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## Germans Will Not Disclose OF COURSE **Their Peace Conditions**

## Say That Such a Course Would be Useless Considering the Action of the French Senate---Emperor of Austria Has Sent an Emissary to the Pope.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Publication of German peace conditions would be st Ouches to man it is claimed and the useless in view of the attitude of the British and French press, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, as quoted in an Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's. The Anzeiger bases its opinion upon a resolution of the French Senate that France could make no peace with an enemy who occupies French prevailed. Many are refusing to sign territory. "Publication of our conditions," says this paper, "would now be privacy in their handling. undignified, and moreover would not be of the least use. The evacuation of French territory is made a preliminary condition for peace negotiations. Was There a Leak Though this condition is not contained in the Entente note, it still exists, and therefore it is the French Senate and the French government who render impossible the publication of our peace conditions. We must show to the door any neutral who should dare to demand from us that we should regard as an invitation the words of the reply, that a suggestion without condi- New York stock market operator, were We must refer such a linked at the house rules committee tions for opening negotiations is no peace offer. neutral to the resolution of the French Senate."

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 4.- A British shipmaster, who declined to permit "leak" on information of President Wil-This name t obe used, told on arrival in port today of seeing 38 men in German naval uniform being marched under guard through the streets of a Washington brokerage firm, P. Con-Bermuda port, when his ship touched there recently. He said the incident brother of President Wilson's wife, is had given rise to a report that a German commerce raider or submarine a member, had profited by stock trans. maintain the government's hold on the people. had been captured in the South Atlantic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following from Arthur S. Draper, dated London, January 4: "The Emperor and Austrain attack on the Trentino front Empress of Austria-Hungary have sent a special emissary to the Vatican, on Wednesday night was repulsed by urgently requesting the Pope to intervene for peace.

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## Germans Reported to be Building Many

Large Submarines and Torpedo Boats SAYS CITY LONDON, Jan. 5 .- "Germany is preparing a tremendous

# SUMEBODY Ottawa, Jan. 5 .- Denial of the Que

bec story that national service cards were distributed there without enve lopes, and reiteration of the allegation in a Quebec despatch yesterday, has brought a further statement from Na-

ional Service headquarters. It is now admitted that the Quebec statements were true.

The explanation given is that the matter has been investigated and the at Quebec, to whom it is claimed the nvelopes were sent with the cards, but ot distributed with the latter in that

It developed today that in some sec ions of Ottawa the same conditions the cards owing to consequent lack of

# **On the Peace Note?**

Washington, Jan. 5 .- The names of loseph P. Tumulty, secretary to Presilent Wilson, and Bernard Baruch, a investigation of whether there was, a son's peace note.

Representative Wood declared that

actions during the market flurry. Their firm of E. F. Hutton & Co., Wood said.

Rome, via London, Jan. 5.- A violent the Italians, according to today's com munication from the War Office

# REASONS WHY GERMANY IS ANXIOUS TO BRING THE WAR TO A CLOSE

TWO CENTS PER COPY

The Country Said to be Threatened With Economic Ruin---Government Made Peace Offer in Order to Retain Its Hold on The People.

LONDON, Jan. 5 .- A despatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says: "From a neutral in close touch with the government and diplomatic circles in Berlin, I have received a clear statement of the general position in Germany at the present moment, the real motives which inspired the Kaiser's peace proposals, the probable effects of its failure, and the attitude toward the prolongation of the war of the mass d the population.

'My informant's considered judgment, based on close observation and intimate knowledge of affairs, as proved by hearing today by Representative Wood previous communications, brings out the following chief of Indiana, author of the resolution for points: That the German government advises for peace in order to prevent the economic ruin of the country.

"That the immediate cause of the peace proposal was the internal situation brought about primarily by the failure of the potato harvest and the consequent deprivations in the next few months, making the peace offer necessary in order to

### deals were transacted by the New York Leader of the Socialist Democrat Party Has Regained His Following in the Country

That in this respect the device will succeed, owing mainly to the fact that Herr Scheidemann, leader of the social democrat Reichstag majority party, having previously played into the hands of the government by posing as a pacifist, has regained his following in the country.

"That the military position is not regarded as dangerous. What is really feared is irretrievable ruin as a result of the working of the civilian conscription, which was essential to

naval effort," says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Express. According to reports from Germany, it appears that the greatest activity is now prevailing from Emden to Memel. The Kiel yards are turning out submarines of the largest type only, at top speed, while torpedo boats are being built at Hamburg and Cuxhaven.

Aerial defences for all three yards have bee ncompleted. Zeppelin stations have been either strengthend, as at Cuxhaven and Kiel, or new ones built. Zeppelins scout day and night in fear of a possible English attack.

## German Naval Critic Expresses Confidence

In Success of the Hun Piracy Campaign

LONDON, Jan. 5 .--- Confidence in the effect of Germany's submarine campaign is expressed by Capt. Persius, the Ger-Tageblatt, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam. Captain Persius says: "We firmly believe that the commercial shipping of our enemies will become still less active in 1917. This will be accomplished by our daily growing submarine weapon. Our confidence for the new year is based on the expectation that our submarines will continue with of the name Kitchener would not be granted. growing success the process of wearing away the economic life of our enemies.'

### BULGARIA AND PEACE.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Rotterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which does not specify the source of its information, says that Premier Radolavoff, of Bulgaria, made the following statement to a Hungarian journalist: "Bulgaria has won the game and can afford to sign a peace treaty satisfactory to all. Peace is nearing quickly. We are expected to make concessions, but the greatest concession-our peace offer-has already been made.

#### ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.



The News Record Scores Toronto Paper for Alleged The Pontiff Has Asked Germany to Permit Misrepresentation of Conditions---Premier Hearst Is Criticized.

Record, the paper which supported the Citiens' League, and which was raided by a mob on election night, comes out with an editorial in which Toronto newspapers are bitterly scored and attacked for slandering the city of Kitchener by the reman naval critic, in his review of the naval war, in the Berlin ports which they printed regarding the recent election which the German military authorities permit, under salisfactory is also a successful aldermanic candidate of the Citizens' because the danger of its falling down is imminent. League, criticizes Premier Hearst for stating that an application to the Legislature from the new city council for a change

was obtained from the Premier, and it styles the Premier's intimation as "untimely, to say the least.

It adds: "There is no fairness in the Toronto or London press at present. The newspapers of Toronto an dLondon do not speak for the people of the Dominion.

The military guard has been removed from in front of the News Record office by the order of military authorities.

### **GREEK STEAMER TORPEDOED.**

PARIS, Jan. 5 .- The torpedoing by a submarine of the Greek steamship Siripiros is reported in a Havas despatch PARIS, Jan. 5 .--- An official report from the Macedonian from Corunna, Spain. Twelve men of the crew were saved by

earry on the war.

'That this fear, coupled with continual pressure from Vienna and Sofia, will lead the German government to grasp every opportunity of effecting a chance of making peace.'

## The Restoration of Rheims Cathedral

BERLIN, Jan. 4 (via London).-The Kolnische Volke Zeitung, in making reference to the visit of Cardinal Von Hart-KITCHENER, Ont., Jan. 4 .--- Tonight's issue of the News mann to the occupied regions of France and performing pontifical functions there, says he acted with the express permission of the Pope. "Moreover," says the paper, "Cardinal Von Hartmann, who has repeatedly conferred with the Emperor on behalf of the Rheims Cathedral, carried autograph letters from the Pope to the Emperor, in which the Pontiff asked that took place here. The editor of this paper, W. V. Uttley, who guarantees, the restoration of the Cathedral during the war,

### IS SWITZERLAND SAFE.

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 5, via Paris. The Bund prints a note from the Grand Legion with the object of dispelling The editorial states that as a result of the inflaming of the fears aroused in Switzerland by rumors that Germany intended public mind in Toronto by the Toronto press, this statement to strike at France and Italy through this country. The note says: "We may once more declare that, as all Swiss know, Germany is formally resolved to strictly respect Switzerland's neutrality."

#### ON A SECRET MISSION.

LONDON, Jan. 5 .--- The German Emperor has sent Prince Adalbert on a secret mission to Sofia and Constantinople, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam. It is believed his visit is in connection with peace, and the Prince is expected to report to headquarters before Jan. 10.

#### ON THE VERDUN FRONT.

front, issued here today, says that engagements occurred on a fishing boat. A Havas despatch from El Ferrol, Spain, says night on the Verdun front in the vicinity of Donaumont and Wednesday among advanced posts on the sector held by the the captain and twelve members of the crew of the Siripiros Vaux, the War Office announces. Elsewhere the night passed