

KAISER TAKEN ILL ON SECRET JOURNEY

Wilhelm Stricken While Visiting Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED

Attack of Influenza Leaves Monarch Too Weak to Issue Instructions, for Time, Says Report From Holland.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The British public is manifesting fully as keen an interest in the reports of the German Emperor's illness as in the news of the naval victory. From late dispatches received here it appears that Emperor William was seized with an attack of influenza while on a secret visit to Emperor Francis-Joseph. The most reliable sources of information, by way of Holland and Copenhagen, indicate that he is now making progress toward recovery.

It is noted that the Emperor's quiet and unheralded arrival at Berlin last Thursday night as a sick man, threatened with a nervous breakdown, was his first visit to the capital since the beginning of the war.

News Believed Suppressed.

The German newspapers of Friday, Saturday and Sunday have just arrived here, make no mention of his name beyond the brief announcement that the Emperor had returned to Berlin. This apparently indicates that the news of his illness was suppressed until danger was past.

An earlier dispatch to the Exchange Telegram Company from Amsterdam says:

"The latest bulletin issued in Berlin says that Emperor William's condition is unchanged and he has been unable to leave his bed. His fever has not decreased."

Weakness Prevents Orders.

"The Emperor received a report of the military situation, but was too weak to give any instructions."

There was published in Berlin today a speech made December 2 by the Emperor at one of the army camps, composed of Germans and Austrians, which he visited on his recent trip to the eastern front.

"You are fighting for a just cause, for liberty, for the right to exist as a nation, and for a future of prolonged peace," said the Emperor. "Even though the war should last for a long time we shall not allow the enemy to have a moment's quiet."

"We shall continue to fight with success as heretofore, for heaven is on our side. With God we shall achieve a prolonged peace, for our nerves are stronger than those of our enemy."

IRELAND EXPECTS VICEROY

Winner of Polo in America Forecasts as Aberdeen's Successor.

DUBLIN, via London, Dec. 9.—The Freeman's Journal reports that Baron Wimborne probably will succeed the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, early in the new year, when the office will be raised to the rank of Viceroy.

There have been reports for some time past that the Earl of Aberdeen was about to resign as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord Wimborne, referred to as his probable successor, is the son of Baron Wimborne, who died early this year. He brought the winning British polo team to America last summer.

MOLTKE MUCH IMPROVED

German Chief of Staff, However, Unable to Go to Front.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Amsterdam says:

"A telegram from Berlin received here says that Count von Moltke arrived in Berlin today from Hamburg, much improved in health but unable yet to return to the front. He will be employed in some other capacity."

"His successor as the general staff will be Minister of War General von Falkenhayn, who since Count von Moltke's illness has filled his place."

SAXON KING IN BELGIUM

Object of Visit Is to Represent Emperor William.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Central News has published a dispatch from its Amsterdam correspondent, who says the King of Saxony has arrived in Brussels. This information reached Amsterdam in a dispatch from the Belgian capital.

Recent dispatches from Copenhagen said the King of Saxony was going to Belgium to encourage the troops and represent Emperor William during his Majesty's absence in the Eastern arena of the war.

MRS. YOUNG IS RE-ELECTED

Support of Mayor Harrison Forecasts Expected Fight.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago schools, whose salary of \$10,000 a year marks her among the highest-salaried women of the country, was re-elected tonight by a vote of 15 to 2.

A fight had been expected over the re-election, but the open support of Mayor Harrison assured Mrs. Young of her place.

WILSON PLANS CHRISTMAS

President to Remain at White House With Family.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Frances B. Sayre, daughter of President Wilson, is expected at the White House for Christmas and to remain here for some time afterward.

The president has decided not to go away from Washington for the holidays, but will spend the day at home with his family.

NIGHTRIDER INQUIRY IS ON

Lieutenant-Governor Investigates North River Fire.

ing as Governor in the absence of Governor Lister, is investigating the circumstances surrounding the burning last Wednesday night of the North River home of W. A. Watters, an artist. Mrs. Margaret M. Ross, one of the first victims of the alleged North River "nightriders" and whose cause was championed by Mr. Watters, declares she intends to enlist the aid of the Federal Government if the state authorities do not act. She says she will make an appeal to Governor Lister to clean up the district with the militia. Mrs. Ross points to the burning of the Watters house as proof of the existence of "nightriders" in the North River country. It was this band, she insists, that drove her and her two sons from the region to the home of the trouble maker, but Mrs. Ross has returned to the place only once. Mrs. Ross declares she fears her life is in danger.

An appeal to Secretary of the Interior has been made by Mrs. Ross, who sets forth her "night rider" evidence in an affidavit. She says her right to obtain a homestead is interfered with and it is in that regard she asks Federal aid. This appeal was sent to Secretary Lane October 30. Since that time it has been in the Interior Department has been carrying on an investigation, but Mrs. Ross says she has received no reply to her appeal.

SERBIA OFFERS LIBERTY

HOLY WAR DECLARED FOR EMANCIPATION OF SUBJECTS.

New Cabinet Announces Continuance of Struggle With Unshakable Courage Is Only Course.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—Telegraphing from Belgrade, the correspondent of the Havas Agency transmits an announcement from the declaration of the new Serbian cabinet, read before the Serbian legislature today, as follows:

"We are convinced that the entire Serbian people have resolved to defend their homes and their liberty to the end by every means, the royal government feels it to be its duty to give assurance of the emancipation and the union of all our brothers deprived of their liberty. We are Serbians, Croatsians or Slavonians."

The marvelous success which will crown this struggle will more than repay the tremendous sacrifices involved. In this war Serbia has no choice, and the struggle will continue to be waged with unshakable courage.

"As the enemy still remains on Serbian territory, the government cries to the people: Forward, with God's aid, against the enemy."

The reading of this declaration was interrupted many times by enthusiastic bursts from the assembled legislators.

READY ARMY NOT LIKED

BRYAN THINKS LITTLE OF TALK OF PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR.

Secretary of State Says Armament Will Lead to Conflict Instead of Preventing One.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 9.—Preparedness for war as a means of preventing armed conflict was denounced here today by Secretary of State Bryan, addressing the annual convention of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"If preparedness prevented war there would be no war in Europe," he said. "They had been preparing for a long time. The failure to prevent war, however, may help you if you get into a war, but it will not keep you out."

"More than that, preparedness almost with absolute certainty will lead you into war, because you cannot prepare for war unless you either are afraid of some other nation or intend to attack it. You cannot make them bend their backs to the load unless you can make them believe it is necessary you have got to have somebody to whom you can point and say:

"If you don't get ready they will catch you unprepared."

SEA LOSS ROUSES SWEDEN

Steamers Sunk Off Finland Are Charged Against Germans.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, via London, Dec. 9.—The Swedish press is indignant over the sinking of floating mines along the coast of Finland, which has resulted so far in the loss of three large Swedish steamers and the drowning of upwards of 100 men.

Navigation of Finnish waters hitherto has been unimpeded and no danger of the laying of mines has been given. Captains of Swedish steamers reaching here declare they saw German warships near the Finnish Coast Saturday and Sunday, consequently the strewing of mines in these waters is credited to the Germans.

Traffic in Finnish waters is to be discontinued, until they have been swept for mines.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS ELECT

Chehalis County Men's Club Names W. G. Powell President.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting last night of the Young Men's Republican Club, of Chehalis County, W. G. Powell was chosen president. Mr. Powell and the other officers elected will hold office until the first Tuesday in May, the election date set by the constitution.

Other officers are: A. E. Graham, vice-president; Russell Mack, secretary; N. P. Bryan, treasurer, and Albert Fisher, George Deane, J. J. Frank, Burrows and Hans Hanson to serve with the president and vice-president as the executive board.

CRIPPLED SHIPS IN PORT

Five Storm-Damaged Vessels Limp Into Newport News.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 9.—Four storm-damaged steamers and a disabled schooner reached Hampton Roads today with tales of terrible gales encountered in the storm. A few days ago swept the Atlantic Coast. The schooner Lizzie A. Williams, New York for Norfolk, was towed in by the tugboat cutter Itasca, which picked her up after she had been crippled. Her food supply had run short.

The damaged steamers are the British Pennine Range and Wakefield, the Norwegian Yildun and the Swedish Beta.

Firemen Get \$266 More.

The firemen's fund for the relief of destitute families was increased by \$266 by the basket auction given in Engine-House No. 7 at East Third and Pine streets last night. Bidding was so keen that a basket made by Mrs. Stevens, wife of Battalion Chief Stevens, was auctioned off at \$175. The firemen's fund gave a concert and a varied programme was presented.

\$100 DAILY POURS IN TO CHEER NEEDY

Increasing Fund Indicates Associated Charities' Purse for Year Is Assured.

CHAUFFEUR OFFERS SELF

Man Now Unemployed Would Drive Car to Collect and Distribute Supplies—Christmas Help Extended to Many.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHRISTMAS RELIEF FUND OF ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

Previously reported, \$1,412.83

Cash	10.00
A. Myers, Graham	5.00
Mrs. W. B. Mackay	5.00
G. W. Dustin	2.00
"A. Friend," Seaside	5.00
Mrs. A. E. Perkins	10.00
Mrs. F. H. Hathaway	2.00
Victor Crop, No. Plains	1.00
H. Z. Mavris	5.00
George Raabe	20.00
Cash, E. J. N.	5.00
Dr. A. A. Auslund	10.00
Cash, W. C. A.	5.00
Cash	10.00
A. Friend, D. E. B.	5.00
N. D.	1.00
Total	\$1,512.83

Donations of cash should be sent to Secretary V. R. Manning, 411 Commercial Block, to R. S. Howard, at Ladd & Tilton Bank, or to The Oregonian. Donations of groceries, clothing or supplies should be sent to the Associated Charities at 411 Commercial Block.

For three days the Christmas relief fund of the Associated Charities has grown by leaps of \$100 a day. There is every indication that this is only the beginning of the real campaign and that in the weeks that remain before Christmas many thousands of dollars will be turned into the fund gathered to conserve the joy of Christmas giving and spread it out in happiness to the poor throughout the city.

Cash donations represent only a part of the contributions to the Christmas relief fund. Clothing, groceries, fuel and supplies of various kinds are pouring in daily in quantities sufficient not only to furnish relief for the urgent cases that are being brought, but also to uphold the resources of the Associated Charities for relief work equally necessary after the holiday season.

Chauffeur Offers Services.

"I am out of work now," said a man who appeared at the Associated Charities yesterday, but there is no reason why he should be unemployed. His services might not be turned to some use."

He offered all his time to the Christmas relief work as a chauffeur if the Associated Charities is able to obtain the use of an automobile to handle the hundreds of errands entailed by visiting the poor and collecting donations and supplies.

S. S. Sigel said yesterday that he was a sewing machine to a poor woman who might need it to earn her living, and Miss Helen Zimmerman announced that the "J. U. G. Club" will give dinners to several needy families.

Among donations to the supply room yesterday were 14 worth of soap sent in by a wife who might need it to earn her living, and Miss Helen Zimmerman announced that the "J. U. G. Club" will give dinners to several needy families.

Help Extended Needy.

Among applicants who received immediate relief yesterday was a single man suffering from a broken arm. He obtained clothing, shoes and other temporary necessities. His wife and children were supplied with food and fuel and care for his wife and four children until he was able to get employment. Food and rent money were furnished a family in need. There are four children and a father who is ill and may never be able to work again. A woman, stranded in Portland with two little children, was provided with work in the country by which she will be able to support herself and her children.

Among the cases to be aided by the Christmas Relief fund are:

Opportunity 56. Mother and Daughter.

An aged woman and two daughters, one a widow and the other deserted by her husband, want to be sent back to the father in Wisconsin. The woman came to Oregon some time ago, expecting him soon to follow them, but he became ill. He will be able to care for them if they can get back to him. The widowed daughter has two children and the daughter whose husband deserted her a short time ago is expecting soon to become a mother. A purse of \$34 will make it possible for the family to be reunited in Wisconsin.

Opportunity 57. Husband and Children Deserted.

Deserted by his wife, having two small children to care for and unable to obtain work, a man has appealed to the Associated Charities.

"Unless I can obtain relief," he said, "I will be obliged to ask the county to take charge of my children, and I would rather undergo almost anything than to be separated from the little ones."

Since his wife ran away, he has been boarding out with the children, but now has no money with which to pay board or room rent.

Opportunity 58. Stranded Girl Asks Help.

A woman 22 years old is stranded in Portland. She has no employment or immediate prospect of being able to obtain work. Her mother in California has sent her a letter asking her to be sent to her, but she has not sufficient means to buy a railroad ticket. The Associated Charities has undertaken protection of the girl and arranged as soon as possible for her transportation to the home of her mother.

PERSONAL MENTION.

E. B. Russell, of Salem, is at the Cornwell.

A. L. Clark, of Rainier, is at the Cornwell.

M. O. Boc, of Hood River, is at the Eaton.

L. J. Jones, of Gervais, Or., is at the Perkins.

J. L. Barrett, of Dayton, Or., is at the Eaton.

F. A. French, of San Francisco, is at the Eaton.

C. C. Smith, of Dayton, O., is at the Multnomah.

George Kingsland, of La Grande, is at the Cornwell.

Commissioner, of Olympia, is at the Oregon.

Robert R. Gibson, of Eugene, is at the Cornwell.

George Elwood, of Forest Grove, is at the Eaton.

J. F. McNaught, of Hermiston, is at the Multnomah.

R. E. M. Strickland, of Spokane, is at the Multnomah.

A. C. Dixon, a lumberman of Eugene, is at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hope, of Seattle, are at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fenton, of Yacolt, are at the Oregon.

G. G. Harris and Nelson, of Astoria, are at the Multnomah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Finton, of Berkeley, are at the Imperial.

A. B. Grittmacher, a lumberman of Astoria, is at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bone, of Hood River, are at the Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kiger, of Corvallis, are at the Imperial.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Dorsey, of White Salmon, are at the Seward.

P. A. Wyers, a fruit man of white Salmon, is at the Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hirsch, of Nelson, B. C., are at the Perkins.

Roy Bishop, woolen manufacturer, from Pentecost, is at the Oregon.

O. H. Russell, County Commissioner of Linn County, is at the Oregon.

Thomas Carmichael and W. K. Newell, taxmen of Gaston, are at the Imperial.

Miss Fern Hobbs, newly-appointed member of the Industrial Accident Commission, is at the Seward, registered from Salem.

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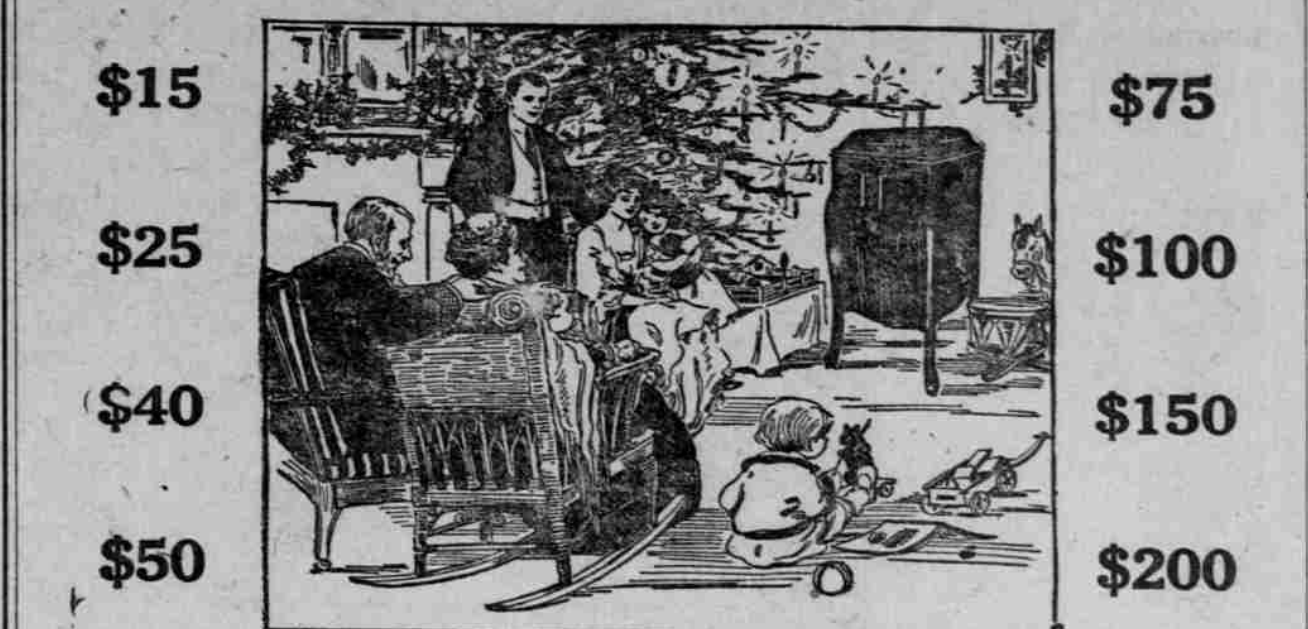
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