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CHANGE FOR WORSE

Mrs. McKinley's Illness Takes an Unfavorable Turn.

PATIENT BECOMES RESTLESS

The President Will Not Attend the Launching of the Battle-Ship Ohio Today—Governor Nash's Condition.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—(9:30 P. M.) Secretary Cortelyou has issued the following bulletin:

"Mrs. McKinley's physicians find the improved condition of the morning has been maintained throughout the day." Chief of Police Sullivan, who has just come out of the Scott residence, stated to the press representatives that the President would not attend the launching of the battle-ship Ohio tomorrow. About 9:30 A. M. tomorrow the President expects to go to the Union Iron Works on the tug Slocum. He will address the workmen there and then return immediately to the Scott residence.

Dr. Hirschfelder, Cushing and Gibbons arrived at the Scott residence tonight shortly before 8 o'clock, and were in consultation with Dr. Risley. The official bulletin on Mrs. McKinley's condition was issued after the consultation was over. Midnight-Secretary Cortelyou has sent out word that Mrs. McKinley's condition is unchanged. There will be no further news given out tonight unless there should be an unexpected change for the worse.

Saturday, 12:15 A. M.—As the night wore on Mrs. McKinley became restless, and the early morning hours are looked forward to with more apprehension. She did not take nourishment as freely as she had done earlier in the day. Powerful stimulants, including oxygen, have been administered during the afternoon and evening. The bone felon on her hand has spread, and has discharged pus from another place. The new gathering has been canceled.

A DAY OF IMPROVEMENT.

Mrs. McKinley Was Better, but the Outlook Is Not Bright.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—President McKinley described the marked improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition today as a transformation. But perhaps even the President of the United States may overstate the case in his elation at the prospect of his wife's recovery. Certain it is, however, that Mrs. McKinley's condition last night improved to an extent that fairly nonplussed the doctors, brought the anxious friends of the President and filled the city with joy and thanksgiving. The sinking spell that was feared in the early hours before the dawn, when the tide flows out, and the vitality of the world is at its lowest ebb, did not come. There was a slight tendency in that direction, but that was all.

The physicians were so favorably impressed with their patient's condition at the early morning consultation that they issued a bulletin announcing that Mrs. McKinley had passed a good night, and at the same time returned the point out there would not be another consultation until evening. This reassuring news, posted at all the newspaper offices, was received with delight by the people. It was communicated to all the members of the Cabinet, and immediately after breakfast they hurried out to the Scott residence to express personally to their chief the pleasure and gratification they felt at the glad tidings. The joy in the President's heart was reflected in his face, and one look at his countenance today was enough to dispel immediately the apprehension. Yesterday he looked haggard and careworn; today his face fairly beamed. The feeling of cheerfulness continued throughout the day. Although the other physicians left early in the morning, Dr. Risley did not leave the residence, and Drs. Hirschfelder and Gibbons were always where they could be reached at a moment's notice. The President went out for a short drive at noon, and Secretary Cortelyou, who has been under a great strain during the last few days, was able to take a little rest. The ladies of the Cabinet at various times during the day were at the Scott residence, and came away sharing in the general feeling of relief.

But it must not be assumed from all this that Mrs. McKinley has passed the crisis and is out of danger. The elation of today may have been only the crest of the wave after the trough of the sea. Mrs. McKinley is still dangerously ill, and it will be at least 48 hours before it will be safe to say that the crisis has been passed. Her vitality is so low and she is so weak that a change for the worse would not be unexpected at any moment, and it is feared that she would not have reserve strength enough to weather another sinking spell such as she experienced yesterday morning. Her mind was clear during her waking moments. This morning she asked for coffee, and also to be permitted to wash her hands. There was no necessity for the administration of strong heart stimulants during the day, although brandy continues to be given from time to time. That and beef tea are practically all the nourishment she takes.

Telegrams continue to pour in from all parts of the country eagerly asking for news from the sickroom, and today the President received many messages congratulating him upon the reports of the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition. All the foreign Ambassadors and Ministers at Washington have sent messages of sympathy, doubtless by direction of the governments they represent. One of the telegrams which came today was from General Abasco, Governor of Chihuahua, who met the President and Mrs. McKinley at El Paso. There were callers innumerable at the residence, but most of them left cards only, and expressions of hope, which have been made a notable occasion. Great preparations had been made and an elaborate programme had been planned. Much of the programme, however, will now be curtailed. Miss Barber, a niece of Mrs. McKinley, in the absence of the mistress of the White House, will press the electric button which will

sever the cord which holds the last stay, and the ship begins to glide down the ways Miss Helen Desher, a relative of Governor Nash, will christen the ship with a bottle of champagne.

It is hardly probable that the Governor of Ohio, who has traveled across the continent to attend the launching, will be able to present. While he is much better, he is still unable to walk, and is so swollen from the poison which he encountered during his visit to the big trees at Santa Cruz that his physicians do not believe it would be wise for him to go out into the high open air. His only danger is catching cold, and there might be a strong sea breeze at the shipyard. From inquiries received here today it is apparent that some rather sensational reports were printed in the East concerning Secretary of State Hay's indisposition. There is absolutely no occasion for alarm. He was fatigued and worried yesterday.

Secretary Long will not remain here longer than Monday, owing to the condition of his daughter, who is in at Colorado Springs. It is his intention to go there Monday and join the Presidential party at some place in Colorado, probably Denver, as the train goes East. Secretary Long visited all the warships in the harbor, as well as the naval barracks here, where Uncle Sam's jacks are recruited. He was received aboard each ship with all the honors due his position. The marine guard was paraded and there was a great flourish of trumpets as he came over the side.

Some of the Northwestern cities which had arranged to entertain the President on the return trip are appealing to the Ohio Congressional party and also to Governor Nash to visit them, in order that they may have an opportunity to take some of the enthusiasm which they had stored up for the President. It is positively decided that when Mrs. McKinley is able to travel no stops will be made on the trip back to Washington. A little excitement and the participation in any sort of a reception might overtax her strength, and the President is determined to take no risk, once she recovers sufficiently to get back home.

The news of the death of Mrs. Gage was received by the members of the Presidential official family in this city with expressions of regret. The Associated Press bulletin, which was transmitted to Secretary Cortelyou at the Scott residence, and the news that President McKinley. Extra precautions were taken to keep the news of Mrs. Gage's death from Mrs. McKinley.

SAM STRONG VICTORIOUS.

Verdict for the Defendant in the Cripple Creek Mine Case.

DENVER, May 17.—The suit against Sam Strong, a wealthy Cripple Creek mine-owner, for \$100,000 damages, which has been on trial in the District Court in this city for over three weeks, ended today in a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiffs were E. J. Giddings, William Lennox and others who held a bond against the Strong mine when the shaft hoise and machinery were destroyed by an explosion in 1894. At the time the explosion was believed to have been caused by striking miners, but two men were subsequently convicted and served sentences in prison for the crime. At the trial of the damage suit, testimony was given to the effect that Strong hired men to blow up the shaft house for the purpose of deterring the plaintiffs from completing the purchase of the mine, which it was alleged he had discovered to be worth much more than the price at which he had agreed to sell. This testimony apparently was not credited by the jury. A suit was also filed by Sam Strong's company against Sam Strong for the same amount of damages, but it will probably not be pressed, as the witnesses will be the same as at the trial which has just closed.

Jacksonville Will Appeal.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 17.—The total contributions received by the relief association is \$123,000. Chairman Barrott, of the commissary department, stated today that the number of people being fed daily by the relief association is now about 3000. The executive committee resolved today that the president of the relief association should appear in person at the Jacksonville city in the United States having a population of 10,000 or more.

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DEATH OF MRS. GAGE

Fatal Termination of Illness of the Secretary's Wife.

HEART TROUBLE CAUSED BY GRIP

Funeral Services Will Be Held at Washington Sunday—Death of ex-Ambassador Uhl at Grand Rapids.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, died at her residence, 1715 Massachusetts Avenue Northwest, at 9:30



THE LATE MRS. LYMAN J. GAGE.

o'clock tonight, after an illness of nine weeks' duration. With her when the end came was her husband, her married daughter, Mrs. E. F. Pierce, of Evanston, Ill., and Dr. W. W. Johnston, the attending physician. For a time before her death Mrs. Gage suffered much pain, but she maintained her bright and cheerful demeanor and was conscious to the last. Heart trouble, the result of grip complications, was the immediate cause of death.

Mrs. Gage was exposed to the inclement weather for about an hour on inauguration day, but at the time her health did not seem to have been affected. March 11 she left home for Evanston to visit her daughter. While there she experienced a chill and took to her bed, but soon recovered sufficiently to return to Washington, where she had been confined to her room ever since.

Mrs. Gage was a native of Albany, N. Y., and 58 years of age. She was married to Secretary Gage in Denver in 1887. There were no children from this union. Mrs. Pierce being a child by a former husband.

The remains will be interred in Rose Hill cemetery, near Chicago. Farther than this the funeral services have not yet been arranged. It is probable, however, that religious services of a simple character will be held at her former residence in this city Sunday morning, in which event the body will leave here by the morning train for Chicago. Mrs. Gage was an Episcopalian in her religious belief, but during their residence here she and the Secretary have had a pew in the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church, where the President attends. Dr. Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, is an intimate friend of the family and it is possible that he may be asked to come to Washington to conduct the funeral services here.

During their residence in Washington, Secretary and Mrs. Gage have taken quite an active part in social life at the capital. Mrs. Gage was a woman of charming personality and with her husband delighted in extending the hospitality of their elegant home on Massachusetts avenue. Mrs. Gage was probably closer to Mrs. McKinley than any other of the ladies of the Cabinet.

EDWIN F. UHL DEAD.

The End Came After Nearly a Year's Illness.

It was accepted, Mr. Uhl serving until President McKinley appointed successor. While in Germany Mr. Uhl took a decided stand against "free silver" and withdrew his support from the Democratic party in the campaign of 1896. This affected his party standing in Grand Rapids, and when he returned home from Germany he retired from politics. Mr. Uhl was married in the Annex survived by a widow and three daughters.

SURRENDER OF MASCARDO.

Aguinaldo Weary of His Prison Life.

MANILA, May 17.—General Mascardo, with 200 men, has surrendered to Captain Joseph O'Neil, of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, at San Antonio, Zamboanga Province.

Aguinaldo, in an interview with the Associated Press representative here, expressed the opinion that the American government of the Philippines, in order to be unquestionably satisfactory, should conform strictly to the constitution. Concerning the political and commercial future of the archipelago, Aguinaldo was reserved. He said it was hardly time to discuss it while in what he considered to be captivity. The military officials

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From Serbia come all kinds of rumors. According to one story a revolution is imminent and Russian agents are inciting the population against the Obrenovic dynasty. According to another story King Alexander is said to be furiously angry, and if he is able to prove that the Queen, instead of being, as is alleged, a victim of hysteria, has intentionally deceived him, he will divorce and banish her from the country and possibly will himself abdicate the throne. The greatest indignation has been aroused in Belgrade by reports that Queen Dragha failed yesterday in a deliberate attempt to foist upon the King the child of her sister as her own.

Setting a Russian Strike.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 17.—The strike riots, which occurred in the cotton mills in the Mirgorod district, were a result of a strike of workmen from four of the textile factories for an increase of wages. The strikers held several noisy meetings and threw stones at the windows of the factories. The authorities surrounded the locality of the cotton mills with Cossacks, mounted gendarmes and strong details of infantry, who arrested a number of the strikers. Many of the police and strikers were wounded in the conflict. The prefect of police posted a proclamation calling on the workmen to resume work if they did not wish themselves liable to dismissal from the mills and deportation to distant districts.

CHAREN IN CUBA AND PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, May 17.—"During an audience of the Pope today (Thursday) the Archbishop of New Orleans tendered to his holiness an account of his mission." says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. "The Italian pontiff" says he was convinced that Catholicism had nothing to fear from American rule in Cuba and the Philippines. The correspondent adds that "the Vatican will have to submit to the inevitable with regard to Washington's demands for the suppression of the convents."

ITALIAN LEGISLATION.

LONDON, May 18.—"Signor Sanar-delli today (Thursday) submitted to the chamber of Deputies" says a dispatch from Rome to the Daily Mail, "a bill forming a complete program of social legislation, including the compulsory arbitration of agricultural disputes and the establishment of labor bureaus in all industrial towns. The socialists are pleased with this advanced programme."

STAB OF PERVIN DYLAN.

LONDON, May 18.—"The stab of Pervin is dying of kidney disease," says a dispatch from Tiflis to the Daily Express. "The malady has progressed too far to permit him to make the intended visit to Contrevieve. It is expected that his death will be the signal for a Russian coup in Persia."

MAY FORCE THE DARDANIELS.

LONDON, May 17.—"It is rumored here, says the Constantinople correspondent of the Daily News, 'that an arrangement has been made whereby the French fleet is to force the Dardanelles with a European mandate unless Turkey yields on the postal question.'"

SCANDAL IN SERBIA

Remarkable State of Affairs in the Royal Family.

CONDITION OF QUEEN DRAGHA

Alleged Deception on Her Part Investigated by Order of the Emperor—Report of Three French Specialists.

LONDON, May 18.—A remarkable state of affairs in the Serbian royal family was revealed by official telegrams from Belgrade today. The Vienna newspapers in February announced the announcement of Queen Dragha, who was married August 1897. This was shown to be untrue. Recently the same papers reported that the Queen was about to be confined. As the Emperor was one of the attesting witnesses of the marriage, he sent a special Russian envoy to investigate the rumors. The envoy summoned a trio of Russian and French specialists, who declared that the Queen was not enceinte and an official notification to this effect was sent to the diplomatic corps. The diagnosis of the doctors, however, does not seem to have satisfied the royal family and two specialists have been summoned from Vienna and Bucharest to report on the case. Costly gifts have been pouring into Belgrade from the people of Serbia in anticipation of the expected event. The City of Nisich presented to the royal couple a beautiful cradle.

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TRADE WITH JAPANESE.

Americans Encroaching on What Were Formerly British Markets.

LONDON, May 17.—The consular report of Japan for 1900, emphasizes the beneficial effect upon trade of the scarcity of money and the abnormal expenditure upon unproductive works, leading to an excess of imports over exports, amounting to \$2,000,000, and a consequent drain on specie, which foreign loans could only temporarily relieve. The United States, says the report, continues to encroach on the trade of the United Kingdom and other nations. American importations of raw cotton doubled in 1899, and the value of the British India imports diminished one-half. The report refers to the increase of imports of American kerosene and the great development of the Echigo fields with American machinery, largely under the auspices of the Standard Oil Company. The consul attributes the success of Americans to their willingness to extend their plants and rush orders to meet Japanese demands. The report says that though there is considerable talk of trusts, only a coal combine has materialized, the conditions for trust formation being unfavorable and promoters lacking credit and capital.

Lively Scene in Belgian Chamber.

BRUSSELS, May 17.—There were stormy scenes in the Chamber of Deputies today during the debates on foreign affairs. M. Dohel protested against the suppression of the temporal power of the pope. M. Furment, a socialist, retorted with shouting. "Down with the priests." He then called on the Socialists who immediately started a song and the Rightists responded with a shout of "Long live the King." The president of the House put on his hat and left the Chamber. Lively altercations between members of the different parties ensued.

Denied by French Foreign Office.

PARIS, May 17.—The French Foreign Office officials formally deny the statement of the Sydney correspondent of the London Daily Mail as to the alleged intention of France to acquire an island of the Galapagos group.