

KING EDWARD'S LIFE IN DANGER

He May Not Survive Operation For Appendicitis—Coronation Postponed.

THE LATEST.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

London, June 24.—According to the highest medical authorities of London, King Edward VII is likely to die in the early hours of the morning. At 6 o'clock this evening it was unofficially announced that his condition was extremely critical, and the attending surgeons have requested the royal family to remain in the palace all night.

THE FIRST BULLETIN.

London, June 24.—It was officially announced that King Edward today underwent a surgical operation. He is suffering from Perityphlitis. The Exchange Telegraph Company says the Coronation ceremony is postponed.

NEWS RAN LIKE WILDFIRE.

London, June 24.—The announcement of His Majesty's illness was contained in an official message signed by his physicians. After stating the nature of the King's disease, the message read:

"The King's condition on Saturday was so satisfactory that it was hoped that with care His Majesty would be able to go through the Coronation ceremony. On Monday evening, however, a recrudescence became manifest, rendering a surgical operation necessary today."

Soon after this announcement was made public, it was officially announced that the Coronation would be postponed. The news that something was wrong with the King was spread at first as a rumor on the Stock Exchange about noon. It then ran like wildfire throughout the city. Half an hour later confirmation came in the form of an official bulletin from Buckingham Palace.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL.

At noon the operation was performed on the King. It was successful, the King regaining consciousness soon after it was performed and then falling asleep.

In the streets of London consternation was depicted in every face. Strangers and Londoners alike are grouped together excitedly discussing the bad news. Papers are selling at any price, the newsboys being almost mobbed.

The King has expressed a desire that the Lord Mayor see that the Coronation dinner to London's poor is not postponed, but all other celebrations in London must be postponed.

THE KING'S CONDITION MAY RESULT FATALLY

Balfour Announces the News in House of Commons.

Business Throughout London is Suspended—Crowds Discuss News.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)

LONDON, June 24.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, Government leader Balfour, in announcing the operation on the King, said:

"Everything is going on with the King as well as possible, but his condition is undoubtedly serious and even grave. I don't intend to increase the public alarm by adjourning the House."

No date for carrying out the coronation ceremony has been indicated. It is feared that weeks will elapse before King Edward will be in a fit condition to undergo the strain, even now when it is known the operation has been successful.

Business throughout the city is practically suspended. It was nearly 1 o'clock when the news reached the huge crowd that had gathered outside Buckingham Palace to watch for the arrival of the foreign envoys for their reception by the King.

It was quickly noticed that the envoys stayed for a few moments only, and ugly rumors were started. When this was followed by the official announcement of the King's illness and operation, the crowd seemed paralyzed.

Caused a Sensation.

LONDON, June 24.—The sensation caused by the King's illness cannot be exaggerated. About Westminster Abbey the streets are massed from curb to curb by people, many of them white-faced in their anxiety.

The Lord Mayor has ordered the stands in front of the Mansion House, which were erected for the coronation procession, torn down.

There are many in the city who believe the coronation will never take place.

IT'S APPENDICITIS.

Realizing the intense interest with which the many British-American residents of Portland will hear the news of the danger of Britain's King, The Journal has obtained an opinion on his case from Dr. A. C. Panton, of this city, who is well known as a specialist in such diseases.

Dr. Panton says: "It is of course impossible from the meager telegraphic reports of King Edward's illness and operation to forecast with any assurance of correctness his ultimate recovery or death, still I am inclined to think that he will recover. Perityphlitis is in reality appendicitis, and it depends entirely on the extent to which the trouble has progressed as to whether the danger is great or small. At any rate nothing can be definitely known for at least four days. The fact that the King recovered consciousness soon after the operation and then lapsed into a quiet sleep would augur well for its success and from the slight information I possess on the case, I certainly believe that the chances of the King's recovery are good. In case, however, of the presence of any constitutional disease such as gout or Bright's disease of the kidneys, the probabilities of a fatal termination would be greatly increased. The King's physicians have always denied that he is afflicted with any disease of a constitutional nature and I only hope their statements will prove to be correct."

The Queen Prostrated.

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LONDON, June 24.—From a city gaily decorated in festal attire with the streets crowded with people preparing to celebrate the crowning of their King in the most gorgeous manner London was in a few hours a city of desolation. The stands on which the visitors from all over the world had expected to view the greatest pageant of history, are being rapidly dismantled and in place of the cheering crowds of people which this morning thronged the streets, appear anxious faces all on the alert to hear the latest news of their King struck down almost in the hour of his coronation.

Had a Large Abscess.

When the following bulletin was issued by the King's physicians at 2 o'clock this afternoon and it became known that the King had been afflicted with a large abscess, the crowds at once came to the conclusion that a fatal termination was to be expected and the greatest consternation prevailed.

The Bulletin.

The bulletin reads: "The operation on King Edward was successfully performed, a large abscess being evacuated. The King bore the operation well, and is at present in a satisfactory condition."

King's Condition Critical.

The fears of the people that King Edward may die received unexpected confirmation a short time after the publication of the physicians' bulletin when an official at the Mansion House said that the King was in a very critical condition and that it would be 48 hours before it could be decided whether he would live or die.

The Queen Prostrated.

Although aware of the impending ill-

ness of the King, Queen Alexandra has been prostrated by the discovery that his condition was so much worse than anticipated and today is practically prostrated at Buckingham Palace.

The Prince of Wales also shows great anxiety and is in receipt of bulletins every few minutes as to the condition of the patient.

The Foreign Princes.

The swarm of foreign Princes who are in London to attend the coronation, are rapidly making preparations to leave the city and this fact has greatly increased the uneasiness of the public who deduce therefrom the fact that the coronation will never come off. It is thought that by tomorrow nearly every one of the representatives of the European powers will have left the city.

Cabinet Meeting.

LONDON, June 24.—A Cabinet meeting has been called for tonight. The King was reported at 4 o'clock to be still improving. It has been arranged to issue another bulletin at 6:30 and at 11 o'clock tonight. If any unexpected or grave developments occur, further announcement will be made.

Buckingham Palace, Marlborough House and York House are surrounded by immense crowds. Workmen are dismantling the front of Marlborough House.

The King's Disease.

Perityphlitis, from which the King is suffering, is an old name for a form of appendicitis. It is learned today that the stories of the King's drives last week were fabrications with a view to allaying the public anxiety.

His Sense of Duty.

His Majesty's anxiety not to disappoint the public was pathetic in the extreme. Until the last he urged the doctors to

wait until after the coronation had been completed. Only when told that death was inevitable unless an operation was performed did he submit himself to the knife.

Wanted His Family.

The operation was performed in the King's own room. After the operation his Majesty was removed to his bedroom, and when consciousness returned he asked to see the Prince of Wales and the royal grandchildren. These were taken to the palace.

During the announcement in the House of Commons the members stood with bowed heads.

Six O'Clock Bulletin.

LONDON, June 24.—At 6 o'clock this evening the royal physicians issued the following bulletin: "His Majesty continues to make satisfactory progress, and has been much relieved by the operation."

Prayers for Edward.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) LONDON, June 24.—The bishops of the various London parishes have called a meeting to arrange for special services at all the churches to pray for the King's recovery. The King's private secretary today summoned the editors of all the London morning newspapers and urged them to quiet the public alarm by taking an optimistic view of their ruler's sickness.

Secretary is Hopeful.

The King's chances, he said, are good. Two physicians will sleep in the palace during the serious condition of the King. It is reported there is some likelihood that if the King continues to make fair progress Friday's procession will take place, the Queen taking the King's place. The royal guests who came for the coronation are preparing to return to their homes.

WILL STIR UP OLD FRISCO

Nora Fuller's Death to Be Explained by Bennett.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) SEDRO-WOOLEY, Wash., June 24.—A man was arrested here last night, confessing to be Bennett, who is implicated in the murder of Nora Fuller, at San Francisco. He answers the printed description, and says he has been hiding on an island in the Sound since the murder, which he did not commit, but witnessed. He says a number of prominent San Franciscans are implicated in the crime. WANTS IDENTIFICATION. SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Chief of Police Wittman received a request from Sedro-Wooley, Wash., requesting a further description and identification of the alleged murderer.

BOULAN DRANK CARBOLIC ACID

He Was Despondent and Ended His Career.

Richard Boulan, one of the best known bartenders in town, committed suicide in his room at the Quincy lodging house, 36 1/2 1st street, this forenoon, by swallowing about half an ounce of carbolic acid. Boulan, who had the day watch at Jack Blazier's First-street saloon, had not been giving satisfaction with his work lately, and was dismissed this morning. He returned to his lodgings and told his landlady his troubles. At the time he seemed much depressed and shortly left the house.

Boulan returned about 11:15 o'clock and went to his room. Shortly thereafter he met Mrs. May Ryan in the hallway and said: "Come to the room a minute; I want to say good-bye." Mrs. Ryan did not think much of the request, as the man had lost his position and was probably going to move. Arriving at the room, however, Boulan pointed to the partially emptied phial and said: "I have taken poison; I took that."

He was just going into convulsions then. Drs. Eisen and Young were hurriedly summoned, but all the usual antidotes failed, and Boulan passed away amid great suffering.

Deceased was aged about 45 or 48 years and leaves two children. He was divorced from his wife, who has since remarried. Some one foolishly summoned the children, and on their arrival a very pathetic scene took place, both falling on the floor, one in a faint and the other in hysterics. They had to be carried from the scene to adjoining rooms. An inquest will be held at 5 p. m.

GONE TO BOSTON

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) WASHINGTON, June 24.—President Roosevelt started for Boston this afternoon to attend the commencement exercises at Harvard tomorrow morning.

LATEST EDITION BROOKLYN BLAZE

(Journal Special Service.) BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 24.—The great cream tartar works here belonging to A. Schilling and Daniel Meyer, of San Francisco, were burned yesterday, causing a loss of \$300,000.

BOY SHOT

Mysterious Wounding of Little Willie Thompson.

Willie Thompson and Willie Bushman, who reside on the outskirts of South Portland, came into town yesterday afternoon to view the scene of the late fire. They started to return home about 4 o'clock. The boys, neither of whom is over 13 years of age, were crossing a bridge on the Macadam road about 4:30, when a boy about their own age rode up on a wheel, dismounted, and drawing a small 22-caliber revolver, fired a shot at the boys. Then, remounting his bike, he rode quickly away.

The bullet imbedded itself in the palm of young Thompson's left hand. After getting the wound temporarily dressed the boys hurried to the latter's home and physicians were summoned. The wound was thoroughly probed, but the little pellet of lead could not be found. This morning the wound was so badly inflamed that blood poisoning was feared, so the injured boy was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital, where the X-ray was applied. The bullet could not be found, but a good negative of the hand was secured. Grave fears are entertained that blood poisoning will make it necessary to amputate the arm to save the boy's life.

The facts surrounding the case are very unusual, as both the Bushman and the Thompson boy says they gave the other absolutely no provocation. Further, they say he was an entire stranger to both of them, and that the crime had been committed, and the assailant had disappeared almost before they knew what had happened.

The police will endeavor to locate the boy who fired the shot.

A GENERAL STRIKE

Forty Thousand Men May Strike in Pittsburgh.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PITTSBURGH, June 24.—A general strike of the coal miners of the Pittsburgh district may be declared within the next 48 hours. Forty thousand men would be affected. If ordered it would be for the purpose of restricting the soft coal supply.

BRYAN IS THE WHOLE THING

Absolutely Dominates the Nebraska Situation.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 24.—The Democratic and Populist conventions met here this afternoon. Fusion will be effected. William J. Bryan is here and is the central figure of the gathering. He declares absolutely that he will not accept the gubernatorial nomination.

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NO NEWS OF THE CONVICTS

Determined Posse is Still Waiting at La Center.

(Special to The Journal.) LA CENTER, Wash., June 24.—Not a trace of Tracy and Merrill, the escaped convicts, has been found since they left the Maguire cabin on Sunday last, but it is almost certain that they are lying hidden in the dense forest south of the Lewis River. Only a small posse is still here, but all are men determined to fight if the convicts can be found. The members of the hunt have long since departed, and every day the few men who remain are occupied in beating the brush hoping to discover the convicts' retreat. Every boat and every ford on the Lewis River is being guarded night and day. Even should the convicts escape from this vicinity the chances of their capture would not be lessened, but rather increased, for the country further north is more open and more thickly settled. Guard Carson and the blood-hounds are still here, and will remain until some further news of the outlaws is received, when they will again take up the chase.

A FIEND IN HUMAN FORM

Jane Toppan Confesses to Thirty-one Murders.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) BOSTON, June 24.—Jane Toppan, who will be taken to the insane asylum tomorrow to pass the remainder of her life, has confessed to her counsel that she has murdered 31 persons to gratify an insane passion. Some she killed with morphine, others with poisons she cannot remember. She also admitted that she was responsible for numerous fires in the houses in which she had been nurse, and declared that if she had remained at liberty she would have committed many more murders.

A BREAK IN STRIKERS' RANKS

Some of the First Insurgents Go to Work.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) NANTICOKE, Pa., June 24.—A break among the striking engineers, firemen and pumpmen of the Susquehanna Coal Company occurred this morning when a dozen applied for work and were reinstated. They were among the first to answer Mitchell's call for a strike.

MOTHER JONES IN LAW'S CLUTCH

(Scripps-McRae News Association.) PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 24.—The trial of "Mother Jones" and 11 men charged with violating the injunction by holding a public meeting and inciting miners to strike began today. All entered a general denial of having violated the injunction.