

KING LEOPOLD LITTLE BETTER

Physicians Perform Operation and Are More Optimistic Today— Still in a Serious Condition.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14.—A official bulletin issued at 11 o'clock this morning stated that King Leopold had been operated upon successfully by Tiriard, Stienon and Delage. The operation was performed at 1 o'clock this morning.

According to the statement of one of the physicians, the king has a bare chance of recovery. This hope is based upon the fact that the intestinal obstructions which are supposed to have been the sources of the monarch's illness were removed. No trace of a tumor, it was stated, was found.

The king had rested well early in the night, and when the physicians awakened him into prepare for the operation, he faced the ordeal bravely. Not until the attendants started to administer the anaesthetic did he exhibit any signs of nervousness or fear. At this juncture, however, the physicians were compelled to assure him that the operation was not usually considered dangerous. They actually feared, it was stated, however, he would not survive the attending shock.

Princess Clementine, Leopold's favorite daughter, insisted upon remaining in the room while the operation was performed. She bore up bravely until the surgeons had finished their task. As she left the room, however, she swooned.

In spite of the cheerful predictions of the physicians that the king has a fair chance to recover the public generally believes that he will never leave the "Palms" Pavilion, near the deserted castle, which he has occupied since he sold the royal furniture and works of art.

The "Palms" is the house of the Baroness Vaughan, whose alleged relations with Leopold have furnished material for gossip that has been on the lips of the Belgians for years. The Baroness yesterday withdrew from the house upon the request of Cardinal Mercier, who administered the last sacrament to the king.

It was reported today that when Leopold believed himself to be dying, he expressed regret concerning the course he has pursued in the Congo and declared that if he survived his illness, he would make amends to his African subjects for the cruelties that marked his reign.

FERRY GOES ASHORE: BOATS TO RESCUE

PORT BURWELL, Ont., Dec. 14.—The car ferry Astabula grounded on the shoals off this point at noon today and is flying signals of distress. A high wind is blowing and it is impossible to get from the shore to her aid.

The crew from the life saving station at Port Stanley is being rushed here by special train. They are bringing their boats with them.

Heavy seas are breaking over the steamer, and there is grave danger that she will go to pieces before the arrival of the life savers. The number of persons on the apparently doomed craft is not known.

SEVEN LIVES ARE COST OF BRAWL

Man and Wife Quarrel—Lamp is Upset and Seven Persons Are Burned to Death.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 14.—A brawl between a man and wife, in which they upset a lamp, cost the lives of seven persons and caused the fatal injury of three others in a fire trap tenement house here today.

The dead: Mrs. John Henderson, 40 years old, and her three children—Nora, 16; John, 9; James, 5 years old. Thomas Wilson, 3 years old. William Rucker, 50. William Groat.

The fatally injured: Mrs. Edna Tiel, Mrs. Laura Wilson and an unidentified girl.

The building was a four-story structure. When the flame from the oil lamp started it spread rapidly and quickly blocked the stairways.

The only fire escape was quickly rendered useless and the emergency doors were shut.

Six of the dead were found huddled together behind one of the closed emergency doors. Thomas Wilson was killed when his mother seized him in her arms and sprang from a third story window. Mrs. Wilson was so badly hurt that she cannot recover, and the child was crushed. Many others jumped to the ground and were injured.

HOME CURE FOR ECZEMA

Oil of Wintergreen, Thymol, Glycerine, Etc., Used as a Simple Wash.

It really seems strange that so many people suffer year in and year out with eczema, when it is now of longer a secret that oil of wintergreen mixed with thymol, glycerine, etc., makes a wash that is bound to cure.

Old obstinate cases, it is true, cannot be cured in a few days, but there is absolutely no sufferer from eczema who ever used this simple wash and did not find immediately that wonderful soothing, calm, cool, sensation that comes when the itch is taken away. Instantly upon applying a few drops of the wash the remedy takes effect, the itch is allayed. There is no need of experiment—the patient knows at once.

Instead of trying to compound the oil of wintergreen, thymol, glycerine, etc., in the right proportions ourselves we are using a prescription which is universally found the most effective. It is known as the D. D. D. Prescription, or Oil of Wintergreen Compound. It is made by the D. D. D. Co. of Chicago, and our long experience with this remedy has given us great confidence in its merits.—Medford Pharmacy company, druggists.

DIED

Died at her home in Los Angeles, December 11th, Mrs. J. W. Ray, age 29 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Faught of Jacksonville. She leaves besides her parents, her husband and three brothers, J. E. Faught of Medford; L. E. and F. L. Faught of Portland, to mourn her death.

ASHLAND ELECTION IS WARM AFFAIR

Hottest Fight is Over the Adoption of the "Pasadena Plan" Amendment to Charter.

ASHLAND, Dec. 14.—With the annual city election for Ashland only a week off, there is considerable activity noticeable, particularly on behalf of the anti-saloon workers to defeat the proposed "Pasadena plan" charter amendment and on behalf of friends of the present city administration to elect councilmen favorable to a carrying out of its policies for the ensuing year.

The present city administration headed by Mayor Snell has received much praise for its many good works in the way of public improvements, but also comes in for criticism for alleged waste of city money, and thus are the issues more or less defined for the contest on Tuesday of next week. The campaign is being conducted almost exclusively as far as the candidates for the council are concerned "by word of mouth" and as far as known there have been no platforms or principles laid down in "black and white" for the guidance of the voters in selecting their choice—a condition which is no particular credit to Ashland, either.

The anti-saloonists are conducting a most vigorous campaign to defeat the "Pasadena plan" charter amendment, while those who favor the amendment do not seem to be actively supporting it.

The candidates now in the field as candidates for members of the council are as follows:

First ward—Charles Stennett, J. C. Barnard.

Second ward—C. Cunningham, J. F. Rocho.

Third ward—A. J. Biegel, P. S. Provost, C. D. Schell.

For park commissioners there are two candidates—H. O. Frohbach, secretary of the Commercial club, and H. E. Badger.

A few days yet remain in which candidates may file their petitions of nomination.

"MEXICO'S PRESIDENT A NOBLE MAN OF GOD"

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14.—David E. Thompson, the retiring American ambassador, speaking at a banquet given in his honor tonight by the American Club, said:

"My four years' intimate relations with the president of Mexico make the cause of the evolution that has come to his country under him as clear to me as the sun—namely, his sincerity, his honesty of purpose, his utter devotion to his country, his straightforward honesty in dealing with individuals and objects. Could I or any other man fail to love and honor a man who never unjustly inflicts a hurt on any individual, cause or thing? Such qualities as these have made Mexico's president a noble man of God."

Concerning "demands from illiterate persons that all sorts of things be done to President Diaz because of his conduct of the Yaqui question" Mr. Thompson said: "The Mexican government has been more kindly in saving these blood-thirsty Indians than justice demanded."

BANK RECORD IS VERY HEALTHY

State Bank Examiner Steel Compiles Figures Showing Great Increase in Money on Deposit.

According to the condensed abstract prepared by State Bank Examiner James Steel comparing the condition of all the banks in Oregon, both state and national, at the close of business, November 16, 1909, with that of November 27, 1908, an increase of 21 per cent in loans and discounts, the two most important items, is noted for 1909.

The total loans and discounts of all the banks in the state at the present time are \$62,427,946.78, and one year ago the total was \$51,492,259.72, showing an increase of \$10,935,678.06. In the item of individual deposits the gain this year over last reaches the enormous total of \$16,103,510.01, the total deposits now in the banks being \$90,048,749.72, as against \$73,945,239.71.

In the matter of cash on hand there is an increase of \$840,797.77; added to this is an increase of \$6,753,093.04 in the amount due from reserve banks, which is usually regarded by bankers as a part of their cash assets.

In the total resources of all the banks in the state there is shown an increase of \$21,376,598.47, the total resources for 1909, being \$127,688,959.93 compared with \$106,894,974.10 in 1908.

Without exception the decreases noted in the report of the bank examiner are evidences of healthier financial conditions and relate to such items as state and United States deposits, bonds to secure circulation, bills payable and expense account.

ST. LOUIS BASEBALL MAN HOLDS POWER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Stanley Robinson, owner of the St. Louis National league franchise, held the balance of power today when the magnates met to elect a successor to the late Harry Pulliam and to decide the fierce battle which has been waged over the candidacy of John M. Ward for the office of president of the National league.

It was said before the session opened that if Robinson voted for Ward it would insure his election, while if he voted against Ward, the meeting would be deadlocked.

The fight on Ward, made through the interests of the American league, has been the sensation of the year in the baseball world.

Ward is opposed to Heydler, formerly secretary of the league, who was named temporarily as president at the time of the suicide of Pulliam.

MERRIWOLD SHOPS TO BE OPENED

The Merriwold shops, conducted by Marion V. and Francis A. Merril, lately of Chicago, will be open in the Palm building, corner of Main and Grape streets, tomorrow, December 15th. The Merriwold shops will occupy part of the room of the Sherman, Clay & Co., and will have on display at the opening a full line of the latest stationery, book supplies, magazines, gift books, etc.

TAKE STEPS TO EXTRADITE AMENT

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known as the "Dry Digglugs" for the remainder of the stock having a par value of \$1,499,993. This property was said to be worth about \$5000.

After obtaining control of the capital stock, Ament, alleges the complaint, opened offices in Chicago, Ill., in the name of the company, and began the sale of stock in the Golden Drift Mining company from the stock that had theretofore been so fraudulently issued to him.

Further says the complaint, . . . he carried on such sales by the fraudulent use of the United States mails, and advertising that those interested were not selling personal stock and that the stock would shortly begin to pay a monthly dividend.

Later a dividend of 1 per cent was issued, supposed to be a portion of the profits from the mines of the company, but as the complaint says, "while in truth and in fact it owned no property whatever and such dividends were declared fraudulently from the fraudulent sales of stock." The dividend paid amounted to \$164, although it is stated that \$15,000 would have been required at that time to have paid the dividends.

The complaint then tells how Ament continued to sell his personal stock while the company paid the bills. It continues: "After . . . Ament had received and appropriated from said fraudulent stock sales more than \$75,000 he caused the directors to accept a proposition . . . whereby he was to be permitted to sell said stock so issued to him in the name of said company in consideration for his returning to the company from the sales of this stock a sum equal to \$50,000."

In this manner allege the stock holders Ament realized from the fraudulent sales of stock approximately \$300,000.

Attorney A. E. Reames is appearing for the stockholders and A. C. Hough for Ament.

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