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# To-Day's Cables

# Germany Sounds Prelude To Further Moves

## In the Great Game of Diplomacy all Leading to a Peace Discussion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27—Germany's GERMANY'S reply to President Wilson's note is regarded here as having advanced the peace movement, another step, de spite the fact that it disappoints in not meeting his suggestion for avow-

The reception of Germany's reply prelude to a series of carefully consibly leading to an approach for a discussion of peace terms on grounds headline: "German Peace Dodge," and which all belligerents may feel can place them at no disadvantage. This President Wilson meant, as recent is the official view of Germany's re- American comment contends, that his ply so far as it has been formulated on the basis of the unofficial text.

The official copy has not been received to-night. President Wilson is an explicit answer." keeping his mind open.

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comment, or even for insertion in the behind the enemy's lines." earliest morning editions credited to the Associated Press, and the only GERMANY MUST present indication of its reception here is furnished by the "Daily Mail's" an introductory note which says, "If note should force Germany to state this proposal so that she can evade en and throw away all the results of

## GERMAN SHIPPING EXCLUSION

AMSTERDAM, Dec "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports that Bundesrath has forbidden the sale (?) of German shipping shares abroad, the object being to prevent the undesirable foreign influence on German shipping. The Bundesrath is the superior governing body which can withhold measures passed by the Reichstag, and is

## ROUMANIA THE CENTRE OF **GREAT ACTIVITY**

the southern Moldavian border and Two destroyers lost in the North Sea in contact with Pres. Wilson. On the and Roumanians. 30 miles south-west Wilson's peace note.

which sector they have made further sure foundation. advances on the right bank of the Tigris and consolidated and extended their positions south and east of the town. Gassabs, a fort 20 miles southeast of Kut-el-Amara, and a base from which hostile Arabs have been operating against the British, has been destroyed. The British victory over the sinking of the Norwegian steamer coming only from America will the Turks at Maghadba, ninety miles Sno, 1,823 tons gross. east of the Suez Canal, was of considerable proportions. In addition to making prisoners of 1,350 men of a Turkish force numbering about 2,000, seven guns, a large number of rifles

only artiflery engagements.

# OF ULSTER NOT

LONDON, Dec. 27.An informal discussion and consultation is proceeding for a settlement of the Irish question says the "Manchester Guardian." The new proposals which are being con sidered, provide for something in the presided over by the Emperor of Ger- nature of equal representation for Unionists and Nationalists in an Irish Parliament. Home Rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestion, which does not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

# TWO DESTROYERS

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Nothing special to-day: on any front except Egypt, where El LONDON, Dec. 27.-Roumania con- Arish is recaptured. Turks also de- has been followed by Switzerland's tinues the theatre of the greatest act- feated at Maghdaba with eleven hun- note. In this document the Federal ivities. In northern Wallachia, along dred and thirty prisoners captured. Government declares that it has been in Dobrudja, the Teutonic Allies con-through collision and fifty lives lost, other side there are in Paris sure intinue to make gains over the Russians The whole Allied pres condemns dications that very strong pressure

west of Runik and Sarat, the enemy ing Parliament, said, the vigorous duce them to use their action in favor being given out in Berlin before it would exact for peace. To-day Emilo are on the offensive. In this latter prosecution of the war must be our of peace. It is known that similar reached this country in official form. region during the past few days 5,500 single endeavor until we have vin- steps will be taken by other Govern- They pointed out that in sending this Russians have been made prisoners. dicated the rights so ruthlessly ments in other countries where Ger- note President Wilson allowed two In Mesopotamia the British forces violated by our enemy and estab- man influence is notoriously very days between the time of its despatch German dominion with admirable firm are still in quest of Kut-el-Amara, on lished the security of Europe on a strong. In these conditions the under-land making it public, so that it might

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN

## ARKANAS TORADO

LITTLE ROCK ARK, Dec. 27 .and several other war stores were cap- From 17 to 70 persons were killed in a tornado which struck south Cen-On the other fronts there have been tral Arkansas this afternoon, accordling to reports received here to-night.

# Wanted at Once

REPORTER for the MAIL and ADVOCATE,

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LONDON, Dec. 27.-An official report from British headquarters in France to-night reads:-

UNSUCCESSFUL

machine gun fire. On Monday night cal situation. we extended our trenches to the north-"PEACE DODGE" prisoners secured. In the neighbour-clear propositions, first there has been hood of LesBoeufs and Gueudecourt no change in relations between Rus-

One great fact stands out of the confused mass of controversy at the present moment; it is that Germany must have peace, and must have it at once and on any terms-her own if terms, Germany has countered with the Allies are foolish enough to weakthe last year-on any terms she can get if her opponents simply keep on with the reorganization plans they have lately begun, which promise full success if carried out ruthlessly and fearlessly. The greatest danger to the CONTEMPLATED future peace of the warld would be to listen to the obviously and evident- reply from Germany. ly well-meaning but hopelessly ignorant sentimental appeals from neutrals S. S. MARYLAND to end the war at once.-New York

in the mind of the French public cer- ficial comment is withheld. tain suspicions on the American intervention. Public opinion n Paris sees i all the first act of concerted ITALY MAKES manceuvres between neutrals. What LONDON, Dec. 27.-Lloyds reports has not shocked French public opinion strongly hurt that opinion if one can suppose that there is an organized

### GENL. JOFFRE NOW MARSHAL OF FRANCE

have decided to raise General Joffre arms and ammunition. to the dignity of Marshall of France in recognition of his eminent ser-

### BRITISH HOLD UP GREEK STEAMER

Line steamship 'Patrie', with 600 passengers aboard, bound from Pireaus to New York, is detained by British at Gibraltar, it is learned to-day from the local agent of the line.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE Halifax.

## Russians Full of Fight

Victory

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Russian "Some 50 Germans approached our Foreign Minister in Pokroski invited lines on Monday night in the neigh- representatives of the press at Petrobourhood of LesBoeufs. 18 of them grad yesterday to an interview at were taken prisoners and the remain- which he outlined his programme and der suffered casualties from our his ideas regarding the present politi-

Reuter's Petrograd correspondent east of Armentieres and drove off an says that general ministrial declaraenemy working party. Enemy posi-tions which seem to have been meant tions, east of Ploegsteert were also to take place in the usual speech beraided and casualties inflicted and fore Parliament consisted of a few we bombarded enemy trenches dur- sia and her Allies; second, the Minreply to President Wilson's peace At other places along the front artil- after the war the military alliance. was re-transmitted here. It did ried out successful bombing opera- the war will be continued according not reach London until too late for tions on places of military importance to this declaration until a decisive victory has been won.

### ARABIA NOT IN NAVAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27-A preliminary statement sent to this government by Britain saying the British steamer Arabia sunk by German sub SPECIAL IMPERIAL without warning was not at the time and had not been in the Admiralty service were sent today to Germany. Announcement to that effect made in the State Department in the Americans were lost, n added. Further fact are expected from Britain shortly and possibly

sinking steamship was 150 miles end of February. NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The follow-from Sandy Hook. The Maryland COLLIDE IN N. SEA ing despatch was received from an left this port on December 23rd for official source in Paris in New York London, with a cargo of oil, iron pipe to-day:— MR. HENDERSON "Paris, Dec. 26.—Pres. Wilson's note eous merchandise.

### SURPRISES EVEN WASHINGTON

is exercised by the German Govern-here are surprised at Germany's an-should be nations in bondage, nothing of Braila, near the town of Filipechti, The King in his speech prorogument on neutral Governments to in-swer to President Wilson's peace note less than that is the price our enemies standing which Switzerlad claims to first reach the German Government in have with the United States throws the absence of an official reply. Of-

## GREATER PREPARATIONS

ROME, Dec. 26—The following of MENT IN STRAITS peace in air has not affected in slightsest measure of Italy's military activity. The new class born in 1898 has been called to report to Colers in January which would be a considerable increase to contingents applied for at the front with 2,500 factories

# NAVY RECRUITS

Navy will be forthcoming. Capt. hit and slightly damaged. NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- The Greek the Hon. Rupert Guinness, who looking after the naval recruiting there, has returned to Ottawa well satisfied with the results achieved.

# Last Night's Cables

LONDON, Dec. 26.-Professor Pollard, who holds the chair of English History in the London University, writes to The Times urging that while it is clear that somebody blundered regarding the phraseology and presentation of Mr. Wilson's note it is also clear that the people here are also blundering in the interpretation of it. We have to remember, writes Proour enemies as well as to ourselves, diplomatic conventions and to assure LONDON, Dec. 27.—Germany's ing the day with satisfactory results. ister declared with firm assurance that addressed an insuiry respecting Gerquestion is transmitted by the Associ- lery activity continued. On the night with France, ngland and Russia would many. France gave a prompt and They made no reply to signals and raid off the Canadian coast, similar ated Press correspondent to New York of December 24-25 our airplanes carbe consolidated in close union; third, satisfactory assurance, Germany evad-could not be approached. They steer to that made by U-52 off Nantucket

> cause we are bound by a recent treaty reports fitting in with suspicion now commerce protectors was the result. to a cooling off period not less than a year. Germany refused that restraint and the immediate issue, therefore, turned on the Germany reply to the

LONDON, Dec. 27-The Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent a telegram to the Dominions explaining the case of the Marina, in which six purposes of the forthcoming imp sal cable despatches received discussion what the Government contemplates is not an ordinary Imperial Conference,

The Prime Minister of each of the of special meetings of the War Cab-NEW NORK, Dec. 26.—The steam-inet in order to consider urgent quesship Maryland was reported sinking tions acceting the prosecution of the late about 360 miles southeast of New war possible conditions on which, in York a wireless message picked up agreement with our Allies, we could here said that the engine room was assent to its termination, and in probbeing rapidly floded and that aid be lems which would then immediately sent to the vessel immediately, later arise. The Premiers are urged to atadvices were to the effect that the tend early at a date not later than the

PARIS, Dec. 26.—"In my opinion, said Mr. Henderson, "if France and ourselves were to enter into negotia-WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—officials tions under consisting conditions we Vandereld, the Belgian Socialist leader, said: Our comrades who have reness, nothing but encouragement reaching us from them so that it would seem that the person most hos tile to war are those farthest from it. Vandervelde also declared that the FAMOUS PRELATE struggle must be carried on until Bel gium and Serbia are delivered and Prussianism is laid low.

# NAVAL ENGAGE-

ROME, Dec. 26-Naval engagements warships in the Strait of Otranto, is announced in an official statement. PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Government running day and night turning out The statement says several enemy ships attacked our patrol vessels in Otrante Channel on the night of December 23rd, French and Italian war ships came to the rescue and the en-ARE COMING WELL emy fled under cover of darkness after short engagements what damage The 5,000 men wanted from he suffered is unknown, two French Canada for service in the Royal destroyers and one patrol boat were

## has been in the western Provinces GERMANY ANSWERS WILSON'S NOTE

It was intended to raise 2,000 men Berlin, via Sayville, Dec. 26.—The by Christmas, and that number is text of Germany's answer to Presiin sight already. The first detach-'dent Wilson's note was transmitted ment will be mobilized shortly at today to James W. Gerard, the Ameri-

# Russian Ministers Declare Nation Will Con ON WILSON'S NOTE BRITISH COMMERCE PROTECTORS SEEN

## Skippers Report Strange Powerful Craft Going Westward to Prevent Hun Raids Off Canadian Coast

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. - For some apparently confirmed by shipping men the sincerity of the enemy profes-days skippers on Atlantic and coast- as commerce protectors and described sions. Secondly, we should remember wise steamers have been bringing to as large and powerful but capable of man neutrality to France and Ger-craft are making their way westward. nes in anticipation of an attempted ed the question, and invaded Belgium ed a vagrant course and were describ- Oct. 8th. ed variously as of the fashion of mer. The British Admiralty, it is stated, War between the United States and chantmen, transports, light cruisers is determined to make it impossible ourselves is out of the question be- even submarines, peiced together these for another such raid and a fleet of

### WILSON'S NOTE STACE CRITICISED HUNS Shub

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The receipt of President Wilson's note obtains una-CONFERENCE bated newspaper discussion wa renew ed to-day wa the impetus administered by the issue of the Swiss note with its disclosures of a Swiss-American conusttation weeks ago and by long

President Wilson's note and similar communications should be treated by graaf says it has reason to believe that but a Special War Conference of the the Allies. The remains as already Germany's reply to Holland's note rerecorded, there is one one hand reiter garding the deportation of Belgian ation of the rooted objection of the workmen is framed on such terms that Allies to inopportune and ill advised it was inadvisable to communicate interprition by heutrals, and on the it to the Dutch Parliament. That Gov other hand an appeal for the courteous ernment requested Berlin to alter the treatment of neutrals representations, reply in such a manner that it may be it being urged that the Allies are presented to Parliament. The Dutch bound to take this into account for Government last month instructed its to do otherwise would be to reduce Berlin representative to notify Gerthemselves to the level of the aggres- many that the Belgian deportations

# Five More Ships Sunk

Norwegian and Four British Ships Are Sent to the Bottom

reports despatches received today by tion, subsequently, had been consolithe State Department from London tell dated and extended to south and east of the sinking of the Norwegian bark of Kut-el-Amara. The enemys tren-Ansagar. The British steamers Is- ches on the right bank of the Tigris. trar and Lincain, Llangos and Murex southwest of Kut-el-Amara has been are not previously reported from other systematically bombarded.

PARIS, Dec. 26-Monsigneur Emile Tebbedy, Bishop of Arras, who was recently decorated by President Poincare, with the Legion of Honor, for OF OTRANTO remaining in the city during the bom- civilization population has died bardment and aiding soldiers and Belogne Burmer.

# Holland

Answer is Tantamount to Saying, Mind Your Own Busi-

ness

had caused a painful impression in

A Rotterdam despatch to the London Times, Dec. 24, said Germany responded in words which were tantamount to saying mind your own bus-

### BRITISH GAINS IN MESOPOTAMIA

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An official state ment on the Mesopotamia situation issued to-night reads: On the 22nd a British detachment advanced to the WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-Lloyd's right bank of the Tigris. Their posi-

Our cavalry by a night march reach ed and destroyed the Gassahs front. twenty miles southeast of Kut, which had long been a base of operations for IS DEAD, hostile Arabs. Sixty tons grain was destroyed and cattle captured and a number of hostile Arab encampments

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