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ainoe hower, to give the assurance that it will never come ptatitig that it it were necessary to preserve the existence of the state he should not hestate to act accordingly.
Under the circumstances the executive appe rabor to thl in the nenational service eceardis appeals to organke P. M. Draper, secretary, James Simpson, and R. A. Rigs, M.P Tice-presidents, reads as follows.

Prime Ministers office Dear Sirs: with reference to our interview of this morning
Trepeat once more that the proposals tor national service are
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$0 \%$ which he owes allegiance. brtan and france agred upon repty.

ONDDN, Dec. 28.- Britain and France have fully agree apon the terms of the reply to be made to the pace proposa
of the Teutonic alliee, the Associated Press learned at the fo ign ofice today, It is hoped here that the answer may be des
atched by the end of this week, but other nations of the en tente, although agreed in principle, may require
tions which would necessitate further delag.
It is expected that once this reply has been tormarded, th
response to President Wilson's note will follow very shortly. sponse to President Wilson's note wil follow very shortly,
Rusidis's reply to the German peace proposals was tele zraphed Monday to the Freneh Government, says a Reite fapatect fom Petrograd. If tadds that the swiss minister hise
seizure is made of stolen mickel. Nity MONTREAL, Dec. 28.-Two tons of scrap metal have bee
selread by the Dominion olice in Montreal on the premises
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nine peopple in Quebec are under arrest.
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russia wanis final victory berore peace. PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.- In the course of an order issued to
the units of the Russian army, dated Dec, 25, the Emperior in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies and the central powers
are being gradually removed with the result that the enemy re being gradually removed with the result that the enemy
trength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her alies is continually growing, proceeds, to say: "Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near and violations of the moral law. As in the time of her strength she
declared war, so now feeling her weakness near she suddenly offers to enter upon peace negotiations, desiring to complete such negotiations before her military talent is exhausted. "At the same time she is creating a false impression about modern warfare.".
Arguing that the allies are entitled to choose a favorable our for peace negotiations just as Germany chose a favorable hour for declaring war, the order says: "This time has not ar-
rived. The enemy has not been driven out of the provinces he has occupied. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the
war-regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles, as well as war-regarding Constantinople and the Dardanelles, as well as
te creation of a free Poland-has not been guaranteed. To conclude peace at this moment would mean failure to utilize the
fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and fleet. fruits of the untold trials of the heroic Russian troops and lleet.
Who dares to think that he who brought about this war shal
have it in his power to conclude the war at any time he likes."

## germany ready to state terms

WASHINGTON, Déc. 28.-In spite of the wide gulf between
he insistence of the central powers for an immediate peace con erence and the forecast of an unanimous refusal by the entente allies to enter such a conference without knowing Germany's
terms in advance, the American Government believes that the negotiations in progress are resulting in good.
Count von Bernstorts authorized the Associated Press to make the following state"I regard the note of my goverment as constituting an ac
ceptance of everything suggested by President Wilson in his note to the belligerent nations of Europe",
It was made clear at the embassy that It was made clear at the embassy that Germany stands
ready to make known her terms on the first day of any conference that may be held, and officials expressed themselves as be-
ing greatly surprised at the view prevailing in some quarters ing greatly surprised at the view prevailing in some quarters
that the Berlin government had failed to meet the president's
suggestions by not setting down in the report the terms upon suggestions by not setting down in
which it is willing to make peace.
german reply to wilson a trap to avert hun defeat.
LONDON, Dec. 28.-The London morning papers generally
eegard Germany's reply to President Wilson as no reply at all but a renewed effort to trap the entente into a conference at an inopportume moment for the latter with a view to averting de-
feat of the central powers. foe small attacks break down: french mines caused great damage.
PARIS, Dec. 28.-The Wat office announces, that French
roops last night repulsed small attacks near Lechenoy on the troops last night repulsed small attacks near Lechenoy, on the
Somme and upon the eastern slope of Hill 304 west of the Meuse in the Verdun region. Mines, sprung by the French near Beuv-
ragnes on the Somme front, it is added, caused great damage to the German defences.

GERMANY'S ANSWER REACHES WASHINGTON WASHINGTON, Dee. 28.-Germany's answer to President Wilson's peace note reached the State Department today. No-
thing confidential was attached to the document it is asserted.
greclan situation greatly improved. LONDON, Dec. 28.-An Athens despatch reported the condi-
tions greatly improved. The blockade is beginning to be felt and the strongest royalist newsiars have completely change hun answer to swiss like that to wilson. BERLIN, Dec. 28.-Germany's answer to the Swiss note
was handed to the Swiss minister today. It is on the same lines as the answer to President Wilson.
hungarian premier to resign.
BERLIN, it is rumored from Budapest that Count Stephen
Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, is likely to resign soon, owing to the alleged difference with Count Czernin von Chudenitz, th Austro-Hungarian foreign minister and the Austrian coalition
cabinet. cabinet.
allied notes ready: reject german peace plan. LONDON, Dec. 28.-The answers of the allies to the Germa proposals and the wilson note have been prepared and will be
despatched immediately. It is authoritatively stated that they will contain no specified terms but will be a vigorously worde summary or the principles for which the Allies are
a rejection of peace based on German-made plans.
moldayla safe from huns: russian resistance STiffening
L ONDON, Dec. 28.-Despatches from Petrograd indicate
that Moldavia is safe from the Teuton invaders. It is believed that the forces of Von Mackensen may attempt to invade Ruis
sia north of Dobrudja of east of Moldavia, but Russian resistance is stifening along the entire line, and fighting is becoming mueh
heavier.

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