CLOSED, IS BELIEF

Bernstorff Says Berlin Will Await Entente Allies' Reply to Wilson's Note.

OFFICIALS KEEP SILENCE

Answer to Teutonic Proposals Not Surprising at ' Washington, Where Hope Is Seen for

Further Negotiation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—There were no official expressions here of the views of President Wilson and the Administration on the entente reply to the German peace proposals for the dual reason that the United States is dual reason that the United States is

stage of the peace negotiations.

The unofficial ppinion, which probably was a reflection of the official hope for progress toward peace, was that some means for a further exchange between the warring powers would be found, and that even if the present negotiations fail a basis has been laid, which, it was hoped, would make for progress in the final analysis.

Door Left Open, In Belief.

First informal comment by one of-ficial who had had a chance to study carefully an official forecast and who chekked against it the full press text was that the allies had responded very much as expected, that they had played their strongest cards for moral sup-port among their own people and in port among their own people and in neutral countries, and that while they had made it hard for Germany to reply without decidedly changing her tone, they had still left the door open for

they had still left the door open for another advance.

Official Washington, however, was deeply perplexed as to the future and admitted that it probably depended on the internal conditions and confidence of the two warring groups, and secondly on how far President Wilson would decide to push his own peace efforts. On the whole, first comment indicated that the hopes of an early peace may have diminished, but not peace may have diminished, but not disappeared.

Second Note Is Awnited.

After reading the unofficial text of the note, Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, authorized the following statement:

"President Wilson having suggested the finding of a method of stating terms, I do not think that this note will be answered by my government until after the entente allies have replied to the President's suggestion, stating, if they so desire, the modus they propose."

The German Embassy was outwardly not favorably impressed with the tenor of the entente note. However, the declaration that "a mere suggestion, without a statement of terms, that negotiations would be opened, is not an

central Roumania, says the official statement issued today by the Russian a velled invitation to give terms.

The next steps by the American Government will not be determined until the entente reply to President Wilson's note is received. It is expected within a few days. While it is expected to the note received today, officials believe it will make clear whether any good will be accomplished by further good will be accomplished by further efforts at present on the part of the President.

President Keeps Own Coursel.

The invaders captured the village of Bordeschi, on the River Rimnik, and pressed back the Russian detachments note is received. It is expected to follow in a general way the tone of the note received today, officials believe it will make clear whether any good will be accomplished by further efforts at present on the part of the President.

President Keeps Own Coursel.

War Office.

Central Roumania, says the official statement issued today by the Russian to retreat near Zaletsi, northeast of Rimnik-Sarat.

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dispatches from abroad he knew of its general tenor, but did not tell even his closest advisers what he thought of it.

German Embassy officials pointed out that since the first peace offer was made by the central powers and it was indicated the entente demanded terms as a preliminary to considering it the large transfer of the first peace of the same of the control of the contr as a preliminary to considering it, the central powers have informed President Wilson they desire to give their terms at a conference. The Embassy considers it now is for the entente, replying to the President's note, to say whether they want these terms which they consider essential to an offer for peace conveyed to them and if so in what manner.

official text of the note which lies just as soon as Secretary Lansing knows the official text is complete and exact. There will be no necessity for the delay that was experienced with the central powers' proposals, as the entente text came in a single joint note, whereas the four central powers (Capitals Said to Be Too Plain.) sent four separate notes, which were differently translated by each of the four American Ambassadors in those countries and had to be co-ordinated here into one official text in Eng-

Notes May Be Sent Today,

It is thought probable that the note It is thought probable that the note may go forward tomorrow, as it is desired to have as little delay as possible. It will require about 48 hours we have the impression that the hope

No American comment is expected to no mistake concerning the inte he attached to the note. None was attached to the Central Powers' proposals when re-forwarded from here to the allies. President Wilson's note is thought to give this country full opportunity to express its view without in any way attempting to confuse the Teutonic notes and their replies with the President's note.

President Wilson had been very care ful to disassociate his own note from the German proposals especially as the coincidence in time between the two was made the basis of hostile com

Britain in all four central empires; that the American ald for wounded is Japan and Roumania in Austria and the purest expression of the friend-Germany; France and Italy in Austria, ship the United States bears toward and Turkey; Serbia in Germany and Turkey, and Belgium, Montenegro and Russia in Turkey. Portugal alone of the entente countries is represented in mone of the belligerent countries by this Government.

Government Only Messenger. The official text will not be made GERMAN PRIZE IN PORT will any indication be given as to whether it agrees with the press text. The State Department feels most earnestly that it is the mere messenger to Spain Is Announced.

This feeling is increased through the belief that the only direct interest that this Government has in the peace negotiations is in the President's note, and that the whole peace situation can best be served by a policy of silence till such time as the negotiations come to a more definite state. Too much

JOOR TO PEACE NOT LATEST OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS ENTENTE ATT

"On the Odin Canal, south of No-vinka, our scouting parties attacked an outpost of German officers. After bay-

onet fighting the enemy fied, leaving in our hands a number of prisoners and

"Our artillery by successful shooting dispersed three enemy companies mov-ing in the valley to the west of the village of Prisonvize and west of

dual reason that the United States is persistent attacks on our position. By acting only as an intermediary between repeated blows he succeeded in occuthe belligerents, and because a policy pying several heights and pressed back our troops slightly to the eastward. Our forces are consolidating themselves on new positions north of the village of Horsha and east and south of the vilof silence has been adopted during this

lage of Sosmezo.
"Caucasian front—The situation has undergone no change."

Germans, Russian Front.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Regarding operations on the Russian front today's army headquar-ters statement says: "Eastern front—The weather being unfavorable, there was only the usual trench fighting today."

Russian, Roumanian Front. PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 30.— Today's Russian official statement of operations on the Roumanian front

Today's Russian official statement of operations on the Roumanian front trenched positions and pushed further says:

"Roumanian front — The enemy is conducting stubborn attacks on the upper part of the River Kamna on the Moldavian frontier, west of Sovena, near the source of the River Suchitza Mackensen—Our indefatigable troops

near the source of the River Suchitza and along the River Putna west of the station of Kosa.

"The enemy with considerable forces and assisted by heavy and light artillery continued his obstinate attacks on the front northeast of Rimnik Sarat, directing his main blow along the rallway. He succeeded in taking possession of the village of Bordestchi, on the River Rimnik, and pressed back our detachments near the village of Calesti, 15 versits northeast of Rimnik

Mackensen—Our indefatigable troops are following the retreating enemy along the whole front between the mountains and the Danube and occupy in the battle now in progress a line running northeast of Vizirul and Sutesti, on the Bazul and through Sarat and Plainechti."

Progress of the War. Zalestsi, 15 versts northeast of Rimnik

"South of the Danube enemy attacks were repulsed with great losses to him. "Dobrudja.—There was infantry fighting."

Russia.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 30. Strong Teuton forces, assisted by heavy and light artillery, yesterday continued their attacks on the Russoassisted by Roumanian positions on the battle-front northeast of Rimnik - Sarat, in Central Roumania, says the official Central Roumania, says the official statement issued today by the Russian

The entents reply was not read by the President today. Through official the Russians and Roumanians are being driven back along the whole front be

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Today's German of-

publicity now, it is felt, may only tend to embarrass the delicate steps and force one side or the other to bring them to an end.

It is regarded as probable that the

note will be answered by the central powers, if only to contest some of its statements. German officials regard-ed as unfortunate for the peace movereached the State Department late today will be ferwarded to the American
diplomats in those countries where this
Government represents the entente allies just as 2000 as Sacretary Lassing.

Capitals Said to Be Too Plain.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger has become pessimistic over the prospects of peace, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, The dispatch quotes the Friday issue of the paper as

to reach Berlin and Vienna and perhaps of speedy peace becomes more remote. a little longer to arrive at Sofia and Constantinople. The feeling in leading circles in the belligerent capitals is too plain, and mistake concerning the intention

AMERICANS GIVE HOSPITAL

Accommodations for 850 Wounded Installed Near French Front.

PARIS, Dec. 30. - Justin Godard, under-secretary of war for medical service, formally accepted today the ment in the allied countries. He is expected very scrupulously to remain aloof from the entente replies in order Chapelle Station, where the wounded not to prejudice the independent posi-tion of this Government in the nego-tlations. In the nego-tlations. From the front will be received and distributed to hospitals. Lawrence V. Benet, chairman of the ambulance com-The United States represents Great mittee, in transferring the hospital, said

of the various belligerents whose interests it represents in the hostile countries and regards the negotiations as sacredly confidential. Any sort of publicity must therefore be left to the

Russian, Teutonic Front.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 30.—
Reporting military operations on the Russian western front, the Russian official statement issued to-day says:

"Western front—In the region north of Lake Koldytchevo our scouts attacked an enemy field post and captured some prisoners.

"On the Odin Canal, south of No."

"Army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht—Northeast of Lille and on the Somme, especially on the north bank and in isolated parts of the Algae front, the artillery fire temporarily increased. Advances by British and French patrols was prince—On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the French during the day launched several attacks, preceded by strong waves of artillery fire, against the new lines on Deadman Hill

French, Western Front

PARIS, Dec. 30 .- The following of-

"In the Champagne a detachment o party of of the forward of the enemy which attempted, after a spirited bombardment, to capture one of the forward lee of the your time we carried out a successful surprise attack on an enemy trench. "On the River Bystritza, a party of our scouts attacked a trench of the enemy which had been pushed forward in the region of Patzikow. Some of the defenders, Austrians, were bayoneted, and the rest, including a wounded officer, were made prisoners. After this attack the enemy replied by unrestrained artillery fire which lasted several hours. In the same region our

Italian.

ROME, via London, Dec. 30.—A re-vival of activity on the part of Ital-ian artillery along the whole front is reported in today's communication from the War Office, which follows: "Along the whole front our artillers was very active against the enemy's positions. The enemy again repeatedly shelled the city and suburbs of Gorizia without inflicting damage of im-

"On the Carso a surprise attack attempted by the enemy against our advanced lines was checked promptly by our infantry."

German, Roumanian Front. BERLIN, Dec. 30.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Today's German official statement of operations on the Roumanian front reads:

"Front of Archduke Joseph-In the snow-covered wooded Carpathians Ger-man riflemen have performed successful patrol service. "On the mountains along the Transylvanian frontier the German and Austro-Hungarian troops entered en-

THE Teutonic armies in Roumania A along the Moldavian frontier con tinue to drive forward. The campaign covers the 120-mile front from the M. Danube River to Oitus Pass in the Carpathians, and extends northward to the Valley of the Putna River.

The heaviest blows of the German armies are being delivered along the

rallroad line running northward from Rimnik-Sarat to Fokshani, and they have forced the lines of the defenders backward to the Carpathians.

Except for a French attack on the new German lines on Dead Man Hill near Verdun, which was repulsed, there MUNITIONS QUERY MADE little activity along the front in

Minor engagements only are reported Sayville, N. Y.)-Today's German of- from the Russian front in Galicia and ficial western front statement reads: from Macedonia.

Teutons Keep Up Advance and Gain After Hard Battle.

Entente Allies Being Driven Back Along the Whole Front Between Mountains and Danube-Re-

sistance Hot but Futile.

BERLIN, Dec. 30 .- (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.) — "The Russians degestion by Pope Benedict, will be exfeated in Eastern Wallachia are being tended, it is said, should France disdriven toward the Sereth by their pur- play a disposition to reciprocate. suers, who are pressing on closely at their rear," writes the military critic of the Overseas News Agency.

"In vain did the Russians attempt to hold the strong prepared position east of Rimnik-Sarat and between the Rimnik and Buzeu rivers. The country was fitted excellently for defense, becovered with swamps, winding rivulets, ponds and extensive lakes, But again they were defeated, and everywhere the battlefield was covered

with beaps of dead Russians, "Rimnik-Sarat, in spite of a tena-cious defense, was taken with such speed that the Russians succeeded only in destroying one bridge south of the town, while the most important bridges across the Rimnik fell undamaged into the hands of the conquerors. The rail-road station was defended stubbornly and to the last by the Russians. The ast trains to depart, which were rowded with fleeing Russians, were it by shells from the Austro-German

"The rapidly advancing troops of the central powers also extended their successes to the west of Rimnik Valley, The village of Dumitresti, which is the

The Village of Dumitresti, which is the crossing point of three mountain roads, has been reached.

"In the Dobrudja the Russians are making desperate efforts to protect the Matchin bridgehead and the Danube swamps toward Galatz. However, they were again driven back by the brave Bulgarian and Turkish troops."

County Sued for Deaths.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Lewis County was made defendant in a suit filed in the Superior Court yesterday by Tillie Bergen, of Morton, who seeks \$15,000 damages. The suit is a result of the death of three Bergen children in an accident at the Riffe ferry over the Cowilts River in May, 1915.

SURPRISES WILSON

Principal Points in Peace Note Designed to Attract More Attention Than Shown.

UNDERSTANDING LACKING

Against Future War Gives Allies Proper Chance to Talk Peace, América Thinks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- The Amerian Government, it became known auhoritatively today, believes there are three principal points in its note to the belligerents and is surprised that they have not been more clearly understood, particularly by the press of the entente allies. These points, taken in their order of importance from the Administra-

der of importance from the Administration viewpoint, are:

The fears that the position of neutral
nations be rendered "altogether intolerable" if the war continues.

The suggestion that arrangements be
made as a guarantee against similar
conflicts in the future.

The proposal that means be found for
comparing the concrete peace terms of
both sides.

The last point has aroused most com-ment, and the first was emphasized by Secretary Lansing's statement, after-wards modified, that the United States

tself might be drawing near entrance The Administration, however, it was learned today, thought the suggestion for an arrangement to preserve peace in the future would attract more attention among the entente allies than it apparently has, and furnish a means through which these nations could enter, with perfect propriety, into A serious neace discussion. ious peace discussion

If such an arrangement could be made, the Administration feels there would be no ground-for the fear that agreements over terms made between the belligerents would not be kept after the war ends. It was pointed out today that such a fear has been one of the main objections of the entante allies to entering into peace discussions,

J. J. C. BRATIANO IS PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER.

Vintila Heads War Office, M. Constantinesco, Interior, and V. Antonesco, Finance.

JASSY, Roumania, via London, Dec. 30.—The Roumanian Cabinet has been reconstructed under the Premiership of J. J. C. Bratiano, who also will hold the post of Minister of Foreign Af-The other members of the Cab-

inet follow:
Minister of War, M. Vintila.
Interior, M. Constantinesco.
Justice, G. Cantacuzene.
Public Works, M. Justiane.
Public Instruction, J. G. Duca.
Industry and Commerce, D. A. Greciene.

Pinance, V. Antonesco.
Agriculture, M. Mirzesca.
Ministers without portfolios, M.
Pherekyse, Take Jonescu and E. Con-

United States Attorney Calls for Report of Sales at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 39.—(Special.)— mmunition dealers in Eugene have re-eived letters from United States Atorney Clarence Reames, of Portland, aking them for reports of all sales of lifles, revolvers and cartridges during he last 60 days. He states the purpose of his inquiry is to ascertain whether he neutrality laws are being violated The letter requests immediate reports of any unusual sales of rifles or ammualtion, and warns the dealers not to ship any firearms or ammunition un-less plainly marked as such, the true names of the consignor and consignee being given.

RUSSIAN LINES GIVE WAY GERMANS FREE FATHERS

Plan to Be Extensive if France Will Reciprocate.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 30.—Germany has decided to release for internment in Switzer-land 100 French prisoners of war, fathers of three or more children and inmates of German prison camps for

This step, taken in response to a sug-

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Hungarian Coronation Is Held at Budapest.

Austrian Ruler, on Becoming King of State, Takes Oath to Defend Interests of Roman Catholic Church Against Any Foe.

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- The coronation of mperor Charles and Empress Zita, of Austria, as King and Queen of Hunary took place this morning in St. Mathey Church at Budapest, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Celegraph Company cables. The ceremony was marked with all the tradi-

mony was marked with all the traditional mediaeval pomp. The King
wore the gala uniform of a Hungarian
Field Marshal and was surrounded by
the captains of his bodyguard.
The Queen rode in a coach drawn
by 16 horses, which was followed by
a pageant. Salutes were fired as the
procession moved through the streets.
Cardinal Cernoch, primate of Hungary, with the remainder of the clergy
escorted the King and Queen into the
church, which was filled with officials gary, with the remainder of the clergy escorted the King and Queen into the church, which was filled with officials and diplomats. The King took the oath to defend the interests of the Roman Catholic Church against any enemy. Afterward the King, wearing the crown, took the oath before the Parliament building in the presence of the populace. the populace.

FREIGHTER ELUDES U-BOAT FREIGHTER ELUDES U-BOAT Impossible, however, to say as yet that made prisoner. The Aislaby, of 2692 tons, was built the end is in sight.

"Signs of exhaustion are visible in many quarters, peace kites are flown, but meanwhile the struggle goes on and neither side has obtained that declaive preponderance which points to

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The British freight steamship Chicago City, from Bristol. England, December 11, was fired on and stopped by a German submarine December 14 when about 120 miles off Fastnet, according to a report of the crew on her arrival here today.

See the proposed and proposed which points to conclusive results. It seems likely that well into another year, perhaps longer, must be continued this dreadful tragger of the transport of the crew on her arrival here today.

All Efforts to Regain Positions Lost to Germans Repulsed.

BERLIN, Dec., 30.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Several attacks were made

The Chicago City was saved from being sunk by the timely appearance of a British destroyer. The men were getting into the lifeboats when the destroyer hove into sight and the men and the stroyer hove into sight and the under-sea boat immediately submerged.

ARE CROWNED Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50 Per Cent in One Week's Time in Many Instances

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John Smith, head of a London pub-

LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE.

Says Inconclusive War Means

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- In a New Year's

Destruction for Britain."

John Smith, head of a Lendon pub-lishing house and editor of the Corn-hill Magazine, who died Thursday, com-EARL CURZON SAYS PEACE IS UN-

BRITISHER IS TORPEDOED New Year's Message to Primrose Club Captain of Steamer Aislaby Taken

Prisoner on Submarine. PARIS, Dec. 20 .- The British steamer nessage to the Primroze Club Earl Atslaby has been torpedoed by a sub-Curzon, a member of the War Council, marine, says a Havas News Agency announcement today. Twenty-two mem-"This is the third year of such a bers of the crew have been landednessage in circumstances of war, and They declare, says the agency an

we all pray it may be the last. It is nouncement, that their captain was mpossible, however, to say as yet that made prisoner.

Sayville.)—Several attacks were made by the French yesterday on the Verdun front, says today's report from

army headquarters.
All efforts to retake positions in LONDON, Dec. 30.—A Coroner's jury this sector were repulsed by the Gertoday returned a verdict that Reginald mans.

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