

MRS. M'KINLEY'S CONDITION IS ALMOST HOPELESS

THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE IS AT DEATH'S DOOR

Hope For Her Recovery Very Slight and Death May Occur Soon.

PRESIDENT ABANDONS HIS ENGAGEMENTS

Little Effort Now Made to Conceal the Fact That the Patient is in a Dying Condition--Had a Sinking Spell at 5 O'Clock-- Secretary Cortelyou Makes an Official Statement as to Her Condition and Leaves Little Hope.

San Francisco, May 16.--At 8:45 p. m. Secretary Cortelyou gave out the following statement: "Physicians in attendance upon Mrs. McKinley report her condition as decidedly improved since morning; pulse and temperature satisfactory. Patient resting well."

San Francisco, May 16.--9:30 a. m.--Mrs. McKinley is very near death's door. At 9:10 Secretary Cortelyou gave out the following alarming statement: "Physicians report that Mrs. McKinley's condition is not so favorable this morning, she having had a sinking spell at 5 o'clock."

At the same hour Mr. Cortelyou announced that the president would not attend the banquet of the Ohio society tonight.

San Francisco, May 16.--Unusual precautions were taken during the morning hours to secure quiet in the Scott neighborhood. All events for today in which the president was to have participated have been abandoned.

Miss Barber, Mrs. McKinley's niece has been selected to launch the battleship instead of her stricken aunt. She will touch the button connected with electrical machinery which will start the big ship from the stays.

San Francisco, May 16.--The condition of Mrs. McKinley this morning was critical, according to latest information from the Scott residence. The gravest doubts are entertained as to her recovery.

The president's wishes are that as far as he is concerned all functions, public and social, should be canceled.

The people of San Francisco and the cities the president was to have visited express their deepest sympathy for him and his wife, and are willing to forego everything for the sake of the chief executive and his stricken wife.



MRS. WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

The president has not yet abandoned hope of attending the launching of the battleship Ohio.

RIXEY OPPOSED IT. Dr. Rixey was against having Mrs. McKinley make the journey, but she insisted upon it. The result is as was expected. The first week the change of scene and excitement of travel acted as a tonic, and she was apparently much improved, but a reaction set in and she became worse than when leaving Washington.

Shortly before 7 this morning Mrs. McKinley awakened. It was announced from the Scott residence that she was no worse than when last reported, an that there is no truth in the story that nitro-glycerin had been used to prolong the life of the patient. Further information concerning Mrs. McKinley was refused at 10 o'clock, for the time being.

Washington, May 16.--Gloom rests

on official Washington since the news was received that Mrs. McKinley's illness still continues serious, not only among the intimate friends and those who come in close touch with the president's official family, but to the people in general.

Two years ago, when Mrs. McKinley first began to show the effects of the excitement and wearing nature of official life, the situation was gravely discussed by the president and her physician, Dr. Rixey. It was then suggested that the president officially state that the mistress of the White House was an invalid, and could not be expected to preside as her predecessors had done. Mrs. McKinley did not realize how weak she was becoming, and did not favor this plan. Contrary to the advice of his friends and of the physicians, the president permitted Mrs. McKinley's desire to be gratified. It is believed that he is convinced of the folly of allowing further exertion on Mrs. McKinley's part, and that if the worst does not happen he will officially announce his wife's invalidism shortly after his return to Washington.

Mr. M. C. Barber stated to a News-Democrat reporter that he had received a telegram from President McKinley, Thursday morning, stating that Mrs. McKinley had rallied about 5 o'clock this morning from the sinking spell which she suffered, and that she was resting easily. The telegram stated, however, that she was critically ill.

Mr. Barber said that while they were trying to look on the bright side and were in hopes that Mrs. McKinley would recover, all the friends were apprehensive.

"We had word Wednesday saying that she was seriously ill, but there was nothing said about when they would start home or whether they would stop in Canton or go on to Washington. I see by the papers this morning that they contemplate going to Washington as soon as Mrs. McKinley is able to travel. "One thing that makes us hopeful, is the fact that Mrs. McKinley has remarkable recuperative powers. There have been times when we thought she would not live an hour, when the doctors had given her up, yet she would rally and in a few days would be able to sit up. This is what gives us hope that she may recover from the present attack."

There is great anxiety among not only the immediate relatives of the family, but the citizens of Canton generally, who have learned to admire and sympathize with the wife of the president, whose life has been so full of suffering.

NO CLEW YET.

Washington Police Hunting for the Murderer of James S. Ayers.

Washington, May 16.--There is no clew to the murderer of James S. Ayers, except that two or three persons saw the "woman in white" leave his apartments by the fire escape. The police will today examine the clothing of every woman in the Hotel Kenmore where the tragedy occurred, in the hope of finding something that will lead to the capture of the murderer who they believe was a jealous woman, as it is now known that Ayers had many admirers among the fair sex.

CONGER'S CASE.

New York, May 16.--Kenyon B. Conger, promoter at 15 Wall street, son of the late Colonel A. L. Conger, of Akron, O., was discharged in bankruptcy yesterday. He has been interested in enterprises in Akron and Zanesville, Ohio, and in Muncie, Ind. His liabilities were \$250,000, and assets, \$1,507.

BEFORE AND BEHIND THE SCENE.



Auditor Reed kicks over small but legitimate expenditures, but cannot see the large grafts.

VISITS THE DAUGHTER.

Mrs. Smith, of Massillon, Goes to Inverness--Cool Reception.

Special to News-Democrat. Massillon, May 16.--Mrs. Joseph Smith, of this city, in company with Constable Graham called on her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Smith, formerly Miss Florence Holander, at her home at Inverness, Columbiana county, on Wednesday. It was the first time mother and daughter had met since 1888, at which time the daughter was placed in the children's home at Fairmont. Some time after being placed in the home the girl was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, and at the death of the former inherited the bulk of his estate, receiving \$8,000 in money and two farms.

Upon learning of her daughter's good fortune, Mrs. Smith, the mother, decided she was entitled to a share of it and proposed going to Inverness on an extended visit. The daughter objected and refused to contribute to the support of the mother.

Constable Graham placed her under arrest, the mother having charged her with non-support in an affidavit filed in Squire Sibilla's court. Mrs. Smith was released on her own recognizance, promising to appear for trial on notice from court.

The young woman refused to shake hands with her mother. She is not harmed at the outcome of the approaching trial. Her lawyer as informed her that at the time she was placed in the children's home her mother had surrendered all rights and relations. In the eyes of the law Mrs. Cameron is her mother.

Boom at Warwick.

Special to News-Democrat. Massillon, May 16.--The Hankins Building syndicate, of this city, has completed plans for the erection of fifteen dwelling houses at Warwick, about two miles north of here, at the crossing of the C. L. & W., B. & O. and the C. A. & C. railroads. A plant for the manufacture of hard wall plaster is to be built, and a foundry and a glass factory are also being planned. The quarries of the Chippewa Sand and Stone company, of this city, are located at Warwick.

Engineer Dies.

Special to News-Democrat. Alliance, May 16.--Robert William McNabney, one of the oldest engineers on the Fort Wayne road, died at his home Wednesday morning, of a complication of diseases. He had been an engineer on the Fort Wayne road for 28 years.

Throat Cut.

Kent, O., May 16.--Christopher Wiss, aged thirty-eight, and single, was found dead in a lot near town, with his throat cut. Rough on rats, carbolic acid, and a large knife were found at his side. Foul play is suspected. Coroner Waggoner is investigating.

TRAFFIC OR TRANSFER AGREEMENT DISCUSSED

Canton-Massillon and Canton-Akron Officials Meet With Members of the City Council.

CANTON WANTS PRIVILEGES AKRON ENJOYS

Canton-Akron People Willing to Let Council Settle Transfer Question--Canton-Massillon Line Has Plans for a Double Track From North Street to Ft. Wayne Railroad on Market Street.

Very little was accomplished at the meeting of the Canton-Massillon and Canton-Akron railway officials, Wednesday evening, with the city council, for the purpose of making a traffic or transfer agreement. The representatives of both railway companies stated that the meeting was premature owing to the fact that the Canton-Akron company had not yet received its terminal franchise at the hands of the city.

Under the circumstances nothing could be done but informally discuss the matters for which the meeting had been called.

The Canton-Massillon company was represented by William A. Lynch and H. C. Fogle. J. C. Welty, Charles A. Kolp and W. H. Hoover were on hand to protect their own interests as projectors of the Canton-Akron line. All of the councilmen were present when the president called the meeting to order shortly after 8 o'clock.

Mr. Schroyer explained the purpose of the meeting, saying that it was the desire of the council that the two roads make some

TRANSFER AGREEMENT or traffic arrangement whereby the citizens living along the right of way of the Canton-Akron may have the privilege of transfer at the square.

"We understand," said Mr. Schroyer, "that the Canton-Akron road has made satisfactory arrangements with the N. O. T. company at Akron, and we would like to see the same thing in force in this city. We believe that if transfers are given in Akron and not in Canton there are many farmers living along the road who will go to Akron on that account. We do not wish to have Canton discriminated against in this way. What we want is the same privileges here as the Akron people will enjoy. We don't expect you gentlemen to come to any definite agreement here to-night but we would like

to hear expressions from both sides so that we may know just how the ground lies on this question."

MR. WELTY SPEAKS. Mr. Welty was called upon to state the position of the Canton-Akron line in the matter of transfers. He said: "We are not in your city yet. When we get inside it will be time enough to arrange for a system of transfers with the Canton-Massillon company. At Akron we have a traffic agreement with the N. O. T. company. We come into the city over their lines, and when we reach their tracks our passengers virtually become theirs. Of course they are given transfers to other lines of the city. If our company secures the franchise in Canton we will be perfectly willing to let the council be the arbiters of the transfer question. The councilmen may fix the price and we will abide by it. I will say once for all that the Canton-Akron road wants the transfers and will submit to any fair or equitable agreement to secure such an arrangement."

MATTER IS PREMATURE. Mr. Lynch followed Mr. Welty and said in part: "This matter of transfers is certainly premature. When the new road is built in the city there will be plenty of time to make some satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Welty and his company. It is, however, a very important, in fact, I may say, a very vital matter to us. We have found that interurban passengers have very little use for transfers. I may say that 80 per cent. of all our Massillon passengers stop at the square and do not patronize any other line. Now if Mr. Welty intends to give transfers to his passengers he will have to charge more fare from Akron and other points along his line. As a consequence of this 80 per cent. of his passengers will have to pay this additional fare in order that the other 20 per cent. may have the use of the transfers. This is not an equitable arrangement and I

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NEW BRIDGE NECESSARY

County Commissioners Pass a Resolution.

MINUTES HELD BACK

Resolution Passed on Monday-- Two Commissioners Favor a Stone Arch Bridge Over Nimishillen.

The county commissioners Monday passed a resolution declaring that it was necessary to erect a stone arch bridge across the Nimishillen creek near the Graham mill, and called for the preparation of plans for the same. For some reason the minutes of the meeting were held back and not placed on record until Wednesday afternoon and the public was not aware of the fact that the action had been taken. The resolution was offered by Commissioner Summer and when the vote was taken, he and Johnson voted for the resolution, Crawford voting against it. The substance of the resolution is as follows:

"The Canton-Akron railway company, in grading the public highway between Canton and New Berlin, contemplate cutting down the hill known as the Graham mill and filling the road way between said hill and Nimishillen creek to a height about eight feet above the present grade, and also cut the hill immediately south of said creek to correspond with the grade on the north side, and as the grading of said hill will be a public benefit, and said bridge across said creek is insufficient and not a suitable structure, therefore dangerous to public travel, and as said bridge will be seven feet below road level when the new grade is established, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the judgment and opinion of said board, it is necessary and to the best interests of the county and traveling public that there be built an arch bridge of stone or brick, a span 30 feet wide and 30 foot roadway, and that suitable plans and estimates for said stone bridge be prepared and the same submitted to the proper authorities, for approval or rejection, said plans to be prepared and paid for by the Canton-Akron railway company."

Under the law, the plans must be submitted to the commissioners, county auditor and county surveyor for approval, and it is said that when the matter of approval comes up Commissioner Crawford, Auditor Reed and County Surveyor Hoover will disapprove the plans, thus further stopping proceedings.

Nominated for Governor.

Akron, May 16.--The Prohibitionists nominated E. Jay Pinney, of Cleveland, for governor. Other state officers will be nominated this afternoon. M. Clinton Howard, of Rochester, N. Y., in an address said: "Saloons should be blown to hades where Judas Iscariot could be bartender without changing his residence."

N. O. T. Gets Franchise.

Akron, May 16.--The Northern Ohio Traktion company has been given a twenty-five-year franchise for the erection of an electric line through Western Star in Medina county. The company has secured a franchise for an electric line through Medina county from Barberton to the town of Medina.

LUTHER LEAGUE.

Canton Man Makes an Address at the Convention in Mansfield.

Mansfield, May 16.--Wednesday's session of the Ohio State Luther league convention opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. E. Steck, of Springfield. The committee on president's report favored the organization of four new district leagues in the state.

The general subject of the morning was "Our Young People in the Twentieth Century," and this was treated in three addresses. The first of these was by M. W. Lutz, of Canton, who devoted his attention to the subject of "Who and What Are They?" The afternoon program included addresses by some of the delegates present.

The convention closed with Wednesday night's meeting. Among the speakers of the evening was Professor D. H. Bauslin, who spoke on "Lutheranism in the World."

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, Miamisburg; recording secretary, Miss Margaret Cuck, Toledo; corresponding secretary, Charles F. Steck, Springfield; treasurer, Charles Matthes, Mansfield. The next convention will be held in Springfield in May, 1902.

He Wanted Light.

Youngstown, O., May 16.--A blind street beggar stopped at the American house last night. He sent for a bell boy to light the gas so that he could go to bed. The boy threw the lighted match on the bed and a blaze ensued.