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EDWARD IS IN DEATH'S SHADOW

An Operation is Performed Upon the King For Perityphlitis and the Royal Sufferer Bears it Well.

LONDON TURNS FROM JOY TO GRIEF

The Coronation Festivities Have Been Abandoned and Suspense Lies Heavy on All Hearts.

PEOPLE SEEM DAZED

Official Announcement of the King's Condition Creates Consternation Throughout the Kingdom. The Latest Bulletins Issued Declare that the King is Doing as Well as Could be Expected.

By the Associated Press.) London, June 24.—12:29 p. m.—The coronation has been postponed indefinitely on account of the indisposition of King Edward.

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.

Official announcements of the King's serious illness were made to public bodies as speedily as possible. Word was sent to the House of Commons and the Acting Lord Chamberlain, Lord Churchill, personally delivered to the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor, the message regarding His Majesty's illness, and at this morning's rehearsal of the coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey the Bishop of London, at the request of Lord Esher, the Deputy Governor of Windsor Castle, was as follows:

"I have to make a very sad announcement. The King is suffering from an illness which makes an operation necessary today. The coronation, therefore, is postponed."

The Bishop requested the congregation to join in the litany out of the coronation service and pray for the recovery of the King.

During the afternoon the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, issued the following notice:

"The Earl Marshal has received the King's commands to express His Majesty's deep sorrow that owing to his serious illness the coronation ceremony must be postponed. The celebration in London will in consequence be likewise postponed, but it is the King's earnest hope that the celebrations in the country shall be held as already arranged."

The King also expressed to the Lord Mayor his desire that His Majesty's dinner to the poor of London be not postponed.

Outside of Buckingham Palace enormous throngs of people congregated since early morning for the purpose of witnessing the arrival of Special Ambassadors, who were to be received by the King and Queen today. Large numbers of foreign representatives actually arrived, but the shortness of their stay was noticed, inquiries were made and soon the news of His Majesty's serious state of health was circulated among the waiting thousands.

At the various palaces and at the Grosvenor, Buckingham, Carlton, Cecil and other hotels were where the foreign representatives are staying the news created the greatest dismay.

Royal carriages were already drawn up in readiness to take the guests to the reception at the palace, but the moment the "tickers" announced His Majesty's illness all the preparations for the day ceased.

In the streets the change which came over the crowds was most pronounced. Traffic seemed momentarily paralyzed and it was long before the full effect of the startling intelligence was felt.

Large crowds quickly gathered around the Mansion House, where the official notice was put up by a police inspector, who first mounted the steps and read out the bulletin, which was received with respectful silence.

The streets, as the day wore on, became more and more congested and the holiday crowd concentrated into groups reading and re-reading the "extras." Most of the people seemingly felt dazed and scarcely appreciated the full import of what they read.

Work on the stands erected on all sides to enable people to view the coronation procession was gradually discontinued.

In Piccadilly, along nearly the whole length of which workmen were completing the decorations and the roadway was blocked with sightseers, the following were selling the announcement of the

ricades merchants had constructed to safeguard their shop windows were rapidly disappearing, vans filled with garlands and multi-colored bunting stripped from masts and house fronts lined the streets and London promised soon to resume its usual dullness.

The loss of the insurance companies will be heavy as great numbers of commercial companies and private individuals had taken out policies to cover them from the loss of the receipts from stands and the cost of decorations in the event of the coronation ceremony not occurring. Where speculators and householders did not take such precautions, the losses will in many cases mean an approach to bankruptcy.

Late in the afternoon telegrams from the provinces and abroad commenced to arrive. They all evidenced the profound concern occasioned by the news of the King's condition.

In hastily summoned meetings of public bodies in London and throughout the United Kingdom resolutions have been passed expressing the most profound grief coupled with expressions of hope that it may please the Almighty to speedily restore the King to health.

The acute anxiety which has naturally seized the United Kingdom has quite overshadowed all traces of disappointment at the postponement of the coronation.

An extraordinary issue of the Gazette published this evening officially announces the indefinite postponement of the coronation.

ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM RANDOLPH.

Supt. Way Writes of the Enthusiasm of the People For Education.

Prof. J. M. Way, superintendent of schools in Randolph county, has written to State Superintendent Joyner that the annual educational rally at Asheboro will be held on August 8th, when the Governor and Superintendent Joyner are to speak. He reports that all the merchants left their stores to listen to the talks at the rally there. At Providence also he says the people were deeply interested. He has much praise for the speaking of Superintendent White and Superintendent Curtis.

In one township in Randolph county, he says, they have recently reduced the number of schools, and it has made a decided improvement. He believes the majority of the people are of the same opinion, and the question is being agitated in townships that need it most. In some instances the people resent it, and in others they are eager for it.

The great need, he says, is money to build better houses. When the people see that they can get a better house and school they will be willing to consolidate the small districts. He believes a stirring campaign will arouse the people to building the school houses with their own means. It is the purpose in Randolph, Prof. Way writes, to effect more consolidations this year.

Negro Driven From Home.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Coolee, N. C., June 21.—Stokes Cowan, a negro, and his family, have been driven from their home here. Cowan is a relative of the negro boys lynched at Salisbury, and was suspected of complicity in the murder of Miss Benson. Friday night a well armed party went to Cowan's house and fired on it with various firearms. Stokes, with a heavily loaded shotgun, an old muzzle-loader, attempted several times to return the fire, but his gun failed. His wife received a wound in the arm before escaping. Stokes returned the next day to dispose of his crop now in process of cultivation. He says he will remain away.

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THE APPALACHIAN PARK BILL PASSED

It Goes Through the Senate Without Division.

THE MEASURE AS PASSED

It Provides For the Purchase of Four Million Acres.

THE COST NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000

Two Forceful Speeches Mark the Closing of General Debate in the House on the Civil Government Bill For the Philippines.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., June 24.—The Senate today passed the Appalachian Park Bill without a division, Senator Bate, of Tennessee, who opposed the bill when it was last week, contented himself with offering an amendment, which was accepted by the friends of the bill. He then voted for the bill.

For a time it looked as if Nelson, Spooner and other Republican Senators would talk the bill to death (it only had the right of way until two o'clock) but Spooner ceased speaking barely in time for the vote to be taken. It is said that these Republicans did not oppose the park bill but wanted to consume the time until the hour for the unfinished business to be taken up so that Senator Quay could not move to take up the Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma Statehood Bills.

The result of the vote shows the great injustice to Senator Simmons of a report published in a North Carolina newspaper (which was sent out by interested parties) a few weeks ago that this bill would have been voted on and passed but for his absence from the Senate. Since that time Senator Simmons has won over to the support of the bill or silenced the opposition of probably one-third of the Democratic membership of the Senate. Quite a number of Democratic Senators, who were opposed to the principle of the bill, refrained from voting against it on account of Senator Simmons' deep interest in it. It can safely be said that the bill would never have passed but for the tireless work of both our Senators.

Its passage in the House at this session is very doubtful, as it is understood that Speaker Henderson and Chairman of the Appropriation Committee Cannon both oppose it, but its passage at the short session is reasonably certain.

Two Notable Speeches.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, June 24.—Two notable speeches marked the closing of the general debate upon the Philippine Civil Government Bill today. They were made by Mr. Landis, an Indiana Republican, and by Mr. Williams, a Mississippi Democrat, and aroused the respective sides in which they were delivered to a high pitch of enthusiasm. There were big demonstrations after each concluded. The other speakers today were Messrs. Ball (Texas), Jones (Va.), Shaforth (Colo.) and Crumpacker (Ind.). The latter closed the general debate for the bill with a strong speech.

Mr. Landis, during his speech, engaged in a sharp passage with Mr. Clark (Mo.). He described Mr. Clark, after war was declared, as charging, up and down the aisle boasting that the Democrats had taken the Republican party by the scruff of the neck and dragged it into war. This drew from Mr. Clark a challenge to Mr. Landis to place in his speech the applause died away.

When Mr. Landis referred to Mr. Clark's former criticisms of Grover Cleveland, the Missouri member corrected him and declared "the second election of Grover Cleveland was the greatest calamity that has befallen the human race since the fall of Adam."

"Did not you vote for him?" queried Mr. Landis.

"Yes," responded Mr. Clark amid great laughter, "and that is one thing I expect to pray Almighty God to give me absolution for on the day of judgment."

Mr. Landis gave a description of the

Missouri delegation and Mr. Clark singing "Grover, Grover, four years more of Grover, and then we'll be in clover." Recent events had shown, he said, that the Democratic managers were looking for a new leader. Who was it to be? The "peerless leader," apparently was about to move from a \$5,000 to a \$25,000 house and retire from public life.

"It looks very much," asserted Mr. Landis, "as though Grover Cleveland was to be the man, and if he is the gentleman from Missouri again will be heard in the chorus, 'Grover, Grover, four years more of Grover.'"

Mr. Jones (Va.) at this point utilized a few minutes as he said to expose the record of Buencamino, a member of the civil service commission at Manila, who appeared before the insular committee, and who yesterday made a pilgrimage to McKinley's tomb at Canton. He first quoted the opinion of General Otis contained in an interview had with him by Theodore W. Noyes, of the Evening Star of this city, in which General Otis described Buencamino as a "professional turncoat who was everything by turns and nothing long."

Mr. Jones also read a letter written to him by Sixto Lopez, quoting Buencamino in 1895 as extolling Spain and denouncing Dr. Rizal, the Filipino martyr in celebration of whose memory Buencamino is now attempting to inaugurate an exposition at Manila. The letter predicted that the time would come when Buencamino would once again be as bitter against American sovereignty as he now is extravagant in his adulation.

"I see by the morning papers," Mr. Jones continued, "that yesterday this man Buencamino visited Mrs. McKinley and shed tears; that he visited McKinley's tomb and again shed tears. This is very remarkable, because in a memorial to Congress last year this miserable creature charged that the commencement of hostilities was due to the direct orders of President McKinley. I will allow members to judge whether

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CHANGES IN THE A. C. L.

How the Greater Road Will be Operated.

Two Divisions Formed. W. N. Royal Supt. of Division North of Charles'or., John F. Divine Assistant.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., June 24.—An advance circular issued today from the office of General Manager John R. Kenly and dated July 1st, gives details of the operation department of the Atlantic Coast Line after its absorption of the Plant System on the above named date. There will be two divisions, the first of which will comprise all the roads north of Charleston, which prior to July 1st constituted the Coast Line and will embrace the following districts which were formerly called divisions: Richmond short cut, Charleston, Wilmington, Yadin, Columbia, Norfolk, Florence, and Augusta. The second division will comprise all roads south of Charleston, which formerly constituted the Plant system and will embrace the following districts formerly divisions: first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth. Local superintendents formerly called "division superintendents" will be called "district superintendents."

THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN'S DAY

General Ransom Delivers a Great Address.

THE MASONIC TEMPLE

The Grand Lodge Meets and Decides to Build One.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Orphans Give a Concert Which is Greatly Enjoyed by the Audience and is Most Creditable to the Institution.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Oxford, N. C., June 24.—The morning of the 24th dawned cool and cloudy and rain continued through the day. The number of visitors was considered the largest ever in attendance on a similar occasion. Gen. M. W. Ransom arrived Tuesday afternoon and was heartily greeted by his friends, who were delighted to meet him. The Grand Lodge of Masons held a meeting at half past ten o'clock in their spacious hall, and resolved to build a suitable temple in some town of North Carolina and appointed Grand Master H. I. Clark and Grand Secretary J. C. Dreury as a special committee endowed with power to appoint seven additional members with full authority to act in the matters connected with the construction of the temple.

The committee is authorized to select a location and use the necessary funds from the Grand Lodge to secure the erection of the temple. It is also authorized to sell the property in Minneapolis given to the Grand Lodge by a Mr. Bradley, of California, for \$6,000 cash, this to be used to aid in the construction of the temple.

The exercises of the day were held in the chapel of the asylum, which was filled to its utmost capacity. The rain prevented the use of the platform previously arranged and decorated for the occasion. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. A. A. Hicks and responded to by Mr. R. N. Hackett in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Gen. B. S. Roster in a most graceful manner introduced the orator of the day, the venerable and gifted Gen. M. W. Ransom, who chose as his subject "Masonry and its work in North Carolina," which subject was handled as only Gen. Ransom could do, entertaining the audience with lofty ideas and beautiful thoughts clothed in chaste and elegant language delivered in the finest oratorical style.

Gen. Ransom was greeted with great applause when he arrived and this was repeated during his admirable address. In the course of his remarks he spoke of the great charity at Oxford and said that it was only among a few people that such a thing could exist. "You may read the history of nations," he said, "but you will find nowhere a record of such a gathering as this in the name of charity."

During his address he especially referred to six opinions of the Supreme Court of the United States, involving the Southern construction of the States' rights, which were sustained by a court composed of Republicans selected during and immediately after the war.

He closed with a plea to the people of the South to stand closely united for the best interests of the whole country.

At 3:30 o'clock the orphans gave a concert, enjoyed by the audience and very creditable to the institution.

Prominent among those attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge were Col. J. S. Cunningham, of Cunningham, N. C.; Hon. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor; Gen. M. W. Ransom, of Weldon; Mr. J. C. Dreury, of Raleigh; Mr. T. B. Womack, of Raleigh; Mr. H. C. Butler, of Raleigh; Mr. R. H. Bradley, of Raleigh; Mr. W. W. Wilson, of Raleigh; Mr. Chas. Walters, of Raleigh; Dr. Moyer, of Wilson; Mr. S. H. Rountree, of Kingston; Mr. R. A. Sutherland, of Fayetteville; Mr. W. B. McKoy, of Wilmington; Dr. E. J. Tucker, of Roxboro; Mr. W. T. Long, of Roxboro; Mr. A. B. Biggs, of Scotland Neck; Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh; Mr. J. T. Snydnor, of Rocky Mount.

Arrested For Incendiarism.

(Special to the News and Observer.) Southern Pines, N. C., June 21.—Wm. Roberson, accused of setting fire to the store of M. F. Campbell, which destroyed dwelling house of Alex. Evans at the same time, was arrested Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Tyson and tried before C. W. Shaw. The evidence against him was such that he was held over to await the action of the grand jury.

About a dozen witnesses were examined, and in the trial it was developed that W. F. Campbell is wanted and will no doubt be brought back from Scotland county to answer the charge of an accomplice in the burning.

Roberson has always been looked upon as one of our most worthy colored men and many believe that if he is guilty he was the tool of Campbell.

As girls grow older they think less of love and more of money.

Mr. John W. Taylor Dead.

(Special to News and Observer.) Goldsboro, N. C., June 24.—Mr. John Wright Taylor, of this city, died suddenly last night at the home of his son in Green county, where he had just gone on a visit. Mr. Taylor had reached the ripe age of sixty-five years. He came to this city four years since, where he has a splendid home.

Ground Taken That Two Systems in a Town Impose a Double Tax Without Resultant Good.

(Special to News and Observer.) Henderson, N. C., June 24.—After careful investigation the town commissioners unanimously decline to grant the Southern Bell Telephone Company a franchise to operate either a local exchange or a long distance station on the ground that two telephone systems in one community are undesirable and impose double tax on the people without resultant good.

There is not a word of truth in that statement," retorted Mr. Clark when the applause died away.

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