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Russians Submit Proposals in Accordance With Reichstag Resolution

FAIRLY QUIET ON THE FIGHTING FRONTS

No Big Operations Either in Italy or Western Arena--Another Prospective Drive In Italy—Allenby Moves

thout amexations and mirmunities, the the German Reichstag in is peace resolution last July, is the The Russian terms have been submitder consideration.

digre evacuation of it, and no contrient countries are proposed by Russia. to bring upon earth." This is similar to the Reichstag resolation which, however, was not accepted by Dr. M chaelis who was then German Imperial Chancellor. Russia suggests that countries deprived of

lecide their status by a remarkant. Gern. w/ scored a point in the sektion of Dr. Von Kuehlmann, her Foreign Secretary, as permanent chairman of the conference. Emperor William, it is reported unofficially, intends to go to Brest-Litovsk if the different in there arrive at an agreement, to attempt to assemble all European rulers in a peace conference. The German ruler is said to

The heavy fighting which has marked the situation on the Italian Northem front for the last few weeks, has almost subsided and only local encounters have taken place along the in an effort to reach the plains or the northern edge at least, before severe winter weather halts.

tremely active in the Ypres and Ver- "On December 21, 22 and 23 our pur- mind before I die."

lanean roast north of Jaffa, Palestine. After the ling the Nahr El Auja, his roops were tool the plain of Sharon and towns near the Nahr El

Surrail, who has been in Marsdomen front for the last, two tives behind the enemy's lines." been recalled by the French He will be succeeded of Unillament, who commanded the French forces in their brilliant stroke compleast of Verdun last sum-

DEMOCRATIC PEACE

It Associated Press). Sanday, Dec. 23.—Leon Tretbussador in Russia, and explained that the Bolsheviki wished in keep as the principle of a 'democrath peace," braying to the people the fight to dispose of themselves. The arrhasso for having asked him what he Would do it Germany refused such a PEACE PROPOSAL peace. Trotzley answered that then peace would not be signed and the Maximalian neight be led to wage a revolutionary war. Trotzky added "if Public oninion was opposed to such a war the question would then be carfied becase the assembly." He concluded by roying that if the Bolshe-Visit subneun; bed to the resistance they are meeting within Russia, the coan-

transfel be given over to anarchy. The Havas note concluded; This conversation, which is correct heanghout, must be considered as creat he no new relation between the M ximalist government and United States."

Holy Father Sent to American People

iven to the Associated Press this C. Christmas message for the American

"The Holy Father sends to the peoher note of the Russian peace towns ple of America his cordial greetings reported as resting comfortably in the ditions, he added, general and field of Apparently there have been no hostilled in certain districts. It was deemed now being discussed at Brest-Litov. k. and prays that they may take to heart, hospital department of the jail today. in this time of strife and suffering the true lesson of Christmas tide-the lested to the representatives of the Cen-son of God's unceasing love for man-

ore especially he little children, to whom this day beprotect their loved ones and give back 3. This action was taken. butions to be required from belliger to the world that peace which He came

> Treating With Ukranians. (By Associated Press).

their independence during the war be with instructions to negotiate with the she took contained poison. minstated and that national groups Ukranian rada in an effort to settle! mt independent before the war shall the differences between it and the

Engage in One Hundred Combats

(By Associated Press). Paris, Dec. 24.—Intense aerial activline from Asiago to the Piave. Indi- ity is reported by the War Office. In intentions have been good," read this as gifts from the President. are, however, that the Austro-the course of 100 combats in the air will again initiate a strong during the last few days the French to have been "girl") of my heart and brought down 18 German machines, always have been. Trouble and mis-The announcement follows:

"On the right bank of the Meuse Raids and local attacks have been (Verdun front), the Germans made two have all the jewerly I have ever given smiles. carried out in the Ypres and Verdun raids against our small posts near Be-you. You may be ashamed to wear it.' sectors on the Western front. The zonvaux and Caurieres wood. Their Later on, in the letter, Dr. Johnson ANOTHER COLD WAVE German grined slightly in a local at- efforts were repulsed by our fire. The wrote that he was "caught in a trap tack on the Ypres-Staden railway, but artillery fighting was rather vigorous and God only knows what my troubles at all other points on both the British on the left bank of the river, in the have been. I want you to come to my and Figure fronts, they were re- sector of Bethincourt. On the remain- burial. I have always loved you and

suit aviators were very active. Our General Allemby has begun success- pilots engaged in one hundred comfully an edicance along the Mediter- bats, most of them over the German lines. Eighteen German machines were brought down. Of these 17 fell in casian army of 100,000 men is advancflames or crashed to the ground and ing on the rear of the troops of General were destroyed. During this period | Kaledines, the Cossack leader, accordour bombarding squadrons dropped ing to an annuoncement made today 18,000 kilograms (nearly twenty tons) to the Bolsbeviki press bureau. of projectiles on railway stations, fac-Outsigned of the Allied armies on the tories, encampments and other objec-

GERMANS ATTEMPTED RAID ON BRITISH

(Special to The Dispatch.) London, Dec. 24.—German troops yesterday afternoon attempted to raid DECLARES TROTZKY Epehy on the Cambrai front but were today. The statement reads:

"Last night hostile raiding parties zky at the heaviki foreign minister which attempted to approach out around be the note issued by the Un- lines in the neighborhood of Monchy

> "Yesterday afternoon the enemy en deavored to raid our positions south east of Ephey but was driven off."

EXPECTED TUESDAY represented.

(By Associated Press). that a new German peace move is at gitima. correspondence as is pos- which had crosed the Piave river & sippi had gine several thousand over hand, is supported by apparently re-sible. The work of organization was liable information which has reached begun on November 1 and at the re- announces. issue a declaration containing peace was not published at that time. merely another maneuver intended to ship. It will combine with censorship throw on the Allies responsibility for the Mark and the Morld lieved will endeavor to resist all attended to ship. It will combine with censorship where the Italians are counter at Potomac division indicates much hard sociation of America and the World lieved will endeavor to resist all attended to the formation of the general Alsatian-Lorraine As an active opposition, which it is best of foreign mails the present censor. The work will be necessary theree if the continuance of the war cannot be as a continuance of the war

Young Middlesex Dentist to Be Given a Preliminary. Trial January 3

HIS LETTERS SPEAK OF GREAT TROUBLE

Letters He Wrote to Mother and a Young Lady Before Attempt at Suicide, Made Public

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.-"I wanted to be an honor to you, but a great frouble has overtaken me, and I am not able to bear it. God only knows my rouble and just how it came about." This was the farewell message of

Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, the 23-year-old Christmas Greetings of the in the Richmond city jail on dentist, of Middlesex, N. C., now held charge of killing his bride of three chiefs pointing out that the experimonths, which he wrote to his mother ence of three years of war has shown before he attempted to end his own that existing age-limits are too high Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict has life last Thursday night in Wilson, N., and that with a few rare exceptions

He was not required to go to cour! to answer in person when his case was tral Powers, who have taken them un- kind; the lesson of unfaltering courage called. Detective Sergeant John Wily, which is said to be the universal top- alleged Ambassador Francis had 61. "The findian theatre once again is who brought the young dentist back be general officers recommended to ic of discussion in the city, but every fered and the insinuation that it was the scene of important military activtory so ized during the war and imme- longs, to pray with all their hearts to and asked that Dr. Johnson's prelimi al responsibility of generals command- Many of these stories center around the Bolsheviki, had no other signifithe Babe of Bethlehem that He may nary examination be fixed for January ing armies.

> That the body of Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson, the 19-year old wife of the dentist, may have to be exhumed if a This policy will result in placing at The ePtrograd correspondent of The action of Trotzky as entirely unwar-London, Dec. 24.—General Antonoff, of the questions that arose oday. the military commandant of the Pet- Mrs. Johnson died as the result of

ograd district, has gone to Kiev, says taking poison. The police believe she a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, was totally unaware that the capsule

> within the next few days. That Dr. Johnson married Miss Knight while he was in love with another girl is the motive on which the police are relying in building up their case against the dentist.

> On his way back to Middlesex after attending his wife's funeral, Dr. John-

was addressed to a young lady of Zeb- President plays golf.

letter. "You are the (the next word) was not plainly written, but appeared fortune have overtaken me." Reforring to her as "dear" and "dearest". he writer continued: "I want you to acknowledged the greetings

pulsed. The artillery has been ex-der of the front, the night was calm. | you shall be the last to come to my

Big Army After Kalendines (By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 23-A Cau-

CENSORSHIP PUT

Now Published

(By Associated Press). Variagency, colled on Joseph Noulens, Le Preux and west of LaBassee were of foreign mails, authorized by the Postoffice, War and Navy depart- new foundations for the conduct of showed some divisions had exceeded Lights, the War Trade Board and the Con mittee on Public Information are

The board plans to carry on the work with as little interference to le- &

proposals, but whether explicit condi- The board is in close co-operation of Osiago sector in the region of 4 000 of its quota of 1.192 000 and the were present. tions of peace may be expected or with the British and French censor * Buso Monte Valbella, but stopped * Facific division lacked 31 000, of the ship of wireless and cables.

Washington, Dec. 24.-President & Wilson has summened the chiefs and legislative agents of the four & railroad brotherhoods to a confer-

♦ It is expected that the President • will outline to the representatives's of the railroad workers whatever & action he has decided is neces * 4 sary to obtain more efficient transortation in the war crisis.

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French Premier Declares the Existing Age Limits Are Too High

(By Associated Press). Paris, Sunday, Dec. 23.-Premier Clemenceau has sent a circular letter to General Petain and all the army commands are not effe tively exercised at over 56 years for regiment, 58 ficers over these ages must be given ities on a large scale. commands hereafter in the rear or f Many news dispatches from Petro-manian frontier. This was done with placed at the disposal of the Minister

served only a short time in the line, some of the reports. resien of the poison filled capsule is nate officers

conferring one pelace expert to clear up PRESIDENT TO ENJOY REGULAR CHRISTMAS

(By Associated Press).

poison himself, which he purchased of his family. The President and negotiating with the Social Revolufrom a Wilson drug store, where, it is Mrs. Wilson will attend church in the tionists of the left for formation of al have declared that everybody wants French and German Airmen alleged he tried to buy a deadly drug morning and later either he or some coalition government. One of the letters which was made gifts to about 50 children residing arrested by the Bolshevik authorities public in this city today, by the police. near the Country Club, where the was to have begun yesterday before a

"I have always loved you and all my juted to White House employes today

The President and Mrs. walked through the shopping district eral Korovitchenico, who was Kerenshortly before noon today and were sky's military commander in the provgreeted with "Merry Christmas" by ince. many in the crowds. The President

MOVING EASTWARD

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 24.-The cold wavewhich caused a drop in temperature of IMMEDIATE RELIEF 40 to 50 degrees in the Dakotas in 24 hours is sweeping eastward, the weather bureau announced today and is expected to reach the Atlantic coast y Tuesday night.

Cold wave warnings have been is sued for the upper lake regions tonight; by States were issued by the fuel adand for the Ohio valley and Tennes- ministration today to provide immedisee Tuesday where lower temperatures ate shipments to meet acute condiare expected Tuesday.

KAISER WILHELM THANKS SOLDIERS

liam visited the front north of Verdun on Friday, according to a Berlin dispatch, and in an address to the troops thanked them warmly for their e the British positions southeast of Organization of the Bureau forts. "But for the calm and heroic warriors on the Western front," he driven off, the War Office announced Began November 1, But Only said, "the enormous deployment of German forces in the East and in Italy never would have been possible. The fighter in the West has exposed hero-Washington, Dec. 24.—Censorship ically his body so that his brothers or the Dvina and the Isonzo might storm from victory to victory. The fearful Trading-with-the-enemy law now is in battles on the bloody hills around Ver-the Red Cross today on results of its full force under a board on which dun were not in vain; they created campaign for 16,000,000 new members

TEUTONS FORCED BACK.

(By Associated Press.)

♦ment says, the Austro-Germans ◆ several divisions.

During Negotiations Troops Are Assembling, But There Has Been No Fighting

GERMAN OCCUPATION IS STILL RUMORED

But No Definite Information of Teutons Entering Petrograd -Germans Take Advantage of Possibilities

(By Associated Press). London, Dec. 24.—Petrograd dis to negotiate with the Ukrainians for nian government are ready to accept proposals looking toward a peaceful partment.

There are numerous further reports of military activities on the part of true state of affairs. Arrangethe Ukrainians and Cossacks, and of ments were made in this country some Declaring his innocence of the for a brigade, 60 for a division and 62 the sending of more Bolshevik troops time ago for strengthening the arrowcharge against him, Dr. Johnsen was for an army corps. Under these con- southward to oppose the Ukrainians. lances and other supplies much need- cf victory."

grad speak of the supposed impend- the approval of the Russian Red Cross, no matter how intensive the German ing arrival of the Germans there, The incident of money which it was peace campaign becomes and says: from North Carolina, appeared in court retain their commands on the person- one seems to have a different version. the reported concentration near the cance, it was announced, than 'numani-In the future, the premier declares, capital of a large force of released tarian. It was merely the ordinary no promotions will be made to the German war prisoners, to whom arms sy, sent by the Red Cross and intended ian plain and the overthrow of the rank of general officers who have are being handed over, according to for relief work.

coroner's inquest is conducted was one the head of the fighting troops, he Post says the Germans are making ranted. hopes, chiofs who know them well and the most of a commercial opportunity in whom the soldiers can have full such as the world has never seen beconfidence from having seen them at fore inasmuch as Russian industries work. The same principle will be are nearly dead and the Germans used in promoting field and subordi- have no competition and have been pushing trade since the frontier was

The Germans have refused to admit M. Zinovieff, a close associate of Nokilani Lenine and other Bolsheviki whom the Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates wished to send in to spread Serious Accident During Fire Washington, Dec. 24.-President their doctrines in the German army. Wilson will enjoy a old fashioned They also declined to admit Trotzky's Christmas, with a tree for his grand- newspaper printed in German for son wrote several letters before taking children and surrounded by members army propaganda. The Bolsheviki are

member of the family will distribute The trial of persons who have been mliitary revolution court, according to More than 125 turkeys were distrib- delayed dispatches from Petrograd.

A dispatch from Tashkent, capital of Turkestan, describes the lynching Wilson under horrible circumstances of Gen-

The Italian embassy has made a forwith mal protest against the pillaging by armed men of the apartment of the embassy's first secretary.

Northern and Western fronts to the

FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec. 24.-Formal or

ders to coal operators in several near- FIFTEEN HUNDRED tions in several towns in South Caro-

(By Associated Press). Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Emperor Wil-

Many of the Districts Have Secured Their Quotas, Others Close (By Associated Press).

Washington, Dec. 24.-Reports to their quotas and others were anproaching figures set for them. The 💠 😘 🍦 🍫 💠 💠 💠 💠 💠 🐧 Central division which voluntarily raised its quota from 1,189,000 to 1. 500,000, expects to exceed the higher figure, and the Gulf division compris-Rome, Dec. 24.—Enemy forces & ing Alabama, Louisiana and Missis-

♣ ♣ ♣ ♠ ♠ ♣ ♣ ♠ ♠ ♠ quota of 356,000 is reached.

AMERICAN ARMIES ARE RESERVES FOR BRINGING VICTORY

Charges that American Red Cross Funds Were for Bolsheviki Opponents

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec. 24.-State Department officials today declared that the patches report that attempts are be- American Red Cross mission, in Rus- unless a German-made peace is accepting made by the Bolshevik emissaries sia, was giving aid to the opponents of the Bolshevik government, could be attributed only to his ignorance of the a settlement of the differences which facts. A report from Ambassador slacken our perparations for war, have arisen, and it is also reported Francis on the arrest of Colonel Kol- says Secretary Baker today in his that the authorities of the new Ukrai- pashinoff, an attache of the Red Cross weekly review of the military situamission, while in charge of a relief tion, train, had not reached the State De-

> tude, however, when he realizes the body of fresh strategic reserves teadvisable to send them via the Ru-

The State Department regards the

in Basement of Savannah Hotel

(By Associated Press). Macon, Ga., Dec. 24.—An explosion of gas pipe in the basement of the Hotel Dempsey at 4:20 this morning, fatally injured policeman John Alexander and have not given up all hope of bringing John A Truman, proprietor of the pool about a social unheaval in Italy, as room in the hotel, and badly damaged they did in Russia after their victo

started in the pool room. Three firemen were overcome by the umes of the gas while fighting the fire. Plate glass windows along Cherry street were wrocked when thhe gas mated at more than \$10,000.

plosion was the result of a fire which

When the fire department arrived! Chief Jones noticed gas fumes. He are of more than local importance. telephoned the gas company to shut | * * It is reported that the Germans are off the gas, but this was done too moving troops from the Russian late, the explosion occurring in the meantime. Policeman Alexander and explosion and who will probably die sive peace propaganda is to be ini of their injuries, were standing on the tiated. sidewalk outside the hotel building.

The sidewalk was wrecked for a disblown high into the air.

(By Associated Press.) dred killed, 4,000 seriously injured, 20, Ailied powers and ourselves, the Ger-000 homeless and total property loss man forces now being concentrated on mate today of destruction and dam-the Allied line in the West, munition ship Mont Blanc, December peace proposals by the Germans on 6, which wrecked and burned an area-scemingly favorable terms should not of two and a half square miles in the for a moment induce us to slacken our

The estimate was submitted to the "It is only necessary for us to retailed examination. The figures were very similar peace rumors. regarded by the committee as con-

AMERICAN FLAG

(By Associated Press).

which during the years before the to fulfill the pledge we made on enwar was draped with crepe and for tering the war, if we are to fight this war was draped with crepe and for war to a successful conclusion, we war to a successful conclusion, we stituted in August, 1914, today flies the Stars and Stripes alongside the French tri-colors. The American and French flags were raised over the monwhich had crosed the Piave river supple had gine several thousand over French flags were raised over the mon-mechanical power. * at Piave Vecchia have been driven * its quota. Oregon has gone 25,000 over ument to the Alsatian city yesterday "In Russia, the armistice negotiawhich had been cause of extending the afternoon in the presence of a large tions are about to be entered uppn. high quarters here. It is said that on Christmas Day, Emperor William will quest of the government, the news of the government, the news of the dissatisfaction of a several divisions. passed the Italian positions in the & Pennsylvania today was within 92. cieties of natives of Alsace-Lorraine tion, especially in Southern and Cen-

tion of Alsace-Lorraine.

United States Should Not Slacken War Preparations Says Baker

WEEKLY REVIEW OF MILITARY SITUATION

Allies Will Have None of German-Made Peace-Morale of Italians is Good and They Will Stick

(By Associated Press). Washington, Dec 24.—Germany's

statements of Leon Trotzky, the Bol. newest peace propaganda, viewed as a sheviki Foreign Minister, that the forerunner to an offensive in the West "should not for a moment induce us to

"The Germans realize," continues the The State Department does not be statement, "that within a short time. lieve Trotzky will persist in his atti- cur armies will form the principal maining available on the battleffelds

"Our armies constitute the reserves The review points out that the fight-

ing morale of Italy may be relied upon

"The enemy, impatient of the delays which have occurred in bringing about Italian armies, has dispatcher further forces to the Italian front with a view

to achieving a decisive result. "The Germans are endeavoring to follow the precepts of classic strategy and by a successful enevloping movement to effect the destruction of the

Italian and Allied forges "It would appear that they are anx. ious to conclude their Italian adventure in a manner similar to the previous campaigns of Russia, Serbia and Roumania, where, as a result of the strategic enevolpements gained at relatively small cost, vast tracts of

territory were conquered. "Enemy pressure continues intense along the entire front. * * *

"The Germans hope to drive tha Italians back to the Adige, anticipating such a reverse would have a disintegrating influence throughout Italy. "It is apparent that the Germans

the basmeent of the hotel. The ex- rious campaigns of 1915. "No matter how intensive this new subversive propaganda may be, nevertheless, we can confidently rely on the fighting morale of the Italian people. "Along the Western front the enepipe blew up. The damage is esti- my has continued his harassing raids with a view to keeping the Allied forces on the alert. However, none of

"It would appear that as a forerunner to the German offensive, heralded Mr. Truman, who were hurt by the to be launched in the West, an inten-

the engagements recorded in the West

"Careful examination of the situation reveals that the enemy is again ance of 50 feet. The two men were preparing to sue for 'peace before vice

'Information from various sources confirms the reports that the Germans would have the world believe that the KILLED AT HALIFAX military situation is such that they are able to dictate the terms of peace. They, therefore, threaten that unless Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.-Fifteen hun-this dictated peace is accepted by the mounting to \$50,000,000 was the esti-the Western front, will break through

age caused by the explosion of the; "The various reports of immediate preparations for war.

General Relief Committee by J. H. call that during the Christmas season Wingfield, an expert, who made a de- of last year the Germans put forth

"In considering the general military situation in its true light, it must be understood that the Germans realize that within a short time our armies will form the principal body of fresh PUT ON MONUMENT strategic reserves remaining available for action on the battlefields of Eu-

rope. * * * Paris. Dec. 24.-The Strassburg "It is our duty, therefore, in looking monument on the Place Concorde, to the future, to realize that if we are

tral Russia, with the terms of the The flags were raised in the name armistice, have led to the formation of agreed to by the Lenine government."