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VICTORIA WORSE.

Queen Is Suffering From Physical Prostration.

WALES MAY TAKE THE REGENCY

Latest Bulletin Shows Indications of a Slight Improvement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A cable to the World from Cowes, Isle of Wight, says: There are signs of considerable commotion in Osborne House tonight. The private telephone wire to London has been in constant use. Sir James Reid, the Queen's resident physician, and Sir Edward Laking, surgeon to Her Majesty, who was called in, are in attendance. The Queen has had several fainting fits in the last four days and her weakness, insomnia and despondency are proving quite obstinate in yielding to treatment.

The officials at Osborne House at first denied that anything was wrong. Since then they have been giving out information so as to minimize the gravity of the Queen's condition. "It is quite probable that her present condition may continue some time. Nevertheless, a royal special train is kept in readiness at the Philadelphia station of the Great Western railway to bring the Prince of Wales and other members of the family to Osborne at the summons of the doctors. The greatest reticence is observed by court circles, but in Cowes, where there are underground channels of communication with Osborne House, the belief is general that the end is not far off.

A cable to the Sun from London says: The Queen's reign has been so long and her hold upon the affections of her subjects has been so strong that she has become in the popular heart the personification of the enduring empire over which she holds sway. Never have I heard the possibility of her death discussed as a factor in any question, political, social or other, in this country. What more touching evidence than that could be given by unemotional, calculating people of the estimation in which they hold their aged sovereign?

But today the subject has been forced upon them. The alarming rumors of the past two or three weeks have given place to knowledge, only too well authenticated, and it is impossible longer to deny that Her Majesty is seriously ill. This is not stated in the official bulletin issued at Osborne House tonight, but, unhappily, the reassuring tone of the bulletin is not justified by the facts as known in official circles. The sad truth is that the Queen's days are numbered.

The collapse of her energies began with the recent death of Dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of the bedchamber, Her Majesty's oldest and most intimate friend. It first took the form of nervous depression and melancholy. Symptoms of catarrh of the stomach appeared a few days ago and, although there was a slight amelioration of this malady, today her general condition shows a steady decline, which greatly alarms her medical attendants. It must be remembered that the Queen for many years has shown a chronic tendency toward difficulty in breathing, which has been combated by her spending hours in the open air daily in all sorts of weather. Her drives were kept up until three days ago. Their abandonment now is in itself a serious matter.

I forbear at the present moment from quoting medical statements made privately regarding the probable course of Her Majesty's illness. It is sufficient to announce that there is reason to fear that the Victorian era is almost closed, and that the woman whose days today passed the limit of those of any previous British sovereign must soon lay down the scepter of an empire on which the sun never sets.

The following was issued tonight by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur John Bigge, Her Majesty's private secretary: "The Queen during the past year has had a great strain upon her powers, which has rather told upon Her Majesty's nervous system. It has, therefore, been thought advisable by Her Majesty's physicians that the Queen should be kept perfectly quiet in the house and should abstain from the present from the transaction of business."

WALEs MAY BE REGENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—A cable to the Journal from London says: One of the first effects of the official intimation that the sovereign is temporarily prevented from the transaction of business of state will necessarily be the appointment of a regent, who will be, of course, the Prince of Wales. The signature of the sovereign is indispensable to every act of the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The report from Havana that the Cuban constitution may be completed in time to be considered at this session of Congress has led to discussion in Congressional circles as to the procedure likely to be adopted on a document of this character. It is expected that the constitution will be forwarded to the President and by him submitted to Congress, probably with recommendations. In the House the understanding prevails that any action on the subject would be framed by the Insular Committee. But it is not clear what action, if any, is called for relative to the constitution of what is held to be foreign territory, except as it contains provisions regarding the United States. Chairman Cooper, of the Insular Committee, said it would not be for Congress to pass upon or ratify the constitution, as it is for the Cubans to do this for themselves. He thinks it probable, however, that a declaratory resolution could be framed, expressing the views of Congress as to the sufficiency of the constitution in ensuring a stable and pacific government for Cuba and perhaps laying down the general plan of turning over the island affairs to the Cubans as soon as their constitutional system is put into practice. In this, however, the purpose would not be so much to pass on the constitution as to see that the United States pledges of a pacific government were carried out. In case the constitution provides for an American protectorate, or gives other provisions relating to the United States, special action might be required beyond the mere resolution approving the system proposed. Chairman Knox, of the Committee on Territories, expressed the belief that there is not the slightest chance of advancing the constitution so that it can be considered at this session of Congress, and he expects a Fabian policy by which the Cubans will slowly perfect their system, and the United States will gradually determine upon the ultimate relations which are to exist between this country and Cuba.

The Steel Trust.
CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—President John Lambert of the American Steel & Wire Co., said today he had no knowledge of the reported purchase by the Federal Steel Co. interests of a controlling interest in the stock of the Steel & Wire Company.

"I know nothing about the Federal Steel Company having acquired stock in our company," said President Lambert. "I hope it is so, because Morgan and his followers are good people to have as stockholders in a corporation. But, as far as I know, there is not a word of truth in the rumors."

Nathaniel Thayer of Boston, one of the leading officials of the Federal Steel Company, also said he had heard nothing concerning the proposed absorption of the American Steel & Wire Co., and could not understand how his name came to be used in connection with it.

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The Queen of England.

ORGANIC LAW FOR THE CUBANS

What Congress May Do About the Proposed Constitution.

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WU TING FANG VISITS ST. LOUIS

Chinese Minister Wants to Know Business Methods of the City.

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A HAWAIIAN SALARY BILL.

Senator Clark Introduces a Bill To Raise Official Pay.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Senator Clark introduced a bill increasing the salary of officials of Hawaii. It gives the Governor \$5,000 and \$500 as perquisites; the Justice of the Territorial Supreme Court \$5,000 with \$500 additional to the Chief Justice. The Judges of the Circuit Court will receive \$4,000.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Jan. 19.—The failure of the brakes to work caused a traction car to run wild on the Pittsburg street hill today. It left the track and dashed into the city hall, tearing out an entire corner. John Hoke, motorman; Stephen Allen, Charles McCurdy and a man named Mitchell were seriously injured.

HAY-PAUNCEFOTE TREATY TO RETURN.

It May Bring Some More or Less Unacceptable Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The expectation here is that the British Government will return the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty with amendments of its own, and it is not expected that those British amendments will be acceptable to the United States Senate. Whether or not this expectation is based on advice from Mr. Choate or communications from Lord Pauncefote it is impossible to determine. In either case the communications must necessarily have been informal in advance of the action of the British Government itself on the treaty.

The officials here say frankly that they have no knowledge of the character of the probable British amendments, so it is likely that the opinion that they will be unacceptable to the Senate is based on nothing more than a general understanding as to the feeling in the Senate toward the whole canal project on the one side and on the other of the broad purpose of the British Government to avoid a complete abandonment of the interests it has heretofore claimed and asserted over the Isthmian transit.

Exchange of Admirals.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 19.—Rear Admiral George W. Sumner today succeeded Rear Admiral Casey in the command of the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Admiral Casey has been transferred to the Pacific station. The ceremony of exchanging commanders was formal but simple in character. In full uniform, Admiral Casey awaited the new commandant in the administration building. Admiral Sumner on his arrival read his orders notifying him to assume command of the Naval Station, and Admiral Casey read the orders notifying him of his new post of duty. Following this a salute of twenty-six guns, thirteen for each Admiral, was fired. Immediately afterward Admiral Casey left the yard.

Persecuting Negroes.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 19.—The Legislature is considering the educational phase of the negro problem and a bill has passed the Senate to prohibit the education of the races. A bill also has been introduced in the Upper House to prohibit the employment of white teachers in negro schools, colleges and universities. A large majority of the negro institutions of learning are controlled and directed by white officers and teachers and the passage of this bill will compel a re-organization of the faculty of nearly every negro school in the State.

Ducal Bridegroom's Promotion.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 19.—Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin will arrive here January 30 to attend the festivities preliminary to his marriage to Queen Wilhelmina. It is officially announced that immediately after the marriage the Queen will confer upon him the title of Prince and give him high military and naval rank.

THE NAVY GROWS.

Appropriation Bill Greater Than Before.

OVER \$77,000,000 ARE CALLED FOR

The Hawaiian Islands are Put Down for the Sum of \$107,300.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The naval appropriation bill was reported to the House today with an elaborate statement of its plans by Chairman Foss of the Naval Committee. The bill carries \$77,016,635, the largest ever reported to the House from the Committee on Naval Affairs. This is \$11,565,718 above the bill of last year and \$10,229,335 below the estimates submitted by the Navy Department.

Concerning new ships for the navy the report says:

"For the purpose of further increasing the naval estimate of the United States the committee recommends that the President be authorized to have built by contract two unsheathed sea-going battleships, carrying the heaviest armor and the most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class, upon a trial displacement of about 14,000 tons each, to have the highest practicable speed and greatest radius of action and to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, not exceeding \$3,500,000 each, and two unsheathed armored cruisers carrying the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance for vessels of their class, upon a trial displacement of about 14,000 tons each and to have the highest practicable speed and greatest radius of action and to cost, exclusive of armor and armament, will be \$15,700,000."

The bill provides that not more than one battleship or armored cruiser shall be built in one yard or by one party and the usual provision is made that at least one and not more than two of the battleships and armored cruisers shall be built on the Pacific Coast.

Of the appropriations for the various branches of the service, the principal item is \$25,400,000 for the increase of the navy. The pay of the navy is increased \$2,489,387 over the appropriations for the same object last year and is accounted for by the authority granted to the department to enlist 5,000 additional seamen and fifty warrant machinists to meet the necessity of properly manning the new ships soon to be added to the navy.

To meet the emergency of the lack of officers for the new ships the bill provides that the two classes now at sea, which have completed their four-year's course at the naval academy, shall be commissioned thereupon. This will provide for the new officers desired by the department and in the judgment of the committee will meet all the exigencies of the present situation.

The continued necessity for an emergency fund is found to exist in the unsettled state of affairs in the Far East and enables the department to meet contingencies which it is impossible to anticipate with sufficient accuracy to specifically estimate for.

The following places receive appropriations for naval work:

Portsmouth, \$378,850; Boston, \$526,000; New York, \$1,009,000; League Island, \$695,230; Washington, \$318,210; Norfolk, \$594,260; Key West, \$144,000; Mare Island, \$331,660; Puget Sound, \$273,000; San Juan, \$40,000; Pensacola, \$41,500; Algiers, \$230,000; Dry Tortugas, \$100,000; Hawaii, \$107,300; Tutuila, \$225,000.

For the four new dry docks now building at Portsmouth, Boston, League Island and Mare Island \$1,000,000 is provided. The committee recommends this year an appropriation of \$3,000,000 to the rebuilding of the Naval Academy. In last year's bill \$350,000 was appropriated, prior to that time \$1,220,000, making a total appropriation of \$1,570,000 prior to the present bill.

The report says in part as to armor: "Your committee also provides under the increase of the navy an appropriation of \$4,000,000 for armor and armament for ships now under construction. It will be remembered that Congress wisely solved this perplexing question of providing armor plate for our ships last year by the enactment of a provision giving the Secretary of the Navy full power to buy armor at such price as in his judgment might seem reasonable and just, or build an armor plate factory, toward which \$4,000,000 was appropriated. It ought to be a matter of general congratulation that the armor plate question has been settled through the skill, firmness and excellent judgment of the Secretary of the Navy in carrying out the evident purposes of Congress."

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 19.—Moses E. Clap of St. Paul was nominated for the short term United States Senatorship on the first ballot at the Republican caucus this afternoon.