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CONDITION OF KAISER ALARMING

Copenhagen Learns That German Emperor Has Severe Influenzal Attack and is Running Temp. of 103

Copenhagen, Dec. 11.—The Kaiser's condition is most alarming, it is believed in official circles.

From a diplomatic source it is learned that his condition is serious though not dangerous. Much depends on whether he will obey his physicians. He cannot keep quiet and take a full rest and the Empress has great difficulty in prevailing on him to stay in | **

He has a very bad attack of influenza this morning, when his tempera-ture was about 103, which is higher enza this morning, when his temperathan yesterday.

If he is unwilling to take absolute rest there may be real danger as he is weak and his spirits are depressed.

Looks Like Tie In The Elections In New Zealand NINETEEN

Thirty-eight Government Candidates Returned and Opposition Have About the Same.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 11.-Election returns, though incomplete, indicate that the licensing position is unchanged and that National Prohibition has not been carried. The prohibitionists have received a set-back in sev-

Returns give the Government thirtyeight members in Parliament; Opposition thirty and Labor-Social-Democrats, eight.

As the latter support the Opposition, party strength in parliament is equal, though the votes of the soldiers abroad are yet to be counted and may affect

Canada Gets \$15,000,000 In War Orders

British War Office Places Order for Eight Million Worth of Shells and \$6,500,000 Supplies

Montreal, Dec. 8 .- The business secured by Canadian firms in connection with the equipment of the British army will run into many millions

Frederick Stobart, representing the British Government in the purchase of army materials in Canada, has already let contracts totalling \$5,000,-000. Now Mr. Stobart has in prospect the placing of an additional \$1,500,-000 worth of contracts.

While the war is yet in its first stage, Canadian firms have thus had business to the extent of \$6,500,000 in supplying clothing and equipment for So, While the Naval Victory, while the infantry advanced the arthe British army. This amount cov ers principally clothing and miscellaneous supplies, such as blankets, saddlery, brushes, etc.

The new orders in large part for "accoutrements," probably in the line of leather belts, etc.

ce has also placed orders for \$8,000,- of the German cruisers and subma- Berlin, on the other hand, states 000 worth of shells with Canadian rines in the South Atlantic evokes the that French attacks on their army manufacturers, making the total livliest satisfaction throughout great have been repulsed. It is apparent, trade from this source well on for Britain, there have been no celebra- however, that the withdrawal of Ger-\$15,000,000.

Germans Driven From Armentieres

the Germans Who Are Forced to Withdraw.

Boulogne, Dec. 10 .- A correspondent | Allies who has just returned to Boulogne, from Armentieres, says the Germans on Tuesday were driven out of Armen- Paris says the French have been mak- the Southeast of Cracow, and to the tieres by the British, and hurled back ing slow progress on the Western Southwest of Lodz where the Austribeyond the artillery range.

west of Lille.

THREE GERMAN SUBMARINES SUNK IN MAKING UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE ADMIRALTY DOCKS, DOVER

London, December 10.—A half dozen German submarines made an attempt at 6.30 this morning to enter the Admiralty Harbor, according to a Dover despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, and for half an hour the batteries kept up a furious fusilade, firing at least two hundred shots.

It is reported that two or three of the submarines were sunk, but this is not confirmed.

London, December 11.-A despatch from Dover states that the three German submarines who took part in the attempted submarine raid upon the Admiralty Harbor have been sunk after a heavy fusilade by the land batteries.

The attempted raid on the harbor was made under the cover of darkness and in a rain storm at 6.30 yesterday morning. Six submarines took part

The first alarm on shore was given by the firing of big naval guns and soon all the land batteries were engaged in the action. The fusilade lasted for some time and at least two hundred shots were

The message states that the submarines did not succeed in doing any damage.

FIREMAN RECRUITS FROM FLATI.

Big Volunteer List of Little Northern Settlement With Total Population of Only box at Government House last even-Six Hundred

Island, B.B., says:-

fifth instant, I notice St. John's is Eastern Company's horses narrowly boastful of having given one man in escaped being killed

twenty-one, and out of that we have escaped death is a mystery. subscribed nineteen volunteers to the He was considerably bruised and roll of honor. If it were not for some had to be conveyed home.

little physical defects in others, our Both vehicles were somewhat damtotal would be very much larger for aged

Devonport, Eng., Silas Ralph and Plymouth, Garland Samson, Keneth ing for a small place.

Pierce Foley Hurt in a Col- Bennett, Ed. Mansfield, Jas. Burke, at Government

House Gateway An alarm of fire sounded from the

panies responded, but the blaze was easily extinguished. A correspondent writing from Flat As the horses were entering the grounds a collision occurred and "In looking over your issue of the Pierce Foley who was driving the

five, to the Volunteer Movement, and As the Eastern apparatus was drivright well has she cause for self-lauda- ing through the western gate the But, sir, I consider the Flat Island the Central Department collided with has done just as well. We have a it. Mr. Foley was thrown off his seat total population of six hundred and and fell under the horses, and how he

all our young men are eager to serve. There does not seem much excuse short distance to the west of Roulers. We have two men on the Niobe, Ed- for the collision as it is apparent to The Boulogne correspondent who

Hedley Patton. We have five at Ports- Samson, Joseph A. Somson, Edgar iers by the British and hurled back mouth, Edwin Thomas Samson, Ed- Moss, Jesse Cheater, Albert Hallett, beyond artillery range. Armentieres mund Ralph, Charles Ralph, Original Stephen Dicker, jr., Israel Ralph, is nine miles north-west of Lille. Butt, and Naboth Butt, and nine at and Avalon Butt; a pretty good show-

Britain's Attention Fixed On The Continental Struggle

Demonstrations

Besides these orders, the War Offi- London, Dec. 11.-While the defeat Alled armies on the Continent.

The lack of news from Poland caus- Russian army. es some uneasiness regarding the re- While a large part of their force is occupied on December 8th. British Artillery Make it Too Hot for sults of the prolonged battle between endeavoring to hold the Russian centhe Russians and Germans, but re- tre, another army, advancing from ports from France are considered East Prussia, East of Mlawa, is attack here to be most favorable to the ing the Russian right with a view to

Making Some Progress

The Daily communication from Heavy fighting is also going on to front for the past fortnight. A re- ans and Germans are endeavoring to Armentieres is nine miles north- view sent by a French witness for the get around the Servian left wing. period from Nov. 27th to Dec. 5th, claims the ascendency of the French General Botha announces the South ing and somewhat colder. Mongolian left Philadelphia at noon infantry and artillery over the Ger- African rebellion is practically at an mans has been established and that end. Since the capture on December | Decem

tillery smashed the German batteries. South African and Persian A report from French headquarters Gulf Successes Evoke Sat- tonight adds little of general knowlisfaction, There Are no edge as it says the situation is unchanged, which indicates, however, that the positions taken have been

What Berlin Claims

tions to mark this success or the vic- man troops to strengthen the armtories of the South African war. The ies in the East has enabled the Allies leader is at large-Colonel Maritz. British people have been too much to put their lines forward at many wrapped up in the operations of the places. The Germans, meanwhile, continue their efforts to smash the

cutting its communications and entering Warsaw through the backdoor.

Rebellion Ended.

MEN SIGN THE ROLI Sprinkling of Volunteers from all Parts of the Island Offers-Total for Contin-

dred

gent Now Over Six Hun-

First Week. Monday 182 Thursday 51-Friday 30 Monday 43 Wednesday..... 14 Thursday 17

Recruiting continued last evening at the C.L.B. Armoury, when seventeen lads volunteered. Ten were from outports and the balance from ity. The following signed on: Turk's Gut-Thos. Jos. McCue, Jos.

Peter Bartlett. Bonavista-Walter P. Miles, Geo. L. Cuff. Allan Burge, Harry Keats. Little Bay Islands-Hubert Strong. Hr. Grace-Edmund D. Hanrahan.

Bay of Islands-Ches. Chas. Butt. Tor's Cove-Michael Driscoll. St. John's-Wm. Geo. Coish, David John Moakler, Wm. Snow. One name short of seventeen-

German Staff Had To Leave Roulers Town

British Made a Capture in the Neighborhood and Shelled the Enemy's Position

Amsterdam, Dec. 11-The Allies cording to the Sluis correspondent of ships will capture the other two. the Handlesblad.

Wiring to London from the Belgian frontier, on Wednesday, he said the German divisional headquarters removed from Roulers when shells began to fall in the town, after the British had captured Paschendasle, a win Samson and Dicker, jr. One on all that both vehicles could not go has just returned to Boulogne from the Calypso, Daniel Ralph. Two at through the gateway at the same time. Armentieres says the Germans on Tuesday were driven out of Arment-

Britain Decides To Permanently Adopt Egypt

Paris, Dec. 11.-It is learned on very high authority that the British Government is about to declare the unification of Egypt.

Mrs. R. Rendell is much improved in health we are glad to state.

Two inebrates were before Judge Knight to-day; both were discharged.

surrender of two hundred Boers, five was very largely attended. additional rebel leaders and their Every seat, in the spacious ball well in hand and he was repeatedly Check All Attempts of Enemy to Make Commandos have unconditionally laid room was occupied and many were applauded, down their arms. Only one rebel obliged to stand throughout the even-The Indian Office reports that 1100 Trukish prisoners, exclusive of wound- Lady Davidson, Mr. Morine and sev- use it.

9999999 9 999999 WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon) West Coast-Fresh to Strong N. to W. winds; fair and cold today and on Saturday. East Coast-Strong winds and moderate gales, N.E. to N.W.; snow today then clear

(British Official Bulletin.) London, December 10.—The Official Bureau announces that the German cruiser Nurnberg has been sunk.

AND CORNER THE CRUISER DRESDEN

IN THE STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

BRITISH SINK CRUISER NURNBERG

ceived from Vice-Admiral Sturdee, reporting that the Nurnberg was also sunk on December 8th, and that search for the Dresden is still proceeding. The action lasted five hours, with intervals. The Scharnhorst sank after three hours, and

Later it says that a further telegram was re-

the Gneisenau, two hours later. The enemy's light cruisers scattered and were chased by one of our cruisers and light cruisers.

No loss of any British vessel is reported. Buenos Ayres, December 10.—The cruiser Dresden has been cornered in the Straits of Magellan, according to advices from well-informed naval circles to-day.

The naval division of Admiral Sturdee is understood to include nine warships.

CITY MAN ON REPORTS 'INFLEXIBLE'

of Warship Reported in Naval Battle

Citizens of St. John's will be proud o learn that one of our city boys is a member of the crew of H.M.S. Inflexible which is supposed to have formed one of the British squadron that so effectively disposed of the German fleet in the South Atlantic a couple of

& Sons employ, and who is father of gonne region.

have entered Roulers, in West Fland- were such a menace to our shipping for strategic reasons. chemical driven by Sergt. Neary of ers, 12 miles north-west of Ypres, ac- on the high seas. I hope that our After successful operations, result

foundland Regiment. Regiment, city."

m. and left at 4 a.m.

Richard Rogers One of Crew

Russian Successes-Persian Gulf Victory—Servi- sixty miles off the land ans Victorious-S. African Rebels Surrender

London, Dec. 10 .- French Govern ment reports progress along the Mr. Stephen Rogers, of Goodridge heights of the Meuse and in the Ar-

the young man mentioned, writes us Russian government reports heavy fighting on the left bank of the V'stu-"I have a son on the Inflexible la, the Mlawa-Glwow-Lowicz front, in which, I suppose, was one of the ships the region of Piotrkoff and south of that helped to bring about the de- Cracow, the enemy achieving no sucstruction of the German ships which cess. The Russians evacuated Lodz

ing in the capture of about 200 pris-"My other son is with the 1st New- oners and five guns, the India expeditionary force has captured Kurna, "The names of my two volunteer where the late Governor of Basra sursons are-Richard Rogers, A.B., of 21 rendered unconditionally with his Pleasant St., city; Edward Rogers, troops. We now control country from app. cooper, Sheenan St., 1st Nfld. the junction of the Tigris and Euph-

rates to the sea. Florizel left New York at 1 p.m. yes- trian army and recaptured Valjevo,

fifty guns. S.S. Bonaventure left Naples Dec. In South Africa, General Beyers is believed to be drowned in the Vaal. Rebel commandoes, numbering over Fogota arrived at Tilting at 2.40 a. 2,000 in all, have been recently captured or surrendered unconditionally.

Big Rally Of Our Citizens Hears Patriotic Addresses

dent Coaker Address Capacity Audience at British Hall on European War

The second patriotic meeting under sion. the auspices of the S.U.F. took place Mr. Coaker followed and delivered

ed, and nine guns were captured at eral members of the Executive. and introduced the speakers-Rt. ried by acclamation. Hon. Sir E. P. Morris and President

Coaker of the F. P. U. The Speakers. Sir Edward spoke first and in an interesting manner reviewed the

causes which led up to the war. The assassination of the Austrian

Premier Morris and Presi- our Empire, on which the sun never sets, is more united today than ever. Much Applaucec.

> ated by applause, and it was apparent that he had made a favorable impres-

4th of seven hundred rebels and the at the British Hall last evening and a capital address. He proved to his We publish President Coaker's

great speech elsewhere in this issue His Excellency the Governor and and we advise all our readers to per-A vote of thanks was proposed by

Goodland Miss Edwards and Mr. as Pietrkow, and in several other dis-

Acknowledgement

Archduke was not the cause because The Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of on Dec. 8th, during attacks on fortiit is now well-known that Germany the Methodist Orphanage begs grate- fied positions held by Austrians, we was spoiling for a fight and she is cer fully to acknowledge the receipt of captured four guns, several hundred the sum of thirty-two dollars and prisoners, and many waggons. The means the German war party twenty cents (\$32.20), being one-third had followed in their endeavors to of nett proceeds of Smoking Concert cause disturbance in the British Em- held on Wednesday evening last, per Halifax to-day. She sails again to-

OF SINKING OF ELSINOR

Ship Was Held up by the Leipzig, Which Put the Crew on a Transport and Sent Tanker to the Bottom

A Vancouver news despatch, dated December 3, reports that Engineers Nicholas and Evans of the oil tanker Cordelia, which arrived in port that day from San Francisco, have been transferred to that vessel after having lost their ship, Bowring's oil tanker Elsinor, Capt. Roberts, which six weeks ago was reported to have been German cruiser Leipzig.

Chief Engineer Nicholas tells the following interesting story of the sinking of the Elsinor:

Held Up.

at 2.15 a searchlight played on us and a shot was fired across our bows. This was a warning to stop and we promptly did so. At the time we did not know if we had been hailed by a friend or foe, but we quickly found

Half an hour after the shot was fired we were boarded by two officers and ten men of the German cruiser, all armed. They searched the Elsinor for oils and coal, and before leaving told us to get our boats ready Allies Progress in West- with as few clothes as we could carry, as they intended to sink the steamer at dawn. We were then taken about

Sighted Another Ship.

Further instructions compelled us to alter our course and take all instructions by signal from the Leipzig. However, at dawn, we were still carrying on, but at 11 a.m., we sighted another steamer on the horizon, and at

noon got the order to stop. The vessel proved to be the Marie, a German transport with coal from China for the Leipzig. As we stopped we were again boarded by an armed erew. They gave us orders to get into our boats and pull for the Marie. On the Marie they had posted a guard of one officer, a signal man and nine marines, heavily armed and they kept close watch over us day and

Saw Her Sink.

"It was from the Marie that we witnessed the sinking of the Elsinor. In all it took twelve explosive shells to The Servians have routed the Aus- do the work. The last we saw of our ship was at 4 p.m. She was then a taking twenty thousand prisoners and mass of flames but she sank on an even keel and as stately as ever.

"We then proceeded to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and arrived at one of the Islands on September 18. It was after the end of the month before we found sail boats to carry us over the six hundred miles which separated us from the mainland coast.'

Portia Sails

The Portia sails West at midnight, taking a full cargo and the following passengers:-Messrs. J. Benning, J. English, F. English, Downey, P. Power, A. Ryan, S. Solo, J. Power; Misses like and Hoberg and Mesdames W. Sir Edward's speech was punctu- Pike and Doody and 25 steerage.

Russians Hold Back Germans

Any General Advance.

(Russian Official Bulletin.) Petrograd, Dec. 10 .- There was no

important change yesterday. Isolated attempts on the part of the Kurna, on the Presian Gulf, which was Mr. J. A. Clift occupied the chair, His Excellency the Governor and car-enemy to take the offensive, have given rise to engagements in the districts Rev. W. H. Thomas, Miss Bertha of Ciechanon and Przasnysz, as well Lloyd of H.M.S. Calypso rendered tricts on our front. The result of the musical numbers during the evening engagements has been unfavourable

> to the Germans. In the region of the passes of Vyszkow and Beskid (in the Carpathians)

S.S. Queen Wilhelmina is due from

morrow afternoon.