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Macedoines de Legumes. Spinach Extra.
Lettuce. Celery. Parsley.
Mince-meat for Pies.

Plum Pudding. Tart Fruits in Glass.
Cherries in Maraschino.
Whole Lemon Cling Peaches in Syrup.
Whole Bartlett Peaches in Syrup.
Sliced Pineapple in Syrup.
Cherries in Creme de Menth.
Macedoines of Fruit. Grape Fruit.
"Harry Hornes" Celebrated Custard.
"Bird's" Blanc Mange. Stewed Prunes.
Green Grapes. Purple Grapes.
Dessert Apples. Navel Oranges.
Bananas. Tangerines.
Crystalized Ginger Cubes.
Filled Figs. Filled Dates.
Blanched and Jordan Almonds.
Ground Sweet Almonds.
Crystalized Assorted Fruits.
Walnuts, Almonds, Brazil and Pecan Nuts.
Dessert Raisins. Imp. French Plums.
Bon Bons and Cosagues.
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**A Merry
Christmas to All!**

dec 19, 20, 21, 22, 24

War News.

Messages Received
Previous to 9 A. M.

ITALIANS TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

The Italians on the northern line in Italy between the Brenta and Piave Rivers have ceased for the time being at least their defensive warfare against the attacks of the Austro-Germans and assumed the offensive with signal successes on several sectors, attacking positions which the enemy earlier in the week captured. Near Monte Asolene General Diaz's troops have regained a considerable portion of the terra and held it notwithstanding the terrific artillery fire that was turned upon them. The German office is endeavoring to belittle the success of the offensive which it asserts was repulsed, and shows that the effort of the Italians was a determined one, the troops to the west of Monte Asolene delivering seven attacks against the enemy front. An admission is made in the German communication that the Italians also have taken the initiative in fighting at Monte Selare and Monte Vertica, but it is declared that their attacks in these sectors as on Monte Asolene were without success. Comparative quietude still prevails on the British front in France and Belgium, and along the French line running from the region of St. Quentin to the Swiss border, except for bombardments and minor infantry operations from the Verdun region to Hartmanns Wellerkopf. In Alsace the artillery activity has been pronounced on various sectors. The situation in Russia continues obscure, although such reports as are coming through indicate that the Bolshevik movement is losing ground in the face of opposition, they being opposed by the Ukrainians and followers of General Kaledines. The Bolshevik commissioners are declared to have declined to accept the Rada's offer to the Bolsheviks and to demand that the Ukraine cease aiding Kaledines' forces and give the Rada an opportunity to reconsider its action. As indicating that the Rada has finally declined to give heed to the dictates of the Bolsheviks is the report that a definite alliance has been formed between Kaledines' followers and the Ukrainians. A despatch from Petrograd says an unofficial report in circulation in the Russian capital is to the effect that the Germans have rejected the peace terms put forward by Bolshevik delegates. Recent despatches having indicated that the peace parleys in progress at Brest-Litovsk were merely preliminary to the peace conference which is to assemble there next Tuesday and which is to be attended by German and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

HUGE FORCES IN ITALY.

With the French Armies in Northern Italy, Thursday, Dec. 20.—A careful compilation of the strength and disposition of the tremendous Austro-German forces, which was originally concentrated for the Italian offensive and probably have been augmented by troops from the Russian front, has just been completed by the French military authorities. The summary shows that between the middle of November and the middle of December the bulk of the enemy forces have been steadily shifted from the Lower Piave line to the sector between the Vidler or Upper Piave and Asiago Plateau, the part that is held by the French, until the forces which are now trying to batter their way into the northern Italian plains have been nearly tripled. This army is all the stronger because of the fact that it includes fully seven German divisions known to be engaged against the allies. "This formidable strength of the invader accounts for the scattered gains that have been recorded during the last fortnight, culminating in the capture on Tuesday of Monte Asolene. These positions are only a few miles from the plain proper and therefore as in the case of the Col-Della-Beretta captured a few days previously, their requisition is a valuable position flanking the other mountains, which still are held stubbornly by the Italians, who, although the enemy is able to control movements to and from the otherwise strategic heights, are gradually relinquishing a few points and falling back on this sector upon a new line. The Italians are again strongly and strategically located. They have made the enemy pay dearly for each yard of ground gained and have put up a determined defence that augurs well for the future, especially since the French are successfully holding every foot of their line and have strong reserve forces behind their battle fronts. The Italian troops by the end of October had increased their forces on the Asiago sector and by the middle of November the sector from the Asiago to Stevia had been vastly strengthened.

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LONDON, Dec. 23. An air raid was attempted by the Germans against English coast towns at 6 o'clock last night. One raider was forced to descend close to the coast and its crew of three were captured. A second attack developed about 9.30, when a few bombs were dropped in Thanet. The raiders did not penetrate further inland. No casualties or damage reported.

SOME BIG CAPTURES.

LONDON, Dec. 23. Further progress by the forces of General Allenby at two points in Palestine were reported in a statement issued last night by the war office. It reads: General Allenby reports at midnight, Dec. 20-21—Our troops crossing Nahrelau, four miles north of Jaffa, on the Mediterranean, on rafts and light bridges seized Khurbet Hadrah, Sheik Muainnis, Leerrekhet and El Nakharas. These localities are near the mouth of the river, and include the commanding ground three miles north of it. They captured three hundred and five prisoners, 11 of whom were officers, and ten machine guns. Other forces captured Rasezandy, two miles north-east of Bethany, taking 30 prisoners and two machine guns. General Allenby also reports the following captures since the commencement of operations, 99 guns and howitzers with carriages, about 400 limbers, waggons and other vehicles, 110 machine guns, more than 7,000 rifles, 1,800,000 rounds of small armament ammunition, and more than 508,000 rounds of gun and howitzer ammunition, besides various other stores.

AUTHORIZED TO CONCLUDE PEACE.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22. Count von Hertling, Imperial German Chancellor, yesterday received representatives of all Reichstag parties, with whom he had a confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia. The Chancellor announced, according to a Berlin official despatch, that the Emperor had authorized him to conclude peace, and he had charged the Foreign Secretary, Von Kuelman, to conduct negotiations with the Governments. The plans for future negotiations were reviewed by the Chancellor and all deputies are said to have approved the guiding lines laid down. According to the newspapers, the Independent Socialists were represented at the meeting by Deputy Heuss. This is the first time since the formation of the party that it has had direct intercourse with the German Government.

FAITHFUL ROUMANIA.

PARIS, Dec. 22. The Roumanian Minister here has

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issued the following statement concerning the situation on the Roumanian front: The armistice was highly a measure of military order, imposed on us by Roumania, the front being entirely enclosed within the Russian front. It would be a mistake to make a political election from it. Roumania intends to remain faithful to her alliance and to work until the end with the Allies.

A CZACHSLOVAK ARMY.

PARIS, Dec. 22. A decree authorizing the formation of a Czechoslovak army in France appears in the official Journal to-day. One such army numbering eighty

thousand men already has been formed in Russia. It will be attached to the French army, which is daily being swelled by the arrival of reinforcements. The entire army will be placed under the political control of the nationals of the Czechoslovak countries; the headquarters will be Paris.

PATROL ENCOUNTERS.

LONDON, Dec. 23. The report from General Haig last night said patrol encounters took place during the night south of Cambrai, in which casualties were inflicted.

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from Armentieres to Langemark. ed on the enemy. The hostile artillery has shown increased activity at a number of points along the front

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