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KING EDWARD DEAD.

British Monarch Passed Away Friday Night After Week's Illness George V. Succeeds.

King Edward VII, who returned to England from a vacation ten days ago in the best of health, died at 11:45 o'clock last night in the presence of his family after an illness of less than a week, which was serious hardly more than three days.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the throne immediately, according to the laws of the kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to despatch to the Lord Mayor the announcement of his father's death, in pursuance of custom. His telegram said:

"I am deeply grieved to inform you that my beloved father, the King, passed away peacefully at 11:45 tonight. (Signed) GEORGE."

The physicians soon afterwards issued their official bulletin, which was as follows:

"May 6, 11:50 p. m.—His Majesty the King breathed his last at 11:45 tonight, in the presence of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal, the Duchess of Fife, Princess Victoria, Princess Louise and the Duchess of Argyll. (Signed)

"LARKING, REID, POWELL, DAWSON."

Pneumonia, following bronchitis, is believed to have been the cause of death, but the doctors thus far have refused to make a statement. Some of the King's friends are convinced that worry over the critical political situation which confronted him, with sleepless nights, aggravated if it did not cause the fatal illness.

Besides the nearest relatives in England, the Duke of Fife and the Archbishop of Canterbury were in the death chamber. The King's brother, the Duke of Connaught, with his family, is at Suez, hastening home from Africa. The King's daughter, Queen Maud of Norway, will start for England tomorrow.

Edward VII assumed the throne on the death of Queen Victoria, January 22, 1901, so that he was King less than ten years.

His coronation, originally set for June 26, 1902, and postponed until August 9, on account of illness, was a pageant of almost unparalleled splendor.

His reign was a peaceful one after the conclusion of the Boer war, which was in progress when he became King. Several times the King's life has been in danger from anarchists or cranks.

The King was always a great traveler and was nearly as well known on the Boulevards of Paris and in the Casinos of Biarritz and Hamburg as he was along Piccadilly. He always exhibited a marked preference for the society of Americans.

Subject to fierce criticism in his youth, because of his manner of life, he lived down a rather unenviable reputation through long years of more careful conduct, and succeeded in winning the confidence of all the people as almost no other sovereign of Great Britain, except his mother, Queen Victoria, had done. As a statesman he was active and successful, particularly in the field of foreign affairs. He was an able diplomat, and in all the important questions of foreign policy he made himself felt. In domestic politics he was less active, but he succeeded in strengthening the position of the monarchy with the masses, effectually killing whatever anti-royalist sentiment existed at the time of his accession.

He was born at Buckingham Palace on November 9, 1841, the son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. Educated by private tutors on a plane outlined by his father, he later studied at Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge. A long period of travel followed, during which he went over Europe and the East. In 1860 he made a triumphal tour through the United States and Canada.

The Prince was married on March 10, 1863, to Princess Alexandra, oldest daughter of the Danish Prince, who became some months later King Christian IX. Six children were born, two of whom—the Duke of Clarence and Prince Alexander—died. The surviving children are George Frederick, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and York, who now becomes King; Princess Louise, who was married to the Duke of Fife; Princess Victoria Alexandra and Princess Maud Charlotte, who was married to Prince Carl of Denmark, now King Haakon VII of Norway. The King was of the House of Han-

over, which dates from the accession to the throne of King George I, in 1714.

Twice before ascending the throne Edward's life was despaired of. In 1871 he was so seriously ill with typhoid fever that for weeks his death was expected. In 1898 he fell on the stairs during a visit to Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild at Waddesden Manor and fractured a knee cap. Complications ensued, and for a time his condition was dangerous.

The New King of England.

George Frederick Ernest Albert, Prince of Wales, who now becomes King, is the second son of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, and was born at Marlborough House on June 3rd, 1865, seventeen months after the birth of his elder brother, the late Duke of Clarence. He and his brother entered the navy together as cadets. Then he started on a three-years voyage around the world.

In 1892, when his brother died, he became heir apparent and took his seat in the House of Lords as the Duke of York. He married Princess Victoria May of Teck, on July 6th, 1893. Six children were born to them.

The Prince became Duke of Cornwall when his father took the throne and soon thereafter started on a tour of the colonies. He opened the first Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.

In the fall of 1905 he went to India. His Indian trip was generally regarded as not a success from a political point of view.

In 1908 he visited Canada to attend the celebration of Quebec. The Prince is less Democratic than was his father and does not have such an ardent love for sports. It has been predicted, therefore, that following his accession to the throne, the court gaiety, which was always a feature during Edward's reign, will be less marked.

Death of the Oldest Man in the County.

In the death of Mr. Andrew J. Phifer of Marshville township on the 28th of April, there passed the oldest citizen of the county. Mr. Phifer was over 98 years old, having been born in New Salem township January 12th, 1812. He was a good man and a Christian, and lived his long life in the reverence of God and the consideration of the rights of his fellowman, and as a consistent member of the Methodist church.

He leaves two sons and five daughters. The sons are Messrs. A. Phifer of Marshville and G. W. Phifer of Anson county. The daughters are Miss Selina Phifer, who lived with her father, and Mesdames G. W. Edwards of Concord; Elizabeth Parmenter, F. T. Sanders and Benjamin Covington of Marshville township. Mr. Phifer's wife died in 1901.

Mr. Phifer's death brings to light the unsurpassed record of service of his daughter, Miss Selina Phifer, who nursed him for five helpless years at the closing of his life. Years ago the care of a helpless aunt fell upon her shoulders and for ten years that she was bedridden her every want was constantly ministered to by Miss Phifer. After the aunt's death her mother soon became helpless, and in turn the faithful daughter nursed her for five years. After her death the care of the father then fell upon her. Faithfully she fulfilled this trust as she had the others, making in all something like a quarter of a century that she devoted her time to the constant nursing of her helpless ones. Was there ever a better record?

Explosion in Mine Causes Fearful Loss of Life.

Birmingham, Ala., Dispatch, 5th. Forty-five white men and between 130 and 145 negroes are entombed in No. 3 mine at Palos tonight as the result of a terrific explosion occurring this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and it is believed all are dead. Palos is 40 miles west of Birmingham and the mines are owned by the Palos Coal and Coke Co. of this city. Two bodies were found early tonight but it is expected that few of them can be recovered before morning.

The flames resulting from the explosion shot into the air from the mouth of the slope for a distance of 200 feet and the shock was felt for miles. Timbers from the slope were hurled several hundred feet from its mouth and rocks from the roof of the slope caved in and made access to the mouth very difficult. The machinery was badly damaged but air is being pumped into the mine tonight in hope that some of the men are still alive.

Graded School Teachers.

The city aldermen have elected Messrs. Walter C. Crowell and Thos. P. Dillon to fill the expired terms of Messrs. R. V. Houston and J. H. Boyte on the board of trustees of the graded school. At an election of the school board Prof. Wilson was re-elected superintendent. During the year that he has had charge of the school Mr. Wilson has amply vindicated the wisdom of the board in electing him. He has made good in every particular. He and his faithful corps of teachers have given the people of Monroe a year of earnest and efficient work. We believe that no town the size of Monroe can show a better school than ours. Thinking back a few years, it is hard to imagine what kind of town we had when there was no graded school. The following teachers have been elected: Misses Mary Davis, 1st grade; Susie Covington and Edna Harris, 2nd grade; Ona Long, 4th grade; Anna Blair, 5th grade; Annie Stewart, 6th grade; Lillian Kibbler 9th grade. Prof. C. E. Phillips, the principal, tendered his resignation, having accepted the superintendency of the Hertford graded schools. Misses Frances Alexander, Nancy Watkins and Bessie Dunlap, teachers of the 3rd, 7th and 8th grades respectively, resigned. Miss Lydia Benton was elected teacher in the North Monroe school. A meeting of the school board will be held in the near future to complete the list of teachers.

The school will close May 20th. The annual sermon will be preached in Central Methodist church on May 18th by Rev. W. M. Kincaid of Charlotte. There will be declamation contest and class day exercises by the students in the school auditorium on the night of May 19th. The annual address will be delivered by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby in the court house on May 20th.

Earthquake Destroys Hundreds.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dispatch, 6th. The earthquake which laid waste to the town of Cartago occurred at 6:50 o'clock on Wednesday night. It came without warning and continued about 18 seconds. In that brief space the buildings of the place collapsed, burying hundreds of persons. The dead were first estimated at 500, but it is believed tonight that the fatalities were much greater. Many hundreds more were injured. Up to a late hour today 400 bodies had been discovered.

Following the shock the twilight was turned to the darkness of midnight by clouds of dust that rose from the ruins. Panic ensued and the cries of the injured and fleeing survivors filled the air. Cooler heads hurried to the telegraph office to summon help from this city, only to find the operators dead, the wires down and the railroad traffic badly impeded. As soon as the news reached San Jose, President Gonzales Veiquez, accompanied by President-elect Ricaud Jimenez and many doctors and nurses and a supply of medicines, started on a special train for the scene of disaster to lend first aid to the survivors. Upon the President's arrival at Cartago martial law was proclaimed in order to facilitate the maintenance of order. Provisions and clothing were also dispatched from here.

Prepare for Either a Wet or Dry Spell.

To the Editor of The Journal: Now is the farmer's opportunity to get in some of the best work of the season. Ample rains have fallen for present needs, and we may have another "dry spell" or we may have a "wet spell." In either case the one thing to do now is to keep the harrow and weeder going. Watch your opportunity and soon as the fields are dry enough to get on with team start the harrow going straight across or diagonally across the rows. If the harrow is too heavy to run second time run weeder diagonally across the harrow marks. In this way you will thoroughly mulch the entire surface, killing all grass and weeds in sprout, conserve the moisture and cultivate the crop. There is no work on the farm that is of such importance just now. Don't wait for the cotton and corn to get up, but start just as quick as the top soil is dry enough. If the farmer will follow the old adage and "strike while the iron is hot," he will not be troubled with grass if he should have a "wet spell" or have cause to complain of the drouth hurting his crop should we have six or seven weeks of dry weather now. Now is your opportunity, brother farmer, use it. T. J. W. BROOM.

Corpse Came to Life and the Mourners Scattered.

Raleigh Dispatch, 5th. Out near Carthage, in Moore county, Sunday old Uncle Virgil Jones, a typical "fore de war" darkey who was recognized as a patriarch among the negroes of the surrounding country, died. Following the custom prevailing among the negroes, a big crowd sat up with the old fellow's body all Sunday night. They went to put his body in the coffin Monday morning, the room being crowded with negroes, mourners and others, one hundred and fifty or more in all being in the house and waiting in the yard. Suddenly, as one of the watchers went to reach for the body, indicating to his aides to lay hold and help lift it, the old fellow's eyes opened, his withered arm went out and up in warning pose and a veritable voice from the dead exclaimed in sepulchral tones that struck terror to the heart of every negro spectator, "Not yet!"

It is said that there was never a more complete standpipe known. Instead of being overjoyed at the manifestation of returning life for the old patriarch whose departure they were mourning, the affrighted screams were heard for miles around, the negroes piled out of the place through every conceivable crevice. Some leaped right up through the roof of the low cabin, carrying the boards off as they forced their way out. It was asserted in a letter from a most reputable citizen received here today that it is certain that some of those negroes have not stopped running yet. The letter did not say what the extent of the resuscitation of the negro was, or whether he is still living.

Paul Gilmore.

Mr. Paul Gilmore, in his greatest success, "The Mummy and The Humming Bird," one of the best known society comedy-dramas, which is now in its sixth season and meeting with greater success than ever, will be at the opera house Thursday night, 12th.

That the Evil One provides occupation for the minds and hands of wives whose husbands are too busy making enough money to pay their bills to plan duties for them, is the basis of the plot of "The Mummy and The Humming Bird." Lord Lumley is the man who is too engrossed in his work to keep his wife out of trouble and temptation, and Lady Lumley is the woman who fails to hold herself in the straight and narrow path because of his neglect when a man with the Humming Bird manner comes around her and wins her away from her husband, "the Mummy."

Mr. Gilmore will be seen in his great part of Lord Lumley, "the Mummy." The other members of the company are the best that could have been procured.

Seats are now on sale at English Drug Co's. First two rows \$1.50; next 11 rows \$1.00; the next 75c. Gallery, first two rows 75c.; next 50c.

Youth Cremated in His Own Home.

Hickory Dispatch, 5th. Mr. Clarence Seaboch, a 20-year-old youth, was burned to death last night in a second-story room of his father's house. Mr. George Seaboch, the father, is an aged Confederate veteran, and as he had no insurance on his little home he is almost penniless and subscriptions are being taken for him.

The boy went Lome at 11 o'clock and at 12:30 the alarm was turned in. The old man went to the window and cried to his son, who was screaming for help, to jump. It was only about fourteen feet to the ground, but the young man seemed to be dazed. He went back into the room and not long afterward his agonized parent saw him fall to his knees and the flames blotted out any further vision. A man climbed on an improvised scaffold to the window a little later, but was too late. The charred and unrecognizable remains were found in the ruins. Young Seaboch went home at 11:00 o'clock, and, as he smokes, it is supposed that he may have dropped a spark or left a stump too near some inflammable material.

The city is shocked over the holocaust and there is a general awakening to the importance of fire escapes.

Mr. Blacker Buys Out Mr. Flow.

Mr. A. Blacker has bought the stock of clothing and furnishing goods of Mr. D. Will Flow and will continue in the same stand. He will probably continue both stores and add a larger stock. Mr. T. H. Doster has a position with Mr. Blacker in the Flow stand.

Anson Colored Men Receive Carnegie Hero Medals.

Through the efforts of Rev. T. W. Chambliss, pastor of the Wadesboro Baptist church, Carnegie hero medals have been awarded to two colored men of Anson county, Frank Forrest and Harvey Tomlinson. The deed of heroism for which these awards were made occurred last summer in Pee Dee river, and Tomlinson lost his life. Col. H. G. Myers of Tennessee and Mr. A. J. Little of Little's Mills were crossing the river when the ferry boat capsized, and the two gentlemen with the three negro boatmen were about to drown.

On the bank of the river at this time was Harvey Tomlinson and Frank Forrest. These two negroes immediately took a small row boat and went to the rescue of the party. Oscar Colson was still clinging to the sunken ferry boat. In attempting to rescue Colson, Tomlinson and Colson were both drowned and Forrest was swept off from his boat and down the stream. Later his son, Greely Forrest, rescued Frank Forrest, and the two together went back to the scene of the wreck and brought off all the others who were alive. H. G. Myers and A. J. Little were both rescued without any injury.

Shortly after the affair occurred, Rev. Mr. Chambliss brought the matter before the attention of the Carnegie hero fund commission, with the result that an investigation was made and a full report of the incident was taken before the commission at Pittsburgh. The result of this investigation is that the commission has awarded bronze medals, one to the family of Harvey Tomlinson, to his widow, and the other to Frank Forrest. In addition to the medals the commission has awarded to the widow of Harvey Tomlinson the sum of \$15 a month as long as she may live, and to Frank Forrest the commission has given the sum of \$500 in addition to his medal.

Successful Entertainment.

The entertainment given at the opera house last Friday night by Miss Scully's voice class was in every way a great success. This good woman has been working here in her quiet, unassuming manner for about eight months. Now her ability has come to light. It was really marvelous to see those little tots—and the larger ones, too—run upon the stage and play their parts like kings and queens. Not a blunder found its way into that two hours program. Every number was greeted with the heartiest applause and many of the audience left the house with reddened hands and bruised fingers. How proud those fathers and mothers present must have felt to see their little whitewinged daughters and gallant little sons do so well.

The writer casts about for some special feature to mention—but he finds none—for it was all special. Taking it all in all, many say it was the best home talent Monroe has yet produced.

Recorder's Court.

Lizzie Ramsey, colored, keeping liquor for sale; prayer for judgment continued for 60 days with bond of \$50 for good behavior.

Ernest Alsobrooks, assault with deadly weapon; 3 months. Appeals. Will Gaither, beating board bill; costs.

Laura Houston, assault and battery; costs.

John Pierce, larceny; not guilty.

Jim Byrd, assault and battery; \$10 and costs.

Jule Boggan, assault with deadly weapon; \$15 and costs.

Jas. A. Crowell, assault and battery; \$17 and costs.

W. H. Terrell, assault and battery; not guilty.

Mark Brewer, assault and battery; \$1 and costs.

R. L. Peach, violating ordinance No. 76; \$2.

G. C. Peach, disorderly conduct; \$4 and costs.

Herbert Derrick, disorderly conduct; \$2 and costs.

May Belle Huntly, assault and battery; costs.

Squirrels Wanted.

Messrs. T. L. Crowell and G. B. Caldwell have undertaken to get a number of squirrels for the court house green and trees. An ordinance will be passed to protect the squirrels so that they may live unmolested on the square. Capt. W. L. Howie has presented a pair and some others are wanted. Anyone who has squirrels or can secure some will confer a favor by letting one of these gentlemen know of it.

A Word to Telephone Subscribers.

As you all know we have been installing our new system for the purpose of giving the town the best service it has ever had and as good as any in America. In order to leave no stone unturned to make it as near perfect as possible we deemed it wise to employ a chief operator who is an expert of large experience. The services of Miss Reilly, who was trained in Atlanta, and has lately been chief operator in Asheville, were secured for this purpose, and it will be her duty and her pleasure to see full charge of the office force and see that every requirement for a perfect service to the public is filled. Miss Reilly arrived last night and was introduced to the office preparatory to taking charge this morning.

During the night it was informed that our three principal day operators had made an agreement not to come back for service this morning, and had also asked the assisting girls not to come back. I called up one of the young ladies and found that this was true, the reason given being that they did not want a chief operator over them, or at least not one from a distance. This was the first intimation that had been given that there was any dissatisfaction. One of the young ladies reconsidered and came back this morning and resumed her work. The others are out and of course there will be some inconvenience till we get the new operators acquainted with the board. We trust that our subscribers will bear with any mistakes for a few days, as we are making every effort to avoid them.

We have always made it a point to treat our help with every consideration, and this entirely unlooked for dissatisfaction will cause some trouble for a day or two. Meanwhile Miss Reilly will assume charge of the office and her experience and capacity warrant us in saying that she will soon see that our subscribers have perfect satisfaction in every particular.

We are now preparing new cards and it will be necessary hereafter to call the number instead of the name of the party you wish. Kindly remember to call number instead of name and business will be much facilitated. Very truly,

W. H. NORWOOD, Supt.

Osborne---Griffin.

Rev. M. A. Osborne and Miss Fannie Griffin, daughter of Esq. E. J. Griffin of Unionville, were married at 2 o'clock last Thursday. The ceremony occurred at the home of the bride's parents, and Rev. A. J. Burrous officiated. After the marriage the couple drove to the home of the groom's father, Mr. A. Osborne, in Buford township, where a fine supper was given them and a number of friends. They left Thursday night for their home at Bakersville. Rev. Mr. Osborne is a member of the western North Carolina conference, stationed at Bakersville, Mitchell county. He is a young man of education and fine promise, now on his first work. The bride is a pretty and popular young lady who has many friends.

Death of Mr. Curtis McCauley.

Mr. Curtis L. McCauley, son of Mr. M. E. McCauley, died at his home at 4 o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness that extended over some three years. He had spent much time in Asheville and came home not improved any about two weeks ago. Services were held at the home by Rev. E. A. Osborne of the Episcopal church, of which the deceased was a member, on Monday morning. The pall bearers were Messrs. David Futch, Frank Stevens, Fred Smith, Sam Parker, Hill White, Code Morgan.

The deceased was a quiet, honest young man, well liked by all of his acquaintances. Before losing his health he was in the drug business with his father.

Change in Seaboard Special Service.

The detective or special agency work of the Seaboard, which has been in charge of the Baldwin Agency of Roanoke, Va., will hereafter be done by the vice president and general manager of the road, Mr. Hix. All the Baldwin men have gone elsewhere except Mr. Horace Moore, who has accepted work with Mr. Hix. This is a promotion for Mr. Moore, won on merit. His territory and salary is increased, and though he will continue to live in Monroe, will have an office in Atlanta. All the line work from Wilmington to Birmingham, and branch lines, will be under his management.