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## CERMANY MAY NOW MEDITATE INVASION OF SWITZERLAND

German Forces at Verdun Shattered by Latest French Offensive

### GERMANY NOW MEDITATES VIOLATION OF SWITZERLAND

Warning to the En. TEUTONS tente Powers Sounded by Leading French Journal

**OTHER DANGER** 

If Peace is Refused, Germany Will Plead Law of Neccessity

Paris, Dec. 18—(New York Times cable)—The Temps, in a leading editorial to-night headed "The other danger," suggests that the German peace man-oeuvre possibly hides prepara-tions for a further crime in the violation of Switzerland. It says that Germany will be able to say that the whole world was warned that if the Allies refuse peace they must accept the conse-quences that will base her action on the dictum that necessity knows no law, which was the ex-cuse for the violation of Bel-

gium.

"After fruitless tactical successes," it says, "Germany is ready to do anything for a strategic decision. It is incontestable that the unlawful violent acts Germany threatens as calculated any species of her psuedo-peace proposals, justify this anxiety. If Germany thinks it necessary to destroy the rights of neutrals in order to obtain a decision, she will neither shrink nor hesitate.

"The right here is not platonic."

. The risk here is not platonic, it is immediate. The Allies must she has everything to fear from her German neighbor, and knows the value of a Berlin

Will Not Mediate

Rome, Dec. 17, via Paris, Dec. 18.

—Pope Benedict has no intention of attempting to mediate among the beligerents at present, according to a statement issued to-day by the Vatican. The statement says that neither the pope nor the Holy See have made or wish to make any comment regarding Germany's peace proposals, and that therefore any announcements attributed to them are absolutely unfounded. It is added that the Pope naturally has an ardent desire for peace, but that he does not believe that any intervention at the present moment would hasten its conduction.

CARPETBALL

Two games were staged in the kinds, as on the last occasion on which Douaumont was recounter between the 215th battalion Team No. 1 and the Sons of England, Team No. 2 aptained respectively by Pte. Bert Fulcher and Thos. Brown. This game was one of the most intensely exciting of the entire season, the soldiers finally winning the encounter soldiers finally winning the encounter should be appeared to the city engineer this morning to of the city engineer this morning to Mr. Wm. H. Force, for the erection of a frame garage at 80 Victoria St. Lee refereed the game.

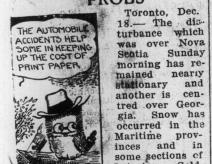
The 215th battalion Team No. 2 went down to defeat at the hands of the Royal Templars of Temperance by a score of 58-77. Thos Money refereeing. A. B. Lee captained the winners.

The net result of several resolutions introduced in the chamber of deputies regarding the German peace offer, and a prolonged discussion among the senators and deputies wa the decision by the legislators that no peace would be accepted unless in accordance with national aspirations and the rights of peoples based on the principles of nationality. If such a peace is impossible to obtain diplomatically, it was declared that it must be obtained by victory of

Kaiser at Front
New York, Dec. 18.—A New York
Times despatch from Berlin via Say-

ville, says: "Following on the heels of the peace offer and the general army or-der regarding it, the Kaiser has started on an inspection tour of the west front, partly, it is understood, 'to thank the heroic troops for hold-

PROBS



mained nearty stationary and another is centred over Georgia. Snow has occurred in the Maritime prov-inces and in some sections of Ontario. Cold Ontario. weather prevails from Manitoba

Scotia morning has re-

"Zimmie"

Strong north and northwest winds; local snow flurries, but generally fair and decidedly cold tonight and on Tuesday.

man Advance In Roumania

London, Dec. 18.—2.10 p.m.

The Teutonic offensive in floumania has been arrested by the Russian fire, the Russian war office announces. The statement, as intercepted by the British Admiralty and collected by the Wireless Press, was made public to-day.

ing out against the two mightiest enemies, thereby covering the rear of the troops in the East and makenemy received a very heavy

and demonstrates that Germany has a will to fight to a victorious finish in them, but they are not numercase the peace offer is rejected.'

Germany Hopes

present moment would hasten its refereeing. A. B. Lee captained the

that could not be filled.

Courier Christmas

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"Went like hot cakes," is the old saw, but hot cakes were like icicles alongside of the manner in which The Courier Christmas number was snapped

Every regular subscriber received a copy without charge and in addition there was a very large extra

edition. The number proper—that is the complete

issue with two colored sections was sold out by

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mense amount of readable matter.

The Courier hereby acknowledges the many warm

Realizing at the last moment how abnormal the

Record Demand

Morale of Enemy Badly Broken; French STARVATION PROMPTED Drive Comes as Answer to German Overtures For Peace

London, Dec. 18.—The morning papers comment with enthusiasm on the French victory at Verdun and pay the heartiest tributes to French leadreship, valor and skill. TOTAL OF The opportunity is taken to re-discuss the peace offer in the light of this blow inflicted CHECKED on the Germans, which is regarded as demonstrating that the latter's morale is seriously undermined. It is also claimed that the battle puts the actual position as between the Central Powers and the Allies in a truer perspective than that afforded Over 11,000 German Capby the Teutonic successes in Roumania.

"It comes at the right moment as a pledge and earnestness of allied success. We can imagine no more eloqueent answer to Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg than that furnished by General Nivelle's victory."

Premier to Announce Po-

To-morrow

licy of Government

Courier Lessed Wire.
London, Dec. 18,—10.08 u.m.

Premier Lloyd-George was

(By G. H. Perris)
With the French Army near
Verdun, Dec. 17. The great battle of Verdun, where the French army struck, was another deadly stroke at the forces still nominally commanded by the German Crown Prince. The ing possible the splendid successes in Roumania and providing grounds for a basis of victory which enabled the peace offer to be made.' "The Kaiser also will hold that the readiness to make peace means also a readiness to continue the war open fear of our allies. There

case the peace offer is rejected."

"The Kaiser is accompanied by the Crown Prince. He held three troop reviews near Mulhausen yesterday, making 'fervent addresses, which were marked as much by their popular form as their far-going content."

Germany Hopes

them, but they are not numerous enough to sustain the weak stuff that has been mixed with them.

Allies Warfare More Scientific Decline of the morale is marked. Their organization is much better this morning, and his secretary said that he would certainly make the promised statement in the House of Com-By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 18.— 3.43 p.m.—
Chancellor of the Exchequer A.

Bonar Law definitely announced in New York, Dec. 18—A wireless to he Tribune from Berlin via Sayville no new resources or quality to says:

The Course European peace offering was exceedingly well accepted by Germany's population, though the majority fears that the new British cal science, in which our French cabinet is not yet ready for peace. The Stock Exchange is rather optimistic, selling war favorites and buying "peace" securities, such as the shares of navigation companies. The Stock Exchange is now replaced by the sudden and rapid drop of reichsmark exchange is now replaced by the statement that the increase of material attention of the Exchequer A. Bonar Law definitely announced in the House of Commons this after the House of Commons the Indian the House of Commons the House of Commons

only result so far has been to increase their losses of all

ent year this evening, in the city hall. The final meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday evening, Let Broadbent show you suggest- and if necessary will be come for his present.

rapid rise in Holland and Switzer-land, proving that such change is often caused by trifles.

in strength, perhaps because report submitted recently by the Medical Health Officer and the city be trusted to resist at all. The engineer upon the waterworks system ville, Louvemont and Bezonof the report.

Suspenders— garters— arm bands—neatly boxed—separately or in

Pepper Hill, Verdun Front, Dec. 155, Chantily, Dec. 16 .-(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press)-A short, sharp battle brought to the French today their third smashing victory within a per-iod of two months in the vicinity of Verdun. Every objective point of the French Commanders was obtained with chrono

metric certainty. Although the Germans offered a desperate defence, they were like soft clay in the hands squeezed them into any shape they liked and only ceased to handle them when their own

soners poured into the French lines during the day, including 200 officers, and large groups are still arriving. The total count already is 7,500. The latest French official statement says the number of prisoners by Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 18.—11.30 a.m.—
The first food restriction went into force in England to-day. Hotels and restaurants ate now forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast or luncheon, and three courses for dinner.

Little inconvenience was enced in convenience was exceeds 9,000

are now in French hands.

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WOE IS ME.



Yesterday I was too proud to fight. Today I am too fat to fight

# GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS

tured By French In Three Days

Paris, Dec. 18.—2.10 p.m.—
French forces have taken a total of 11,387 German prisoners on the Verdun front since the 15th of December, acording to the announcement made by the French war office this afternoon.

A violent German counterattack on the Meuse has resulted in German forces asserting a

ed in German forces securing a footing at the Chambrettes Farm.

of the French troops, who Three Course Dinners Are Highest Allowed in

cabinet is not yet ready for peace.
The Stock Exchange is rather optimistic, selling war favorites and buying "peace" securities, such as the shares of navigation companies. The shares of navigation companies. The sudden and rapid drop of reichsmark exchange is now replaced by the rapid rise in Holland and Switzer-land, proving that such change is

The regular Sunday afternoon service in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. was in charge of Mr. A. G. Olive yesterday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. W. H. Wrighton, of the Park Baptist church, who based his remarks on the subject, "Christ is a light to our feet and a lamp unto our path." Dur-ing the service a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Agnes, Heath.

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Economic Condition of Central Empire Very Bad

ACUTE CRISIS

Is Impending Unless Peace Comes Almost Inmediately

London, Dec. 18 .- (New

York Sun Cable) -The correspondent of The Times at Amsterdam telegraphs as follows

under Sunday's date:
"The fact emerges with increasing distinctness, from examination of the circumstances attending the German peace proposals that unless peace is obtained the economic condition of the Central Empires is such as to threaten an accute domestic crisis.

"It is announced in the German ess that after January 1, no more half a course and for the two other courses diners, have the choice of fish, entrees or roasts with vegetables and deserts. Cheese with bread and butter or crackers is not counted as a course.

The meatless day which is expected to follow shortly will prove a more difficult problem for restaurants which make a specialty of roasts.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

The regular Sunday afternoon services of the course of

hoped to derive from the supplies taken in Roumania. The Cologne Gazette learns from Berlin that in the most favorable circumstances only 1,000,000 tons of barley can be obtained from Roumania. Assuming that the whole quantity will not be employed as a substitute for breadstuffs, the shortage in the most favorable circumstances will be 500,-000.

on the service a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Agnes, Heath.

GROUP SUPPER.

The final group supper of the junior Department of the Y.M.C.A. was held in the rooms of the junior department on Friday night, when the usual good time was enjoyed by all who turned out. The hostesses for the evening were Mesdames, Loughhead, Calbeck, Ogilvie, Dowling, Sanderson, Malcolm and Mrs. Dr. Hart.

### Entente Beaten, But Will Not Realize It

German General Cannot Understand Intellectual Neurosis of the Enemies of The Central Powers.

Baron von Freytag-Lorringhoven victorious power that our offer of continues: of tinues: 'Our vital force is in no wise ex- purest humanity.'

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—via London, Dec. 18.—"Among the many new phenomena in this war." writes Lieut-Gen. Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven, vice-chief of the general staff, in a newspaper article, "the most singular is the intellectual neurosis en masse among our enemies. With a few isolated exceptions their newspapers and statesmen, despite defeats and flascos without number suffered by their forces, speak still of nothing but victory and put forth demands in shrill contrast with their military and economic position."

Referring to Germany's position, Baron von Freytag-Lorringhoven