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Cookies and little cakes are always good for afternoon tea, and it is a good idea to keep some always on hand.

CARAWAY SEED COOKIES.

Cream together a cup of butter and a cup of sugar. Add one egg and beat; then add another egg and continue beating. Add quarter teaspoon soda dissolved in two teaspoons milk, and quarter teaspoon salt, two cups bread flour, and one table spoon caraway seeds. Toss on a floured board, pat and roll until quarter of an inch thick. Shape with a small round cutter, first dipped in flour. Arrange on a buttered sheet and bake in a moderate oven.

DROP COOKIES.

Cream together quarter cup each of butter and lard, add one cup sugar. Then add one egg, well beaten, five tablespoons milk, one and three-quarter cups rolled oats, half a cup of raisins, seeded and cut in pieces, and half a cup of chopped nut meats. Mix and sift one and a half cups of flour with a half teaspoon of salt, half a teaspoon of soda, three-quarter teaspoon of cinnamon, half a teaspoon of cloves and half a teaspoon of allspice, and add to first mixture. Drop from tip of spoon on buttered sheet and bake.

PEANUT MACAROONS.

Beat white of one egg until stiff and add quarter of a cup of fine granulated sugar, gradually, add five tablespoons of fine chopped, shelled and skinned peanuts and teaspoon vanilla. Drop from tip of spoon on buttered sheet and one and a half inches apart. Garnish each with half a peanut and bake in a slow oven twelve to fifteen min-

NUT LOAF.

One recipe used was:

- 3 cups graham flour.
- l cup brown sugar.
- I teaspoon soda. I teaspoon salt.
- 1 cup dates.
- cup walnuts.
- 2 cups sour milk.

Another recipe used when here was no sour milk was:

- 11 cups flour.
- cup brown sugar.
- tablespoon molasses. 3 teaspoons baking powder.
- 1.2 teaspoon salt.
- 1-2 cup dates.
- deup walnuts.
- I cup sweet milk.

Neutralize molasses in proportion of 3 tablespoons molasses to teaspoon soda.

Method: 1-Mix and sift dry ngredients. -

- 2-Mix wet ingredients.
- 3—Combine the mixtures.
- 4-Add chopped nuts and
- 5-Bake in a moderate oven

Guatemala has broken off diplo-

Pirates Sink American Steamer

London. April 30-The Amercan oil tank steamer Vacuum has been sunk by a German submarine. The captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

Doomed Germany

(St. John Globe)

Conditions for Germany are going from bad to worse. Events are hasten ing rapidly and relentiessly. Nowhere is there a ray of sunshine, although Germans profess to see one in the sub marine warfare, which, although bad enough, is far from accomplishing its purpose of starving Great Britain. There is no progress for Germany on ary bartlefront. British and French are sweeping her armies back in Fran ce, and causing her painful losses in men and materials, as well as destroying morale. To day's reports are merely a repetition of what has been going on all week. It is believed, as reported the other day, that the German army in Roumania is about to retire. Such a step, says the New York Times, "has



been expected by military critics before spring came with its reorganized Rou manian army unless a Teuton victory on the Western or Eastern front, in Macedonia, or even in Asiatic Turkey while beating constantly; then made it possible, it not profitable, to keep well aefended the territory through which the Roumanians retreat ed last autumn and winter. No such victory, however, has come to the res cue of the Central Powers, so a retreat from their least important line may have become necessary." All Teuton efforts against the Italians have failed. No campaign against Russia has been started, although there are rumors of an offensive against Petrograd. Ger many's ally in Mesopotamia and Pale stine is being crushed. The Central Powers' forces in Macedonia are prac ically standing still. With this condi tion in the field, Germany finds ber workers at home desperate, rioting be cause of scarcity of food and insufficient wages. She finds her enemies abroad daily increasing. With the United Sta tes arming for war, and Brazil threaten ng to participate in the struggle, she is told by Argentina to day that she must give satistaction for her submarine out rages. The whole outlook is dark, in deed, for the Teutons, but it is most satisfactory to the world as leading to a victory for justice and liberty.

Canadian Boys Are Cheerful

CANADIAN ARMY HEADQUAR TERS, April 21 - (By Stewart Lyon, Canadian Press correspondent in France.)-This is an army of Mark Tapleys. Its cheerfulness is invincible-Through up to their eyes in mud during the last ten days, the Canadians and Imperial troops with whom they are associated in the operations at Vimy Ridge, labored incessantly in making a way for their guns across the desert the guns themselves had created. The ad verse weather but spurred the men to greater exertions. After working till dark, they came "home to their wet trenches," the captured dugouts or shell ters by the side of some pile of ruins and before turning in made the night vocal with songs and favored choruses, such as 'What's the Use of Worrying. As their work progressed the men had matic relations with Germany. I the satisfaction of seeing the guns that

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had done so much to drive the enemy go

The German artillery out on the plain had been actively shelling our working parties, and though his heavies have been moved back to avoid capture as well as to operate to greater advantage against our positions, his mobile artil ery was a thorn in the flesh of the men on the eastern slope. As our own guns have now come up, the situation of the infantry has improved materially, and the men have begun to push out our front 'line to explore the enemy's posi tions, extending in irregular lines from Lens southwest through Mericourt, Acheville and Arleux.

The present German detences seem to be intended as an aid in delaying action rather than to form a nucleus for a per manent front for the troops criven from Vimy. Douai is only ten miles to the east of our most advanced post and the line taken by the enemy for the present covers that city, which is one of the most important railway and road cen tres in Northern France.

The Prussian Guards have been sent t) this part of the front to take the place of the Bavarians, whose with drawal must be galling to Prince Rup precht of Bavaria, leader of the army group in this area. Since the Prussians to raid our posts at night, but all have been sorry failures. On each of the

last three occasions the enemy left some of his dead in front of our lines and fail ed in any of these raids to inflict a single Canadian casualty.

The German losses by shell fire have

been very heavy since the semi open warfare began. The enemy solely misses his deep shell

ters on Vimy Ridge, prepared by the patient toil of so many months. Our men know now from experience

that they can depend implicitly upon their guns when it comes to a show down, and that is why as the guns go east they sing in their trenches and shea ters while the interminable rain makes everyone look like as if clothed in caked

King of Greece May Abdicate

London, April 30 -- A despatch to the Daily Mail from Athens says the correspondent has trustworthy information that King Constantine is considering abdicating in favor of the Crown Prince. The despatch says nuder the influence of German came there have been several attempts agents among his entourage, however, the decision of the King may be changed.

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