Petrograd correspondent. The Council, by an overwhelming majority, adopted a resolution urging the formation of a Government capable of working jointly with the Legislature and the elimination of irresponsible influences from State affairs. The Upper House, therefore, in every essential has signified its solidarity with the Duma and the country.

### Dutch Cabinet Concerned About British Premier

LONDON, Dec. 12.—An Amsterdam despatch to the "Times" quotes the "Maasbid" as saying that immediately after it was known that David Lloyd George had become British Premier a special meeting of the Dutch Cabinet you receive from Germany to do the "Maasbid" says, telegrams were sent to all Dutch shipping agents in America instructing them to reserve all available tonnage for Government grain and cancel arrangements for other freights.

### British Makes Raid

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The official bulletin from British Headquarters in France to-night reads:—Last night we carried out successful raids east of Neuville St. Vaast, and south-east of Armentieres, destroying machine-gun emplacements and taking prisoners. An attempted enemy raid east of La Boutellerie failed, and hostile working parties were dispersed by our fire. During the past twenty-four hours, artillery and trench mortars on both sides were active in Loos, Arras and Ypres areas, and in the section north of the Ancre. South of that river there has been some hostile shelling at Mouquet farm on the most extreme right of our front.

### British Freight Cars For France

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The British Government, it is understood here, has engaged to send immediately to France ten thousand additional freight cars taken from British Railroad Companies, while ten thousand additional cars are to be sent over during the first months in 1917 with a certain number of locomotives. This is to be done, it is understood, because Great Britain's military operations in France have been requiring use of 20,000 French freight cars.

### Ultimatum to Greece Expected

Trouble Brewing in Greece—Outbreak Expected at Any Moment—Rumours of Secret Mobilization Greek Troops Mentioned in Hun Despatches

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables under Sunday's date as follows: "Trouble is brewing in Greece and an outbreak is expected at any moment. The exact conditions are obscured by constantly conflicting reports from every side. Officials here are extremely sceptical of reports from Greek and Teutonic sources that the situation has improved. Rumors of the secret mobilization of Greek troops were given added weight by Berlin despatches. The Vossische Zeitung declares to-day that as soon as the Entente authorities announced the blockade of Greek ports Constantinople began making preparations to meet it. The Greek army is well equipped for service, the newspaper adds. That an Entente ultimatum would be presented to Greece to-day was the report of Reuter's Athens correspondent under date of yesterday. The nature of the proposed document was not disclosed. The Entente is watching every move Constantinople makes. It is known that the Central Powers promised him their support if he casts his lot with them, and it is feared by the Allies' authorities that the temptations may prove too great."

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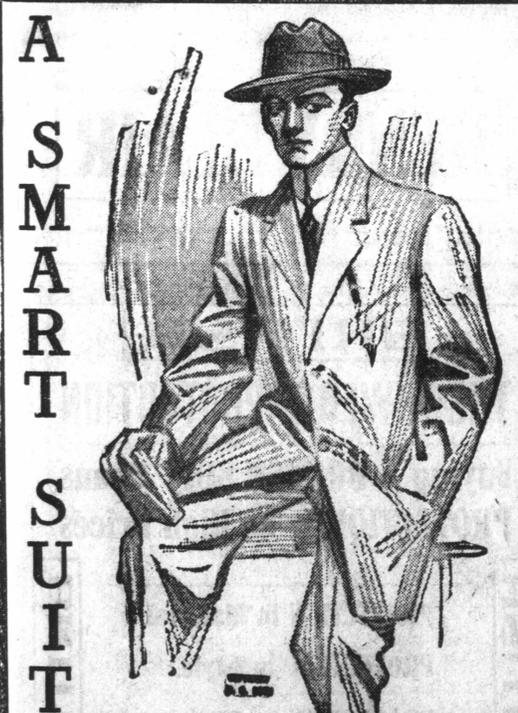
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