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### The Kaiser's Latest.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
BERLIN, Aug. 26.

The speech delivered last night by Emperor William of Germany before the Provincial Banquet at Koenigsberg, in which he reiterated and emphasized his belief in the Divine Mandate by which he ruled, referred to the Prussian Crown as bestowed by God's Grace and not by Parliament or people's assemblies and laid a lance against the present movement for women's suffrage, is the political sensation of the hour. The leading organs of the German Press extend comments to it, generally criticising the Emperor's utterances and there are indications that the discourse will have a deep political effect upon the country, nearly all the Berlin papers discussing the subject in connection with the political crisis of November, 1908, when the publication by the "London Daily Telegraph" of an interview with the Emperor aroused a storm against the uncontrolled public speaking of the Emperor. The serious "Vossische Zeitung," "The Tagblatt," "The Post" and other papers point out the constitutional character of the Kingdom of Prussia, in the Empire and inquire whether the Chancellor Von Hofmann was privy to the Emperor's intention of delivering such a speech. They predict that it will lead to a renewed discussion of the Emperor's constitutional position when the Reichstag re-assembles in November. The strongly Monarchist "Tagliche Rundschau," the favorite journal of army officers, says: "This speech means a storm. Never before has Emperor William set into such clear relief his romantic medieval idea of his non-responsibility to pass judgment, of his not being bound by the constitutional co-operation of the people, and ruling by God's free Grace against all those convictions and feelings which today determine our existence as a State."

### The Vatican's Attitude

Special to Evening Telegram.  
ROME, Aug. 26.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the Papal Secretary of State, came to Rome this morning from his summer residence for a reception of the Diplomatic Corps. Among those who attended was Marquis De Gonzales, in charge of the Spanish Embassy at the Vatican, since the recall of the Ambassador Marquis De Ojeda. His conference was longer than usual. It is reported that the conversation of Spanish Representative with the Cardinal was cordial, although Cardinal Merry Del Val confirmed the details of the note sent to Spain, which maintained unchanged the attitude and policy of the Holy See, without making a step either forward or backward. The note asserts that if Premier Canalejas persists in maintaining his position, the effect will be left in statu quo, the Spanish Catholics being left to decide between the rights of the Church and the policy of the Government. Marquis De Gonzales declared he had received no further instructions from Madrid since communications to the Government the note of the Vatican.

### Two Hundred Dead.

Special to the Evening Telegram.  
SPOKANE, Washington, Aug. 26.

Telegraphic communication with the St. Joe Valley in Idaho was restored today for the first time since the forest fires became serious, but as yet it is impossible to verify the reports of large loss of life. Additional to the 88 reported dead by the Government officers, the estimate of approximately 200 dead in the whole fire area, is adhered to by those most familiar with the situation. It is thought that the list of missing will be materially reduced.

Mr. H. P. Shortis, accompanied by Miss Shortis, returned from Harbor Grace last night.

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# Municipal Matters.

## A Word of Thanks.

Editor Evening Telegram:

Dear Sir,—I think it is right that I should say a word or two to the editors and correspondents of the city newspapers who have, from various points of view, discussed the matters which I have been agitating in your columns for some months past. This is the first time in the history of our town, so far as I can discover, when the views of a private citizen upon municipal affairs have succeeded in attracting the attention and exercising the minds of even a small section of the public; perhaps this is for the reasons that I am the first private citizen who has thought it worth his while to persist in forcing his opinions upon the attention of the public. I cannot regret that I have occupied so much of your space, for there seems how to be growing up in the minds of our people a desire to think about municipal affairs and to express their thoughts. That the opinions I have expressed and the suggestions I have made have been received with respect, and even a general measure of approval, is naturally gratifying to me, and I beg to tender my thanks to those who have seconded my feeble but well-intended efforts. Nor am I less grateful to those who have temperately and courteously expressed their dissent from my opinions. Perhaps I ought to be more grateful to them than my backers, for it is in this very dissent that I see the hope of the town. My aim from the moment when I first began to address the public on municipal affairs was to provoke expressions of individual opinions upon matters of deep interest to the town from all classes of our citizens. Though I honestly am persuaded of the justice of every statement I have made and of every opinion and suggestion I have advanced, I regard the triumph of my own views as a matter of the least possible importance. I desire to see this town

### Made Healthy and Sweet

and its affairs wisely and economically administered. The means by which this result is to be achieved are quite indifferent to me. I suggest means, it is true, and advocate them to the extent of my powers, but I shall always be happy if I see other means adapted to the end suggested and adopted. And I can see only one way to achieve the result I am aiming at, and that is to induce the general body of our citizens to take a hearty interest in the affairs which so deeply concern them. I have never had the least hope of influencing the Municipal Council by any direct appeals of my own; my only hope has been that I might be able to persuade the public generally to exert an influence upon the administration which I am powerless to do myself. I think now that the day is coming when citizens will insist that their representatives to the Council govern the city according to the wishes of the inhabitants, namely, cleanly, honestly, intelligently and economically. As these have always been my views and intentions, I hope that my friendly critics in the press will not take it amiss if I join only very sparingly in my discussion of the opinion I advocate from time to time. If I refrain from participation in the debate I ask them to impute it to no contempt of hostile criticism and to no reluctance to abandon a fight when it waxes hot. If I succeed in suggesting matter for debate, I think that I shall have done all that can be expected of me. I am rather concerned that the public should discuss the questions I raise, than that I should succeed in converting the multitude to my way of thinking. Let the opinion of the public be expressed.

### Let the Public Will Be Done.

Besides, I have a great many matters to bring forward yet, matters which I have not so much as touched upon in the past, and I cannot expect people to be listening to me all the time. I am content to hammer away at the same old topics until I awaken others to interest themselves in them, but when that result is attained, I prefer to find some new subjects to dilate upon. My only difficulty will be in making a choice out of the many subjects which are crying out for discussion. But, though I am laying down a rule for myself in the future, I find that I must break it before I adopt it. My excuse must be that the controversy is not yet under way and I must not desert the field the moment my gauntlet is picked up. Mr. Ralph Wood and the Editor of the Evening Herald see the real solution of the health question in the complete inauguration of a water and sewerage system in the houses of the town. I

admit most cheerfully that such a system is much to be desired, but there seems to me to be a number of practical objections to its inauguration upon a scale even remotely approaching completeness. And until the system is universal I think it will be admitted that we must expect filth to be thrown upon the streets and into the drains. And so long as filth is thus exposed to a process of

### Public Petrefaction

me must take measures to mitigate instead of abolishing the dangers which this exposure occasions. My first objection to this counsel of perfection is that it is impossible. The streets which are now most pestiferous are those, of course, where the poorest classes of houses exist. How poor an enormous number of these are the general public have, I fear, little conception. To introduce into tenements which are nothing but match-board a water and sewerage system would be to invite the certainty of a freezing up of the whole supply along whole streets and sections of the town in the winter time. The consequences can easily be imagined. The dangers which are now alleviated by the sanitary scavengers would then be intensified and remediless, for the introduction of the water and sewerage would involve the curtailment of the scavenging system. With the sewers frozen up and no means of collecting the nuisance, which had its usual outlet through the sewers, the accumulations of filth on our streets would be unexampled even in our history. And you could not make the houses in the streets which are now the foulest frost proof. Unless you can take reasonable precautions against the danger of a universal freeze-up, you must be cautious how you introduce water and sewerage into these houses. And then, again, to introduce this system must be a matter of time; it cannot be done with any approach to completeness in a hurry. Then what are we to do in the meantime? Suffer the present conditions to exist? I trust not.

### And What About the Expense?

True, the landlord will bear it in the first instance, but the tenant must immediately begin to pay an addition to his rent. And how can the tenant of the poorest and most dangerous class of houses afford such an addition to his monthly or weekly outlay of money? And even if all these objections are overcome, what about reforming the habits of uncleanness which have of necessity been engrained upon the nature of people who have lived in filth? Surroundings will not be reformed in a year or in several years. And you must protect the city against them in the meantime. No, there can be no doubt that an extension of the water and sewerage system must be inaugurated, but the work must be done cautiously and gradually and with due regard to the dangers which lie in the way. But, in the meantime, and at the present time, the city must, if it hopes to escape epidemic and endemic disease, reform the drains. To neglect this for the sake of a better system which may come in the distant future, how may not, is to court disaster. How it may be done without interfering with the project which Mr. Wood and the Herald support, and which I support, with due modifications, I think I shall be able to suggest, for a friend of mine has outlined to me a proposal which, to my inexperienced judgment, at least, seems feasible and judicious. I might say much more on this subject, but I have already exceeded my space, and I have other matters which I desire to introduce to the attention of the public.

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## International Strike of Seamen.

Special Evening Telegram.  
COPENHAGEN, Aug. 26.

Delegates from all the Seamen's Unions of Europe and America represented at the International Congress of Sailors and Marine Firemen in session here, agreed this morning to declare an international strike, unless the shipowners of every country concerned agree to the formation of a Board of Conciliation to deal with the grievances of the men. The proposal for the strike was the subject of heated discussion at the Congress, the delegates of several of the continental countries having opposed the suggestion of British Union for a strike. The date of threatened strike will be known only to the leaders of the International Congress who are pledged to secrecy. It is confidentially expected that the full Convention will approve the strike resolution when it is laid before the Conference for final action.

## Another Big Forest Fire

Special to the Evening Telegram.  
SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 26.

Within the last 46 hours forest fires of serious proportions have broken out in all sections of Western Washington. Fanned by a strong north-west wind the fires have spread with alarming rapidity, and the State forest rangers have been pressing all available men to aid in combating the flames.

### STRIKE IN SPAIN.

Special to the Evening Telegram.  
BILBAO, Spain, Aug. 26.

The Workmen's Federation today proclaimed a general strike throughout Spain. The strike is to begin next Monday, Aug. 29.

## A Painful Accident.

Miss M. Kelly, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Flynn, at the Cross Roads, met with a painful accident a few evenings ago. She was standing on a couch, adjusting a picture on the wall when she slipped and fell heavily to the floor. She suffered painful injuries to her legs, one of which her friends for a while thought was broken. It was not, but was badly sprained and is since swollen and discolored. She has since suffered much pain and cannot attempt to walk.

## First Aid Exams.

From 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. yesterday Dr. Macpherson and another physician were at the Central Station examining a number of the police and firemen in First Aid. The men take a deep interest in this, are eager and quick to learn, and it is likely there will be a good percentage of passes.

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## CAPE REPORT.

Special Evening Telegram.  
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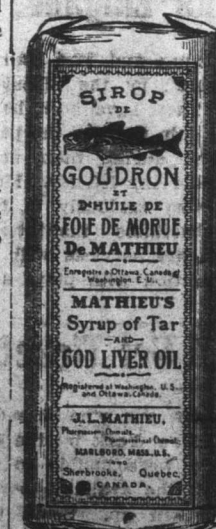
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