

Pope Leo Awaits the Grim Ferryman

His Holiness Suddenly Taken Worse - Physicians Describe His Condition as Grave - Improvement Observed Earlier

New development in its turn augments his weakness.

The Pope's Affection for Americans

Rome, July 9.—As the pope is much touched by the evidence of sympathy coming to him from all parts of the world, Dr. Laponi showed him some of the telegrams which had reached him as the pope's physician, including the following from Father Cleary of Erie, Pa.:

"Before he dies, I wish to see the world at peace. God bless him. Do not give him up. The world needs him."

The pontiff was much affected. He said:

"The Americans have always shown me more affection than any other people. I love them."

"When this incident became known to the prelates in the ante-chamber, one of them exclaimed:

"If the pope lives, here is an American priest who will not be forgotten. He will be made a bishop, at least, in the Philippines."

The pontiff, having expressed a desire to see the newspapers, Dr. Laponi, wishing to prevent him reading any of the alarming news which has appeared, even in the clerical journal, had a special edition of the Voce Della Verita (the voice of truth), the Vatican paper, printed for the pope, who was delighted in hearing it read to him. Confidence in the steady amelioration in the pope's condition, however, is so rooted in his immediate attendants and the other members of the papal court that this morning there were few persons present in the ante-chamber when the medical bulletin was issued. During the last few days it was badly overcrowded.

The Pope Still Lingers

Rome, July 10.—1 a. m.—Dr. Mazzoni returned to the Vatican at 11 o'clock and remained an hour. He found his holiness no worse. His death is not imminent. Dr. Mazzoni believes that it will be necessary to repeat the operation of draining the pleura this morning if the patient is strong enough. Professor Rossoni is expected to assist in the operation.

Cold Shoulder for Refugees

Indianapolis, July 9.—Reports from several towns in southern Indiana show that the cold shoulder is being turned on the negro refugees from Evansville, and in almost every place where squads of them have arrived they have been ordered to leave. A party of twenty-five arrived here today and asked assistance of the local officers to get to Kansas, where they could find work in the wheat fields. They reported that they had been ordered away from a number of places where they had stopped. Even the colored people in towns through which they passed were afraid to befriend them.

A Standard Oil Defeat

London, July 10.—A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin says that the long fight of the Standard Oil Company to acquire the Roumanian petroleum fields has finally failed. A group of German financiers, backed by the Deutsche bank, has bought the largest petroleum well in Roumania. Doubtless others will be acquired.

King Edward Dines the American Naval Officers

Disclaiming the Gift of Oratory, He Makes a Pleasing Speech—He Compliments President Roosevelt

London, July 9.—There were forty guests at the state dinner given tonight by the king at Buckingham palace in honor of the American officers belonging to Admiral Cotton's squadron. Among the number were Ambassador Choate, Secretary White of the American embassy, the earl of Selborne, first lord of admiralty, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, Sir Michael Herbert, British ambassador to the United States, and other prominent people. Admiral Cotton was accompanied by staff Lieutenant Hussy of the cruiser Chicago, Captain Walker of the San Francisco, Captain Hemphill of the Kearsarge and Commander McCrea of the Machias.

The king received the American naval guests and shook hands with each of them. In compliment to them he wore the uniform of an admiral of the fleet. All the naval officers were in full dress uniform. The dinner was served in the state dining room. Ambassador Choate sat at the king's right and Admiral Cotton at his left. His majesty aimed to make the dinner

as informal as possible. He constantly chatted with Mr. Choate, Admiral Cotton and others. He pointed out the historic portraits of former sovereigns on the walls, remarking incidentally "by the way, there is George III."

After dinner the king rose and said he lacked those gifts of oratory which his relative, Emperor William, possessed. He desired, nevertheless, to express with sincerity and straightforwardness his pleasure at meeting Admiral Cotton and his comrades. He bade them welcome to England and assured them that the English people also most sincerely welcomed them. He then proposed a toast to the president of the United States, remarking that he had never met Mr. Roosevelt, but that the president was respected by all the English as a brave soldier. The king added that he hoped this occasion would strengthen the friendship between the two nations. His majesty's remarks impressed the Americans by their simplicity and sincerity.

After President Roosevelt's health had been drunk standing, a band meanwhile playing "Hall Columbia," Mr. Choate, in a few dignified sentences, thanked the king for his expressions, which he said he would convey to President Roosevelt. He expressed, on behalf of himself and the American people, appreciation of the welcome given the American naval officers. He then proposed a toast to the king, which was appropriately drunk. The party then adjourned to an improvised smoking room on the balcony over the main entrance of the palace, where the king remained for an hour and a half chatting freely.

VESSELS SEIZED

A Gunboat Sent to "Protect American Interests"

Washington, July 9.—In view of the reported detention of three vessels of the Orinoco Steamship Company by Venezuelan insurgents and two vessels of the same company by the Venezuelan government, the gunboat Bancroft has been ordered to proceed from Port of Spain to Ciudad Bolivar. The instructions telegraphed by Secretary of the Navy Moody to Lieutenant Commander A. E. Culver, the Bancroft's commander, were merely to "protect American interests." According to the highest officials in the navy department nothing was said in the instructions to Culver about the reported detention of the Orinoco Steamship Company's vessels, thus leaving him without directions as to the course to pursue.

Ciudad Bolivar is the highest point on the Orinoco that the Bancroft will be able to reach. This place is held by the insurgents, and it is there that the three vessels are supposed to be detained. The two other vessels were taken by the government forces at San Fernando, higher up the river. Lieutenant Commander Culver was commanded to sail immediately.

NEW BERN'S BLAZE

Heavy Losses by Fire With but Little Insurance

New Bern, N. C., July 9.—Special. Fire burst from S. H. Scott's livery stables last night at 10:30 o'clock. At one time it looked as if a portion of the business district would be laid in ashes. But for the heroic work of the firemen New Bern would have suffered a great loss. The origin is reported to be incendiary.

The losses: S. H. Scott, \$1,000, no insurance; T. J. Mitchell, \$1,000, insurance \$500; Dr. N. H. Street, \$10,000, no insurance; O. Marks, \$800, no insurance; Mr. Disoway, \$300, no insurance; T. J. Turner, \$10,000, insurance \$1,000; Baptist church, \$10,000. Many merchants' goods and plate windows were destroyed. The New Bern Journal was slightly damaged.

A HOT DAY

The Thermometer High Up in the Nineties

New York, July 9.—Today was the hottest July 9 by the official records since 1895, when the thermometer registered 99 degrees. The mercury did its worst at four o'clock this afternoon when it climbed to 94 degrees, or 3 degrees higher than on the hottest previous day of the year. The street thermometers registered 96 to 100. There were eight deaths attributed to the heat in New York and Brooklyn and a score or more of prostrations. Only a few cities were hotter than the boroughs of New York. One was Philadelphia with a temperature of 96, and the others were St. Louis and Omaha.

SUNDAY TRAINS TO MOREHEAD CITY

Goldsboro, N. C., July 9.—Special. The management of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad seems determined to give the patrons of the road the best service possible and to afford every opportunity for those who wish to visit North Carolina's fashionable and attractive seaside resort at Morehead City. In addition to running two trains from this city to Morehead every day in the week there will be added another on Sunday, which will make three passenger trains each way Sunday. The public is familiar with the regular schedule. The new train will leave here at 7 o'clock Sunday morning, one hour ahead of the regular train, and will reach Morehead City at 10:50. This train will leave Morehead at night at 9:50, which will give eleven hours on the seashore. The regular Sunday morning train will leave here at 8 o'clock and return as usual in the evening.

This new train will be an added convenience which the public will not fail to appreciate, but while the executive officers of the road are trying to give their patrons such an excellent service which would prove very popular with the public; that is, to make an accommodation train out of the special, which leaves here at 7 o'clock Sunday morning—make all the stops with this train—and have the train which leaves here at 8 o'clock to stop at LaGrange, Kinston and New Bern. This order of service could be repeated in the evening. Have the early train to make all the stops and make a through train of the later special.

The greatest objection to a trip to Morehead City on Sunday is the long and tedious ride. If a through train were put on with a fast schedule this only one objection would be removed and the crowds would be larger.

PROMOTIONS IN ARMY

Young to Be Lieutenant General—Wood Rising Too Rapidly

Washington, July 9.—Announcement will be made at the war department in a few days of the following promotions:

Major General S. M. B. Young, to be lieutenant general upon the retirement of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, August 5; Brigadier General Leonard Wood, to be major general, vice General Young, promoted; Brigadier General Samuel S. Sumner, to be major general upon the retirement, July 26, of Major General George W. Davis.

While these promotions have already been agreed upon, Secretary Root has determined to defer making an official announcement until after his visit to Oyster Bay tomorrow to confer with the president in regard to army matters. It is considered very probable that Captain J. J. Pershing, who distinguished himself in the campaign against the Moros, will also come in for an increase in rank and that he will not stop short of being made a brigadier general.

The promotions to be determined upon at this time will be sent to the Senate next December for confirmation, and already there is some talk of some opposition that will be made to the promotion of General Wood to be made a major general. Officers of the army are opposed to the promotion on the ground that it will block for a great many years the advancement of some of the older officers in the service. General Wood will not retire until October 9, 1904, and his promotion to major general will make him, in a few years, senior major general of the army and in line for advancement to be lieutenant general. Should he be given this rank he will be in position to hold it so long that no officer of rank above that of major now in the service would be able to secure the grade of lieutenant general before his time of retirement.

PETTIGREW STREET

Another Durham Street That Promises to Make History

Durham, N. C., July 9.—Special. There was a special meeting of the board of city aldermen this morning held for the purpose of passing an order forbidding the Southern Railway from taking possession of Pettigrew street. It looks very much like there was going to be more litigation and a lot of it—a parallel case with the now famous Peabody street litigation.

Pettigrew street runs alongside the Southern road, on the opposite side from Peabody street. A few days ago the board of aldermen received a request from the Southern for permission to put in a side track along the side of this street. It has since developed that it was the intention of the Southern to run a track up the street to Chapel Hill street, a distance of about the length of three blocks, and that, while a portion of the distance would be on the side of the street, at one place for quite a distance the track would be in the middle of the street, a newly macadamized street.

A special meeting of the aldermen was called for yesterday afternoon, but it was impossible to get a quorum, and another meeting was called this morning at 11 o'clock. In the meantime the mayor and four members of the board of aldermen visited the locality and looked over the situation.

At the meeting this morning an order was passed forbidding the Southern to lay a track up the side of the street further than the intersection of Carr street, about one-fourth of the distance to Chapel Hill street, and forbidding even any of this section to be on the macadamized part of the street.

Just what will be done about the matter remains to be seen. If the Southern respects the order of the board then there will be no trouble; but if this is not done the courts will be applied to for protection. If necessary, an injunction will be asked for by the city authorities. Up to the present time, however, the Southern has shown no disposition to continue the track up the street. In fact that point has not been reached.

Circulators Elect Officers

Asheville, N. C., July 9.—Special.—At the closing session of the southern newspaper circulators this afternoon W. W. Moore of the Asheville Citizen was elected president, W. A. Scott of the Montgomery Advertiser secretary and treasurer, J. B. Simmons of the Atlanta Journal first vice president, and H. L. Steele of the San Antonio Daily Light second vice president. The next convention will be held in St. Louis, an invitation having been extended to the newspaper men by the president of the exposition company, the president of the board of trade and the mayor of the exposition city.

Mgr. Velpini Dead

Rome, July 9.—Mgr. Velpini, the secretary of the consistory, and the man who would have been the secretary of the conclave which will elect a new pope in the event of Leo's death, died this morning. He was stricken while in the pope's ante-chamber yesterday.

Shepard and Aycock to Lead the Party

Beaufort Naval Reserves

The adjutant general has received application for the acceptance into the North Carolina naval reserves of a company organized at Beaufort. The company embraces forty-five. There are now only five companies in the naval reserves and the state is allowed eight, so the Beaufort company will doubtless be accepted.

Railroad Bridge Burned

Greensboro, N. C., July 9.—Special. The Southern Railway bridge over Haw River at Benaja caught fire and burned down last night after No. 35 passed over it. All traffic on the main line was blocked several hours. It is not known how the fire originated. A wrecking crew left here on a special train shortly after midnight to rebuild the bridge.

Good Game at Winston

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 9.—Special.—Winston-Salem defeated Greensboro this afternoon in a pretty contest, the score being 8 to 4. Johnson pitched a good game, and the visitors were unable to hit him when hits meant runs. Batteries: Winston—Johnson and Rowe; Greensboro—Edwards and Rothwell. The same teams will play here tomorrow and Saturday.

SCREAMED AND FELL INTO FLAMES

Norfolk, July 9.—Mrs. Wills, wife of Bud Wills, a stevedore, lost her life in a fire here today. She was a seamstress of grain bags, on the third floor of Jesse Jones & Sons' hay and grain warehouse, in Roanoke dock, which burned at 2 o'clock. There were two houses adjoining filled with hay. The fire caught and burned so quickly that the entire stock was in flames before the fire department arrived. Mrs. Wills appeared at the window and was ordered to jump into the arms of the men beneath. She hesitated, screamed and fell back into the hay before the firemen could put up the ladder. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, well insured.

N. C. RAILROAD

Reports to Annual Meeting Make Good Showing

Greensboro, N. C., July 9.—Special. The annual meeting of the board of directors of the North Carolina Railroad was held at the Benbow today. The business was largely of a routine nature. The report of the secretary and treasurer, Hon. Dan Hugh McLean, showed the receipts for the year to be \$290,620.63, disbursements 288,508.68, balance \$2,111.77. The finance committee reported that they had examined all the books, etc., and had found everything in first class condition. After the directors' meeting the annual meeting of the private stockholders was held at the Grand opera house this afternoon, followed by a meeting of the new board of directors, which is identical with the old board.

England Gives President Loubet a Great Send-off

King Edward Cordial and the People Demonstrative. Sentiments of Friendship at the Parting Hour

London, July 9.—The visit of President Loubet to London was brought to a close this morning when the French chief magistrate left the Victoria station for Dover. The scenes and incidents of his departure testified to how the republican president, by his unassuming dignity and cordial sincerity, had captured all classes and won that popular good will which sovereigns have been unable to achieve. Despite the earliness of the departure crowds lined the route from St. James place to the railway station and British "hurrahs" and French "vive Loubet" re-echoed through the streets until the president had entered the station.

As M. Loubet's carriage drew up King Edward advanced with outstretched hand, and taking the president by the arm, led him through the waiting room to the royal car. For a few minutes the king and president stood talking with much animation. King Edward grasped M. Loubet's right hand and shook it with extreme cordiality, while with the left hand he patted the president on the shoulder. Official as well

Old Alliance of the Solid South and the Empire State—Former Objection Out of Date

BY THOMAS J. FENCE

Washington, July 9.—Special.—The Washington Times this afternoon, discusses at length the possibility of Shepard and Aycock as the nominees for the Democratic party next year. The Times says, among other things: "A new Democratic banner has been hung to the breeze. It bears the names of Shepard and Aycock. For president, Edward M. Shepard, prominent citizen of Brooklyn borough, N. Y., and former candidate for mayor; for vice president, Charles B. Aycock, governor of North Carolina. This suggestion for a renewal of the old alliance of the solid south and New York ought to cause Democrats to stop and consider."

"Of the Hon. Edward M. Shepard the general public knows much; it knows of his opposition to the regular Democratic ticket in 1896 because of the silver plank in the platform, of his return to the fold four years later, and his support of Bryan on the issue of anti-imperialism, of his unsuccessful canvass for mayor two years ago on the Tammany ticket, and of his recent efforts to harmonize the divided factions of Democracy, and with it there is a suspicion that Mr. Shepard, who had never avowed himself one way or the other, is willing to be considered a candidate for president."

"Of Governor Aycock probably not so much is known, although he is certainly entitled to careful consideration. He is regarded, by those who know him and his record, as one of the ablest men in public office in the south today. He is brilliant and an orator of ability, and has given North Carolina a clean administration."

"The old objection of a candidate from a secession state should not hold against him, for he is so young as scarce to remember even in a vague sort of a way any of the stirring events of the early sixties. He is greatly beloved by the people of the state; scholarly, conservative, earnest and conscientious, and if a southern man is to be chosen by the Democracy he is entitled to first consideration."

Captain Robert Johnson, secretary and disbursing officer of the California Debris Commission, has been assigned to duty at Wilmington as officer in charge of engineering work there. He will relieve Captain E. E. Winslow. Thomas S. Rollins, chairman of the Republican state executive committee, arrived in Washington today to take up with the post office department and several other departments appointments to be made soon. Ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, national committee-man, is expected here tomorrow to confer with Mr. Rollins about some of these. It was stated by Mr. Rollins tonight that no action would be taken in the Wilmington post office contest until December, the date when the term of office of Mrs. Darby, the present postmistress, expires.

as amateur artists could be seen in all directions, securing snap shots of the striking scene.

After renewed handshaking his majesty showed the president into the royal car and stood chatting with him until the train pulled out amid cheers and shouts of "Vive Loubet" mingled with the strains of the "Marseillaise." President Loubet stood at a window of the car, waving his hat in his gloved hand until the royal special disappeared from view.

Upon his arrival at Dover M. Loubet embarked on the French cruiser Guichen, and the vessel sailed at once for Calais, escorted by a British torpedo flotilla, and followed by farewell salutes from the fleet and castle. Before his departure from Dover President Loubet telegraphed to King Edward, thanking him for the hearty reception accorded him "as the representative of France, the friend of England."

The text of M. Loubet's telegram to the king follows: "At the moment of leaving British soil I am anxious to address to your majesty an expression of my liveliest gratitude for the reception your majesty and her majesty, the queen, the royal family and the British nation extended to me as the representative of France, the friend of England." Calais, France, July 9.—President Loubet met with a great reception here today from big crowds of people on his return to French soil. At the public reception which followed—the president's arrival here the speakers congratulated M. Loubet on the happy results of his visit to England.