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KAISER SUFFERING FROM CANCER GROWTH

Larynx Must be Removed to Prevent Suffocation which the Allies are Anxious to Attend to when War is over.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Matin affirms, notwithstanding denials, that the German Emperor is suffering from cancer of the throat and is no longer able to speak. In February, 1914, according to the Matin, the doctors were considering whether it would be necessary to remove the entire larynx in order to stay the progress of the disease. That raised a question as to whether the Emperor would be able to speak if such an operation were performed. Leading specialists of every capital in Europe were consulted. It was learned that an eminent surgeon in Paris had, with an artificial larynx and breathing tube opening into the trachea, restored the power of speech to cancerous patients who had undergone total removal of the affected organs. This doctor,

whose name the Matin withholds for reasons of professional etiquette, was asked to go to Berlin by the German ambassador. He was offered 100,000 francs and all expenses and was requested to bring with him a patient who had been fitted with an apparatus so that the Emperor himself might see if he were able to speak. Meanwhile, as the result of a minor operation and a few weeks' absolute rest, the Emperor's condition has improved. As is often the case in this disease, the progress of which is implacable, but slow. Another operation of this kind which became necessary has just been performed, but it is only a palliative. The German Emperor must either make up his mind to a complete removal of the larynx or be stifled by the growth. This explains why the Emperor went neither to Warsaw, Constantinople or Brussels.

AUSTRIANS HAVE EVACUATED THE CAPITAL OF BUKOWINA

Russians have made further Progress. 100,000 Serbians Ready to re-enter Fray. Germany Officially Com- plains to British Government Respecting Destruction of German Submarine and Killing of Crew.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Everywhere in Stripa and Volhynian districts of Russia, and in East Galicia the Russians are on the offensive, official communications from both Petrograd and Vienna showing this. Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, is now the position around which the most important fighting is in progress. The Russian War Office reports that the Russians have occupied a line of trenches north-east of Czernowitz, and have repulsed strong counterattacks. A Reuter despatch from Petrograd gives a report of the evacuation of Czernowitz and the capture by Russians of a large number of prisoners, including Germans. There has been a strong advance by the Russians on this front, though Vienna says that the Russian attack has been unsuccessful and that their losses have

been appalling, in one section six miles in width 23,000 Russian dead having been counted. On none of the other fronts have changes of importance taken place. The Austrians have captured an Italian trench near Tolmino, and the Montenegrins have recaptured Bogtevac from the Austrians, inflicting on them severe losses. Unofficial advices from Athens report 30,000 Bulgarians as having reached the region of Traina, north-west of Elbassan, in Albania, and that Albanian irregulars, commanded by a Bulgarian officer have exchanged shots with Italian outposts near Durazzo, on the Adriatic. It is asserted there are 100,000 Serbians now in Albania who will soon be ready to re-enter the fray. Out of 5,011,441 men of military age in England, Scotland and Wales,

2,329,263 were attested, enlisted or rejected, under the Earl of Derby's recruiting scheme, leaving 2,182,178 men who did not come forward and offer their services. Of the men who did come forward, 428,853 were rejected by the recruiting officers. Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in answering a complaint of Germany respecting the destruction last August of a German submarine and the killing of a crew by the British Auxiliary Cruiser Baralong, offers to submit this and similar cases to officers of the United States Navy, or an impartial Tribunal. LONDON, Jan. 4.—A Petrograd correspondent of Havas Agency announces that the Austrians have evacuated Czernowitz, the Russians having seized all the heights dominating the town.

NEARLY 400 LOST WHEN "PERSIA" SANK

The Liner Sent to the Bottom without Warning. Of 87 Women 17 were Saved. All the Thirty Children Drowned.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Three hundred and ninety-two men, women and children, including Mr. Robert N. McNeely, American Consul at Aden, were lost when the Persia, of the Peninsula and Oriental Line, was torpedoed without warning off the Island of Crete. These figures are based on the latest advices from Alexandria where 158 survivors were landed late Saturday night, more than forty-eight hours after the Persia was attacked. The survivors comprised the Chief Officer, Second Officer, seven engine room, twenty-seven seamen, sixty-three lascars and fifty-nine passengers. Out of the eighty-seven women passengers only seventeen were saved. Apparently all the thirty children on board were drowned. The survivors at Alexandria unite in a statement that the Persia was torpedoed without warning. She sank in five minutes. A majority of the surviving passengers and an officer declare that they saw the wake of the torpedo which sank the ship. An official statement says that the Persia was struck by the torpedo amidships on the port side at ten minutes after one o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and that five minutes later the ship disappeared. It is regarded as a miracle that anyone was saved. One report says that the health and safety of the Kaiser's health and safety that he was still suffering from a number of virulent carbuncles. Efforts to obtain an authoritative statement from Berlin met with failure. One report received here today said that the Kaiser was in bed and that his doctors had not succeeded in removing the danger of blood poisoning. He is allowed to receive only certain officials it was said and is being nursed by the Kaiserin in person. At evening the Kaiser is compelled to suspend all work because of his feverish condition it was stated. The Kaiser is suffering from cold and inflammation of the throat in addition to the carbuncles it was stated. Special precautions have been taken to maintain quiet about the palace, the people having been cautioned against demonstrations in the streets.

The last survivors saw of Mr. M. Neely he was swimming by the side of the sinking steamship a few seconds before she disappeared. It was regarded as certain that he had been pulled down by the suction when the Persia took her final plunge. Nothing has been heard of Mr. McNeely's brother Mr. Dowd McNeely, who was accompanying him to Aden as his Secretary. Since his name does not appear among the rescued at Alexandria it is assumed that he is among the lost. Americans in London are one in demanding, that as this crowning infamy of the black year in which the Germans and the Austro-Hungarians have slaughtered more than one hundred American men, women and children, who have only exercised their inalienable right to travel on the free seas, was committed while President Wilson was reading the mocking answer from Austria to the American demand for full atonement for the Ancona horror, and while Germany, unrepentant, has failed to atone for the wholesale murder of Americans on board the Lusitania, the time for words has passed forever, and the hour for action has struck. American men and women who have been subjected to ever increasing humiliations because of Washington's pusillanimous "let us fight" policy, feel that if this latest outrage is made the subject of more high sounding but toothless notes they will be branded as citizens of a Republic governed by cowards.

AN URGENT MATTER TO MEET THE NECESSITIES OF WAR, MR. ASQUITH TELLS LABOUR UNIONS

LONDON, January 4.—An account of the conference held Friday evening between Premier Asquith, David Lloyd George, the Minister of Munitions, and a deputation from the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which is the most influential trade union body and includes most of the trades concerned in the manufacture of munitions, issued to-night by the Press Bureau, shows that the Government had decided to acquiesce in all the demands of the trade union, in return for their consent to the immediate introduction of Mr Lloyd George's scheme of labour dilution. The Press Bureau's account is made up for the most part of excerpts from Mr Asquith's remarks to the deputation at the conference, which lasted three hours, but includes also the statement that the deputation agreed before the conference closed "to accept on behalf of the membership of their society the scheme of dilution, and to co-operate actively therein." A bill, covering the union demands, will be pushed through Parliament as soon as possible. The demands mainly concern matters of pay and conditions of labour for unskilled workmen and women introduced under the dilution scheme. The Government had already agreed to restore the status quo after the war. Premier Asquith's appeal to the deputation was along familiar lines. "From the point of view of the State," he said, "the great point I want to impress on you is the importance of putting this dilution into effect and at once. It is an urgent matter to

Christmas Day In The Trenches

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Describing Christmas Day at the front, a trooper of the Canadian Western Cavalry of the Second Division says: "We had a very decent day under the circumstances. There was a regular re-union of our troops at squadron headquarters, many not having met since coming to France. Dinner consisted of soup, roast pork, vegetables and plum pudding, and the toasts—'The King,' and 'Canada'—were drunk in good English beer imported for the occasion. This was followed by a concert, on the whole, the day, although not so bright as if we were at home, was much brighter than we had anticipated."

Shaughnessy No Thought Leaving C.P.R.

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—The President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, elected to the post in the New Year's honours list, has not yet decided upon the title he will take. A Corollary: "How shall we address your Lordship? Shall we say—Lord Shaughnessy?" "Oh, I suppose there will be no harm in that," was the smiling reply. "But I have as yet not considered the manner of title or considerations associated therewith." "It has been rumoured, my Lord, that in connection with the fulfilment of your duties as peer it might be necessary for you to retire from the presidency of the C.P.R." "Not at all. I have no thought of resigning. I shall simply go on in my usual way without any change." Friends of the C.P.R. president believe that he will continue to be known as Lord Shaughnessy.

MILLION AND A HALF RUSSIANS MOVING IN THE BALKANS

Colossal Attempt to Break Backbone of Germanic Allies.

Most Ambitious Strategic Move Since War Began.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important visible war activity. From the Pripiet to the Roumanian frontier, over a front of at least three hundred miles, a huge Russian force with a great apparatus of engineering, including sledge-hammer blows at the opposing force, which, according to all accounts, totals at least a million and a half men. Petrograd still claims considerable success in the early stages of the campaign, and despatches emphasize excellent contact, supplies and munitions which Russia laid up for this purpose during the period of comparative passivity. Some London observers, speculating on the meaning of the Bessarabia move, hail it as one of the most ambitious strategic plans since the beginning of hostilities, and predict that it will prove a colossal attempt to break the backbone of the Germanic allies the whole line across the Balkans. Thus one critic says: "The plan is that Russia and the other Allies, moving from different points, shall meet in the Balkans and gain complete mastery of that peninsula. If they succeed, Turkey will be subdued and the vitals of Austria-Hungary menaced."

Latest Development In Arsenault Case

(Special to the Guardian.) SUMMERSIDE, Jan. 4.—At the Magistrates Court, Summerside, this forenoon, a warrant for perjury at the instance of the Hon. J. A. McNeill, Commissioner of Public Works, was issued against Philip Arsenault, contractor.

Kaiser's Carbuncles And Other Ills May Be Serious

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.—Private advices from Berlin to-day repeated the disquieting reports about the Kaiser's health and safety that he was still suffering from a number of virulent carbuncles. Efforts to obtain an authoritative statement from Berlin met with failure. One report received here today said that the Kaiser was in bed and that his doctors had not succeeded in removing the danger of blood poisoning. He is allowed to receive only certain officials it was said and is being nursed by the Kaiserin in person. At evening the Kaiser is compelled to suspend all work because of his feverish condition it was stated. The Kaiser is suffering from cold and inflammation of the throat in addition to the carbuncles it was stated. Special precautions have been taken to maintain quiet about the palace, the people having been cautioned against demonstrations in the streets.

Hon. Dr. Beland Heard From

LONDON, Jan. 4.—A letter has been received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada from Hon. Dr. Beland, who is interned in Germany. He is quite well, but reports that his wife, who is living at the same place, is suffering seriously with carbuncles. Supplies of food and other comforts are being sent by Secretary W. L. Griffiths to Dr. and Mrs. Beland. Mr Griffiths has just received a grateful letter of thanks from thirty Canadian civilians interned at Ruhleben for a parcel of food and clothing sent them on behalf of Sir Robt. Borden and Sir George Perley.

DELAY IN DELIVERY OF CANADIAN MAILS TO BE DISCUSSED IN COMMONS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The abnormal delay in the delivery of Canadian Mails will be the subject of a question in the House of Commons next week. The mails brought by the Misanabie were only delivered at the end of the week, although the ship docked at a southern port early in the week. Bankers and brokers, who use the parcel and book posts largely for bulky documents, complain of serious inconvenience and suggest that the Canadian Postmaster General should use the American mails under present conditions.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, January 5.—Maritime: Westerly and South-Westerly winds, increasing to strong breezes moderate gales, with rain and drizzle. THE WEATHER.—Yesterday was cool with occasional snow falls. The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 26 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 18 degrees above zero; at nine last night 20 degrees above zero. The coldest of the previous night was 17 degrees above zero. The tide will be high this morning at 11.01 and tomorrow at 11.55; it will be high tonight at 10.12 and tomorrow at 11.11. The sun sets this afternoon at 4.31 and tomorrow at 4.32; it rises tomorrow morning on Friday at 7.41. The moon rises this morning at 8.33. The last quarter of the moon was on Wednesday, Dec. 29th at 8.59 a.m. There will be a new moon on Wednesday, Jan. 5th at 12.45 a.m. The length of today will be eight hours and fifty minutes.

Must Join Colours Or Lose Their Positions

ST THOMAS, Ont., Jan. 4.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, Minister of Labour, who returns to Ottawa to-morrow from his home here, intimated that all un- married men in the Canadian Civil Service, who are physically fit and of military age, must join the colours or lose their positions. Returned soldiers, he intimated, are to be given the preference in the matter of Government positions.

CANADA'S WAR BUDGET BRINGS RESULTS SURPASSING FINANCE MINISTER WHITE'S ESTIMATES

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Canada closes the first calendar year of war in an exceptionally strong financial position. The trade of the Dominion continues to show large expansion in the export column, thus exchanging the former old adverse trade balance into a favourable balance which is special economic importance for purposes of war financing. The measures announced by the Minister of Finance in his last budget for restoring the revenues from customs and other sources which have suffered during the first few months of war have produced results which exceed even the estimate given to Parliament by the minister. The statement of customs revenues for the last month of the calendar year closing to-night illustrates in a marked degree the working out of the war budget. During the month of December last year the customs revenue fell to \$4,918,798. This was during a period of severe trade disorganisation when the revenues of Canada were falling at the rate of a million a month. The customs revenue for the month just closing amounts to \$9,432,654, an increase of \$4,513,856, or nearly one hundred percent. During the nine months of the fiscal year—that is, from April 1 to the end of the calendar year—the revenues have increased by no less than \$12,891,685, as compared with the corresponding period in the previous year.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, Jan. 3.—A Montenegro statement received to-day says: "The enemy on January 1st attacked our positions at Goduivo, and after a day's fighting were repulsed with appreciable loss. There has been artillery and infantry fighting at other fronts."

Sydney Hotel Burned

Mr McNab, the popular proprietor of the King George Hotel, Sydney, who is visiting in Charlottetown, received a telegram yesterday stating that the hotel was destroyed by fire.

Victory for Russians

PETROGRAD, January 2, via London.—The official statement from general headquarters issued to-day follows: "Western (Russian) front: In the Riga region, on the Baldon road, a lively fusillade and cannonade occurred, in which a German armoured car participated. In the district south of Jacobstadt, and near the Podunay farm, there was lively artillery and rifle firing. In the region of the Ponevesch railway the Germans threw into our trenches some hand grenades and smoke bombs. "North of Cartorysk the enemy twice attacked our fortifications, but met with heavy losses and was thrown back on his own trenches. We captured an officer and seventy men. "On the Stripa front the enemy under our pressure was obliged to fall back on new fortified positions. A particularly fierce engagement occurred near Czernowitz, where we occupied several heights and captured fifteen officers, 855 men, three machine guns and one bomb mortar. "Caucasus front: Our cavalry suddenly attacked a purdah detachment of some hundreds of men, occupying the town of Khopa, and sabred the enemy dispersing his forces. "Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria. Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism N. S. 6418-1-5m1pd.

S. S. MISSANABIE HAS ARRIVED SAFELY WITH CANADIANS

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—It is officially announced, through the chief press censor's office, that the troopship Misanabie, which sailed from Canada on December 15, has arrived safely in England. She had on board the following troops:—No. 3 Siege Battery, 6 officers, 214 men, drafts; Horse Artillery, 2 officers, 100 men; Field Artillery, 14 officers, 603 men; Winnipeg Highlanders, 6 officers, 249 men; Infantry from Edmonton, 1 officer, 44 men; Cyclists, 2 officers, 60 men; Army Service Corps, 5 officers, 200 men; Army Medical Corps, 10 officers, 30 men; Dental Corps, 20 officers, 39 men; civilian practitioners for regular army, 5 officers; Naval ratings, 2 officers, 92 men; Details, 4 officers, 6 men.

MISS HAZEL DEINSTADT LEAVES SOON FOR FRONT

ST. JOHN, Jan. 4.—Some months ago Miss Hazel Deinstdt, a daughter of Rev. T. J. Deinstdt, of this city, a graduate nurse, made application for a place with the nurses who are going from Canada on war service and was rejected on account of her name, it being claimed that she was of German descent. Miss Deinstdt was not satisfied to let the matter rest there but set to work to prove that she was a good loyal subject of the Empire. She has been able to convince the War Office that while her name may be German her ancestors were among those who fought for the English flag in the revolutionary war and in which they played no mean part. After peace had been declared they came to this coun-

Commissions in Future After Qualification

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The War Office announces that hereafter commissions as officers will be granted only to men who have completed their course as recruits and that preference will be given to men who have served with the expeditionary force. This order, which presumably will apply to all units organised under the compulsory system, is expected to make possible more rapid training of troops as well as to insure a satisfactory standard of qualification for officers.

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