KING EDWARD IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Operation for Perityphlitis Performed---Grave Fears Entertained for His Recovery---Illness Causes Postponement of Coronation Ceremonies.

London, June 25.—With dramatic suddenness the king has been stricken down upon the eve of his coronation. To-day he lies in a critical state at Buckingham palace. Indescribable

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consternation prevails throughout the country, and the consternation is reflected in the cablegrams received from all the centers of the universe.

Coronation Postponed.

A brief notice has been published in the Gazette, as a result of which the entire state, social and business arrangements throughout the country are paralyzed. The order is dated from the earl marshal's office, and reads as follows: "I have to announce that the solemnity of the coronation of their majesties, King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra is postponed from the 26th to a date hereafter to be determined." The best informed opinion places the date of the coronation in about three months' time, provided King Edward progresses well in the meantime.

The following bulletin was issued at 11:10 p. m.:

"The king's condition is as good as could be expected after so serious an operation. His strength is maintained; there is less pain, and his majesty has taken a little nourishment. It will be some days before it will be possible to say that King Edward is out of danger.

"TREVES.
"LAKING.
"BARLOW."

Fear of Peritonitis.

At five a. m. the king's condition is exceedingly grave. The king's temperature has risen during the last hour and it is feared that peritonitis has developed. Great anxiety is felt lest the increased temperature is due to an unfavorable development, such as an abscess in the vermiform appendix perforating the intestines. The heart weakness continues to cause grave anxiety. Further stimulants have been administered. The feeling at the palace is that little hope remains. At midnight the king took a little nourishment and a hypodermic injection of nitroglycerin was administered, the heart's action being weak. His majesty rallied slightly and recognized several of those about his bed. He then relapsed into a comatose condition. The queen has left the bedside but once since the operation. The administration of nitroglycerin to stimulate the heart's action is a grave sign. The danger of collapse from shock is not yet passed and the doctors are still fighting this peril. At this hour the palace is everywhere closed and there are no signs of life about the building except the sentries outside. Strict orders have been given to the sentry on the king's side of the palace to walk on the grass and not on his usual beat, as the slightest noise disturbs his majesty.

Operation Performed.

The king's ailment is what is known as perityphlitis, which is inflammation, including the formation of an abscess, of the tissue around the vermiform appendix and is hard to distinguish at once from appendicitis. The trouble is in the right side, low down. Under ordinary circumstances, he ought to recover in three or four weeks, but after recovery it would perhaps be four weeks more before he would be able to perform his part in the coronation ceremony. King Edward's condition became so alarming Monday night that an operation was decided upon, and shortly before two o'clock Tuesday afternoon his majesty was moved from his couch to the operating table and the anesthetic was administered. Sir Frederick Treves made the incision near the patient's groin, and carried it upwards, with an outward slant, for nearly four inches. The obstruction was removed and a tubing was placed in the affected intestine.

Queen Alexandra has borne the strain of the past week with the bravest spirit. She has exerted herself to appear cheerful and to devise means to lessen the king's grief and disappointment, although she was evidently greatly distressed.

Cabinet Meets.

The cabinet council, which lasted an hour, was held Tuesday evening at Mr. Balfour's room in the house of commons. It is understood that it was arranged to carry on as far as possible public business requiring the king's approval and signature without reference to his majesty, in order to insure absolute mental and physical rest and quietude throughout what the minters hope will be the period of convalescence.

Anxious Inquiries.

The pope and the king of Italy and other monarchs have cabled anxious inquiries concerning King Edward's progress, and dispatches received from all parts of the world reflect the intensity of feeling occasioned by the unexpected news of his majesty's illness and sympathy with the British nation.

Causes Consternation.

The sudden announcement of the postponement of the coronation, just on the eve of the ceremony, caused the utmost consternation everywhere, The news spread like wildfire. The tens of thousands of occupants of the streets suddenly stood still under the sudden shock and gazed at one another in silent dread of what might come next.

On the stock exchange the effect of the startling news was immediate. Prices weakened, led by consols, with a fall of half a point.

It is understood that the special ambassadors and royal guests will return to their respective countries as soon as more definite news is received of the result of the operation.

The Heir Apparent.

The heir to the throne is Prince George of Wales, second son of King Edward. The duke of Clarence, the king's eldest son, died in 1892. Prince George is 37 years old and is married to Princess May of Teck.

H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Heir Apparent to the Throne of Great Britain and Ireland.

Slain by Victim's Son.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 25.—After having been acquitted four times for the killing of Washington Smith on July 16, 1896, Judge David T. Rogers, a prominent man, was killed Tuesday by Troy Smith, aged 25, a son of Washington Smith. The tragedy occurred in a restaurant.

Harvard Beats Yale.

New Haven, Conn., June 25.—Harvard defeated Yale Tuesday afternoon in the commencement ball game. Score: Harvard, 10; Yale, 4.

Masked Robbers in Ohio.

Fremont, O., June 25.—Five masked robbers bound and gagged the night watchman at the Fremont Brewing company plant and robbed the safe of its weekly collections. The officials will not state the loss, but it will exceed $1,000. Two men are under arrest for the job.

Old Bessemer Mill Burns.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 25.—The old Bessemer mill at the Pennsylvania steel works, Steelton, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $25,000.

POPE WILL ACCEPT.

Leo Practically Agrees to Proposals of Gov. Taft Regarding Friars' Lands.

Rome, June 20.—The pope has not definitely accepted the propositions of Gov. Taft for the settlement of the questions regarding the friars lands in the Philippine islands, but it is confidently believed that the pontiff will do so in writing this morning.

The American propositions are as follows:

First—To purchase the lands belonging to the friars, the price to be fixed by arbitration.

Second—The appointment of arbiters to decide the indemnity the Americans are to pay for the occupation of ecclesiastical buildings.

Third—The above propositions are absolutely conditional on the withdrawal of the friars.

Fourth—If the other propositions are accepted the Americans propose to give a deed or by law grant a patent to ecclesiastical buildings on public land.

Fifth—To settle by compromise or arbitration the several trusts for schools, hospitals, etc., claimed on the one hand by the civil and on the other by the church authorities.

The announcement of the success of the Taft mission has produced considerable surprise, not because a serious doubt had been entertained of the ultimate issue, but because the dispatch used in the settlement of the question is so contrary to the habit of vatican diplomacy. The unusual procedure is due to the personal and direct intervention of the pope, who, one of the most influential cardinals said, showed himself more American than the Americans. Leo refused to listen to objections. He said he wanted to finish immediately to satisfy Gov. Taft, as he was most impressed with American honesty and the moderation shown throughout the entire negotiations.

THE COAL STRIKE.

Synopsis of an Address Issued to the Public by President Mitchell.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 23.—President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued an address to the public for publication in the newspapers this morning. It is partly a reply to the letters of the operators declining to accede to the demands of the union, which were published about ten days ago. Briefly summarized, the address says that every possible means was resorted to in the effort to prevent the strike, claims that the cost of living has increased to the point where the miner was compelled to ask for higher wages, denies the allegations of the operators that the productive capacity of the mine workers has fallen off, but, on the other hand, has increased; quotes official figures to substantiate the contention that the employers can pay higher wages without increasing the cost of coal to the consumer, asserts that the coal-carrying railroads, which control about 85 per cent. of the mines, absorb the profits of their coal companies by charging exorbitant freight rates; claims that a ton at the mines means anywhere from 2,740 to 3,190 pounds instead of 2,240, and says that more men are killed and injured in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania annually than were killed or wounded during the Spanish-American war. The address also says that in the event the union is crushed, which, it adds, is not likely, a new organization would rise from its ruins. It concludes with another appeal for arbitration of all questions in dispute.

LOSS OF 150 LIVES.

Chinese Cruiser Is Wrecked by an Explosion, with Terrible Results.

London, June 23.—A dispatch to the Central News from Shanghai says that the Chinese cruiser Kai-Chi was wrecked Sunday by a terrific explosion while lying in the Yangtse river. The Kai-Chi sank in 30 seconds and 150 officers and men on board were killed or drowned. Only two men on board the cruiser escaped death.

Will Fight Beef Trust.

New York, June 24.—The Retail Butchers' Protective association announces that a company has been formed to fight the so-called beef trust. The company has a capital stock of $1,000,000. It is said that arrangements have been made with drovers and ranchmen in the west to supply 2,000 head of cattle a week, the shipments to begin in about a month. The present demand in this city is between 10,000 and 15,000 head. The new company has been named "The Retail Butchers' Abattoir," and it is said has already been promised the active support of the 45,000 retail butchers in Greater New York.

Strike Ties Up Iron Industry.

Easton, Pa., June 23.—The coal strike has had a serious effect upon the iron industry in the Lehigh Valley. Every furnace in the district is either banked or blown out and an iron dealer is quoted as saying that there is not a pound of pig iron on the market in the valley. The scarcity of pig iron will be the cause of the shutting down of many other industries using that product unless the miners go to work in a very short time.

Declared Insane.

Barnstable, Mass., June 24.—Miss Jane Toppan, who was on trial here on the charge of poisoning Mrs. Gibbs, for whom she acted as nurse, was found not guilty late Monday by reason of insanity, and by order of the court she was committed to the Taunton insane asylum for the rest of her life.

Elect Carnegie Vice President.

New York, June 20.—Andrew Carnegie has been chosen a vice president of the Society of American Authors, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Thomas Dunn English.

COST OF THE WAR.

Secretary Root Sends Information Regarding Philippine Rebellion to Senate.

Washington, June 20. — Secretary Root on Thursday made answer to the senate resolution of April 17 calling for information as to the cost of the war in the Philippines. The secretary shows the total cost of the war to date, including outstanding obligations, to be $170,326,386. He calls attention to the fact that large quantities of valuable property, such as ships, lighters, etc., horses and mules, wagons and harness, clothing equipage and ordnance, medical, signal and engineering supplies, the cost of which is included in the statement, still remain on hand in the Philippine islands for use. Parts of these supplies are already being reshipped to this country. He says also that a large part of the expense during the past year should not properly be treated as occasioned by military operations in the Philippine islands, for the reason that it consists of pay and maintenance of troops whom we would have to pay and maintain, whether they were in the Philippines or not, in order to keep up the minimum number of regular troops required by law as a safeguard against future contingencies.

SWITCH LEFT OPEN.

Carelessness Causes a Bad Wreck Near Staples, Minn.—Six Persons Killed.

Staples, Minn., June 21.—A head-end collision occurred at Lower Lake siding, two miles west of here, on the Northern Pacific, at 1:45 Friday morning, between No. 7 passenger, westbound, and No. 8 passenger, eastbound. Engineer Scott, of No. 7, took the siding, expecting No. 8, which had the right of way, to pass. The latter, believing everything clear, came along at a high rate of speed. The switch, however, had in some way not yet explained been turned and No. 8 dashed into the waiting train. All the passengers escaped injury except Harry Zeigler, of Hammond, Ind., in the smoker of No. 8, which was telescoped. He received serious internal injuries and was taken to the hospital at Brainerd. The dead are:

Conductor Noble, of No. 8.
George Rasmussen, fireman of No. 8.
Walter Scott, engineer of No. 7.
Unknown tramp on No. 8.
Ernest Schultz, engineer on No. 8.
—— Moeller, baggageman on No. 8.

Besides these, W. H. Montgomery, fireman of No. 7, and express messengers Gibson and Peidrick are badly injured. Twenty-six others were injured.

THREE DROWNED.

Boat Capsizes in Lake Michigan at Milwaukee with Sad Results.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 23.—Three men were drowned Sunday in Lake Michigan while fishing from a boat which capsized. A 12-year-old boy who was also in the party was saved by clinging to the boat. The names of the drowned are: W. F. C. Falbe, 387 Fifth street, Milwaukee, aged 45 years; Jacob Beyer, aged 50 years, a resident of Chicago; Joseph Greeley, aged 50, of New York city. Charles Tuschel, a 12-year-old boy living in Milwaukee, was saved. The men were fishing near the government pier and, according to the boy's story, Beyer, in trying to move to another part of the boat, fell overboard. He was hauled back, but during the performance of rescue the boat filled with water and capsized. Beyer went down and drowned immediately. Falbe went down twice and failed to rise, while Greeley swam about 150 feet and then sank.

Murder Is Avenged.

Sioux City, Ia., June 23.—Horace Shipman, who is supposed to have been half-witted, shot and killed the city marshal of Jefferson Saturday morning, as the latter was attempting to arrest him. In a few minutes an infuriated mob surrounded the house and Shipman was shot to death. During the trouble and until the mob was assured that Shipman was dead, the town was in a frenzy, but the citizens are now cooling down.

New Cruiser Launched.

Philadelphia, June 23.—In the presence of a distinguished company of naval officers, many leading citizens from Colorado and a large number of persons from New York and other near-by cities, the unarmored cruiser Denver was successfully launched Saturday afternoon at the Neafie & Levy shipyard. Miss Roberta M. Wright, daughter of Mayor Wright, of Denver, christened the vessel.

Americans Die of Cholera.

Manila, June 23.—Ninety American soldiers have died of cholera since the disease first broke out. Owing to the increase of cholera the health authorities here and in the provinces are enfocing stringent regulations. The total number of cases and deaths from the epidemic are as follows: Manila, 1,530 cases and 1,236 deaths; Provinces, 7,369 cases and 5,440 deaths.

To Retire.

Washington, June 24.—Gen. O. L. Spaulding, first assistant secretary of the treasury, has been notified by Secretary Shaw that he is to retire. He will probably not again exercise the function of an assistant secretary of the treasury, being at the present time on a leave of absence.

Sentenced for Life.

Chicago, June 20.—Felippi Rini and Dominick Bismente were convicted of the murder of Antonio Natali in Judge Smith's court and were sentenced to the penitentiary for life yesterday afternoon.

KING ALBERT IS DEAD.

After Long and Successful Reign the Saxon Monarch Succumbs to Cancer.

Dresden, Saxony, June 20.—After a successful reign of nearly three decades, beloved by all his subjects, King Albert of Saxony died at eight p. m. Thursday. All the royal relatives and prominent members of the court were at the bedside of the monarch during his dying moments. He was conscious almost to the last and immediately before his demise he designated his eldest brother, Prince George, to succeed him on the throne. This act of the decedent was a surprise to all, as it was commonly

KING ALBERT OF SAXONY.

believed that he would be succeeded by his nephew, Prince Frederick, the oldest son of Prince George. For two years the king was a sufferer from cancer and many times his life hung by a thread, from which his vigorous constitution aided him to rally.

Dresden, June 21.—The ministry has proclaimed King George, brother of the late king, king of Saxony. Prince George has taken the oath of allegiance.

Dresden, Saxony, June 24.—King Albert of Saxony was laid to rest at the court church amid impressive ceremony, attended by two emperors and many notables. The emperors present were William of Germany and Francis Joseph of Austria.

[King Albert belonged to the younger line of the fine old royal family of Wettin and took his name from that ancient Albert, the first of the line, which has lived for nearly a thousand years in the rulers of Saxony. The older, or Ernestine, line is represented by the ducal families of Saxe-Altenburg, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Saxe-Meiningen and Saxe-Weimer. The deceased king was born in 1828. He was the oldest son of King John and Queen Amalie, who was the daughter of Maximilian I., king of Bavaria. He was educated for the career of a soldier and entered the Saxon army at the tender age of 15. He took part in the Danish war of 1848, fought with the Austrians in the disastrous battle of Sadowa in 1866, and cut a considerable figure in the Franco-German war, especially in the operations before Metz, which led up to the surrender of Napoleon at Sedan. While he was still crown prince, Albert was married, in 1853, to Queen Carola, the daughter of Prince Gustavus of Vasa. He succeeded to the throne in 1873, and made a popular and just ruler.]

MISPLACED SWITCH.

Causes a Wreck Near Ashton, Ia.—Two Killed and a Number Injured.

St. Paul, Minn., June 23.—A passenger train on the Sioux City branch of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad jumped the track near Ashton, Ia., about 1:45 a. m. Sunday. Two trainmen were killed, five others seriously hurt and a number of passengers received minor injuries. The dead are: C. J. Robinson, Sioux City, Ia., mail clerk, and —— Barrett, fireman, terribly scalded by escaping steam, died shortly after being taken from under the engine.

Cause of the wreck is said to have been a misplaced switch. The train was running at a high rate of speed, and when it left the track the mail cars and smoker piled up on top of the engine.

Won the Derby.

Chicago, June 23.—Wyeth, owned by John A. Drake, of Chicago, won the fifteenth American derby Saturday easily in 2:40 1-5 on a heavy track at odds of 10 to 1. Heno, the favorite finished fifth; Lucien Appleby, second, and then Aladdin. Lucien Appleby Lynne was the winning jockey. Value of purse to the winner, $20,125. Over $500,000 was wagered on the race. John A. Drake, owner of Wyeth, presented Trainer Enoch Wishard with $10,000. Over 60,000 persons saw the race.

Prices Advanced.

Chicago, June 20.—An advance of ten per cent. on all upholstering work and parlor frame manufacturer's articles was voted for at the convention of the National Association of Upholsterers and Parlor Frame Manufacturers held yesterday at the Victoria hotel. The members present at the meeting represent, it is said, over 60 per cent. of the entire output of the goods.

World's Bicycle Champion.

Berlin, June 24.—In the race for the cycling championship of the world, 100 kilometers, Robl, of Munich, won; time, one hour 28 minutes and 18 seconds. Bonhours, of Paris, was second, and Taylor, of Paris, third.

New Ocean Record.

New York, June 24.—A new ocean record has been established by the liner Caracas, which has arrived here from San Juan. The voyage of 1,380 miles was covered in 97½ hours, two and one-half under the previous record.

Gov. Jelks' Home Burned.

Montgomery, Ala., June 20. — The fine old southern mansion at Eufaula, occupied and owned by the family of Gov. Jelks, of Alabama, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon. The loss will reach $25,000.

A COOL WEEK.

Crops in Most Sections of the Country Are Checked in Their Growth by Unfavorable Conditions.

Washington, June 25.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

The week ending June 23 was abnormally cool in all districts east of the Rocky mountains, except along the south Atlantic and gulf coasts, with more or less damaging frosts in the central and northern Rocky mountain districts, the Dakotas, Minnesota and portions of Iowa and New York. Local showers have afforded relief in portions of the central gulf states and over very limited areas in Texas, but in much the greater part of that state no rain has fallen and high temperatures have prevailed. Portions of the lower Missouri valley and lower lake regions continue to suffer from excessive rains. The conditions on the Pacific coast were favorable notwithstanding the prevalence of hot, drying winds in Washington.

The unseasonably low temperatures have checked the growth of corn over the northern portion of the corn belt, and cultivation has been retarded by rains in portions of the upper Ohio valley, upper lake region and upper Missouri valley. In the lower Missouri valley, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee and the middle and southern Atlantic states the crop has made favorable progress. In the central gulf states early corn has been seriously injured by drought, and in Texas the crop is the poorest for a number of years.

Winter wheat harvest has been delayed by rain in the lower Missouri valley, but has progressed favorably in the Ohio valley and middle Atlantic states. The crop has experienced no unfavorable conditions during the week, although low temperatures have checked ripening over the northern portion of the winter wheat states, where the heads are filling well. In Oregon and Washington hot drying winds have prevailed, but wheat has escaped injury, and in California, where shipments have begun, harvesting continues under favorable conditions.

Spring wheat has made excellent progress generally throughout the spring wheat region and is heading in the more northerly portions. Too rank growth, however, is reported from Wisconsin and Iowa, with a tendency to rust in the last named state.

The general outlook for oats continues promising in the states of the central valleys and northwest, although rank growth and lodging are reported from the central Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. In Arkansas, Tennessee and western Kentucky prospects have been lessened by drought. Harvesting has begun as far north as southern Kansas and Virginia.

The outlook for apples in New York and New England is promising, but the prospects are not favorable in the middle Atlantic states and central valleys.

Some improvement in the condition of grass is reported from the middle Atlantic states and upper Ohio valley and the general favorable of this crops in the states of the central valleys continues.

GOES TO BOSTON.

President Roosevelt to Attend Commencement at Harvard—His Future Plans.

Washington, June 25. — President Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou, Dr. J. F. Urie, of the navy, and M. C. Latta, stenographer, left here Tuesday afternoon at 4:50 over the Pennsylvania railroad for Boston, where the president will attend the commencement exercises at Harvard university and deliver an address.

The president has changed his plans, and instead of visiting his family at Oyster Bay after the exercises at Harvard, he will return to Washington, arriving here probably on Friday. He will go to the new executive mansion, and occupy it as a residence, as well as an office, until after the adjournment of congress. Then the president will enter upon a brief vacation. He goes to Pittsburg on Thursday, July 3, to deliver an oration on the next day. If congress has not adjourned he will return, and remain here until it does. He will then go to Oyster Bay and remain with his family until the middle of August, when he will go into New England to make speeches in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The president will make two extensive tours during the fall, the first ending at Detroit and the second at San Antonio, Tex. Thus the president will be absent from Washington while extensive repairs are being made to the white house.

JANE TOPPAN CONFESSES.

Woman Sent to Taunton (Mass.) Insane Asylum Admits 31 Murders.

Boston, June 25.—Jane Toppan, who was sent to Taunton insane asylum by a jury at Barnstable Monday, where she was tried for the murder of Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, has made a confession to her senior counsel, Judge Fred M. Bixby, that she killed 31 persons. They were patients whom she had nursed.

Best Part of Town Burned.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 25.—Fire of an unknown origin wiped out the business portion of Gracey, situated ten miles west of Hopkinsville, Tuesday night. Two general merchandise stores, a drug store, two saloons, an implement house, a hardware establishment, several offices and one vacant business house were burned. The loss is $30,000; insurance, $15,000.

Will Visit Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 25.—Mayor Bookwalter has received from George B. Cortelyou, secretary to President Roosevelt, a letter saying the president will be pleased to accept the invitation to visit Indianapolis during the Spanish-American war veterans' reunion. More definite arrangements will be made later, Mr. Cortelyou wrote.

Color Line Won't Be Drawn.

Denver, Col., June 25.—Acting Chairman W. N. Hartshorn, of the executive committee of the National Sunday School congress, announces that no color line will be drawn, all negro delegates being given the same recognition as the whites. The congress will open this evening.

Twenty-Five Killed.

Madrid, June 25.—While a funeral was being held in a church at Pinerio, in the province of Orense, Tuesday, the building was struck by lightning and as a result 25 people were killed and 35 were injured.