

PRESIDENT TAFT TO RALLY REPUBLICANS

Refuses to Abandon Hope for Measures on His Legislative Programme.

WILL SUMMON INSURGENTS

Believes He Can Obtain Sufficient Votes to Pass Railroad Bill in Senate—Brooklyn Trip Cancelled.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, May 6.—The President positively refuses to accept the pessimistic view of the legislative situation held by some of his supporters in Congress, and he purposes to rally the Republican forces with the hope of obtaining the enactment not only of the railroad bill but of the other measures on his legislative programme.

Senators Crane and Elkins went to the White House today and reported the situation. They said they had forty-four votes assured for the interstate commerce bill without the traffic agreement and merger sections, and needed three more votes to make a comfortable working majority, although with two more votes on the floor and that of the Vice-President they could pass the bill.

Messrs. Crane and Elkins told the President they were certain they could command fifty-five votes against the long-and-short-haul clause, at which information he expressed himself gratified. He is disposed to believe he can obtain the acceptance by the House of a conference report which eliminates this clause.

Altogether the President's position may be summed up as decidedly optimistic regarding the entire legislative situation. Senator Root went to the White House to-night and had an extended talk with Mr. Taft. He will also be in to-morrow's conference.

As a vote in the Senate is probable next week the President has cancelled his engagement to witness the launching of the battleship Florida at the New York Navy Yard on Thursday.

TROLLEY CAR KILLS CHILD

Passengers Worked to Release Body of Three-Year-Old Boy.

Louis Silvia, three years old, who lived at No. 184 Madison avenue, was run over and instantly killed by a northbound Madison avenue car at 12th street last night. The child was playing in the street, and did not realize his danger until too late to get out of the way of the approaching car.

Men and women passengers pushed the car back so that Joseph Disanzo, a boot-black, could crawl under it and release the child's body. Dr. Richardson, of the Harlem Hospital, said that death had been instantaneous. Joyce was arrested on a technical charge of homicide.

VALUABLE SEAL CATCH

Nineteen Vessels Return with Cargoes Worth \$627,833.

St. Johns N. F., May 6.—Reports from the steamers engaged in the seal fishery just ended, show that the catch was the most valuable of any for thirty years. The nineteen steamers that returned, the total having been lost, brought 23,121 seals, valued at \$627,833. Last year the catch was 20,302 seals, valued at \$457,309.

GETS SIX MONTHS IN PASSAIC

No Other Punishment for Man Who Had Reputation for Truthfulness.

Paterson, N. J., May 6 (Special).—Edward Richardson was sentenced to two years in the state prison to-day for stealing a suit of clothing, but his reputation for truthfulness caused Judge Scott to reconsider the sentence.

"One thing I will say about the prisoner," Paterson (call) said to the court, "he is one of the most truthful men I have ever seen. When he commits an offence he never denies it."

"In that case," Judge Scott said, "if you will go to Passaic and live there six months that is all the punishment I will give you."

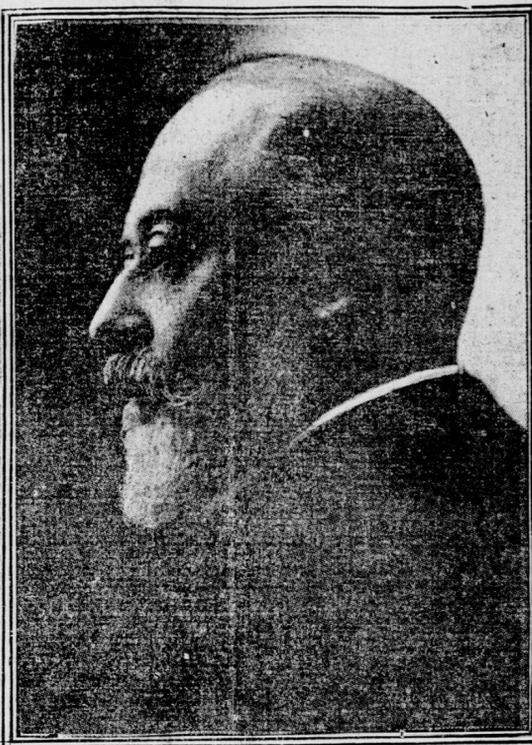
Richardson pronounced, and was released.

MRS. E. P. COYNE GETS DIVORCE

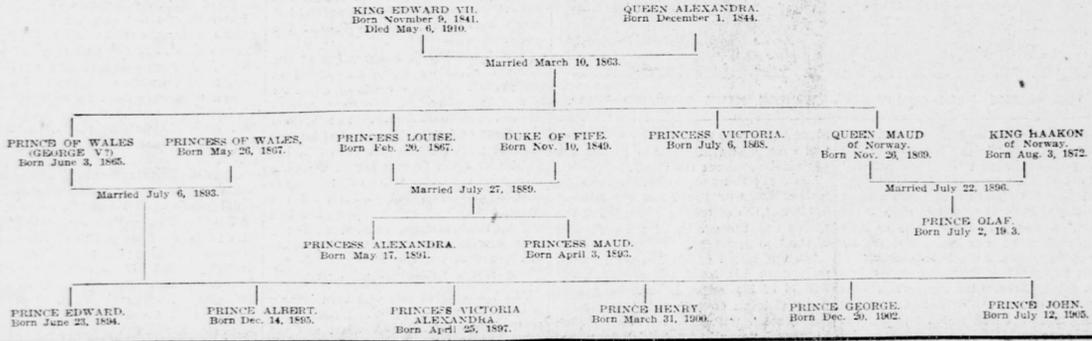
Brook, Nev., May 6.—Mary Gattins Coyne, wife of Edward P. Coyne, partner and agent of New York, and daughter of J. F. Gattins, received a decree of divorce here to-day on the ground of desertion. Mr. Coyne did not contest the suit.

THE KING OF GREAT BRITAIN AND THE LATE MONARCH.

THE NEW KING. KING EDWARD VII. Who probably take the title of George V. THE LATE MONARCH. KING EDWARD VII. Who died at Buckingham Palace last night.



THE LIVING DESCENDANTS OF KING EDWARD VII.



HAVENS LOSES OFFICE?

Fails to File Election Expenses Within Ten Days.

ACCOUNTS JUST RECEIVED

Refused by Commissioner of Elections, Who Quotes the Penal Code.

Rochester, May 6.—Because of his failure to file his election expenses within the ten days after election prescribed by law, James S. Havens, Democrat, who was elected to Congress from the 32d District on April 19, over George W. Aldridge, Republican, has forfeited his office, according to authorities quoted here.

Mr. Havens sent his account of election expenses from Washington to be filed here, and when it was presented this morning H. Alden Nichols, Commissioner of Elections, refused to accept it, holding that under the law he had no right to accept such a statement after the expiration of ten days.

Commissioner Nichols quotes Section 776 of the Penal Code, which provides for the filing of election expenses, and says in closing:

"Any candidate for office who refuses or neglects to file a statement, as prescribed in this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall also forfeit his office."

All statements of the expenses of candidates to be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Elections, according to Section 236 of the election law.

It is held that Mr. Havens should have filed his expense account not later than April 29.

HAVENS GETS AN EASY JOB.

Washington, May 6.—Representative James S. Havens, the recently elected Democratic member from New York, was appointed by Speaker Cannon to-day to the Committee on Railroads and Canals, which is said to have held only one meeting since the Civil War.

Mr. Havens said, "I was not going to be 'bothered with work,'" and he was well satisfied.

AMERICAN AID SENT

Red Cross Cables \$5,000, from Emergency Fund, to Costa Rica.

Washington, May 6.—Prompt action for the relief of the injured and homeless in Cartago, Costa Rica, and in other places from there to Port Limon, was taken by the American National Red Cross to-day.

As soon as the news of the disaster reached them the officials of the Red Cross appointed by Speaker Cannon to-day to the Committee on Railroads and Canals, which is said to have held only one meeting since the Civil War.

Mr. Havens was authorized to make the disbursement of the money in his own discretion, and the State Department gave him authority to go to Cartago or send a consular officer there to ascertain the true conditions of the affair.

Contributions for the aid of the earthquake sufferers in Costa Rica will be received by the Red Cross either at the national headquarters here or by any of the state Red Cross treasurers.

CARTAGO, CITY OF DEAD

Four Hundred Bodies Recovered from Earthquake Ruins.

FATALITIES MUCH LARGER

President and President-Elect Reach Stricken City with Medical Aid and Supplies.

San José, Costa Rica, May 6.—The earthquake which laid waste the town of Cartago, in the province of Cartago, occurred at 6:30 o'clock on Wednesday night. It came without warning and continued about eighteen seconds.

In that brief space of time the buildings of the place collapsed, burying hundreds of persons. The dead were first estimated at five hundred, but it is believed to-night that the fatalities were much greater. Many hundreds more were injured. Late to-day four hundred bodies had been recovered.

Following the shock twilight was turned to the darkness of midnight by clouds of dust that rose from the ruins. Panic ensued, and the cries of the injured and fleeing survivors filled the air. Survivors hurried to the telegraph office to summon help from this city and Alajuela, only to find the operators dead, the wires down and railroad traffic badly impeded.

As soon as the news reached San José President Gonzalez Viquez, accompanied by President-elect Ricardo Jimenez and many doctors and nurses, with a supply of medicines, started on a special train for the scene of the disaster to lend aid to the survivors. On the President's arrival at Cartago martial law was immediately proclaimed, in order to facilitate the maintenance of order. Provisions and clothing were also dispatched from here.

Throughout to-day special trains arrived bringing the wounded, who filled the hospitals and many private houses which had been surrendered for the purpose by their owners.

Hundreds of survivors are camped outside the ruined city awaiting transportation to other points. They are being fed at the public expense. Seven carloads of provisions have been dispatched from here and Alajuela.

The beautiful Peace Palace, erected through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, was converted into a pile of debris. Other public buildings met the same fate. Many students of the College of the Salesian Fathers were killed. Only three of them escaped unhurt.

The work of rescue was greatly impeded by falling walls, which blocked the narrow streets. The tremors continue to-night and the terror of the people increases as time passes. The general fear of further shocks of a severe character has extended to the neighboring towns. Only the early hour of the evening at which the disaster occurred prevented a much greater loss of human life. At the time many people were in the open. So far no deaths have been reported from the American colony.

The disaster was not preceded by any activity of the volcano Peaz or of other volcanoes.

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BIRD OF PARADISE HERE

Skipper Who Brings It Smiles at an Offer of \$500.

COUNCILMAN SIMON CONVICTED

Jury in Case of Councilman Moran Disagrees in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, May 6.—Councilman A. V. Simon was found guilty on two indictments of bribery to-day after the jury had been out twenty-two hours. A previous jury was unable to reach an agreement. After being out almost forty-nine hours, the jury considering the case of Councilman T. J. Moran was discharged, being unable to agree on a verdict.

ASQUITH STARTS FOR LONDON. Madrid, May 6.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, and Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the British Admiralty, who have been in Andalusia, left Seville this afternoon for London.

ERIE COUNTY BAR HOLDS CASES ARE NOT DECIDED ACCORDING TO LAW. Buffalo, May 6.—At a meeting of the Erie County Bar Association to-day speeches were made criticizing some of the Supreme Court trial and Appellate judges of Western New York for an alleged tendency to decide cases according to individual notion rather than to law. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is detrimental to public welfare for the judges of this state to ignore well settled principles in order to enable them to render decisions which conform more closely to the sense of justice and right of the individual judge or judges constituting the court.

MR. TAFT EXPRESSES AMERICA'S SORROW. [From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, May 6.—President Taft, on learning of the death of King Edward to-night, sent the following cable dispatch to Queen Alexandra:

To Her Majesty Queen Alexandra: Buckingham Palace, London. May 6, 1910.

On the sad occasion of the death of King Edward, I offer to your majesty and to your son, his illustrious successor, the most profound sympathy of the people and of the government of the United States, whose hearts go out to their British kinsmen in this, their national bereavement. To this I add the expression to your majesty and to the new King of my own personal sympathy and of my appreciation of those high qualities which made the life of the late King so potent an influence toward peace and justice among the nations.

WILLIAM H. TAFT. The following message was sent to the American Ambassador at London by the Secretary of State: Department of State, Washington, May 6, 1910.

American Embassy, London. Apart from the message which the President has sent to Queen Alexandra, you will make to the British government appropriate expression of the sympathy of the President, the government and people of the United States in the loss by their British kinsmen of a ruler so beloved and so distinguished among the nations for the influence of his kindness and wisdom toward all that is best.

P. C. KNOX. Secretary Knox also made the following statement: The people of the United States are sure to feel for their British kinsmen deep sympathy in the loss of their wise, tactful and kindly ruler. King Edward VII had qualities which made his fine influence to be felt in many international affairs, and this influence was always found on the side of peace and justice.

THREE CHILDREN RUN DOWN

Two Chauffeurs Held, One Gets Away, in Series of Accidents.

SUPREME JUDGES CRITICISED

Erie County Bar Holds Cases Are Not Decided According to Law.

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KING EDWARD DEAD; GEORGE V ON THRONE

British Sovereign Expires from Bronchial Pneumonia After a Short Illness.

ROYAL FAMILY AT DEATHBED

Prince of Wales Succeeds Without Ceremony—"I Have Done My Duty," Says Dying King—All England in Mourning—Crowds at Palace During Day—End Just Before Midnight—Political Chaos.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] London, May 7.—King Edward died at 11:45 last night.

The news, which has plunged the British empire into mourning, came soon after midnight, and was foreshadowed by the bulletins issued earlier in the day, each one being of graver character than its predecessor.

There were comparatively few people about the streets at the end, as it had been announced that there would be no further bulletins until morning, but the clubs were crowded and the tragic end of Edward the Peacemaker was the sole topic of conversation.

Midnight editions were published at once by the leading papers.

It is impossible to say what effect the King's death will have on the political situation, but it spells ruin for many London tradesmen for this season.

The Prince of Wales will be proclaimed King probably to-morrow and he will assume the title of George V on ascending the throne.

According to precedent the news of the demise of the sovereign was at once communicated to the Mansion House. The City of London, always jealous of its privileges, looks upon association with the reigning monarch as one of its cherished possessions, and within a few minutes of the King's death the sad intelligence was conveyed to Lord Mayor F. Hill, who, as Privy Councillor, will be present at the proclamation of the new sovereign to-day.

The official notice posted outside the Mansion House was very brief and read as follows:

"At 11:45 p. m. the King has just passed away."

It seemed a strangely quiet intimation, for the City streets were practically deserted and it had evidently been expected that the first news would be announced from the gates of Buckingham Palace.

The Prime Minister is hurrying home from abroad, but is not expected to reach London before Sunday evening. It is probable, however, that, as was the case on the occasion of the death of Queen Victoria, the members of the Privy Council will assemble with the new King at St. James's Palace to-day and declare their allegiance to him.

LONDON IN GLOOM.

Public anxiety had deepened every hour respecting his majesty, and the capital was shrouded in gloom at midnight.

The first bulletin, signed by five physicians, was grave enough, and the second was terribly alarming, ending with the word "critical." Between these official declarations there were the inventions of rumor mongers, including the announcement of his majesty's death, for stark jobbing purposes, and a wild canon that he was suffering from cancer.

Later announcements showed that bronchitis had been followed by pneumonia, that the King's heart action was most alarming and that Sir Francis Laking said about noon that the King could not live more than twenty-four hours.

There was a series of vague rumors during the evening, but nothing to encourage either the host of silent watchers around Buckingham Palace or the swarms of anxious inquirers at the clubs and in Fleet Street.

Lord Knollys and other court officials had admitted that the King's condition was most alarming and that the crisis of the disease was expected in the early hours of the morning.

Symptoms of Pneumonia.

The King's obstinate cough had not been relieved by the change of air to Sandringham. His cold, probably, had been increased during the week-end visit, yet he made light of it when Ambassador Reid saw him on Tuesday. He said that it was bronchial, and could easily be thrown off. It was not until Thursday afternoon that it became apparent that there were throat complications and symptoms of pneumonia, and meanwhile he had granted many audiences and transacted considerable business.

The change which came suddenly at an early hour yesterday morning was due to a rise in temperature and a disturbance of the heart action. These symptoms of pneumonia were accompanied by the stoppage of the smaller air tubes.

A throat specialist was called in and oxygen was administered to facilitate breathing and to stimulate the heart. There was no difficulty with the digestive processes, but the failure of the heart was dreaded by the physician.

While the struggle for life was in progress the palace was surrounded by silent throngs awaiting the issue of bulletins, and as many as two thousand visitors called to sign books and to leave cards.

Family in the Palace.

The Duke of Connaught's family were far away in Suez, and Princess Henry of Battenberg and the Queen of Norway

THE DEATH OF THE KING.

King Edward, surrounded by all the members of the royal family in England, died at Buckingham Palace at 11:45 last night.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the throne under the title of George V, and will take the oath before the Privy Council to-day.

The King's death leaves the empire in a grave political situation. It is believed that the struggle between the Lords and the Commons will be temporarily abandoned.

Messages of grief and sympathy have been received from all British dominions and from foreign nations which have heard the news of England's loss.

were also absent, but the other members of the King's family were in the palace, the Prince and Princess of Wales being almost continuously with the Queen.

The Archbishop of Canterbury paid two visits to the palace and was in readiness, with the Lord Chamberlain, to announce the succession of the Prince of Wales in the event of a fatal termination of the King's conflict with disease. The Lord Chancellor and Lord Crewe also had been summoned to London so that a meeting of the Privy Council might be held for opening the new reign.

All these precautions had been taken so that the traditions of monarchy might be maintained in an extremity, but special intercession services were begun in St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey and hundreds of churches that the life of the most statesmanlike and useful modern sovereign might be spared, and that the empire might be delivered from an irreparable loss.

KING TAKES OATH TO-DAY

Privy Council Called—Last Hours of Edward VII.

[By The Associated Press.] London, May 7.—King Edward VII died at 11:45 o'clock last night, after a short illness. The Prince of Wales is King, assuming the title of George V, and will take the oath before the Privy Council at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The prince succeeded to the crown immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to dispatch to the Lord Mayor the announcement of his father's death, in pursuance of custom. His telegram read:

I am deeply grieved to inform you that my beloved father, the King, passed away peacefully at 11:45 to-night. GEORGE.

The physicians soon afterward issued their official bulletin, which was as follows:

May 6, 11:50 p. m.—His majesty the King breathed his last at 11:45 to-night, in the presence of her majesty Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria and Princess Louise, the Duchess of Argyll.

LAKING, REID, POWELL, DAWSON.

Pneumonia, following bronchitis, is believed to have been the cause of death, but the doctors thus far have refused to make a statement. Some of the King's friends are convinced that worry over the critical political situation which confronted him, with sleepless nights, aggravated, if it did not cause, the fatal illness.

The King refused to remain in bed yesterday morning. He insisted on getting up to transact business of state as usual with his secretary, facing his illness with courage and determination.

He had numerous attacks of choking and coughing, and one bad paroxysm of coughing in the forenoon. The paroxysms recurred frequently in the afternoon, until evening, when the attacks took the form of failure of breath. Although the King lapsed into a comatose condition, he remained sitting up, and oxygen was freely administered.

It was about 10 o'clock when Dr. Laking and Reid conveyed to the Queen, the Prince of Wales and other members of the family, who were waiting in an adjoining room, the tidings that there was no hope and that death was a mere matter of time. The King was then partly conscious, and soon afterward rallied sufficiently to recognize his wife and son.

Besides the nearest relatives in England, the Duke of Fife and the Archbishop of Canterbury were in the death chamber. The King's brother, the Duke of Connaught, with his family, is at Suez, maintaining home from Africa. The King's daughter, Queen Maud of Norway, will start for England to-morrow.

The intelligence that the end of King Edward's reign had come was not a surprise at the last. The people had been expecting to hear it at any hour since the evening's bulletin was posted at Buckingham Palace and flashed throughout the kingdom. The capital received it without excitement, but sad-