

POSTPONEMENT OF CORONATION

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THE SOVEREIGN IN A CRITICAL CONDITION

Operation Necessary for Relief Had Been Postponed Too Long—At Last Accounts Hope Is Expressed That the King Will Tide Over the Effects of the Severe Operation, but He Will Be Unable to Stand the Strain of Complications Liable to Follow—the Celebration in White-chapel District Uninterrupted. Revellers Misled by Bulletins.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, June 24.—With dramatic suddenness the king has been stricken down on the eve of his coronation. Tonight he lies in a critical state at Buckingham palace.

In spite of the intensity of this tragic interruption, the lower elements of London are "muffled" through the crowded streets, and a portion of society in coronation gowns and jewels has gathered at what is called a gala coronation dinner at one of the fashionable hotels. Even at the gates of Buckingham palace, within which the ablest surgeons and physicians constantly remain in the hope of saving the sovereign's life, the tooting of horns and the sound of other revelries can be plainly heard. Wagon loads of boisterous rowdies are on the streets; they are driving all sorts of vehicles, and waving flags and hugging demijohns of liquor. They make their noisy way from the West End to Whitechapel. They represent that section of the British public which no tragedy can sober into decency. They have tasted license untrammelled by law in the celebration in connection with the war, and king or no king, they will celebrate the coronation.

It must be admitted that the revellers have been misled by the technical language of the bulletins; they seem to have no conception of the gravity of King Edward's condition. The thinking portion of the nation, however, has gone home numbed by the events which today has brought forth.

Indescribable consternation prevails throughout the country and this consternation is reflected in the cablegrams received from all the centers of the universe. If tonight's progress is maintained King Edward will probably tide over the effects of his severe operation, which has successfully removed 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 last condition was alarming last night 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.

Objected to the 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, an outward slant, for nearly four inches. The obstruction was removed and 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 tip-toed about and the tension grew almost unbearable.

Then the word was passed around, "All had gone well."

PHYSICIANS' BULLETIN. Operation Was Attended by No Alarming Complications. By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, June 24.—An operation for perityphlitis (inflammation at commencement of the large bowel in the region of the appendix) was performed successfully on King Edward VII., at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He fell asleep soon after the operation. The coronation has been postponed indefinitely. At 6.30 p. m. today the following bulletin was posted at Buckingham Palace: His majesty continues to make satis-

JANE TOPPAN'S AWFUL CAREER

Confesses That She Has Killed Thirty-one Human Beings.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Boston, June 24.—Suspected of the death of eleven persons, but indicted for murdering only three, Miss Jane Toppan, who was yesterday declared insane, has confessed that she has killed during her career as a professional nurse no less than thirty-one human beings. This statement was made to Judge Fred M. Bixby, of Brockton, senior counsel at the trial at Barnstable yesterday, when Miss Toppan was found not guilty by reason of insanity on the charge of murdering Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs, Judge Bixby said also that Miss Toppan had admitted that she had set fires and committed other serious acts. She said she could not help committing the crimes. She argued, moreover, that she was not insane. She said she knew she was doing wrong when she administered poison to her victims, and she asked Judge Bixby how, under such circumstances, she could be of unusual mind.

Morphine was Miss Toppan's agency for producing death. Many of her victims were unsuspecting and most intimate friends; others were the patients of reputable physicians who employed her on account of her ability as a nurse. Miss Toppan was so expert in her knowledge of how to employ drugs and poisons that she was able to escape detection for years. In the detailed story as told to Judge Bixby, Miss Toppan did not enumerate her many victims, although she did admit the killing of Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Harry Gordon, of Chicago, and Alden P. Davis, all of whom died at Cataumet last summer. Miss Toppan was indicted last December for these three murders, the state electing to try her on the Gibbs count yesterday. Miss Toppan was taken to the Taunton insane hospital today to begin her life sentence.

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR BRISTOL

Will Witness the Boat Race Between Harvard and Yale.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 24.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary of War Taft, Secretary of the Navy, and Mr. C. Latta, stenographer, left here at 4.50 this afternoon on a special train over the Pennsylvania railroad for Bristol, where the president will attend the commencement exercises at Harvard university and deliver an address. His special train will be reached to the regular train for the president and party.

NATIONAL WATER COMPANY.

New Corporation Composed Principally of Scranton Capitalists.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., June 24.—The National Water Works and Guarantee company was incorporated here this afternoon with \$1,000,000 authorized capital to construct and operate water works, gas works and electric light plants.

FIRE AT STEELTON.

The Old Bessemer Mill at Pennsylvania Steel Works Destroyed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, June 24.—The old Bessemer mill, the Pennsylvania steel works, Steelton, was destroyed by fire early this morning, involving a loss of \$25,000. A huge steel ingot that was being handled by a crane fell to the ground, through the breaking of the chain, and the white hot metal was thrown in all directions, some of it landing on the roof of the Bessemer mill, which was a large number of flammable patterns were burned, it being impossible to save anything, owing to the high wind. The burned building was one of the first to be erected at the works.

MR. BRYAN DECLINES.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Grand Island, Neb., June 24.—William Jennings Bryan had a conference with Democrats and Populists shortly before noon and urged upon a large number not brought before the conventions. Senator Allen also declared himself emphatically against accepting a nomination. The Democratic convention the evening nominated Constantine J. Smyth for governor, and at 10 p. m. the Populists convention nominated M. E. Harrington for governor.

The Democrats are staying by Smyth. Both conventions will continue to ballot on governor until Smyth or Harrington has received a majority of the vote of both conventions. This arrangement has been agreed upon by the conference committees of both conventions and may result in a long drawn out session.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 24.—Arrived: Steamers Knapknap Wilhelm, Bremen; Allern, Naples; Koenig Luise, Bremen; Kensington, Antwerp; Cleared: Steamers Oceanic, Liverpool; St. Paul, Southampton. Sailed: Steamer Kaiserin Maria Theresia, Bremen; Queenstown-Arrived: Steamers Teutonic, Bremen; Bremen-Arrived: Steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg; Plymouth-Arrived: Steamer Auguste Victoria, Cherbourg; and proceeded, Boulogne Sur Mer—Arrived: Steamer Rotterdam, New York for Rotterdam, and proceeded.

Miners Return to Work.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cumberland, Md., June 24.—The miners of the Austen Coal and Coke company, at Newburg, W. Va., who struck yesterday, returned to work today. Dick and Vulcan mines will resume tomorrow, leaving only two small mines idle in the Newburg field.

CHANCES FAVOR MR. PATTISON

He Will Undoubtedly Be the Choice of the Erie Convention for Governor.

OTHER CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD

Ex-Congressman James Kerr Is Regarded as the Most Formidable. George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburg, and Col. John A. Woodward, of Bellefonte, Apparently Have Little Show for Success—Pattison's Managers Make Overtures to Guthrie—No Contest for the Other Offices.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Erie, June 24.—The result of the contest for the nomination for governor by tomorrow's Democratic state convention is still in doubt, with the chances in favor of ex-governor Robert E. Pattison, of Philadelphia. Pattison's most formidable rival is ex-Congressman James Kerr, of Clearfield, whose adherents are making an active canvass and profess to be confident of the outcome.

The other candidates are George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburg, and Colonel John A. Woodward, of Bellefonte, neither of whom is thought to have much show for the nomination. National Committeeman James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, whose adherents claim hold the balance of power in the convention, today declared for Pattison, and predicted his nomination on the first ballot.

Pattison's managers have made overtures to Guthrie to support him for lieutenant governor, if his delegates will vote for the Philadelphia, but all their offers have been declined. Guthrie still again tonight that he was in the fight to stay and under no circumstances would he accept the nomination for second place.

Ex-Judge John Reburn, of Armstrong county, will probably be nominated for lieutenant governor if Guthrie persists in his refusal to become a candidate for that office. There are aspirants for the treasury, internal affairs, and it is not unlikely that Mayor Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, will be nominated. The platform was drafted by Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, and approved at a conference tonight of the party leaders.

The committee may file a writ in Chicago and Kansas. City platforms and deals almost entirely with state issues. Aside from the contest for governor, general interest centers in the controversy over the number of delegates to the Philadelphia is entitled. Chairman William C. Cressy claims that that county is entitled to twenty-nine delegates under the party rules, and he is sustained by the state executive committee. Sixty delegates have been elected in Philadelphia, and Gay Gordon, they claim the right to seats in the convention.

A majority of these delegates are friendly to Kerr and if the sixty are seated, it may make a material change in the gubernatorial situation. There are contests from the Fourth and the Eleventh Philadelphia districts, and two districts in Luzerne county and two in Schuylkill county. The Philadelphia controversy will be carried into the convention, and the followers of both Pattison and Kerr are striving hard to secure control of the credentials.

BUSY DAY FOR MANAGERS.

Kerr Supporters Make a Good Fight. Attempt to Arouse Prejudice.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Erie, Pa., June 24.—This has been a busy day for the managers of the rival candidates for governor. With the exception of Woodward, all the candidates have headquarters. Woodward is not making an active campaign, and if more than one ballot is taken he may withdraw after the first ballot. He has neither headquarters nor shouters, outside of a small delegation from his home county of Centre. Senator Kerr and Guthrie are directing their campaign from adjoining rooms at the Reed house, and nearby, on the same floor, are the Pattison headquarters. Pattison is in personal charge of his own campaign and predicts he will be nominated on the first ballot. Ex-Judge James Gay Gordon, of Philadelphia, is one of Kerr's most active supporters and will probably present his name to the convention. Guthrie's support seems to be confined to the thirteen delegates from Allegheny county, although it is claimed the delegates from Fayette and other western counties will vote for him on the first ballot.

Boxing in London.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, June 24.—Frank Erne, of Buffalo, defeated "Jim" Maloney, of England, in the seventh round. "Tommy" Ryan, of Chicago, defeated "Johnny" Gorman, of New York, in the third round.

OPPOSE REDUCTION OF FEE.

Resolutions Adopted by the Central W. C. T. U.

The Central Woman's Christian Temperance union held an interesting meeting in the Guernsey building yesterday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Downing, was joyfully welcomed by her co-workers after several weeks' absence from the city. The subject of the Scripture reading was "Help Those Women." Reports from the meetings held by Mrs. Rounds showed them to have been very successful. A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to draft a resolution in regard to the efforts of the Liquor Dealers' association, now in convention in this city, to have the license fees for second-class cities lowered. Mrs. DeGraw, Mrs. Margaret Roberts and Mrs. Yost were named as that committee.

The topic for discussion was "The Power of the Press." A tribute was paid to the usefulness and power of the temperance matter published in the daily press and the fact reported that temperance workers did not more frequently avail themselves of these avenues to reach the people. Mesdames Reynolds, Beach, Yost, Hirms, Van Wormer and others participated in the discussion. The committee presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, We, as temperance workers and members of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, are and must always be unalterably opposed to license, high or low, but

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.

Two Changes of Importance Adopted. Protest from Philadelphia.

Erie, Pa., June 24.—Two important amendments to the rules adopted by the state committee, at its annual meeting in Harrisburg last April, will be taken up by the convention for final action. One fixes the basis of representation in the convention on the vote for the Democratic candidate for president in the election of the Democratic candidate for state offices, as now required by the rules. The other provides that in case of a deadlock in a senatorial, legislative or congressional district, the state chairman shall appoint a representative, who shall make his nomination from and among the candidates. The Hasson committee, created by the last state convention to investigate party conditions in Philadelphia, at a meeting this afternoon decided to make no formal report to tomorrow's convention. The committee may file a writ in Harrisburg and Kansas. City platforms and deals almost entirely with state issues.

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Word was received here tonight from Harrisburg that Mayor McCormick would accept the nomination for secretary of internal affairs, if he will accept, and the indications are he will be the unanimous choice of the convention.

DIERS READY TO SETTLE.

Strikers Committee Instructed to Make Concession to Employers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paterson, N. J., June 24.—At a meeting of the dyers helpers today, committees of three from each shop were appointed to wait upon the employing dyers to effect an arrangement by which the strike may be ended. The committee were told to make concessions when necessary, and try to bring about a friendly settlement of the dispute.

Murdered by Insane Watchman.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Edinburgh, Scotland, June 24.—Daniel McClinton, a porter at Surgeons hall in a fit of insanity today shot and instantly killed Dr. Ivison McAdam, professor of chemistry, and James Forbes, the professor's assistant. McClinton was overpowered after he had fired five shots from a rifle.

Colonel Pratt for State Senator.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Susquehanna, Pa., June 24.—At a meeting of the Republican senatorial conference this afternoon the deadlock was broken and Colonel Charles C. Pratt, of New Milford, Susquehanna county, was nominated for state senator, for the Susquehanna-Wayne district, to succeed Hon. E. B. Hardenbergh, now auditor general. Colonel Pratt is a member of Governor Stone's staff.

BREAK IN RANKS OF THE STRIKERS

Engineers, Firemen and Pump Runners Return to Work at Some of the Nanticoke Collieries.

MOST OF THE MEN ARE MEMBERS OF UNION

The Susquehanna Coal Company Secures a Partial Victory—The Exact Number of Men at Work Cannot Be Ascertained—The Strike Leaders Evidently Affected by the Action of the Men—President Nicholls Visits Nanticoke.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 24.—The Susquehanna Coal company, which is controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad, scored a partial victory today, when it succeeded in getting some engineers, firemen and pump-runners to return to its collieries at Nanticoke. The men held a secret meeting yesterday, and most of them decided to return. The exact number who went to work is not known at this time, because the company officials will not discuss the matter, but it is believed to be about fifteen. A few of the men went in on the night shift last night. The men were distributed among the four or five collieries located in and about the borough. Most of those who went back were members of the union.

President Mitchell had nothing to say regarding the slight defection in the ranks of the men at Nanticoke, beyond that it was insignificant, and would have no influence on the other men. He takes no stock in the reports that attempts will be made to start up collieries, and reiterates the statement that he fears no break among the strikers.

DAY'S DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Senate Passed Bill to Preserve Forests—Business in the House.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 24.—The senate today passed bills creating a national forest reserve in the southern Appalachian mountains and ratifying the agreement between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, of the Indian territory, and the United States.

The first bill provides for the purchase of four millions of acres in the southern Appalachian region at a cost not to exceed \$10,000,000. The secretary of agriculture is to designate the lands to be purchased and is to take measures to preserve the hardwood forests which they bear.

Mr. Quay, of Pennsylvania, was unable today to secure consideration for his motion to discharge the committee on territories from further consideration of the omnibus statehood bill, but gave notice that he would demand that it be taken up tomorrow.

General debate on the Philippine civil government bill in the house was closed today. Mr. Bull (Texas) made a general onslaught upon the Republican policies and charged the president and administration with hypocrisy. If the president would dissolve the firm of "Hayes, Root, Wood, Thurber & Co." and strike a blow at the sugar trust by agreeing to accept the house Cuban reciprocity bill, he said, the bill would pass the senate by the aid of a solid Democratic vote in twenty-four hours. The responsibility for the failure to do our duty by Cuba, he insisted, rested upon the president.

He also charged the administration with hypocrisy in regard to trusts. Mr. Landis (Indiana) made an earnest speech in support of the policy of respecting the Philippine islands, and Mr. Williams (Mississippi) spoke at length in behalf of the policy favored by the minority and against the administration's policy. The other speaker today were Messrs. Ball (Texas), Crum (Ohio), Shafroth (Colorado), and Crum (Indiana). The latter closed the general debate for the bill with a strong speech.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Twenty-five Attendants at a Funeral Are Instantly Killed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Madrid, June 24.—While a funeral was being held in a church at Pine Rio, in the province of Orense, today, the building was struck by lightning, and as a result twenty-five people were killed and thirty-five injured.

Thomas Crommel Hanged.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lebanon, Pa., June 24.—Thomas Crommel, alias George Clarence Washington, was hanged today for the brutal murder of Jacob C. Schmidt, a young German laborer, about fourteen months ago, at Colebrook furnace. The drop fell at 10.10 a. m. The condemned man bid farewell to all three times, and said he forgave everybody. He thanked the sheriff and said he died the death of the righteous.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Local data for June 24, 1902. Highest temperature.....69 degrees. Lowest temperature.....46 degrees. Relative humidity.....70 per cent. 8 a. m.....58 per cent. Precipitation, 24 hours ended 5 p. m., .02 inch.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, June 24.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and warmer. Wednesday: Thursday—Probably showers; light variable winds mostly southwest.