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## FRANCE FEARS THAT GERMANY MAY INVADE SWITZERLAND

Allied Forces Prepare to Launch the Greatest Offensive of the War

## VIOLATION OF SWISS NEUTRALITY

France Fears That This Outrage May Now be Meditated by Ger-

many

FOE DESPERATE

And Will Stake All Upon Any Chance Open to Her

Paris, Jan. 3.—France fears a dash by the German the pressure of the allied ed. forces on the two fronts.

territory has been talked of House of Commons into this matter, in Paris as a possibility. Today, in the opinion of an in- ficer's honor was involved. It has fluential section of the Lieutenant Patrick Barrett of the French press, it has become Welsh Fusiliers. a possibility.

Germany has called to the House of Common before recess he the middle of July ,1914, just before colors another class of reCommanding Officer, Lieutenantsiderable part of this is missing cruits which will reinforce | Colonel Delme-Radcliffe, was removed from the Reichsbank, and has found her active armies by more | ed from his command, and General its way through our armies into various was returned because of his good that the higher cost of commodities, work General Owen Thomas, who higher was sent to the increased number of the increase of the increased number of the increased number of the increase With her military forces was also concerned, was vindicated. now at their maximum, she Barrett was a Sergeant in the Welsh Fusiliers. Colonel Delmeis preparing for her su- Radcliffe and other offices recommended him for a commission late in mended him for a commission late in preme efforts of the war.

Of one thing France is certain that inder Field Marshal Von Hindenburg Germany is mustering all her reources for a desperates troke.

with one country, Belgium, it is unlikely that Germany will hesitate at wrote her in February last a letter must be pointed out to anyone who a similar violation in the case of Switzerland, French writers say.

wrote ner in February last a letter in in generate out to anyone who is in in in in generate hoards gold and fails to deliver it to the banks that her is zerland, French writers say.

This view is expressed in La Victoira yesterday by Gustave Herve, the famous French publicist, who devotes his leading article to the subject.

greater portion of the line now held by the French, M. Herve declares, in order to free a sufficient body of French troops to permit the formation of an "army of manoeuvre," a mobile force, which will be ready to reinforce any part of the west front line menaced by the German attack.

More Mobilized M. Herve also points out that Ger- but is not disciplined because he has many has mobilized the classes of giving her 600,000 additional men, while her civil mobilization will sisted of Field Marshal Sir William liberate a force variously estimated Nicholson, formerly Chief of Gener at 500,000 to 2,000,000. This force, al Staff, Maj.-General Lord Cheyles while it will be used chiefly for ser- more, Justice Sir James Richari Atvice at the rear, will free a corre- kin and the Right Hon. Donald Mc-

Von Hindenburg's pet objective is Russia, the article continues, but a

tive to German eyes, but there is only pute. We feel obliged to record our Saloniki also is a tempting objecone railway line along which the Teuton forces could operate. Austria has been too severely mauled by Italy to make a direct of-

of the great German fiasco at Verdun. MEN'S SWEATER COATS.

Men's Sweater Coats, in a good variety of colors, deep roll collar, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Values on sale at 1.79. A better line worth \$3.50 nd \$4.00, are on sale at \$2.79. Al- work. In our opinion it is to be renost all sizes are represented, but f you are interested do not delay

Weather Bulletin

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SAUSAGE AND BUCKWHEAT CAKE

Toronto, Jan. 4 -The tempera ure has become much lower in the western provinces but continues quite moderate from Ontario east ward. Light snow falls have occur red in the Ottawa Valley and the Maritime provin-

and mild.

now or sleet.

## THE WOMAN IN THE CASE AT THE BRITISH WAR OFFICE

Their Gold Against Any

**Eventualities** 

AN APPEAL

All Money to be put

Into Circulation

London, Jan. 4 .- (New York Sun

cable)—The surprising admission

that many wealthy Germans are con-

cealing their money, presumably

defeat, is made in the following com-

munication from the minister of the

interior at Berlin, which was printed

"It is a fact that on November 7th of last year (1916), \$1,625,000-

000 more in cash and negotiable se-

curities were in circulation than in

higher wages and the increased num-

the war have made return of the

Sicult, especially its return to "th

"All these causes do not in them

creasing withdrawal of money, how

sinning greatly against public we'-

Removing all Supplies

From Braila

order to protect Braila from the

tween marshes which carries the

The Germans and Bulgarians are

is assumed that if the invaders cap-

ture the latter town, the Russian line west of the Danube will be with-

the prolonged resistance to the Ger-

man advance has enabled the de-

Petrograd, Jan. 4 .- via London 2.30 p.m.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press)—The

centure by Russian forces on

the Roumanian front of 600

machine guns, together with some mine throwers and bomb

mortars, is announced in to-

day's war office statement. This

success resulted from an at-tack on hostile positions on

heights to the south of Botochu

mountain, in the wooded Car-

prisoners, three cannon and 16

except a narrow strip of land

highway to Braila.

By Courier Leased Wire.

in all the German papers:

### Report Submitted MANY GERMANS Upon Army Scandal Which Has Caused Much Comment

London, Jan. 3-An army scandal society woman, is described in the armies across neutral Swit- report of a Court of Inquiry issued zerland, in a desperate attempt to turn the French wife of Col. William Cornwallistempt to turn the French west, and mother of the Princess of and Italian lines and relieve Pless and of the Duchess of Westminster, is officially severely censur-

The late Sir Arthur Basil Mark-For months the possibility of an invasion of Swiss

August, demanded an inquiry in the switch was been talked of

Completely Exonerated. 1915, and his claims were supported West and several prominent civil-

certainly later." says the report, 'Mrs. Cornwallis-West began to take more than an ordinary interest in Mr Barrett, to which he consistently sums of ready money from the larg-

England must take over a still that he was transferred to control ferret out this evil procedure from that he was transferred to another house-to-house in the circle of his battalion on the demand of Mrs friends and acquaintances." Cornwallis-West. General Cowanz, who aided the Cornwallis-Wests in securing Barrett's transfer, is censured for interfering with discipline General W. H. Mackinnon, who was also connected with the correspond ence, is criticized for interfering with the affairs of the western command,

since retired. The Court of Inquiry, which consponding number of troops for the purposes of the first line.

At what point will they strike? M. West: "We have no doubt that her injudicious boasting of the power she wielded at the War Office-which rear. Nothing now remains to them was confirmed to an appreciable exgrand offensive on this front is out tent by the wording of some of Six of the question until April, owing to John Cowan's letters— was calcuthe weather conditions. tration at the War Office into dive opinion that this lady's knowledge as revealed in this case has been highly discreditable both in her behavior towards Second Lieut. Barrett before his letter of the 14th of February, in afterwards, and in the untru him fenders to remove the stores of fensive against that country look good, while the same thing is true

evidence she gave before us. "It appeared in the evidence that this lady holds positions of some im portance in the county of Denbighshire in various associations of a public character for assisting war gretted that she should hold such positions."

TO REPRESENT AUSTRIA. By Courier Leased Wire. Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 4.—via Paris 5.10 a.m.—The Austrian gov-ernment has asked Switzerland to represent Austro-Hungarian interests in the occupied portion of Rou-mania. The political department has accordingly instructed the Swiss charge d' affaires at Jassy to take charge of the interests of Austro-Hungarians.

Bank of England

# OF WAR COMING

Allied Forces Prepare For Irresistible Drive as Answer to Germany

London, Jan. 4 .- (New York) Times cable)—While peace talk is flying back and forth over the wires, both belliger- Was Gregory Rasputin, The And for This Reason Hoard ents are girding themselves for the greatest fighting yet. The talk from Berlin of war to the knife, will be met by an allied counter stroke, which will make even the unparelleled effort of Made by Government For the last two and a half years seem feeble by comparison.

General Haig's report, reducing to the simplest terms the battle of the Somme, is a preparation of the pubfightable weather. His statement that half the German army was enthoroughly demoralizing results to pouring its life and resources with out stint into further effort. Man power and fighting tackle are being piled up mountain high back of the people now trust Haig, and will back him to the limit. His call for a strengthening of the aeroplane arm received instant response in ending the government hesitation about me thods and hastening the appointment

and contribution in this field have placed air supremacy first on one side and then on the other. For some months it rested with the Entente, one of the counts in the indictment

Italy Fights On Rome, Jan. 4 .-- (New York Times cable) - Notwithstanding the terrible winter weather, the fighting continues unabated throughout the intrenchments with straw and boards to protect the soldiers from the cold himself, but the conditions which Barrett was severely censured by his commander without the opportunity of stating his case. Soon after tunity of stating his case. Soon after the dangers of such continued and wet, to build not for the second line troops and insure hot rations such a man to play such an exceptional part. His role was such, in even to the detachments on the high-tunity of stating his case. Soon after ferret out this evil procedure from est peaks. In places lacking water, as much as over 100,000 gallons are transported daily.

To give an approximate idea o what is done it will be sufficient to say that one army corps in the Alpa requires 300,000 boards, whereof 100,000 were carried up by hand; 280,000 blankets, the same amount woollen underclothes, 80,000 cloaks, 60,000 fur chest protectors and 10,000 fur sleeping bags.

### Russians Have Succeeded in NORWAY OBJECTS London, Jan. 4—The capture of Matchin is regarded here as ending the defense of Dobrudja. The Russians held the Matchin bridgehead in

Protests That She Has Not cruited in Canada, or nearly half the total of 385,955 since the outbreak Violated Her Agreement

in a position to push their guns within eight miles of Braila and it London, Jan. 4.—A Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that most of the No wegian papers have attacked the British minister in Christiania in drawn. It is taken for granted that connection with the embargo on

coal proclaimed by Great Britain. The Norske Intelligenssedler reports that the Norwegian reply has grain and other material from Braila. tive and leaves no doubt that Norway is loyally maintaining the export prohibitions regarding fish and other goods. The Gazette says that there is a great quantity of coal in Norway and no prespect of a short. the Russians Norway and no prospect of a short- 38; Maritime provinces 234.

> The Overseas News Agency says that in future delivery of coal to French Ship Norway will be permitted by the British only in case Norwegian ships carry coal to Italy and France xed freight rates.

> > TUSCANIA LATE.

New York, Jan. 4.—The Tuscan ia, of the Anchor Line, arrived here yesterday afternoon from Glasgow and Liverpool one day late, due to a westerly gale a week ago that compelled the liner to lay to all day. The Tuscania brought 16 first and 81

By Courier Leased Wife.

Londor, Jan. 4.—Following the suspension of the issue of exchequer bonds in preparation for the new war loan, the government authorities announce that there will be no like the college and died in a four many years while by the class and died in a four many years while by the class and died in a four many years frid Wilson Gibson, the London poet who will lecture in this country for two menths; Sir Francis Webster, into the death of the class and died in a four many years frid Wilson Gibson, the London poet who will lecture in this country for two menths; Sir Francis Webster, into the death of the class and died in a four many years frid Wilson Gibson, the London poet who will lecture in this country for two menths; Sir Francis Webster, into the death of the class and died in a collist of the possible properties and the collist of the coll war loan, the government authorities announce that there will be no light further sale of treasury bills by the loan and died in a few minutes aged light.

Who will lecture in this country for the death of Malcolm Campbell, who died from injuries received at light further sale of treasury bills by the loan and died in a few minutes aged lady Webster.

National Service meetings will be two mcnths; Sir Francis Webster, who died from injuries received at light further sale of treasury bills by the loan. Mr. Hazen and R. Lady Webster.

# GREATEST BATTLE POPE TO INTERVENE ONLY

Attitude of the Pon-

tiff Explained--

Wilson's Note is

London, Jan. 4.—(New York Sun cable)—The attitude of the Pope to-

tary of state, to a Catholic journalist:

war, but he is convinced that every

"Therefore the Pope has determin

the Spanish government and the si

nificant attitude of Holland and the

principal republics of South America

are not all prepared to follow Presi

dent Wilson's ill-considered lead,

His notes affords a great opportunit

cause of freedom and the cause

bondage stood in ours when Lincoln

invoked upon his abolition edict th

considered judgment of mankind."

The Morning Post animadverts or

"The objects for which the wa: i being fought, says the Morning Post. "seem nothing to him. He takes the

impartial view that both sides claim to be right and both profess to be

validity of these claims and profes

sions he does not trouble to con-

"The government of Spain may b supposed to understand better

are probably somewhat nearer

f such action."

intervention at a moment when in-

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tervention means victory for Ger

fighting for the same objects.

what it calls President Wilson's an

parent anxiety for peace on any

initiative is destined to failure un

Monk of Mystery, Recently Killed

HIS DEATH

By Violence Gives Rise to All Manner of Stories

By Courier Leased Wire. lish all conceivable versions of the gory Rasputin, some of them decorcoloring of an Arabian Nights' adpeace is obtained beforehand.

venture. Comment also is made Therefore the Pope has de freely on the life and influence of the dead monk. It is stated that ation or good offices or collaboration viewed while separated Professor Milkuoff and Vladimir N. toward an exchange of views, as Union of True Russians have received numerous telegrams of appreciation for their action in being first to say, is not based on the fact that to call the attention of the country to call the attention of the country to call the attention of the country the is disinterested himself, but on forcibly to the evil influences at the contrary on the conviction that work, chief of which is declared to to attempt the role of peacemaker have been that of Rasputin. would be worse than useless unless The Bourse Gazette, however, de-

rides the tendency to exaggerate the governments of the nations at Rasputin's importance in Russian war spontaneously reach the conpolitics and states that it is a mistake to regard him as symbolic o conditions in the country or consider the fall as a changing point i discusses Rasputin's influence over important officials and names sons, including several ministers, who not only owed their appointment to the monk's patronage, but Times says editorially: were in daily contact with him, "This wise and dign

seeking his advice. "His counsel was asked in every matter," says The Reich, "and noavalanches and hurricanes. It has been necessary to line most of the his hand what they wanted to get. and wet, to build buts for the second made hs career possible and allowed every resolution recently passed in the duma to contain the phrase "dark forces."

# TORONTO LEADS

Total of 178,000 Men Enlist ed in Canada During Past Year

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Jan. 3.—During the year Referring to Spain's reply, The just closed 178,537 men were reof war. In the last fortnight 2.517 realities of the situation, since it is men enrolled, a decrease of 700 in comparison with the preceding two gle, but inspired by principles which

Figures by military districts since reality." Toronto 85,384; Kingston-Ottawa 41,204; London 31,325; Montreal, 33.993; Quebec, 7.729; Manttobas Saskatchewan 77,254; British Columbia 37,757; Alberta, 34,517; Maritime provinces 34,802.

In the last fortnight the totals City Council.

Citing its Washington advices the the Municipal service expressed the there is a strong feeling in the United States in support of President Wilson, The Post sees a danger that this sentiment the post of the City Council.

In the last fortnight the totals the service in the City Council.

## Torpedoed

London, Jan. 4—The French Steamer Leon of 653 tons gross, has been torpedoed. The crew was landed.

22 DROWNED IN COLLISION Courier Leased Wir

London, Jan. 4 .-- A Central News espatch from Amsterdam says that second cabin passengers, including 22 women and children were drown-nearly a score of prospective Scotch ed through the sinking of a ferry boat in a collision on the Mosell: boat in a collision on the Mosell's sheets. Perfect goods, no holes, no tears, no dirt—but clean—just as you would have them and the prices according to size, from \$1.49 to \$1.

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Number Invalided Home From Prison Camp In a **Dying Condition** 

ATROCITIES

Criticized Further Committed by the Huns in Their Treatment of Prisoners

cable)—The attitude of the Pops toward the recent efforts for peace, including the overtures of the Central powers and President Wilson's suggestions were because of the Pops to-call the Hague, Jan. 4.—via London 12:15 p.m.—The gestions, may be explained as fallows, according to a statement of Carding to a statement of Carding dasparri, the papal secretive descriptions of state to a Cardina secre-Germany, who have been in-"The Holy Father unconditionally valided from the camp at Petrograd, Jan. 3.—Via London— approves every initiative toward Soltan, Prussia, has been lowed the near the peace upon principle, as all his efforts are directed toward shortening the given to the Associated Press. Those persons were gory Rasputin, some of them decorated with the dramatic touches and coloring of an Arabian Mights' and coloring of an Ara dying condition. A number ed not to intervene unless his medi- of them who were inter-Pudishkevich, vice president of the prelude to a discussion of peace con- from each other agreed in ditions, is solicited by both groups their stories of conditions

Seventy of the Belgians were sent war spontaneously reach the con-three days and three nights for the journey, which usually is made by express trains in six hours. They London, far 1 Further criticisms diston, coughing the greater number of President Wilson's note are print- of them, bearing evidence of having

#### connection with Spain's refusal of the overtures from Washington, and the "This wise and dignified action of

Had a Good Year and Will **Nearly Meet Expenses** show that the independent neutrals

> Mr. W. R. Turnbull the New Chairman

stood. We trust it will be greatly
used so that the contrast between our
used so that the contrast between our
year of the Brantford Street Railunion and the ends of our enemics way Commissioners took place last stands out sharp and clear in Ameri- evening. Mr. Hartman who has been can eyes as a contrast between the chairman since the inauguration o



MR. W. R. TURNBULL ast evening appointed Chairman of Board of Railway Commissioners

In the last fortnight the totals terests of the Allies.

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"There is danger of an attempt," ural meeting of the City Council. a most unhappy situation. For neutrals to renounce the custom of supplying belligerent nations with munitions in the ordinary course of trade including sinking fund, interest on

would be a breach of neutrality, and bonds, etc. would be a breach of neutrality, and would in fact be an act of war in disguise. It is therefore important that neutrals should realize not only the possible but the logical consequences of such action."

The showing cannot be regarded as otherwise than very satisfactory and the Commissioners and Municipal Railway staff in general deserve to be warmly congratulated. Instead of a more or less broken The paper expresses the hope that the allies are as anxious for peace as President Wilson, but cannot tolerate equate service with modern equipment.

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