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## THE CORONATION IS POSTPONED.

### England's King Hovers Between Life and Death. His Condition is Extremely Critical.

The various indefinite reports of King Edward's bad health, that have been in circulation during the past week, culminated Tuesday at noon in the startling announcement by his physicians that an operation had been performed and that the condition of the royal patient was indeed critical.

Therefore, the preparations for the coronation ceased and an army of workmen began at once to demolish the stands and floats that had been so recently completed.

The progress of the illness, the operation, the partial recovery and the prevailing condition of public sentiment can be no better portrayed than by quoting from the several daily dispatches of the Associated Press:

Tuesday, June 24.—King Edward is in a room facing the beautiful gardens of Buckingham palace and far from the street and the crowd. If tonight's progress is maintained he will probably tide over the effects of his severe operation which has successfully relieved the local trouble. But should any complication occur, such as septic peritonitis or blood poisoning, it is feared his majesty's present physical and nervous condition would prove unequal to the strain involved. There is consequently intense anxiety as to the outcome. The King's doctors believe that his majesty would have been dead before now except for the operation. His condition became so alarming last night that at one time it was feared death might ensue before the surgeon's knife could afford him relief. Intense swelling of the extremities, accompanied by alarming symptoms of mortification, constituted the emergency which demanded an immediate operation. To the last the King tried to avoid this and he was willing to be carried to the abbey for the coronation ceremony in order that it should occur as arranged. The influence of Queen Alexandra was enlisted, however, and at an early hour, this morning, the royal patient was prepared for the operation which, even in the skillful hands of England's best surgeons, was fraught with grave danger.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon his majesty was moved from his couch to the operating table and the anesthetic was administered. Sir Frederick Treves made the incision near the patient's groin and carried it upwards, with an outward slant, for nearly four inches. The obstruction was removed and a tubing was placed in the affected intestine.

King Edward's first words when he returned to consciousness were to ask for "George" and the Prince of Wales, who was waiting in the next room, was immediately admitted to his father's presence.

While the operation was being performed, the great central courtyard of Buckingham palace, so lately the scene of such brilliant gatherings, was utterly deserted and an impressive silence reigned throughout the building.

The equestrian talked in whispers, servants tiptoed about and the tension grew almost unbearable. Then the words were passed around "all had gone well."

**BULLETINS FROM THE SICK ROOM.**  
At 12:46 p. m. Sir Francis Knollys, the king's private secretary, has issued the official medical announcement as follows:

The king is suffering from perityphlitis. His condition on Saturday was so satisfactory that it was hoped that with care his majesty would be able to go through the ceremony. On Monday evening a recrudescence became manifest, rendering a surgical operation necessary today.

(Signed) LISTER.

At 2:46 p. m. The operation has been successfully performed. A large abscess has been evacuated.

The king has borne the operation well and is in a satisfactory condition.

6 p. m. His majesty continues to make satisfactory progress and has been much relieved by the operation.

11:10 p. m. The king's condition is as good as could be expected after so serious an operation. His strength is maintained, there is less pain and his majesty has taken a little nourishment.

It will be some days before it will be possible to say that King Edward is out of danger.

WEDNESDAY 25TH.

Midnight. King Edward's condition to-night is even more satisfactory than has been indicated by the bulletin. He has made a decided improvement and the feeling at Buckingham Palace is very hopeful. His Majesty is able to take nourishment. He had scrambled eggs and a little hock and soda this evening and with his own hands he opened several telegrams.

The following bulletin issued at eleven o'clock to-night is regarded as intensely satisfactory:

"The King continues to make satisfactory progress. He slept some hours during the day. He complains very little of discomfort and is more cheerful. The wound is doing well. (Signed) TREVES, LAKING, BARLOW."

This bulletin is generally taken as being the first occasion upon which the King's doctors have allowed themselves to express, even to a small degree, the hopeful feelings they undoubtedly, though privately, entertain. Thirty-six hours have now elapsed since the operation was performed, and the absence of complications creates hopefulness in all quarters, although, as has been frequently said in these dispatches, several days must pass before the possibility of danger can be eliminated.

THE STORY OF THE DAY.

Anxious suspense over the condition of King Edward VII shared, as is evidenced by shoals of telegrams from abroad, by the whole civilized world, was not much lessened by the bulletin issued by the attending physicians at 10:30 o'clock this morning, as follows:

"His Majesty was very restless and had no sleep during the early part of the night. He obtained some sleep, however, after 1 o'clock this morning, is free from pain, and no untoward symptoms presented themselves. Considering all circumstances, His Majesty may be said to be progressing satisfactorily. (Signed) LISTER, TREVES, LAKING, SMITH, BARLOW."

As the day progressed the crowds around Buckingham Palace augmented and the cautious wording of the early bulletin was much discussed. Soon after 2 p. m. a second bulletin was posted, as follows:

"The king passed a comfortable morning and his condition so far is satisfactory. (Signed) TREVES, LAKING, BARLOW."

At 3:30 p. m. today Sir Francis Knollys, private secretary to King Edward, told a representative of The Associated Press that no particular change had occurred, but that the King was maintaining the improvement in his condition.

The following statement was made this afternoon on the highest medical authority:

"Until the tubes now drawing the cavity of the abscess have been withdrawn it will be impossible to feel certain that the King will pull through. What his physicians have now to fear is that peritonitis or hemorrhage may supervene. There must always be this danger in such cases. Again it is a fact that an abscess due to perityphlitis may have a fatal issue without any warning symptoms. All the indications are often masked until the post mortem, and there are many cases on record where the disease was only discovered after death from an extraneous cause, such as an accident. At any rate the King's grave illness must 'invalidate' him for a long time."

## Cleveland and Hill Speak.

Last week a great many prominent Democrats of the different factions of the party, gathered at the Tilden Club in New York to hear ex-President Cleveland and ex-Senator Hill make addresses. These two great former rivals, in speaking on the same platform, attracted considerable attention.

Some idea of their speeches may be had by reading the following extracts:

MR. CLEVELAND'S VIEWS.

"Those of us less prominent in the party—the rank and file—are longing to be led through old Democratic ways to old Democratic victories. We were never more ready to do enthusiastic battle than now.

"It is not in the search of new and gaudy issues nor in the interpretation of strange visions that a strong and healthy Democracy displays its splendid power.

"Democracy will have its doctrines in store as long as the people are kept from their own, and just as long as their rights and interests are sacrificed by favoritism in Government care, by inequality in Government burdens, by the encouragement of industrial aggregations that throttle individual enterprise, by the reckless waste of public money and by the greatest of all injuries, as it underlies nearly all others—a system of tariff taxation whose robbing exactions are far beyond the needs of economic and legitimate Government expenditures, which purchases support by appeals to sordidness and greed and which continually corrupts the public conscience.

"I believe the times point to another Democratic opportunity as near at hand; but I believe we shall reap the fruits of it only by following the line of conduct I have indicated."

MR. HILL'S VIEWS.

"The signs of the times point unmistakably to an awakened interest in the promotion of the success of Democratic principles of government.

"There is especially a deep conviction among thoughtful men that there is something radically wrong in the foreign policy of the present Administration.

"President Roosevelt seems to have lost his head when he forgets that this country differs from both ancient and modern France in that here it is not a crime to criticize the army, or the President, or any other servant of the people.

"Loyalty to the Government does not consist in loyalty to individuals or to the policies of those who happen to be in official positions.

"The use of Cuban money for partisan and lobbying purposes in aid of administrative measures pending before Congress serves to emphasize the irresponsible and dangerous character of military rule anywhere, whether temporary or permanent.

"The history of the country does not furnish a more flagrant breach of official duty, as well as official propriety, than that presented by Wood.

"The present controversy over Cuban reciprocity in Congress in Congress serves to illustrate the hypocrisy, as well as the unsoundness, of the whole Republican position on the subject of tariffs.

"There is no justification for the exercise of the power of legislation to make millionaires of one class of people and paupers of another.

"The people want immediate relief from the present high prices extorted from them. That relief can be obtained by the application of a speedy and effectual remedy in the repeal of all tariff duties upon productions controlled by the trusts.

"With the substantial unity that exists upon the fundamental principles of Democratic faith, we may safely appeal to the people, and in view of that satisfactory situation it would be folly to longer divide upon abstract or unreasonable questions.

"We have no criticisms to make of any Democrat in the land. We

are excluding no man or set of men from the party councils. We have no test oaths to administer to those who wish to join us. The Democratic doors are wide open."

## Near to Death Eight Times.

On the following occasions the King has been within the reach of death and has escaped each time:

While a schoolboy at Oxford a boat in which he was rowing was overturned. He saved himself by swimming ashore.

Upon returning to England, in 1860, after his visit to the United States and Canada, his voyage was so delayed by storms that war ships were sent in search of the war ship Hero.

In 1871 an attack of typhoid fever threatened to result fatally. His life was despaired of, but was saved through vigorously rubbing him with brandy.

In 1875, while tiger-shooting in India, a tiger sprang upon the Prince's elephant. His life was saved by Colonel White, of his suite, who killed the beast.

In 1898 he slipped and fell on a stairway, sustaining an accident to his knee which threatened to make him lame for life. Within a few months he had completely recovered.

On April 4, 1900, while en route to Copenhagen, was shot by a half-crazed youth named Sipido, at the Brussels railway station. Two shots were fired, both of which missed their mark.

While on a visit to Emperor William of Germany he was hunting stags, and two of them charged upon his horse. The horse reared and threw him to the ground. He was only slightly bruised.

He missed death by just ten seconds on Shamrock 11 last summer while the yacht was on a trial spin. He was a guest of Sir Thomas Lipton; the boat was caught in a squall and the mast and rigging went over, imperiling the life of the host and his guests.

## Township Meeting.

The Democracy of Cleveland township held its primary last Saturday evening at 3 o'clock p. m.

Capt. J. J. Young, chairman, called the meeting to order, and presided over its deliberation. F. T. Booker was requested to act as Secretary.

A representative crowd was present, all of which, and as many Democrats as choose to attend from this township, were made delegates to the County Convention, which is to be held in Smithfield, July 28th. Dr. E. N. Booker made a short talk counselling harmony and a united front in order to successfully meet and vanquish the enemy.

The meeting unanimously instructed for Clark for Chief Justice, Connor for Associate Justice, Allen for Superior Court Judge of this Judicial District, Beddingfield for Railroad Commissioner, Armistead Jones for Solicitor, Pou for Congress. No further instructions given.

The following Executive Committee was elected to serve for two years:—T. W. LeMay, J. J. Lee, F. T. Booker, Jesse Wood and J. W. Yelvington. This committee will meet at an early day and elect a chairman. Capt. Young, on account of infirmity and age asked to be relieved of further service, hence the township will, for the first time in many years, have a new chairman though it will be hard to find a better one than he made.

F. T. BOOKER, Sec.

The bodies of the sergeant, two corporals and four privates of the Fifth Cavalry who were captured May 30 by ladrones at Binangonan, Risal province, Philippine Islands, have been recovered. Most of the bodies had been hewn limb from limb and it was found impossible to recognize four of the dead men. A number of arrests have been made and nine men have been absolutely identified as belonging to the band of ladrones which captured the Americans.

## CANAL BILL PASSED.

### It Provides for the Construction of the Canal by the Panama Route.

Washington Dispatch 19th.

The Senate to-day by a final vote of 67 to 6 passed a bill authorizing the construction of an isthmian canal by the Panama route.

The advocates of the Nicaragua route were put to flight not only on the closing vote, which does not show the real division of sentiment on the subject in the Senate, but upon the test vote, which came when the Spooner substitute was offered and adopted by a vote of 42 to 34.

It was the Spooner bill, amended in several important respects, that was passed. It provides that the Panama route shall be selected by the President if after careful investigation he shall find that a clear title to the French Canal Company's concessions may be secured, and appropriates the sum of \$40,000,000 as purchase money. If the Panama concessions cannot be secured it authorizes the construction of a waterway by the Nicaragua route. This is the bill which has been the bone of contention between the respective advocates of the Nicaragua and Panama routes in the Senate during the last few months. Its supporters showed surprising strength today and especially when the test came as to whether it should be adopted in lieu of the committee bill favoring Nicaragua.

The substitute bill, after being amended in certain particulars, was finally passed. Upon the final vote only half a dozen Senators remained in opposition. Even Senator John T. Morgan, who did more, perhaps, than any other man in the Senate to try to have the Nicaragua route adopted, voted for the substitute bill on its final passage.

The most important amendment adopted was that offered by Senator Charles N. Fairbanks, of Indiana, providing for the issuance of \$130,000,000 of 2 per cent. government bonds to pay the expenses of construction. Another was that offered by Senator A. O. Bacon, of Georgia, providing for the appointment of a commission of seven to superintend the work of constructing the canal.

When the bill had finally been disposed of Senator Morgan moved that that the bill be sent into conference and that the Senate insist upon its amendments. Senator Frye thereupon appointed Senators Hanna, Morgan and Kittredge as conferees on the part of the Senate.

As will be recalled, the House passed the Hepburn bill providing that the canal be constructed along the Nicaragua route. Therefore when the bill reaches the conferees of the two bodies there is likely to be a warm contest. The House bill passed almost unanimously and there can be no mistaking the sentiment of that body on the question.

## Fusion in Nebraska.

Grand Island, Neb., June 25.—After two hours of almost continuous session the Democratic and Populist State Conventions completed a fusion ticket this afternoon, with a Democrat at its head. Five places on the ticket were allotted to the Populists and three to the Democrats. W. H. Thompson, Democrat, is the candidate for Governor.

Five different men, including William J. Bryan, received the unanimous nomination of one of the other conventions for governor before both bodies finally agreed on one man. After adjournment had been taken Mr. Bryan expressed himself pleased with the successful accomplishment of fusion, saying he would lend his entire efforts in support of the ticket.

For the third time in twenty years, ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia, was nominated for Governor of Pennsylvania yesterday by the Democratic State Convention.

## POLENTA NEWS.

The Sunday School at Shiloh will hold its annual picnic at the church on the second Saturday in July. Oakland, Mt. Zion and Mount Moriah Sunday Schools have been invited to join in the picnic. Rev. Mr. Adams, of Mt. Moriah High School will be present and address the crowd. It promises to be an enjoyable occasion.

Mr. J. C. Holt cut a ripe watermelon on the 22d. Typo sampled it, and found it to be sweet and of excellent flavor. Mr. J. A. Price, we learn, had ripe melons on the day before.

The tobacco field of Mr. Bartlett Johnson is a beauty to gaze on. He says it is ahead of any he has ever had and this is saying a good deal, considering the fact Mr. Johnson is an expert in the culture of tobacco. Mr. F. M. Weeks also has a fine crop of the weed.

The neighborhood is full of visitors this week. Among them we note as hailing from Smithfield, three of its beautiful, charming and accomplished young ladies, Misses Bertha Stevens, Mary Myatt and Nellie Morgan, are visiting Miss Nellie Johnson; from Clayton we note, Miss Lucile Ellington and Miss Alleen McCullers, both accomplished and pretty, and whom to know is to admire. These two young ladies are visiting Miss Mildred Young. On account of the presence of these young ladies in the neighborhood the boys are all in a stir and on the go.

Miss Bettie Kirkman, of Smithfield, spent Sunday in the neighborhood visiting Miss Nellie Johnson.

Mr. Z. T. Jones reports cotton bloom on the 21st. By-the-way he has a fine crop of cotton.

Miss May Young is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. O. Ellington, of Smithfield.

Mrs. J. W. Yelvington and several of her children are down sick with the measles. Mr. Yelvington is just recovering from the disease. Miss Emma Tomlinson is also sick with the same disease. Hope all a speedy recovery.

Rev. Mr. Hines preached to large congregations Sunday morning and night. His sermon in the morning was of a doctrinal nature, and was well handled.

Mr. Jos. Parrish, of Itiner, was in this section Sunday. He is conducting a saw-mill business at above named place, and says he is doing a good business. Glad to hear of his success.

The following persons were in the neighborhood visiting Sunday attending preaching at Oakland: Messrs. James Abell, Ralph Stevens, Walter Jordan, Tom Daniel, Douglass Ellington, Jno. O. Ellington and George Peedin, all of Smithfield; Messrs. Jno. Turley, Archer Vinson, Dr. J. J. Young, Will Coats and Mrs. Hattie Coats, of Clayton; Mr. Aldridge Hardee and Miss Tida Parrish, of Itiner.

Mr. Bain, of Little River Academy, spent a few days first of the week visiting friends in this section. He is a young man with a bright future before him; he has two years yet to spend at Davidson College before he graduates. His life will be spent in the noble work of the ministry.

We learn that Mr. Cleon Austin will enter Davidson College the fall session. Cleon is the son of Mr. Henry Austin, and is a splendid young fellow.

We hear of a destructive hail storm in that portion of Wake county adjoining this township, last Saturday evening. Several tobacco fields were completely ruined. Other crops also greatly damaged.

Dr. James Edmondson, of Wilson, is spending a few days with friends.

Mr. J. C. Holt one night recently, with hook and line, captured a very large, fat turtle, supposed to weigh as much as 20 pounds. His friends were invited in to help him make way with it.

A large crowd of the untrifled will attend the County Convention Saturday.

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