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CONDITION OF KAISER ALARMING

Copenhagen Learns That German Emperor Has Severe Influenza 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 Emperor has great difficulty in prevailing on him to stay in bed.

He has a very bad attack of influenza this morning, when his temperature was about 103, which is higher than 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

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.

Returns give the Government thirty-eight 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 the result.

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 of dollars.

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 the British army.

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

Besides these orders, the War Office has also placed orders for \$8,000,000 worth of shells with Canadian manufacturers, making the total trade from this source well on for \$15,000,000.

Germans Driven From Armentieres

British Artillery Make it Too Hot for the Germans Who Are Forced to Withdraw.

Boulogne, Dec. 10.—A correspondent who has just returned to Boulogne, from Armentieres, says the Germans on Tuesday were driven out of Armentieres by the British, and hurled back beyond the artillery range.

Armentieres is nine miles north-west of Lille.

Mongolian left Philadelphia at noon yesterday.

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 fusillade, 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 fusillade 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 in it.

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 fusillade lasted for some time and at least two hundred shots were fired.

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

SEVENTEEN MEN SIGN THE ROLL

Sprinkling of Volunteers from All Parts of the Island Offers—Total for Contingent Now Over Six Hundred

First Week. Monday 182, Tuesday 153, Wednesday 98, Thursday 51, Friday 30

Second Week. Monday 43, Tuesday 16, Wednesday 14, Thursday 17

Total 604

Recruiting continued last evening at the C.L.B. Armory, when seventeen lads volunteered. Ten were from outports and the balance from the city.

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—Chas. Butt, Tor's Cove—Michael Driscoll.

St. John's—Wm. Geo. Colish, David Bennett, Ed. Mansfield, Jas. Burke, 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 have entered Roulers, in West Flanders, 12 miles north-west of Ypres, according to the Sluis correspondent of the Handelsblad.

Writing to London from the Belgian frontier, on Wednesday, he said the German divisional headquarters had moved from Roulers when shells began to fall in the town, after the British had captured Paschendale, a short distance to the west of Roulers.

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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 inebriates were before Judge Knight to-day; both were discharged.

4th of seven hundred rebels and the surrender of two hundred Boers, five additional rebel leaders and their Commandos have unconditionally laid down their arms.

The Indian Office reports that 1100 Turkish prisoners, exclusive of wounded, and nine guns were captured at Kurma, on the Persian Gulf, which was occupied on December 8th.

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 clearing and somewhat colder.

BRITISH SINK CRUISER NURNBERG AND CORNER THE CRUISER DRESDEN IN THE STRAITS OF MAGELLAN

(British Official Bulletin.)

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

Later it says that a further telegram was received 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 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.

TELL STORY 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 sunk off the coast of Ecuador by the German cruiser Leipzig.

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

Held Up. "On the morning of September 11, 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 out.

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 oil and coal, and before leaving told us to get our boats ready with as few clothes as we could carry, as they intended to sink the steamer at dawn. We were then taken about sixty miles off the land.

Sighted Another Ship. Further instructions compelled us to alter our course and take all instructions by signal from the Leipzig. However, at dawn, 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 crew. 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 night.

Saw Her Sink. "It was from the Marie that we witnessed the sinking of the Elsinor. In all it took twelve explosive shells to do the work. The last we saw of our ship was at 4 p.m. She was then a 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."

CITY MAN ON OFFICIAL 'INFLEXIBLE' REPORTS VERY GOOD

Richard Rogers One of Crew of Warship Reported in Naval Battle

Citizens of St. John's will be proud to 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 days ago.

Mr. Stephen Rogers, of Goodridge & Sons employ, and who is father of the young man mentioned, writes us as follows:

"I have a son on the Inflexible which, I suppose, was one of the ships that helped to bring about the destruction of the German ships which were such a menace to our shipping on the high seas. I hope that our ships will capture the other two.

"My other son is with the 1st Newfoundland Regiment.

"The names of my two volunteer sons are—Richard Rogers, A.B., of 21 Pleasant St., city; Edward Rogers, app. cooper, Sheenan St., 1st Nfld. Regiment, city."

Floriz left New York at 1 p.m. yesterday.

S.S. Bonaventure left Naples Dec. 1st for St. John's.

Fogata arrived at Tilting at 2.40 a.m. and left at 4 a.m.

ALLIES PROGRESS IN WEST—RUSSIAN SUCCESSES—PERSIAN GULF VICTORY—SERVIAN VICTORIES—S. AFRICAN REBELS SURRENDER

London, Dec. 10.—French Government reports progress along the heights of the Meuse and in the Argonne region.

Russian government reports heavy fighting on the left bank of the Vistula, the Miawa-Glow-Lowicz front, in the region of Piotrkoff and south of Cracow, the enemy achieving no success. The Russians evacuated Lodz for strategic reasons.

After successful operations, resulting in the capture of about 200 prisoners and five guns, the India expeditionary force has captured Kurma, where the late Governor of Basra rendered unconditionally with his troops. We now control country from the junction of the Tigris and Euphrates to the sea.

In South Africa, General Beyers is believed to be drowned in the Vaal. Rebel commandoes, numbering over 2,000 in all, have been recently captured or surrendered unconditionally.

Big Rally Of Our Citizens Hears Patriotic Addresses

Premier Morris and President Coaker Address Capacity Audience at British Hall on European War

The second patriotic meeting under the auspices of the S.U.F. took place at the British Hall last evening and was very largely attended.

Every seat in the spacious ball room was occupied and many were obliged to stand throughout the evening.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, Mr. Morine and several members of the Executive.

Mr. J. A. Clift occupied the chair, and introduced the speakers—Rt. 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 Archduke was not the cause because it is now well-known that Germany was spoiling for a fight and she is certainly getting it.

The means the German war party had followed in their endeavors to cause disturbance in the British Empire, but instead of making trouble

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 Pike and Hoberg and Mesdames W. Pike and Doody and 25 steerage.

Russians Hold Back Germans

Check All Attempts of Enemy to Make Any General Advance.

(Russian Official Bulletin.) Petrograd, Dec. 10.—There was no important change yesterday.

Isolated attempts on the part of the enemy to take the offensive, have given rise to engagements in the districts of Ciechanow and Przasnysz, as well as Piotrkow, and in several other districts on our front. The result of the engagements has been unfavourable to the Germans.

In the region of the passes of Yezkow and Beskid (in the Carpathians) on Dec. 8th, during attacks on fortified positions held by Austrians, we captured four guns, several hundred prisoners, and many waggons.

S.S. Queen Wilhelmina is due from Halifax to-day. She sails again tomorrow afternoon.

Acknowledgement

The Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Methodist Orphanage begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of thirty-two dollars and twenty cents (\$32.20), being one-third of net proceeds of Smoking Concert held on Wednesday evening last, per Messrs. Somerville and Dewling.