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EUROPE.**GERMANY.**

THE Wilhelmstrasse was at first extremely reticent about the revolution in Argentina, saying only that the welcome extended to the new Government by the United States necessarily raised doubts. On the 6th, however, comment took a more optimistic turn. Argentina would remain neutral, General Rawson had condemned Communism; in fact, the revolution was a purely internal affair. On the 7th Schmidt was still saying that the significance of the change could not yet be assessed, but on the 10th Germany's recognition of the new Government was announced. This step had been taken, it was said, because it was Germany's policy to refrain from intervention in the purely domestic affairs of other countries. In general it appeared that the Wilhelmstrasse was not particularly well informed about the character of the events in progress.

The war situation, as portrayed by German propaganda, resembles one of those chess problems in which any move by black enables white to mate him. White must therefore find an opening move which preserves all the advantages of the situation and has the one object of making it black's turn to play; he must do what a Stuttgart paper said the Axis forces in Africa had done ever since El Alamein, "force the initiative upon the enemy." "The characteristic feature of the present military situation is waiting, and we can wait," wrote the *Frankfurter Zeitung* on the 10th; and it added that, on the western and southern fronts, as in the east, "it is equally obscure who is waiting for whom." This waiting breeds speculation, and most of it reveals that it is the Germans who are waiting for the blow to be struck by the other side. The military correspondent of *D.N.B.* saw three possibilities: a Second Front on the fringes of Europe, a Soviet offensive, or both at once. Any of these "would bring Germany's potential weight into play surprisingly quickly." The analogy of the chess problem fits well, except that in chess black cannot make two moves at once, and this aspect of the situation is generally avoided. The phrase "Second Front" is rarely used, and invasion is discussed rather as if it would be an isolated operation. Another slight change of tone