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Premier Ribot, speaking in the French parliament on Tuesday, said: "Let Russia make her offensive and we will be able to talk of peace not in an equivocal manner but openly and, this peace, if they do not ask it of us, we will impose it." Mr. Ribot declared that Alsace Lorraine must be returned to France.

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CREAM OF ONION SOUP.

Chop finely four medium-sized onions and put them over the fire with three cupfuls of cold water and a very little salt. Cook them until they are sufficiently tender to put through a sieve. Add the pulp and liquor left from the onion to one pint of white sauce. Stir very carefully together and heat slowly for five or ten minutes. Just before serving, sprinkle the top with finely chopped parsley. Slightly toasted whole wheat bread is good served with this soup, or crisped graham crackers.

VEAL STEW WITH DUMPLINGS.

Wipe a stewing piece of veal with a damp cloth, cover with boiling water, season with pepper, small piece of onion, celery stalk and a small piece of carrot; simmer until tender, adding salt the last twenty minutes. Keep the meat well covered with hot water. Melt two or three tablespoons butter, add an equal amount of flour, and cook without browning, add some of the liquor from the stew, cook until it thickens, add it to the stew and serve the stew with the following dumplings.

DUMPLINGS.

Sift together two cups sifted flour, five teaspoons baking powder and a quarter teaspoon salt, moisten with enough cold water to make a batter that will drop from a spoon. Drop from a buttered spoon onto a butter dish, set over boiling water, cover the steamer and steam twenty minutes. Do not raise cover during the cooking. Do not pile the dumplings one above the other.

CARROT JAM.

Take some freshly gathered young carrots, clean, scrape, and wash them well, then plunge them into boiling water and cook until perfectly tender. Drain them on a sieve, and then rub them through a wire sieve. Weigh the pulp, and for each pound of carrot allow one pound of sugar, and finely chopped peel of one lemon, the strained juice from same, and one-half teaspoonful of ground cinnamon. Boil well for half an hour, keeping it well skimmed, then put into glasses, and when cool cover over the glasses, and store as usual.

POT ROAST OF VEAL.

Select the shoulder or breast, wipe the meat with a damp cloth and dredge lightly with flour. Place two or three thin slices of salt pork in kettle and cook until delicately brown. Brown the veal in the hot fat, on all sides, add one and a half cups hot water, one small onion or less, a celery stalk, a tiny piece of bay leaf. Cover and simmer until tender, turning the veal occasionally. Add salt the last twenty minutes. More hot water may be added, but at the last only fat should remain in the kettle, and if not enough, butter may be added to the fat and

browned. From this the brown sauce may be made in the usual way. Carrots may be used for flavoring.

DROP GINGER CAKES.

One cup molasses, one cup sugar, one cup butter or other shortening, one cup boiling water, one teaspoon soda sifted with five cups flour, one teaspoon cinnamon. Drop from spoon in well greased tins, and bake in a moderate oven.

Germany's Purpose

St. John Globe

Military writers who discuss the war situation in the light of the developments of three years are careful to point out that the enemy, instead of being four independent powers as at the outset of the struggle, is now practically one power—the Prussian will dominating, controlling and directing the activities of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey as absolutely as it dominates and controls the various units of the German Empire. To make this plain and to direct world-attention



to the danger involved in this extension of German dominion and authority, was the purpose of the remarkable document issued a few days ago, practically as a statement of Entente opinion on German aims and aspirations. The one outstanding conclusion to be drawn from this document is that the Entente powers appear at last to have awakened to a realization that Germany's war objects are in reality the objects long advocated by the pan-Germanists—world dominion through an expansion of influence eastward. The original purpose of these supposed idealists—German sway over a territory extending to the Dardanelles and eastward toward India—is to-day an accomplished fact, to be made absolute and permanent unless the Allies in their might are able to break the Teutonic power and in their peace terms interpose barriers which will make it impossible for Germany ever again to organize against world liberty the present groups. To-day there is not a shadow of doubt in the mind of any student of the war that Germany's plans for conquest were long ago carefully laid, and that universal enslavement of humanity was the end aimed at. To-day, as the outcome of successes won in the furtherance of those carefully-laid plans, Germany controls an enormous territory from which to draw men, supplies, food and all the necessities of war. Control of this territory and its organization and resources under German leaders has made the war problem of the Allies increasingly difficult; but it has convinced the world of the danger threatening, and in that knowledge lies the hope of the future. Entente recognition that the pan-Germanists, regarded in peace times as idealists, were in reality voicing the official mind of Germany, has directed attention to the fact that for years past some astute writers have been warning the world against the very danger the world now admits is a real and terrible danger. One of the most persistent in denouncing the pan-Germanists was Andre Cheradame, who in a thoughtful article in the current number of the Atlantic Monthly, written two months ago, sounded the very note of warning the Allies now issue to arouse world-opinion to the danger of a premature peace, or a peace that fails to recognize the German purpose and to provide the necessary safeguards. In this article, after reviewing critically the military movements of the Germans and the military blunders of the Entente, Andre Cheradame says:

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Since the beginning of hostilities there has been a formidable extension of Prussian militarism. At first it held in its grasp only the 68,000,000 people of the German Empire. By April, 1915, it had extended and organized its influence among the 30,000,000 of Austro-Hungarians, who until that time had taken orders from their own military chiefs. After October-November, 191—the date of Serbia's downfall—the Prussian system reached out to Bulgaria and Turkey. By taking account of these extensions and adding together the populations of the territories occupied by Germany, together with those of his infatuated allies, one finds that to-day—April 1917,—Prussian militarism no longer controls 68,000,000 souls, as in the beginning of the war, but about 176,000,000 European and Ottoman subjects.

Each extension of Prussian militarism has made it possible for Germany to prolong the struggle, until now, by reason of the central position and the consolidation of the resources of subservient powers, the danger of pan-Germanism has been made so plain that the isolated western world must see as clearly as do the nations of Europe that only in victory, complete and absolute, and in peace secure and binding, can present liberties be maintained and the right of nations to develop their lives be secured. Because they now see clearly the purpose of Germany, military writers are convinced that as a peace effort the enemy will not be unwilling to restore

every bit of captured French and Belgian territory, and even to make reparations in the east, so long as he is left free to again develop conquest schemes. The danger of the future lies in a premature peace and in a failure through any reason to provide safeguards which must be provided by interposing racial barriers, through the disruption of the Austro-Hungarian empire, through regrouping the Balkan provinces and driving the Turks from Europe. Entente victories on land and sea are bringing near the most critical time of the war, and unless the Entente powers stand as firmly for peace divisions on sound economic basis as they stand for victory, the war's sacrifices may be in vain. Happily, Great Britain and France appreciate the danger to the full, as do Italy and their Balkan allies. Russia on the other hand, appears inclined to lend an ear to German "no-annexation" talk. America, our newest ally, having put her hand to the plough, can be relied on to remain steadfast to the end, and to stand firmly with Britain and France for safe guarantees for the future.

An attempt on the life of War Minister Kerensky was made at Petrograd Kerensky escaped. All the participants were arrested. Many rumours are that the plot was arranged by the supporters of the old regime.

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