

ALARMING ILLNESS OF KING EDWARD

LONDON, June 25--8:03 A. M.--The King passed a good night. There are no complications. No official bulletin regarding King Edward's condition has been issued this morning, and there is little probability of any medical statement being made before 10:30 a. m. The Associated Press learns, however, that the King's progress continues satisfactory.

CAUSES CORONATION POSTPONEMENT



British Ruler Operated Upon.

LONDON, June 24.—With dramatic suddenness the King has been stricken down upon the eve of his coronation. To-night he lies in a critical state at Buckingham Palace.

In spite of the intensity of this tragic interruption the lower element of London are "Mafeking" through the flag-decked streets, and a portion of society in coronation gowns and jewels has gathered at what is called a gala coronation dinner at one of the fashionable hotels. Even at the gates of Buckingham Palace, within which the ablest surgeons and physicians constantly remain in the hope of saving the sovereign's life, the tooting of horns and the sounds of other revelries can be plainly heard. That slim gathering which still remains beneath the flaring palace lights is now more bent on celebrating than on sympathizing.

ROWDIES ON STREETS.
Wagonloads of boisterous rowdies are on the streets, and they are driving all sorts of vehicles and waving flags and hugging demijohns of liquor. They make their noisy way from the West End to Whitechapel. They represent that section of the British public which no tragedy can sober into decency. They have tasted license unrestrained by law in the celebrations in connection with the war, and, King or no King, they will celebrate the coronation.

It must be admitted that the revelers have been misled by the technical language of the bulletins: they seem to have no conception of the gravity of King Edward's condition. The thinking portion of the nation, however, has gone home numbed by the events which the day has brought forth.

CONSTERNATION PREVAILS.
Indescribable consternation prevails throughout the country, and this consternation is reflected in the cables received from all

OPERATION IS DECLARED MISDIRECTED

LONDON, June 25. Rumors are afloat this morning that although the necessity of surgery in his Majesty's case was obvious, the actual operation was misdirected. The symptoms of great pain and high temperature pointed to appendicitis, but when the appendix was revealed it proved to be healthy and the unexpected existence of a large abscess in the coecum was discovered.

Whether or not there is any foundation for these rumors; the bulletins have seemed to indicate that the surgeons were satisfied in the first instance with the evacuation of the abscess, and they made no attempt to remove the appendix or other structures which might contain the germs of future danger, probably preferring to defer such operation for a radical cure to some future period.

the centers of the universe. King Edward is in a room facing the beautiful gardens of

AFFLICTED RULER, HIS PRESENT ABODE—NOTED MEN WHO ATTEND HIM

Increased Temperature Causes Fear of Unfavorable Developments.

LONDON, June 25, 4:50 a. m.—The fact that the King's temperature has risen considerably during the last hour gives cause for a fear that peritonitis has developed. Much anxiety is felt that the increased temperature is due to an unfavorable development, such as an abscess in the vermiform appendix perforating

the intestines. Further stimulants have been administered. At 20 minutes past 4 o'clock this morning the officer of the guard at Buckingham Palace said that he understood there was no new development in the King's condition. At that hour the palace was everywhere closed and there were no signs of life about the buildings except

the sentries outside and a small lot of messengers and reporters awaiting a possible bulletin. The following statement was obtained last night from a man closely connected with King Edward's household concerning the condition of the latter: "The life of his Majesty hangs in the balance. There has been no stroke of paralysis and there is no cancer, but there has been

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a decay of the tissues contiguous to the vermiform appendix. These tissues have now been removed, but the strain on the vitality of the King has been extreme, and the chances are strongly against his recovery. "It is possible the King may have alternating periods of rallying and collapse, such as characterized President McKinley's case, but the operation has been too long delayed, and the King is too old to make his final triumph over the malady more than a matter of the faintest hope."