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## FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR

Russian Crisis Still Acute, And
May Provoke Fresh Disorders

Enemy Losses on West Front Too
Heavy to be Accurately Estimated
Tide of Public Opinion Against
Germany Rising Daily Ever Higher

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Slow, Enforced Retreat of The Gemran BRAZIL SHIP

## Armies Continues as Franco-British <br> Beat Down Line After Line of Defences; Teuton Collapse Near

By Courier Leased Wire

The German armies in France are slowly losing ground before the vital question is as to whether their morale can be maintained under terrific pounding to which they are subjected day and night. Apparently the allied commanders have abandoned the policy of sudden thrusts at chosen points and are relying on a constant hammering over a wide front in the belief that sooner or later the iron German ring mus either break or crack. While there is little immediate prospect of sen sational developments in the battle area
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The latest news from Russia indicates that the crisis in that country continues acute and the menace that Russia may either withdraw from the Entente or be plunged into chaos still thro determined as ever the future. The Russian radicals are apparentiy as determined an en en bland and to reject the much reluctance as Berlin to define their precise aims. A conferst as asked ference is projected at which the coalition government will be asked for a frank statement as to its position and there are uncomfortable umors that the Russian radicals intend to attempt the Entente.
On the other side of the account is the rising tide of indignation against Germany in Scandinavia and Spain. The anti-German faction in Sweden has been powerfully reinforced by the action of the Germans in sinking three Swedish grain ships, in violation of their own agreement protest over the sinking of the Spanish steamer Patricio also destroyed while sailing under a German guarantee and the tone of the Spanish press is increasingly peremptory in its demand that Germany be compelled to respect Spanish rights.

What effect the course of events is having on the-German people re mains practically a sealed book. The German censorship is stricter than ever and the little news that trickles across the frontier of the central powers offers scant basis for even-speculation. Apparently the war of he pan-Germans and junkers on Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is ooing merrily on, but there is nothing to indicate what effect it is navng on the Emperor, sole arbiter of the premiers desting. The junkers aim to have enlisted Field Mashat on Julv

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Opposition Is Weakening, and Convention May Result In Amicable Solution of Difficulty; Ireland Given Opportunity of Working Out Its Own Destiny

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