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# DISCUSSION OF PEACE IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT TERMS

# Russians Halt Enemy In Rumania---Rumanian Army Safe---11,000 Prisoners Taken By French

A SYMPHONIC FROST

NO MATTER .

HOW OFTEN ?

PLAY THIS ONE .

### HALT TEUTONIC DRIVE BY FIRE OF CZAR'S MEN

Russians Stop Enemy in the Region of Fillipechti, Says Petrograd.

GAIN IN WEST, TOO

Ridge Taken in Valley of Uz, While East of Glaschutte 200 Men Taken.

London, Dec. 18 .- The Teutonic offensive in Rumania has been arrested by the Russian fire, the Rusplan war office announces. The statement, as intercepted by the British admiralty and collected by the Wireless Press was made public today as follows:

"On the Rumanian front, in the region west and southwest of Romniku-Sarat, our scouts made reconnaissances.

"in the region of the Filipechti rallway station and in the region of Dihbatogu the offensive of the enemy was arrested by our fire."

London, Dec. 18 .- Today's Russian of-

The enemy has been driven back from companies which he occupied yesterday eign secretary's room by Lord Robert in the region of Porsk. Our position is again restored. In the region of Boliminister, Mr. Balfour having just staridura an enemy bailoon was carried be-hind our lines by the wind. No informa-No Reference to

the region of Serbutov, our scouts dis-persed a large German party and cap- no reference to the question of peace,

of the village of Glashutte we captured contents of the envelope." several heights and three officers and 501 soldiers and one machine gun. En- British cabinet tomorrow, it being re-

an front is recorded in today's comleation from army headquarters,

### BULGARIA COUNTS HER

the same channel the message was presented to flegium and Portugal, also without comment. The Netherlands minister tendered the peace proposals to Serbia in behalf of Bulgaria.

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"hTe total casualties to date are inconsiderable, a large proportion of the wounds being slight."

Need of Coalition Rule. probable, and through which Bulgaria Similar to Speech.

Dow is given satisfaction for her sufferings of three years ago, have caused this victory to occasion unusual re-

#### LASTING PEACE MOVE WITHIN NEXT 90 DAYS

Enemy Representative, Predicts This.

New York, Dec. 18 .- Leopold Zimmermann, head of the firm of Zimmermann & Forshay, personal representatives in this country of German govern-

statement vesterday saving in part. The most delicate phase of the moveent to end the war has been passed. The foe has been broken, and it but renains for the excitement of the situastated reliably that among the rulers

I have every reason to believe amercial activities are being encour aged with this view in mind.

#### ALBERTA PHOCTANG SAY "FIGHT ON"

Cable to Duma President to Secure independence,

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 18 .- A convenion held here of 250 Russians from Alberta and Saskatchewan sent a cable. gram to the president of the Russian Duma urging the continuation of th ence of Poland, Serbia and Clavonia :as ben secured and until Carpathian Russia, now under control of Austria, has theen incorporated in the Russian Em-

## UNTIL GERMANY ANNOUNCES PEACE TERMS, CONFERENCE WITH ALLIES IS IMPOSSIBLE

Britain Receives Note Today, Through American Ambassador, But It Contains No Terms - Statements of Enemy Will Be Chailenged - Germans Seeking Conference.

London, Dec. 18 .- The Westminster Gazette, which all along as held strongly to the opinion that the German peace proposal should receive a serious reply, commenting today on the statenent that the note contains no

"If the German note contains no details, and is merely a repe-tition of Chancellor von Bethnann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag the prospect of any immediate result is exceedingly slight."

NOTE ARRIVES.

London, Dec. 18 .- The peace note of British Government today by United the absence of A. J. Balfour, the for-eign secretary, he presented the note to Lord Robert Cecil, under-secretary

There were no formalities in connection with the presentation of the peace sador went in an automobile from the No Reference to Peace.

tion regarding its descent has been re- The note was inclosed in a large General Maude's Force imwhite envelope. It was handed by Am simply thanking Mr. Page for the trans-"In the valley of the River Uz our mission of the message from the Cen-

emy counter-attacks on the occupied ceived too late today to enable the

Claims Needed First.

to the Entente Allied governments has now practically been accomplished. River and consolidated the line Mas- alent to 1,500,000 tons of cereals com-Talks of Rumania's Virtual Extinction While the British foreign office was re- gasis-Kall-Haji-Fahan, while the en- pared to last year.

stantially the same as given in the speech made in the Reichstag by Chanellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, and withut containing any specific indication

circles that the note was uniformly precommunication so that the neutral inermediaries would act only as for-

warding agents, at least at the outset. Will Show General Attitude. House of Commons Tuesday is expected to show the general attitude of the Deleted, the Nethtis was again lost on pleted, the Nethtis was again lost on this time, and i deprecate more than I believe Government. There are the can say the unwarranted use of my can say the unwarrant British Government. Thereafter ex-changes between the Entente Allies will made it impossible for the tug to re-

upon Germany will not be permitted to unchallenged, and that as a matter of historical record Germany's part in the events leading to the war will be clearly shown. What is termed by Brit-ish officials as Germany's methods of ation, women and children, particularly

tente Allied Governments the number of Belgians deported has reached 120,000. Germany Seeking Conference. While the note as presented makes no eference to a conference there continue scrutiny of the last precedent that the Central Powers was handed to the congress at to close of the Crimean at Vienna in 1854, and proved abortive States Ambassador Page, who called at the foreign office early in the day. In finally settled the terms was held at

likely to be pointed out.

### BRITISH ADVANCE ON KUT-EL-AMARA STILL PROGRESSING

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The meatless day, which a considerable scale is indicated in to- on the eve of the chancellor's speech favorable circumstances will be 500,000. a specialty of roasts. a considerable scale is indicated in to-day's official report on these operations.

The event in the Reichstag, stated the potato crop this year is 20,000,000 tons, against crop this year is 20,00 It has been ascertained that the note The gain made below Kut-el-Amara last 50,000,000 tons last year. He estimated meat rations in February.

In Official Orders.

Serlin, Dec. 18.—Via Sayville.—In a Berlin, Dec. 18.—Via Sayville.—In a Berlin, Dec. 18.—Via Sayville.—In a limit of the British of the Decial order the commander-in-chief the Swiss minister at Rome has presented the note of the Central Powers to Italy without comment, and through the same channel the message was presented. The Arder says:

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CREW IS RESCUED

Saltore of Missing Nethtis Brought to New York.

thought to have been lost on the bark in a conspiracy against the honored and there is increased catarrh in the Nethtis, separated from the tug Garibaldi during a storm off the New Jersey leadership of Sir Robert Borden, from lungs, coast on a voyage north from Brazii, whom I hold my portfolio and to whom Grand Duke of Baden. She is 54 years were rescued yesterday by the Italian I am bound by the of the closest per- old and the mother of three sons,

Premier Lloyd George's speech in the douse of Commons Tuesday to award again, until, with less than 60 miles of again, until again, unt determine the nature of the joint reply, cover her tow and the bark's crew was but informal conferences already have given up as lost. The Nethtia was be-prepared much of the ground. It is understood the assertion made in the a steam vessel.

### RUMANIAN ARMY SAFE IN BESSARABIA, WHERE the first on or an early peace. I think that by the end of 90 days, the likerents will be well on the way to

Country's defenders Prepare for Further Operations-To Stop Foe on Danube Marshes Is New Plan.

received in Paris last night, says the Petit Parisien. The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sereth River at Jassy and in Bessarabla, where they are being regrouped and refitted in view of further operations. The entire Rumanian front is now stated to be

After the Bucharest-Ploechti line was lost, the story says, the Russlans sent divisions and forces of cavalry to support the retross of

The Russians offered strong resistance to the Germans in the region of Buzeu, so as to permit ongineers to construct a defensive front between Rimnik Sarat and the Danube marshes on which front, it is stated, the Russians intend to stop the advance of the in-



### ACUTE DOMESTIC CRISIS THREATENS ALL ENEMY POWERS IF NO PEACE

German Food Resources Being Rapidly Exhausted, and the FOOD RESTRICTIONS OF Slaughtering of Stock in February Will Bring But Temporary Relief.

of the Times at Amsterdam telegraphs has proved unsatisfactory for breadmas follows under Sunday's date:

"The fact emerges with increasing less is a valuable food substance when as follows under Sunday's date:

"The fact emerges with increasing suitably treated. Oatmeal will also be of heights, taking three officers and 25 The two diplomats spent a short Small Parties of Arabs Driven circumstances attending the German

day disclosed the facts that the Turks will be employed in bread-making. Its impracticable."

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18 .- Sir Thomas White, minister of finance, who is in Cable) .- A Stockholm dispatch to the this evening, handed the following statement to the press today:

"The charges made in this morning's

ship Sardegna, which brought them to sonal friendship, are odious beyond this port today.

Several times the line parted, but the tradiction. Speaking for myself only, tradiction. Speaking for myself only, minister of Canada has my admiration. confidence and full support nous and trying duties to which he inreservedly devoting his strength and

Lieus, L. G. Hutton Killed in Action-Belonged to 99th.

fficer, Lieut. Lincoln G. Hutton, for- prisoners were also taken. merly of the 99th (Essex) Battalion, made the supreme sacrifice while fighting for King and country in France this Gievgali-Chernitse road..."

His father, Frank Hutton, Ouelette avenue, received word Saturday morning that Lieut. Hutton had fied of wounds. No particulars surrounding the young officer's death were contained in the official message.

Lieut. Hutton was 23 years of age. He qualified for his commission a little

broken up and sent sents of the bands of the Danish steamship seized to the let Battation. derred to the 1st Battation

London, Dec. 13.—The correspondent place will be taken by barley, which

It should be noted that peace proposal, that unless peace is obtained the economic condition of the cereal to make up the deficiency it Little inconvenience was the village of Glashutte we captured contents of the envelope."

The note will be considered by the contral empires is such as to threaten and one machine gun. Encircled the counter-attacks on the occupied eights were repelled.

"Caucasian front: The situation is unable undered."

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> The gain made below kut-el-Amera last contains no terms and the impression prevalls in official circles that until these are disclosed a conference is tm-these are disclosed as conference is the disclosed The presentation of the German note Maude extended his hold over the Hai 600 tons, there remains a deficit equiveals harvest amounted only to 3,500, slaughtering is the impossibility of these facts is undoubtedly the chief

#### SWEDEN'S QUEEN NOW REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

cording to Official Announcement,

the city for the Massey Hall meeting Morning Post, dated Saturday, reads: grown worse during the week. Her New York, Dec. 18.-The twelve men | Liberal press, that I have been engaged | majesty's temperature has risen slightly

### RAID OF BRITISH FORCE

Trench Attack Succeeds.

and airplanes operations by the British on the Macedonian front, are reported in today's official statement regarding operations in the war area. The state-"British troops successfully raided

enemy trenches in the Peznater district on the Struma front and Brest, or Lake Loiran on Saturday and Sunday. Windsor, Dec. 18 .- Another Windsor Forty enemy dead were counted, and "Our airplanes dropped bombs on the Tumba station and inflicted dam-

age upon enemy transports on the

#### UNDER REPRISALS ORDER

Court,

president of the British prize court, ruled today that German bonds come niore than a year ago and was one of the officers who assisted in whipping the 19th Battalion into shape. He was horn in Windsor and educated in the under the reprisals order and that Gerremain in court as property of enemy origin until the declaration of peace

### FRENCH "BAG" IN OFFENSIVE TAKEN AT VERDUN REPRESENTS 11,387 PRISONERS; 115 CANNON

### PEACE MANOEUVRE **CLOAK TO PREPARE** SWISS VIOLATION

This is Paris Temps' Warning of Germany's Threat If Offer Is Refused.

Paris, Dec. 18 .- New York Times cable: The Temps, in a leading editorial onight headed "The Other Danger," uggests that the German peace manoeuvre possibly hides preparations for a further crime in the violation of Switzerland. It says that Germany be able to say that the world was warned that if the Allies refused peace they must accept the consequences, and will base her action on the dictum that necessity knows no law, which was the excuse for the violation of Belgium.

"After fruitless tactical successes," i says, "Germany is ready to do anycontestable that the unlawful violen consequences of her pseudopeace prothinks it necessary to destroy the rights of neutrals in order to obtain a decision she will neither shrink nor hesitate.
"The risk here is not platonic; it mediate. The Allies must not ignor Switzerland knows she has every ning to fear from her German neigh-ors and knows the value of a 'Berlin

## BRITAIN START TODAY

Reduction in Hotel and Restaurant

London, Dec. 13.—The first food restriction went into force in England of Commons this afternoon that Premier headquarters, General Nivelia, in taking leave of his staff, spoke as follows: Menus Commences. today. Hotels and restaurants are now Lloyd George would be present

Little inconvenience was experienced On Saturday the Weekly Dispatch est degree its morale and material asmeed the greatest difficulties.

Entente Allies' peace terms, and will

Outfought Five Divisions.

The meatless day, which is expected leav Germany under no doubt conThe builtin issued by the war office

#### NAVIGATION CLOSING

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 18 .- With the ar- of o dock today from Toledo with coal, ly state their peace proposals. agvigation on Lake Superior will close. house, coal laden, docked yesterday and conference is in session all the beilig-reported much difficulty in arriving in erents will be allowed to continue miliort because of heavy gales and ice. he weather department advised against further navigation last Friday, and no boats have left Duluth since. It is ticle on the peace proposals, says:

Victory Greater Than at First Reported, and German Counter-Attacks To Gain Lost Ground Fail, With Exception of Small Terrain Lost in Chambrettes, Says Paris,

11.387 PRISONERS.

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

A violent German counter-attack on the Meuse has resulted in German forces securing a footing at the Chambrettes Farm.

### LLOYD GEORGE ANSWERS PEACE MOVE TUESDAY

British Premier Will Make His Promised Statement on Tuesday.

WILL LEAVE NO DOUBTS

Despite German Statement of International Council, Allied Terms Will Be Given.

London, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd George was much better this morning and his secretary said that he would certainly make the promised statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Telegraphing from Copenhagen the the sector of the Chambrette farm. correspondent of the Exchange Tele-

"A conference will be held at The Hagus about January 15. While the tighting, and prisoners from each of

tary operations."
The Frankfurter's Views. The Frankfurter Zeitung, in an ar-Continued on Page 11, Column 3,

#### The text follows: South of the River Someon detachment of the enemy which was endeavoring to occupy our lines to the southeast of Berny, has been repulsed with hand grenades. On the right bank of the River Meuse, after the bombardment reported in the communication of

yesterday. German forces delivered a violent counter-attack yesterday evening upon our new positions. They succeeded, however, only in securing a footing at a point on the Chambrettee' farm. We continue to hold the immediate surroundings of this location. Elsewhere the

of this location. Esswhere the night passed in quiet.

"The number of prisoners taken by since the 15th of December on the Verdun front is at present, according to the latest counting, it,—387, including 204 officers. The war material captured or destroyed Includes 115 cannon, 44 boms throwers, and 117 machine guns."

VICTORY CERTAIN. Paris, Dec. 17.—General Nivelle, re-ently appointed commander-in-chief of the armies in the north and northeast, was present with General Petain, com-mander of the French forces in the Solssons-Verdun sector, in the successful operations on December 15, north of

a victory which will make these terms enemy artillery counter-shelled by is, bombarded our new lines at Vauche-Arrival of Bulk Freighter at Duluth To-day Winds it Up.

Correspondent of the Examples of the Frankfur-ter Zeitung as saying:

Correspondent of the Examples "Germany does not want a cessation Meuse and the Woevre district, were fighting but merely a conference victorious over at least five German builth, Minn, Dec. 18.—With the are at which all the belligerents shall open-divisions. All the regiments of these German divisions took part in the them are now in our hands.

> "In the region of Chauvoncourt & surprise attack resulted in our bringing back prisoners. noitering party which attempted west of the Navarin farm road, north attack directed against our trenches near Chauvoncourt failed under our

Successes Elsewhere.

The bulletin of the campaign issued by the war office Saturday night reads: "On the right bank of the Meuse They progressed in the Caurieres wood and captured the village of Benzonvaux yesterday. At the close of the lay a violent German atack directed against our positions on Cute du Poi epper Hill) was brought up short by

Prisoners Exceed 9,000. "We have maintained in its entirety our new front. Prisoners continue to be brought back, the number exceeding 9.000, of which 250 are officers. The Continued on Page 11, Column 6,

#### THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Pollowing were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 21; lowest, 3.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 16; lowest, zero.

TOMORROW-COLDER, Toronto, Dec. 18-9 a.m.

Forecasts. Strong north and northwest winds, local snowflurries, but generally fair, and decidedly cold tonight and on Tues-

The following were the highest and owest temperatures for the 24 hours

Stations. High. Low. Victoria ...... 42 Calgary ..... 24 Buffalo ..... 28 Kingston ..... Ottawa ...... 16 Montreal ..... 12 Quebec ...... 16 Father Point .. 18

Weather Notes. The disturbance which was over Nove sections of Ontario. Cold weather pro-

walls from Manitoba eastward,

## that, in places of highest authority. Rusisans Alone Holding Invaders Back, While Brave Little army is now safe, according to news

held by the Russians alone.

the Rumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible, assured of the possibility of reforming behind the shelter of the Russians, and continued the withdrawal with. out halting until the Sereth was

Battalion in England, where it was or until dealt with as the court might broken up and sent across to the firing direct subsequently. The securities were

Has Grown Worse During Week, Ac-

London, Dec. 18 .- (N. Y. World "An official announcement states that the condition of Queen Victoria has

'Sweden's queen is the sister of the

### SUCCESSFUL MACEDONIAN

Coupled With Airplane Operatione,

London, Dec. 18 .- Successful raiding

papers and statesmen, despite defeats and flascos without number German Cash Taken by British Prize suffered by their forces, speak still of nothing but victory, and put forth

London, Dec. 18 .- Sir Samuel Evans.

the Tribune from Berlin says:

### PEACE FROM MANY VIEWPOINTS

American Writer Says Britain Will Fight to Last Man-Allied Peace Laws Called "Intellectual Neurosis" by German-Ex-President of United States Sees No Possibilities for Immediate Peace. French Socialists Recommend Opening of Negotiations.

WILL FIGHT TO LAST MAN. New York, Dec. 18 .- Arthur S. Draper, in a cable dispatch to the

London, Dec. 17 .- 19 has now be-

ome certain that sooner than leave Germany in her present position, with ability to consummate her "Mittel Europa" Idea and also to threaten India, Britain will fight to the last man. Under present conditions there can be no thought of The peace arrangements now be-

ing proposed by the German news.

papers, including the suggestion to

January, while the fighting con-

old a conference at The Hague In

tinues, simply infuriate the public CANNOT UNDERSTAND ALLIES. Berlin, via London, Dec. 18 .-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 enmase among our enemies. With a few isolated exceptions their news.

military and economic position. BUYING PEACE SECURITIES. New York, Dec. 18 .- A wireless 80

demands in shrill contrast with their

The Central European peace offer. ng was exceedingly well accepted by Germany's population, though the majority fears that the new British cabinet is not yet ready for peace. The stock exchange is rather optimistic, selling war favorites and buying "peace eccurities," such as

the shares of navigation companies. The sudden and rapid drop of Reichsmark exchange is now replaced by the rapid rise in Holland and Switzerland, proving that such change is often caused by trifles.

WOULD CONSIDER CLAIMS. Paris, Dec. 18.—The Socialist federation of the Paris district has passed a resolution, giving favorable consideration to the possible re. sumption of international Socialist relations with special reference to that clear proposals on an exectly defined basis be submitted by Ger. many and her silles.

The Entente governmente are invited not to reject any peace preposale without serious considers. tion and to submit such proposale to the respective parliaments. to in argued that a summary rofusal would be probably counted upon by the Entente's enemies as a serious blow to the Allies' cause and diminish its moral force. It is further urged that the more the proposais of the central powers are incceptable the greater is the duty of the Allies to denounce them to the

NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT. New York, Dec. 18.-Ex-President Taft, at the close of an address declared that from what he had read f the German peace proposals, he did not believe there was any immediate prospect of a cessation of hostilities.

"There are so many things involved that I believe peace to be far away at the present time," Mr. Taft sald. "One of the most difficult problems is the position of Poland. Then comes the disposition of Bolglum and of Serbla,00