

KING EDWARD IMPROVING

Condition of Ruler Shows Satisfactory Progress.

ABLE TO TAKE NOURISHMENT.

Physicians Detect No Unfavorable Signs and Everything Points to a Rapid Recovery From Effects of the Operation.

London, June 26.—King Edward's condition is even more satisfactory than has been indicated by the last 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 last evening and with his own hands he opened several telegrams. The bulletin issued at 11 o'clock last night is regarded as intensely satisfactory. 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, even though privately, entertain. Thirty-six hours having elapsed since the operation was performed and the absence of complications compels hope in all quarters, though, as has been frequently said in these dispatches, several days must pass before the possibility of danger has passed. The scenes witnessed on the streets last night was in a marked and pleasant contrast with those of Tuesday evening. The reckless rejoicing which was then so disgracefully prominent was quite unheard last night. Traffic pursued its way unimpeded and even the most popular thoroughfares were comparatively deserted.

Quiet and depressed the crowds waited outside Buckingham palace for the night's final news of the sovereign. For several hours they kept their patient vigil, wandering aimlessly, but with palpable anxiety, over the open space which fronts the palace. Inside the palace all was quiet. Queen Alexandra, who had been in the vicinity of the sick room all day, dined with a few members of the royal family. Callers who came to the palace in the evening contented themselves with driving to the outer gates, where they alighted and walked in to inquire at the equestrian entrance for the latest news. There they met only liveried servants and small knots of reporters. With the exception of these callers and the noblemen who have the entrée to the court, everybody was rigidly excluded from the palace by the police. Lord Gray, a director of the British South Africa company, and who recently visited the United States, is among those having entrée to the court. He said to a representative of the Associated Press that he had good hope for the king's recovery, and that he was sure every Englishman was deeply touched with the sympathy of the United States.

The following official bulletin was issued after 11 o'clock last night: "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."

Conditions Are Satisfactory. When a representative of the Associated Press applied at the palace after midnight, just as the building was being closed for the night, it was learned that there was nothing to be added to the last bulletin, and that King Edward's condition continued to be satisfactory. It was further pointed out as an assuring sign that the 11 o'clock bulletin had been issued after only a brief consultation, and that it had not been deemed necessary to call in Sir Joseph Lister and Sir Thomas Smith before issuing it. The representative of the Associated Press further ascertained, with regard to the brief, and, to some extent, vague character of the bulletins, which gave no information as to the king's temperature, pulse, etc., and which, for this reason, have been much complained of in some quarters, that this is not due to a desire to conceal anything or to apprehension of the result of his majesty's illness. The doctors had the case of the late President McKinley in mind, and in view of the fact that the crisis has not yet passed, they were determined to couch the bulletins in the most guarded language, so that the hope of the public should not be unduly buoyed up.

The first direct expression of opinion from Queen Alexandra was received today by the lord mayor of Leeds. Acknowledging a message of sympathy from the lord mayor, Queen Alexandra telegraphed: "His majesty is progressing favorably."

Today, instead of a day of coronation and rejoicing, will be one of prayer and intercession. At noon all England will be praying that the life of the king be spared. Thousands of persons visited Westminster abbey for the sake of viewing, even from the street, what would have been the center of the national festivities. Neither inside nor out has the abbey been touched, and everything there remains as it was when, with cruel mockery, a dummy king was crowned by the archbishop Monday evening.

Material and other results of the postponement of the coronation are cropping up hourly. Steamers from all parts of the world, which timed their sailing to bring in passengers for the coronation, are reaching England's coast daily. When the news of the king's illness is received on board there is consternation and the bitter disappointment of the passengers is quite pitiful to see.

MERCUR SWEEP BY FLAMES.

Business Portion of Utah Mining Town Wiped Out.

Salt Lake, Utah, June 26.—Mercur, the great cyanide gold camp and the second largest mining town in Utah, was practically wiped out of existence by fire yesterday. The origin of the fire remains a mystery, beyond the fact that it began with an explosion of some kind in the upper story of the Preble block, in which the Oquirrah hotel and a saloon were located.

A short time after the fire broke out the telephone exchange was destroyed and all wire communication cut off. A courier rode into Fairfield and telephoned that Mercur had been wiped off the map so far as the business district is concerned. Not less than forty or fifty stores have been completely destroyed. The people are in a destitute and pitiful condition. At least one thousand are without food and shelter. Governor Wells and Mayor Thompson of Salt Lake were appealed to for immediate assistance.

Fully 80 per cent of the town has been destroyed. Not one business house remains and scores of residences are in ashes. So far as known, however, no loss of life resulted. A conservative estimate places the total loss at \$1,000,000, and the insurance at \$350,000.

Shortly after the fire broke out it was realized the entire town was in danger and immediately the greatest confusion prevailed. All available vehicles of every description were pressed into service and every effort made to save household goods and stores; but so rapidly did the flames spread that the people were forced to flee for their lives, and practically nothing was saved. The streets became congested with teams and the excitement was increased by the frequent explosions of giant powder stored in various portions of the town.

Among the buildings destroyed are the McCormick bank, the large structure of the Union Mercantile company, the Palmer house, the Catholic and Baptist churches and the telephone exchange. The Mormon and M. E. churches were not damaged and have been converted into places of refuge for the most helpless and destitute of the women and children.

MURDERER DROWNS HIMSELF. Escapes From Mob After Desperate Struggle and Jumps into River.

Joplin, Mo., June 26.—William Brown, a miner of Minden, Mo., fearful of being lynched for the murder of a fellow workman, jumped into the Elk river near Lanagan, forty miles from here, and was drowned.

Brown had been arrested for the murder of Joseph Stager, whose dead body had been found under a bridge. While officers were taking Brown to the jail a crowd of men gathered.

After a desperate struggle Brown broke away and before the officers could interfere drowned himself. No cause is known for the murder of Stager, who was thirty-eight years old.

Forest Fires Raging in Colorado. Denver, June 26.—Forest fires, raging in various parts of Colorado, have done a vast amount of damage. It is declared by the state officials who have been investigating the matter that most of them are of incendiary origin. The mining camp of Garfield, in Chaffee county, has been menaced for several days, but the efforts of the citizens in back-firing have so far saved it from destruction. Timber to the value of \$1,000,000 is said to have been burned in the mountains west of Durango. No loss of life is known. Breckenridge, Summit county, is practically surrounded by blazing forests. Nothing but heavy rains will give relief.

Three Drowned at Ludington. Ludington, Mich., June 26.—Three young persons were drowned last evening at Hopkins lake, six miles from this city. Beattie Carbon and Mary Bystrom of Ludington and William Beebe and Edward Seymour of Summit were out for an evening boat ride. The entire party became frolicsome and the boat tipped and filled with water, drowning young Beebe and the two girls. Seymour swam ashore.

Double Tragedy at Seward. Seward, Neb., June 26.—A. D. Lange, a business man, shot and instantly killed John Hand, another merchant, last night. Lange then walked to his home, a distance of a block, where he fired two bullets into his own body. He is dying. The tragedy followed alleged persistent attentions on the part of Hand to Mrs. Lange.

Editor Brown Released. Oklahoma City, Okla., June 26.—The preliminary hearing of Editor E. E. Brown, who was held for examination in connection with the killing of Rough Rider Johnson and his assistant, ended yesterday in the discharge of Brown. The examining judge declared that Brown acted clearly in self-defense and in defense of Johnson.

Worry Over King Causes Insanity. Leavenworth, Kan., June 26.—An unknown man, evidently temporarily insane from worrying over King Edward's condition, jumped from a bridge over the Missouri river here yesterday and was drowned. Just before making the leap he inquired about the condition of the king.

Drowned by Overturning of Boat. Bloomington, Ill., June 26.—While rowing on Miller Park lake yesterday, two young ladies of this city, Agnes O'Connor and Nellie Salmon, members of a picnicking party, were drowned by the overturning of their boat.

THREE DIE IN A TORNADO

Central Indiana is Swept by a Terrific Storm.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS \$2,000,000

Wind Devastates a Section of Ohio, With Center at Marietta, Which is Partially Wrecked—Iowa and South Dakota Get a Taste.

Indianapolis, June 26.—The entire north central portion of Indiana was visited yesterday by one of the most disastrous storms that ever swept over the state. The storm-swept section extends from Hancock county northwest, through Hamilton, Marion and Boone counties, and into Tippecanoe and adjacent counties. Madison county also felt its fury. Hundreds of buildings were razed, thousands of trees were uprooted and blockade highways, railroads and traction lines and crops were ruined. The aggregate property loss is estimated at nearly \$2,000,000 and fifty persons were more or less injured. But three deaths are known to have resulted. James Vanhoy was crushed to death in the ruins of a collapsed barn near Pendleton and James Bailey was killed by timbers at Fortville. The most severe damage was in Hancock county. All wire communication with the cities and towns in the devastated district is cut off. Telegraph and telephone poles are down for many miles.

At Cleveland, six miles from Maxwell, the storm broke as the funeral of Mrs. Mary Earl was being held. The roof of an adjoining house was blown away and a piece of timber was hurled through the side of the house of mourning. It struck ex-County Clerk Sample, breaking his leg. Several others were injured. Outside, three horses hitched to carriages, were hurled by the wind against trees and killed. The hearse was demolished.

Ernest Hurst and E. Heims were badly hurt at Cleveland by being blown against the side of a house. Seven houses were destroyed there and the postoffice was unroofed and one side blown out. Between Cleveland and Greenfield all the roads are blocked. In that section a heavy hail and rain fell after the wind had spent its fury. Crops are ruined and fields are several inches under water. Several farmhouses were unroofed.

At Charlottesville, the damage was great. The First Christian church was demolished. The freight house of the Pennsylvania Railroad company was carried off its foundation and moved about fifty feet. The grain elevator near the depot was blown over and the loss on grain will amount to \$200,000. In the path swept by the storm dozens of persons were maimed. As soon as the storm ceased physicians from Indianapolis, Greenfield and other nearby towns hurried to the storm-swept district, and the injured were well taken care of.

The dead: James Vanhoy, James Bailey and a farmer living near McCordsville, name not obtainable.

Fatally injured: Charles Sheperd, badly crushed at Wilkinson, will probably die; Walter Moore, lineman, blown from pole at Muncie, will die.

Tornado in Ohio. Marietta, O., June 26.—A tornado swept over Marietta last evening, destroying everything in its path. It is known that one person was killed and twenty injured. The property loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The fine plant of the Parkersburg and Marietta Interurban company is laid flat. Engineer Severance of the electric light plant was killed when the building went down. A score of persons are seriously injured. At least fifteen substantial houses were blown down and the escape of inmates from instant death is miraculous. The Ohio Valley Wagon works' plant, one of the city's largest industries, is a mass of ruins. The Acme brick plant was completely demolished. Hundreds of trees are blown down and the streets are almost impassable.

The path of the tornado was about 200 yards wide. Meager reports are coming in from the country districts, where the tornado has undoubtedly wrought great damage.

Storm in South Dakota. Sioux City, June 26.—Reports of a tornado which swept over southeastern South Dakota and northern Iowa are slow in coming in owing to loss of wires by the telegraph and telephone companies. At Tindell, S. D., considerable damage was done to small buildings and shade trees. At Sioux Center, Ia., the loss will be close to \$20,000. The First Dutch Reform church was wrecked and the hardware store of Sneller & Johnson was blown to pieces. Shade trees two feet in diameter were broken off like reeds. The Terwiller elevator and Demot's livery barn were totally wrecked. At Maurice, Ia., considerable damage to trees and small buildings is reported.

Damage Near Yankton. Yankton, S. D., June 26.—A heavy windstorm visited this section of the state last night, doing much damage to buildings and crops. The only injuries to persons so far reported was to members of Frank Pierce's family, near Volin. The house occupied by them was destroyed and all the family more or less injured. Roscoe, the oldest son, twenty-three years old, and Mrs. Pierce, the mother, are not expected to recover. Ida, twenty years old, had her ribs broken and breast bone crushed. The wind reached the velocity of ninety miles an hour.

REBELS CAPTURE CORO.

Venezuelan Revolutionists Win an Important Victory.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao June 26.—Advices received here from Venezuela, under date of June 20 say President Castro recently tried to occupy La Vela, on the Gulf of Coro. He sent General Colmenares with a large force of troops to attack the town by sea, hoping that General Ayala would assist by land and catch the revolutionists who are there, commanded by General Riera. General Matos' first lieutenant, between two fires. But for unknown reasons there was no assistance by land and General Colmenares, after three hours' fighting, was compelled to re-embark his troops and abandon the attack.

During the morning of June 20, General Riera left La Vela with 1,500 men, attacked Coro, the capital of the state of Falcon, nine miles distant. After five hours' battle General Ayala, first vice president of the republic, and commander of Castro's army, and General Telleria, president of the state of Falcon, seventeen generals and forty-five colonels surrendered with five guns and 1,682 men.

The moral effect of this victory is incalculable on all the country, as President Castro lately represented in bulletins that General Riera was flying with only ten followers.

STEAMERS LOST IN ARCTIC.

Grave Fears Entertained at Nome for Safety of Two Vessels.

Seattle, Wash., June 26.—The steamship Ohio arrived from Nome with \$150,000 in treasure. She brings news of the first steamer to arrive down the Yukon at St. Michael, the Sarap reaching that point with \$1,000,000 in treasure on board.

The Ohio reports all the Nome fleet, with the exception of the Portland and Jennie, having reached that port. When the Ohio left Nome on June 16 the steamer Portland had been lost sight of for twenty-six days, and the steamship Jennie about the same length of time. The Portland was last reported by the Nome City, when the latter sighted her fast in the ice pack off Cape Prince of Wales and drifting north. The Jennie was seen about the same time near Nunivak Island. The United States steamship Thetis had been out over a week when the Ohio sailed in search of the two craft, and the steamer Dora was dispatched from Nome to assist in the search two days before the Ohio sailed from that harbor. There is some fear at Nome that the Jennie may be lost.

COMMENCEMENT AT HARVARD.

Honorary Degree is Conferred on President Roosevelt.

Cambridge, Mass., June 26.—Commencement at Harvard university was of unusual interest yesterday because of the presence of President Roosevelt, a graduate of Harvard of the class of 1880, who received the honorary degree of LL. D.

In opening his address at the commencement dinner, President Roosevelt said: "I speak for all Americans today when I say that we watch with the deepest concern and sympathy the sickbed of the English king and that all Americans in tendering their sympathy to the people of Great Britain now remember keenly the outburst of genuine grief with which all England last fall greeted the calamity that befell us in the death of President McKinley."

Baseball Scores Yesterday. National League—Philadelphia, 3; New York, 1; Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 3; St. Louis, 0; Cincinnati, 10.

American League—Washington, 4; Boston, 3; Baltimore, 6; Philadelphia, 8.

Western League—Peoria, 0; Omaha, 4; St. Joseph, 0; Colorado Springs, 1; Kansas City, 3; Denver, 0.

Progress of Morrison Case. Eldorado, Kan., June 26.—The defense in the Jessie Morrison murder trial rested yesterday afternoon and Judge Aikman read his instructions, after which Attorney Rees opened the argument for the state. It is believed the case will go to the jury by Friday evening.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Edward Hemaley, Jr., a bricklayer, Wednesday shot and killed his divorced wife and then committed suicide at Salt Lake.

Captain H. D. Patrick, father of Albert T. Patrick, who is convicted of the murder of Millionaire Rice in New York, died in Austin, Tex., Wednesday of heart failure.

Charles D. Poston, one of the foremost pioneers of Arizona, who in 1853 led a party of New Yorkers and opened up the first silver mine ever worked in Arizona by Americans, is dead.

Albert L. Sechrist, who was shot at his home in Kansas City by Dr. Louis Zorn, a wealthy retired physician, the result of a dispute over rent, died of his wound and Dr. Zorn has been held without bail.

The American Seed association, meeting in annual convention at Minneapolis, appointed a committee which is to seek a solution of the embarrassments of seedmen arising from the present tariff rates.

Traffic officials of western railroads have agreed to advance on July 10 freight rates on butter, cheese, eggs and poultry. The advance will range from 20 to 30 cents per 100 pounds from Missouri river points to Chicago.

David S. Burnside of Brooklyn shot and killed his wife, Lillian in a concert saloon on the Bowery at Coney Island and then fired a bullet into his own head, with probably fatal effect. The couple had been married two weeks, but failed to agree.

FUSION IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

John F. Martin Nominated for Governor by Huron Convention.

Huron, S. D., June 26.—After many hours' discussion, the Populist and Democratic state conventions yesterday reached an agreement for fusion, but all are not pleased, for the ticket named will be known as a Democratic ticket.

The platform adopted reaffirms the principles of the Kansas City platform; denounces the Fowler currency bill; favors government control of the railroads and public utilities, and favors the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The ticket is as follows: Congress, John R. Wilson of Lawrence county; governor, John F. Martin of Coddington county; lieutenant governor, Everett Smith of Davison; secretary of state, E. Ashley of Clark; treasurer, Louis Chladek of Bon Homme; attorney general, W. A. Lynch of Beadle; superintendent of schools, Miss Nila N. Small of Potter.

May Tie Up Chicago Freight.

Chicago, June 26.—A fight that would involve 10,000 men and tie up the freight business of the city may begin July 1. If it should come to pass it would be a contest between the railroads on one side and the freight handlers on the other. The men submitted a proposition yesterday, demanding a general increase of 2 1/2 per cent in their wages. The general managers of the various roads held a meeting in the afternoon, at which the disposition to make a fight was manifested.

China Gives Up Manchuria.

London, June 26.—In a dispatch from Peking the correspondent there of the Daily Mail says he hears upon the highest authority that in the recent mining and railway concessions agreement with Russia a clause exists under which China virtually renounces all claims to sovereignty in Manchuria.

Rising Heads Minnesota Ticket.

Minneapolis, June 26.—The Democratic state convention yesterday reaffirmed its faith in the Kansas City platform, expressed admiration for William Jennings Bryan and nominated a state ticket, headed by L. A. Rising for governor.

Ruhlin Defeats Sharkey.

London, June 26.—Gus Ruhlin defeated Tom Sharkey in eleven rounds. Denver Ed Martin defeated "Sandy" Ferguson, the Englishman, in five rounds of fighting.

McGuire Named for Delegate.

Enid, Okla., June 26.—Bird S. McGuire has been nominated by the Republicans of Oklahoma for delegate to congress.

FUSION TICKET IS NAMED

W. H. Thompson of Grand Island Chosen for Its Head.

SESSION LASTS TWENTY HOURS

Nebraska Democrats and Populists Finally Unite on Candidates—Gilbert for Lieutenant Governor and Lyman for State Treasurer.

Grand Island, Neb., June 26.—After twenty hours of almost continuous session, the Democratic and Populist state conventions perfected fusion on the following ticket:

For governor, W. H. Thompson (Dem.) of Grand Island; lieutenant governor, E. A. Gilbert (Pop.) of York; state treasurer, J. N. Lyman (Pop.) of Adams; attorney general, J. H. Broady (Dem.) of Lancaster; secretary of state, John H. Powers (Pop.) of Hitchcock; auditor, C. Q. DeFrance (Pop.) of Jefferson; commissioner of public lands and buildings, James Brennan (Dem.) Douglas; superintendent of public instruction, Claude Smith (Pop.) of Dawson.

At different times during the protracted sessions it appeared inevitable that the two conventions would refuse to meet on common ground and the result was brought about only by the untiring efforts of all the leaders.

MISSOURI IS FOR ROOSEVELT.

Republican State Convention Endorses Him for Nomination in 1904.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 26.—The Republican state convention adjourned sine die yesterday afternoon after unanimously re-electing Thomas J. Akins chairman of the Republican state committee, nominating a ticket and adopting a platform unreservedly endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt and declaring him to be the logical candidate for 1904. The mention of Roosevelt's name created great enthusiasm.

A minority report, endorsing the administration of Secretary of the Interior Ethan Allen Hitchcock, who is a Missourian, was adopted as part of the platform after a warm debate. This was agreed to by a vote of 629 to 398 and was declared to be a victory for the forces of State Chairman Akins over those of National Committeeman Kerens. The latter, however, secured the permanent organization of the convention.

The following ticket was nominated: State superintendent of instruction, Prof. J. U. White of Brookfield; warehouse and railroad commissioner, long term, W. S. Crane; short term, Barney Frenthal of St. Louis.

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