

## THE EMPRESS FREDERICK

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS OF GERMANY  
DIED YESTERDAY EVENING.

## DEATH WHILE EXPECTED, SUDDEN

The Emperor and Empress Augusta Victoria in the Sick Room at the Time—No Official Announcement of the Death Yet Made in London—Premature Notice Given at The Hague. Our Government Officially Notified by Ambassador White.

Cronberg, August 5.—The dowager empress died at 6:15 o'clock p. m., this evening. Her death was somewhat sudden. At 4 o'clock her physicians reported no change in her condition. Emperor William and the Empress Augusta Victoria were in the sick room most of the day. They were all round the bedside when the dowager empress passed away quietly. Professors Rensers and Spielhagen also were in the room. The flag on the castle was immediately half masted.

At 8 o'clock this evening, Emperor William conducted the members of the dowager empress' household into the death chamber, and led them, one by one, past the bedside, to take a last farewell of their mistress.

The papers assert that the dowager empress long ago adopted her husband's motto: "Learn to Suffer Without Complaining." She recently ordered that the public should be excluded from the grounds of Frederickshagen, saying: "The world shall not learn what I am suffering. I will not be pitted in my misfortune."

Closely following the announcement of the death from the castle the church bells were tolled and the flag half masted. Visitors to the castle began inquiring the names in a book placed for the purpose in the hall.

It is said that the cause of death was dropsy, accompanying the cancer. The remarkable vitality of the dowager empress astonished her physicians. She retained consciousness to the end. The castle grounds are now surrounded by soldiers and patrolled by hussars and mounted police.

London, August 5.—The news of the death of the Dowager Empress Frederick spread slowly in London. The Associated Press gave Buckingham palace, Marlborough house and the Mansion house the first information that her majesty had passed away. As all members of the royal family and many of the officials are out of town for the holidays, it is probable that no official recognition of her majesty's death will be issued before morning.

The bells of St. Paul's cathedral will be tolled when the Home Secretary officially informs the lord mayor of the death of the dowager empress. The officials of the German embassy had not officially heard the news at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Their colleagues at The Hague, on the other hand, received the news of the death of the dowager empress before it had occurred and half masted the legation flag at about 3 p. m. The foreign minister and the members of the legation here, cabled the legation at The Hague when the mistake was discovered and the half masted flag was hastily removed.

Cowes, August 5.—King Edward received the official news of the death of Dowager Empress Frederick on board the Royal yacht, almost simultaneously with the receipt of the Associated Press dispatch in London. The yacht's flag was immediately half masted.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra will leave here for Marlborough house tomorrow. It is not likely they will start for Berlin until Wednesday.

Washington, August 5.—A dispatch was received at the state department today from Ambassador White, announcing the death of the dowager empress of Germany. The dispatch was sent to the president at Canton.

**Fatal Effect of Blockade Liquor**  
Roanoke, Va., August 3.—Two farmers named William Mallory and Zig Jones, residing near each other at the head of Thompson valley in Tazewell county, started home together from a distillery at Little Valley late Thursday night. After having gone fifteen miles the two men are supposed to have quarreled and in a difficulty which ensued Mallory was shot to death. Jones made his escape across the state line into West Virginia. Mallory's body was left in the road until yesterday evening. A quantity of whiskey was found at the scene of the murder. Mallory was a highly respected farmer and leaves a large family.

## A Wife Says:

"We have four children. With the first three I suffered almost unbearable pains from 12 to 14 hours, and had to be placed under the influence of chloroform. I used three bottles of *Mother's Friend* before our last child came, which is a strong, fat and healthy boy, doing my housework up to within two hours of birth, and suffered but a few hours pains. This liniment is the grandest remedy ever made."

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## HOUSES WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

A Terrible Disaster in Philadelphia.  
Loss of Life Yet Unknown

Philadelphia, August 5.—A terrific explosion in a block of six buildings on Locust street—No. 1008, House, completely wrecked five of the structures and caused the death of from ten to twenty or more persons. Over two score of others were more or less seriously injured. Some of those taken to the hospital will die. It is estimated that at least thirty-five persons were in the five buildings when the explosion occurred, and the exact number of dead will probably not be known for twenty-four hours.

The buildings were occupied as follows: Locust street—No. 1008, House, man's pool and billiard room; No. 1010, Morris Rosenthal's second hand clothing store, occupied by Rosenthal, his wife and five children; No. 1012, William Jones, colored, restaurant, occupied by Jones and about fifteen boarders; No. 1014, George McClemmy's grocery store, occupied by McClemmy, clerk and servant girl; No. 1016, Patrick Quigley's grocery store, occupied by Quigley, his wife, three children and his uncle; No. 1018, Albert Mountain's grocery and meat store, occupied by Mountain, his mother, sister and clerk.

The explosion occurred about 9:30 o'clock. What exploded and how it happened is not known at this time, but it is believed to have been a barrel of gasoline in one of the three grocery stores.

With the exception of No. 1008 the front walls of the building were blown outward into the street, while the floors and the roofs were blown upward and fell straight to the ground.

Almost every building in a radius of two blocks about the scene of the explosion had windows panes shattered and was otherwise damaged. Every building on the opposite side of Locust streets was more or less wrecked, but none of them fell.

A terrible cry went up from the ruins the moment the explosion occurred. Women, children and men, occupants of the wrecked houses, could be seen crawling from the debris while the agonizing cries of others were heard in the wreckage. From all the surrounding buildings injured people came running and fell in the street unconscious.

To add to the horror, fire broke out in the debris. The moment it settled to the ground, and in less than five minutes the great pile was burning fiercely from end to end. A general alarm was turned in for fire apparatus and ambulances. In the meantime, the work of rescue was voluntarily begun by the firemen and the neighborhood that were not injured. Here and there a person was dragged from the ruins before the fire could reach the victim, several lives being saved by this prompt work.

When the firemen reached the scene the flames had made great headway and were igniting the buildings across the street. The fire, however, was soon under control, and with the exception of a small blaze here and there, the fire was extinguished in a few minutes.

The work of digging away the ruins then was begun in earnest. Near the edge of the debris several colored men were taken out and sent to the hospitals.

While the firemen and policemen were digging into the debris and hauling away heavy timbers in several sections of the wreckage, cries were heard coming from the cellar of Mountain's grocery store. Fifty men, rope and tackle were immediately put to work at that point, and pulled away the roofing which had fallen into a massed heap. From the bottom of the pile, doubled up, were taken a man and a woman. The man was able to speak, but the woman was apparently dead.

While the work of rescue was going on in the exploded block, hospital attendants and others made a search of all the damaged houses on the opposite side of the street, and almost a score of persons were taken to various hospitals from these places.

The Jefferson and Pennsylvania hospitals, which are located nearest to the scene of the explosion, were soon crowded with the injured. None of those taken to the hospital has died up to midnight.

Two hundred men are now at work tearing away the wreckage. The buildings containing the pool rooms, clothing store and the restaurant were three story brick structures. The other buildings were two and one-half stories.

## Kansas City Exposition Building Burned

Kansas City, Mo., August 5.—Exposition building, erected during the boom of 1887, at a cost of over \$200,000, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. A boy among a crowd which had gathered to watch a large circus that had pitched its tents across the street, set fire in the spirit of mischief to some loose rubbish on the floor. In a moment the flames had leaped beyond control, spreading almost instantly throughout the whole building which occupied half a block. No one was injured. The efforts of the firemen were directed to saving the surrounding residence property.

## A Fatal Street Affray

Jackson, Miss., August 5.—W. J. Ligon, sanitary inspector of Jackson, tonight shot and killed David L. Shelton. The shooting occurred on the principal street of the city and caused much excitement. The men had quarreled earlier in the day, it is said, over an inspection and engaged in a personal altercation. Shelton, it is said, returned to the attack with a stick, when Ligon pulled a revolver and shot him through the heart. Both men are prominently connected. Shelton, marrying the daughter of the late Congressman McKee while in camp at Chattanooga during the Spanish-American war.

## More Naval Men Deserving Reward

Washington, August 5.—There is to be a supplemental report by the board of awards appointed by Secretary Long to consider and report on the recommendations made by commanding officers relative to rewards of officers under them during the Spanish war. It was found that when the first list was made up quite a number of officers deserving of consideration had been overlooked in the early reports upon which that board acted and from time to time the attention of the department has been called to these omissions.

## Court-Martial Sentence Commuted

Washington, August 5.—President McKinley has commuted the court-martial sentence of dismissal from the army of Major Francis B. Eltonhead, Fourth Infantry, to placing that officer at the foot of the list of majors of infantry there to remain for a period of five years. Major Eltonhead was tried on charge of being drunk on duty and of misbehaving at the Army and Navy Club in Manila, and of using profane and abusive language to Lieutenant William H. Mullay, Twenty-first Infantry.

## TAX ON BANK STOCK

Communication from the Corporation  
Commission Modifying Former Order

(Special to the Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., August 5.—The corporation commission today made the following order in the shape of instructions to the chairmen of boards of county commissioners:

"Since our letter of May 15th our attention has been called to a decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of the Bank of Wellington against Chapman, 173 United States Supreme Court Reports, decided in February 1899. This case in effect over-ruled the decision of our supreme court in the case McAden against Commissioners of Mecklenburg, 97 N. C., which last decision was referred to in said letter. We are, therefore, of opinion that liabilities of shareholders cannot be deducted from assessed values of their shares of stock in national or other banks and advise that you observe this in making tax duplicates made out for your county."

Rev. R. E. Caldwell, of Winston, is commissioned chaplain of the First regiment state guards.

The state charters the Charlotte Mutual Investment Company, capital \$100,000, stockholders, C. M. Pritchett and others.

State Superintendent Toon has gone to Winston, where there is trouble about disposition of fines. These fines have been turned over to graded schools there but county superintendent contends that they must go to the school fund of the county. The state superintendent says this is correct.

The governor's proclamation regarding school text books under the new state adoption contracts was prepared today and will be issued tomorrow. It gives prices in boards and cloth and also exchange prices.

## BOTH FEET CUT OFF

Result of Crawling Under a Train to  
Get Out of the Rain

(Special to the Messenger.)

Wilson, N. C., August 5.—While Atlantic Coast train No. 8 was unloading freight here today an old negro man named Jack Simm sat down under the caboose to keep out of a shower of rain. The train caught him as it started off and cut off one foot entirely and mashed the other so it will have to be amputated. He was taken in charge by the Coast Line Surgeon, Dr. Anderson, and his wounds dressed. At this time he is resting easily.

## To Reduce Wages

Fall River, Mass., August 5.—A paper was placed in circulation today among the cotton manufacturers of this city, looking toward a general reduction in wages of 15 per cent. If the reduction is agreed to it will go into effect September 3rd, and will involve at least 25,000 operatives.

## Gomez No Annexationist

Havana, August 5.—General Maximo Gomez has written to his friend General Vega regarding the reports that he had described himself and Senor Estrada Palma as annexationists. After remarking that he had come upon a reference to the matter in a local paper, in Puerto Principe, he says:

"To pretend that Senor Palma and I are annexationists is madness. The best way to carry out a plan is to speak much of it. For this reason it appears that many Cubans desire annexation and look to most of the prominent chiefs of the revolution to support the movement; but they have tried to convert to the doctrine some very old heretics."

"The Platt law solved the question. The constitutional convention was not to blame, as it had fired the last cartridge in defense of absolute independence."

There was no meeting of the constitutional convention today, only twenty delegates presenting themselves.

## Drowned in the Surf

St. Augustine, Fla., August 3.—A party of prominent people from this city were in bathing at South Beach this afternoon. Fifty of them, Major J. W. Sackett, J. W. Adams, H. B. Woodard, Mrs. Sackett and Miss Florence Wood, were caught in the undertow beyond the breakers. By the assistance of a number of people in the surf and on the beach four were rescued, some of them exhausted and unconscious. J. W. Adams was drowned.

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Deliberate Wife-Murderer  
Tampa, Fla., August 3.—Antoinette Castellano declared that she was going visiting this afternoon and Leopoldo Castellano, her husband, told her not to go. She started and when about twenty feet from the house he shot her. The murderer fired two shots, both of which took effect in the back of the head and either would have produced death.

## THE STRIKE SITUATION

A STATE OF ARMED NEUTRALITY  
EXISTING ON BOTH SIDES.

## EACH WAITING OTHER'S MOVE

Ten Days' Notices Given Federal

Steel, National Steel and National Tube Companies of Intention to Call a General Strike if Demands Are Not Granted—Mill Owners in Meantime Making Efforts to Introduce Non-Union Operators in Closed Mills

Pittsburg, August 5.—Just a faint glimmer of hope that the great steel workers' strike will be settled was embodied in a statement given out by President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated Association, tonight. When asked if he would pursue the same policy in ordering a strike in the mills of the Federal Steel, the National Steel and the National Tube Companies as he did in calling out the men in the mills of the American Tin Plate Company, he replied: "If it had not been for this determination on my part, the general strike would have been ordered on Saturday night."

Before calling out the tin workers, and after failing to get any satisfaction from the officials of the American Sheet and the American Steel Hoop Company, President Shaffer sent a telegram to Vice President Warner Arms, of the American Tin Plate Company, notifying him that under Article 19, Section 35 of the constitution of the Amalgamated Association he would be obliged to call out the tin workers in all of the mills owned by the United States Steel Corporation unless the difficulty was settled within a period of ten days. As a result of this notice Mr. Arms succeeded in getting together another conference and a vain attempt was made to settle the dispute and prevent a strike which would involve the tin mills. That conference was the one that broke up in the Hotel Lincoln three weeks ago last Saturday.

In order to be equally fair to the other constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation and accord them the same treatment, President Shaffer has sent a similar notice to the officers of the Federal Steel Company, the National Steel Company and the National Tube Company, giving them the same time in which to make any effort they may desire to bring about a settlement, or he will put in force this same clause in the Amalgamated Association constitution. It is presumed that the delay in issuing the general order will be at least until the end of the present week. Possibly it will not be issued until early next week. In the meantime the men in the mills of these three companies will be prepared to come out when the strike order is issued.

The possibility of a settlement of the strike is based on the bare hope that the officials of the three additional companies will bring to bear sufficient influence to urge an adjustment of the difficulties before the strike order is issued. President Shaffer did not express any hope that this would be done, nor did he even discuss the matter, but the inference was quickly seen that there was such a probability in sight. It is faint though, and but little interest was taken in it in the general offices of the association.

The strike history of the day in Pittsburg itself is not prolific of results; considerable, however, was doing in towns surrounding. In this city all of the idle mills are in the same condition as before the failure of the conference to settle the strike and no apparent move is being made by the manufacturers to start the mills; consequently, there has been no break in the strikers' ranks.

The most important strike point tonight seems to be Leechburg and Wellsville, with McKeesport a possible trouble center.

From Leechburg this telegram was received: "At 4 o'clock this afternoon the Hyde Park, which has been idle since the first of this year, was started. E. S. Pargny, manager of the American Steel Association; Harry Davis, district superintendent, and Robert Lock, local manager, were on the ground. At 3:45 o'clock this afternoon a train arrived at Hyde Park, coming from Saltsburg, Vandergrift and Apollo. The train stopped at the works and fifty-five men, clad in working garb and carrying dinner buckets, left the train and hurried into the works. There was no excitement and the mill owners and managers tonight claim they have enough men in the mill to operate all of the five plants of the mill. Sentinels are out and no one is allowed to get into the mill without a pass word. This afternoon late, six mill men from Leechburg sauntered down toward the mill, and the guards and walked in the mills where tonight they are at work. This makes sixty-one men now employed at the works. By outsiders it is claimed that this number cannot operate the mill in full, but, however this may be, the mill is running tonight in good shape."

The Amalgamated men, however, are on the ground making desperate efforts to keep all union men out. They make the bold assertion that in two days after President Shaffer issues his general strike order, not a wheel will be turning in either Vandergrift, Apollo or Hyde Park.

From Wellsville, O., the following report is made: "The last four of the striking steel workers who were arrested Saturday, charged with riot, were released from jail late this afternoon upon bail. There are warrant yet in the hands of the police for seventeen more of the strikers, which have not yet been arrested. The officers, for some reason seem to be afraid to serve the warrants. Henry B. Henderson, a potter for whom the police have a warrant, has been trying to get himself in the way of the officers all day, to have them arrest him, but they will not do it, for the reason that Henderson is backed by the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters, and the officers fear the vengeance of the potters, once they are aroused, as they would be if one of their number were put under arrest."

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