

BRITAIN'S RULER PLEASES PEOPLE

All England Appears Satisfied with King George and His Way on Throne.

POPULARITY GROWING RAPIDLY

Interests of Public Are Kept Continually in Mind.

"HOW LIKE FATHER," MANY SAY

Thoughtfulness Makes Growing Impression Upon All.

EDWARD'S DEATH LEFT GAP

English People Begin to Realize New King May Be Able to Fill It Much Better Than Thought.

LONDON, May 15.—(Special Telegram.) King George's rapidly growing reputation is perhaps the most remarkable development of the hour in England. Scarcely more than a week ago his majesty, so far as the popular mind was concerned, was a shadowy personality. To be sure, his life had not been wanting in activity for he had made a number of public appearances and even had made a few effective speeches to the nation, but King Edward and Queen Alexandra occupied the royal stage. Both were popular and tireless in the service of the people and the heir to the throne passed much of his time in comparative seclusion, where he read and studied and became known among his intimate friends as the most serious and most intellectual member of the royal family.

When King Edward died his son stepped into the throne and since then the eyes of the people have been on him. They have assembled by hundreds or thousands to watch him go to and fro in the streets and through the windows of his carriage they have observed his bowed head and sad, sympathetic face.

From the first the king has attended to the arrangements for Edward's lying-in-state and funeral, the lines of march and the allotment of places in the processions. At the same time he has kept the interests of the public in mind, issuing statements affecting the theaters, the question of mourning and the Whit Sunday holidays, and sending all the letters and telegrams demanded from the crown, including one of sympathy for the bereaved families of the miners sealed up in a fiery tomb under the Irish sea.

Thus the king is impressing himself quickly and deeply on the popular imagination. "How like his father," is a frequent exclamation. The resemblance to the dead king seen in the look and manner of George V is still more striking in the manner and happy quality of his spoken and written words. The rapidity with which he is winning the people is a source of the deepest gratification to those in positions of political responsibility.

Before the loss of King Edward with his peaceful and pacific character, statesmen and politicians suddenly stood agape and over the howling forum of politics fell a dramatic hush. Politicians feared that without their head, the long and bitter domestic strife might result in a danger to England, far transcending any foreign menace. While this hush continues amid the mournful and splendid events attending the gathering of rulers, princes and statesmen to honor the memory of Edward, King George's character assumed consistency and his prestige grows, and British public men hope that by the time the conflict between the lords and commons again becomes critical, the new king will have gone far toward making himself an adequate substitute for his father as a factor in the state.

The Social Side.

The social domain of London learns, and not with astonishment, that Queen Mary, the royal consort of King George, intends to make the English court the most brilliant in Europe. The English court is in mourning now, and has been for some time, but the determination of the new queen is too clearly shown to doubt the course which has already been prescribed by herself.

The dictatorship of society in the innermost circles of the court society has been delegated to outsiders so long that it will be quite a novelty once more when the queen of the realm assumes the leadership which is really hers.

Queen Victoria in the latter years of her life cared nothing for the social life of London and she was a sorrow-stricken widow at the death of her son that she appeared only when necessary and then in the most perfunctory way. During the reign of King Edward the royal favorites held sway and chief among these was Mrs. Keppel.

The power of Mrs. Keppel, however, was swept away by the death of King Edward. She feels the social defeat so keenly that it is persistently reported that she will make her home upon the continent, leaving England shortly after King Edward's funeral.

Mrs. Keppel does not try to veil the defeat of her social ambitions. The hostility of King George and Queen Mary toward her husband is too pronounced to allow her to hope for the slightest recognition.

Mrs. Keppel's Set Is Hit.

Mrs. Keppel held sway so long in her role of social arbiter at the English court that she naturally acquired a long train of followers, who are also in disfavor under the new regime. As yet no chance has presented itself to allow the king and queen to show public hostility to the set of Mrs. Keppel and doubtless the social friends of the departed leader will not allow that opportunity to occur, for she realizes what would transpire should she presume to aspire to a friendship which does not exist.

As a word, a number of American women, one of whom is married into nobility, will play an important part in the social life of the new court. They are the duchess of Marlborough, the countess of Granard and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who is living in England, and especially among these the countess of Granard is pointed out as likely to become a favorite with the new queen. She is young and handsome and fits in with the social life of court quite as easily. She was much liked by the late King Edward and had he lived, she would have been a factor in court life some day. As it is she may be destined to play a

Orators from Ten States to Try for Honors

Speakers Chosen by Competition in These Ten States in Final Contest Friday Night.

For the first time since belonging to the Interstate Oratorical association Creighton university will entertain the speakers Friday night at the Brandeis theater, when the annual contest will be held. Francis T. Matthews of Creighton university, who won first place in the Nebraska intercollegiate contest, will speak on "The Sands of Time." Ten states belong to the association and each state has an independent association embracing the colleges within its territory. The winners in each of the state intercollegiate contests write his address and has it printed. These are submitted to a board of directors and seven of the ten are chosen to make public speeches in the association contest. Word has been received that Mr. Matthews' speech was one of the seven chosen for the finals and he will appear upon the stage of the Brandeis Friday night.

The speeches of the evening and the order in which they will be given is as follows: "The Moulding Power," Karl W. Becker of Wittenberg college, Ohio. "The Philosophy of the Race Problem," Henry F. Coleman of Cornell college, Iowa. "The Sands of Time," Francis T. Matthews of Creighton university. "Poland's Offering to the American," Lew R. Salsky of Beloit college, Wisconsin. "The New Ideal," Stanley H. Howe of Albion college, Michigan. "Lincoln, the Master Politician," John A. Shields of Ottawa university, Kansas. "The Evolution of World Peace," Levi T. Pennington of Earlham college, Indiana. As this is the first time the finals have been held under the auspices of Creighton the local boys are planning to give the association a royal welcome and there has already been a large sale of seats. Tickets are now on sale at Beaton's drug store and can be obtained two days before the contest at the theater box office.

Oak Wreath for Edward's Grave

Foliage Taken from Tree Planted at Mount Vernon by Late King in 1860.

NEW YORK, May 15.—A wreath made of oak foliage from a tree planted by King Edward VII at Mount Vernon, Va., in 1860, when he visited this country as prince of Wales, was shipped today and will be placed on the late king's tomb. Interspersed with the oak were magnolia leaves taken from the grave of George Washington at Mount Vernon, the whole being tied with broad purple ribbons and with a knot of red, white and blue. It was accompanied by an engraved card with this inscription: "This wreath of English oak, the leaves from the tree planted at the tomb of Washington by King Edward VII, when prince of Wales, and magnolia leaves from the tree planted by Washington, is presented in evidence of the honor and affection in which the late King Edward VII was held by the Mount Vernon Ladies' association."

HILL LINES TO EXTEND INTO OREGON COUNTRY

Boise & Western Railroad Will Form East and West Branches in Virginia Country.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 15.—With the arrival in Portland of John E. Burchard of St. Paul definite information became public that the new branch of the Boise & Western railroad, as the east and west branch of the Hill system which is tapping the virgin territory of central Oregon. Entering Oregon at Ontario, the Boise & Western will build in a northwesterly direction. Bend, Ore., is expected to be the junction point for the new railroad line with the Oregon trunk, the railroad owned by the Hill interests, and which is being built into the heart of Oregon by way of the Des Chutes river.

Announcement is also made of the final closing of the largest real estate transaction from the acreage involved, ever consummated in the United States, and the organization of the Oregon and Western Colonization company, with a capitalization of \$12,000,000. Transfers of the 800,000-acre grant from the owners of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road company to the Oregon and Western Colonization company were completed yesterday in New York.

RAILROAD SLEUTHS ADJOURN

Special Agents and Police Recommend Universal Car Seal as Protection.

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—The national convention of the International Association of Railroad Special Agents and Police closed yesterday. Among the resolutions adopted was one recommending the selection of a universal car seal, which would make it more difficult to rob freight cars in transit.

Mrs. J. P. Kirdelon of San Francisco was elected president of the woman's auxiliary with Mrs. J. C. Bailey of Pittsburg, secretary-treasurer.

Colonel John Jacob Astor is to Boom Flying Machines

NEW YORK, May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Colonel John Jacob Astor, who came back from Europe on the Lusitania, will offer a cup as an international trophy for a flying machine which will be the winner of the air what the American cup is to the yachtmen of the world. Colonel Astor is not yet ready to make formal announcement of his plans, but it is understood the cup itself will not only be one of the handsomest products of the golden rule, but it will be supplemented by substantial cash prizes. It is his present plan to have the first contest flown in America with subsequent races to be held in the country winning the cup. Colonel Astor is enthusiastic over

PUBLIC OFFICERS READY TO CLASH

State's Attorneys Wayman and Burke at Swords' Points in Inquest.

MAY MEET AT THE COURTS

Sangamon County Official Says Other Court May Be Bathed in Contempt.

CRISIS IN JURISDICTIONAL FIGHT

Representative Link's Lawyer in Appeal to Wayman.

LATTER PROTECTING EVIDENCE

Fear that Testimony Will Leak at Springfield and Go to Defense in Maitaining of the Action.

CHICAGO, May 15.—The spectacle of State's Attorney John E. W. Wayman being cited at Springfield for contempt of court may be the result of the fight over authority between Wayman and State's Attorney Edmund Burke of Sangamon county in the investigation which each is making into the charges of bribery in the general assembly.

In an ultimatum Mr. Burke announced that unless Mr. Wayman ceases his "interference" in the Sangamon county inquiry at once he will apply to the courts for an order holding the Cook county prosecutor in contempt.

Smarting with indignation because Representative Michael S. Link, confessed bribe taker, has refused to testify there, supposedly on Mr. Wayman's advice and because Detective J. J. O'Keefe of Wayman's office ignored a subpoena served on him at Springfield, Burke issued a statement declaring Wayman's "tactics are beneath contempt." Burke is convinced that O'Keefe acted on orders from Mr. Wayman, his superior.

The fight between Wayman and Burke has precipitated the most sensational situation of its kind in the history of the state.

Link Appeals for Help.

Attorney Frank Reid, counsel for Representative Michael S. Link, one of the three legislators who confessed in the Lorimer bribe scandal, came to Chicago and held a conference with state's Attorney Wayman, at which it was said he appealed to the Chicago prosecutor for aid. Link was frightened by the Springfield developments, according to report, and "save me" was the burden of the plea made through his attorney to Wayman. Link is under citation for contempt of court and will face the jail Monday if he persists in his refusal to repeat his bribery confession to the Sangamon county grand jury.

At the same time it was reported that State's Attorney Burke of Sangamon was planning to follow the same tactics with the other legislators who confessed, Charles A. White and H. J. C. Beckmeyer, arresting them on a charge of bribery and taking them before the inquisitors at Springfield.

Fear of a Leak.

Fear that the testimony will leak at Springfield and become the property of the defense is said to be the real reason State's Attorney Wayman is fighting to prevent his witnesses from testifying at Springfield.

Representative White will be kept from the state capital all hazards. He has been subpoenaed by State Attorney Burke of Sangamon county. If an attempt is made to get him out of Cook county a habeas corpus writ will be asked to hold him. "We will then see whether Cook or Sangamon county has more deputy sheriffs," said one of Mr. Wayman's aides. In spite of all denials, specific and detailed reports were in circulation around the criminal court building that Link was in Chicago and that he would stay here, not returning to Springfield on Monday, whether cited for contempt or not.

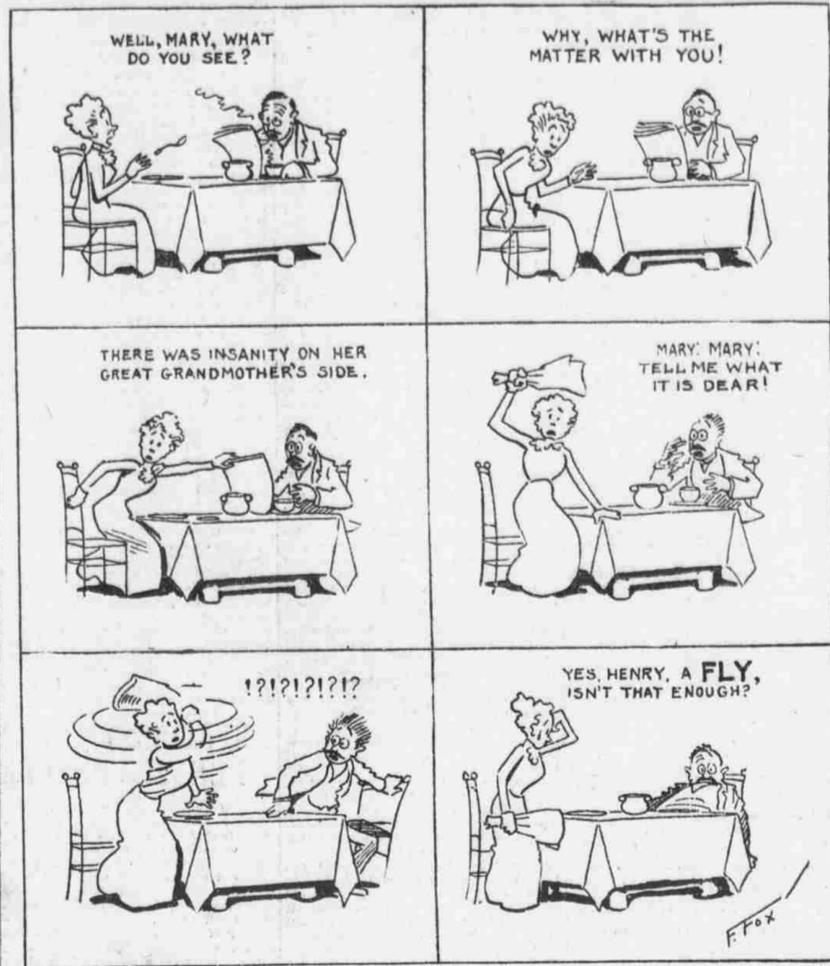
White is under guard of detectives from State Attorney Wayman's office in Chicago and has already been served with a subpoena from Sangamon county. Beckmeyer is at his home at Carysle. The arrest of these men, it was expected, would bring to a crisis the first jurisdictional fight over the Lorimer bribery scandal.

Prosecutor Burke planned to summon, if necessary, every legislator, democrat or republican, who voted for Lorimer, and began by calling Representatives Charles Durfee and Thomas Campbell before the jury.

MURPHY AND CONNERS PATCH UP A PACT LOOKING TO PEACE

Dix of Albany Agreed Upon as Chairman of the Democratic State Committee in New York.

NEW YORK, May 15.—Rumors of a Murphy-Conners peace pact have arisen in New York for the last few days and had several long conferences with Charles F. Murphy, the leader of Tammany hall. It is said that the state chairman and the Tammany leader have been trying to agree upon a man to succeed Mr. Conners as state chairman, when the meeting of the democratic state committee is held, which is expected to be some time early in June. John A. Dix of Albany is said to have been agreed upon for the place.



The First One in the House

REPUBLICANS ARE TOGETHER

Midnight Conference at White House to Bear Results.

WESTERN MEN COMING IN

Only Few Irreconcilables Have Not Agreed to Act in Common Against Democratic Force in Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Whether it is feasible at this late date to try to wipe republican factional lines and meet on some common ground that would unite the insurgents and regulars in congress is the question before republican leaders. It was raised last night at a conference at the White House, which was begun at 10:30 o'clock and continued until 1:15 o'clock this morning. A great many things were talked over at the midnight gathering, and a revised legislative program was made up tentatively, which it was believed, would command the votes of practically all of the regular republicans. A discussion followed as to the possibility of making certain concessions that might attract all of the republicans of the senate.

Practically all of the republican senators from the west were present last night, except the most radical progressives, namely: Senators LaFollette, Beveridge, Cummins, Dooliver, Bristow and Clapp. Among the progressives, who attended were Senators Nelson, Borah, Brown, Burkett, Dixon, Gamble and Crawford. These men took a leading part in the discussion and expressed the opinion that the differences between the insurgents and regulars were not irreconcilable.

Regulars More Tolerant.

The sudden amalgamation of insurgents and regulars of the senate last Friday, which resulted in the adoption of an amendment to the administration railroad bill, on the subject of long and short hauls, appeared to have made the regulars more tolerant of progressive views on the pending measure. The "getting-together" was necessitated by the discovery that the democrats of the senate had formed a solid front to secure the adoption of a democratic provision relating to long and short hauls, which was to have been put in motion after they had voted with the regular republicans to defeat the Dixon amendment, favored by the insurgents.

It would be difficult to decide whether the regulars or the insurgents were the more surprised when they learned the plans of the democrats. A vote had been ordered under the unanimous consent agreement and there was little time for thought. Senator Aldrich advised his colleagues that it was time for the republicans to get together. The insurgents, after learning the situation, acquiesced and both factions acted accordingly.

May Fix Date for Vote.

When the senate meets tomorrow to resume consideration of the railroad bill, it is expected there will be a number of informal conferences. Senators Borah, Nelson, Dixon and others, who have voted with and against the older republican leaders of the senate, are expected to act as the intermediaries where "go-betweens" appear to be necessary. It would not be surprising if some agreement would be reached during the coming week for the fixing of a date to vote on the railroad bill. With this subject out of the way it will

Spain May Be Requested to View Wreck of the Maine

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—When the wreck of the Battleship Maine is raised from the mud at the bottom of Havana harbor, it is the present purpose of the United States government to invite Spain to send expert engineers to be present at the examination of the hull, provided it is found that the Spanish government desires or will accept such an invitation. It is probable also that it will be intimated to other naval powers that this government would be glad to have them send representative experts. It is doubted by many if the condition of the hull after this lapse of years would show whether or not the battleship was destroyed by an exterior or interior explosion, but other experts say that the action of the water will not have seriously affected the wreck. While the Spanish government has made no official reply as yet, it is understood that it has been officially intimated that Spain would be gratified if such an invitation were extended. Spain has always contended that the Maine was destroyed by an internal explosion. If a Spanish engineer is invited to inspect the wreck, the other naval powers will also be invited. If the attempt to raise the Maine is a success, a part of the metal will be given for the erection of a national monument to the survivors of the historic vessel at New York.

Heney Moves from California and is Going to Gotham

Rumor Has it that the San Francisco Attorney Will Investigate Graft in the Empire State.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The coming of Francis J. Heney, the famous graft prosecutor of the Pacific coast to this city, had led to a number of rumors concerning his motive in coming. Mr. Heney says that he will build up a law practice in this city and live here in the future. He has nothing to say about the report that Governor Hughes will appoint him special investigator of the legislative corruption in the Empire state.

Heney's reputation is so well known here that his arrival was immediately heralded in a rain of reports, chief of which was that Governor Hughes would relinquish into Heney's hands the fight against corruption in New York state when he—the governor—takes up his position on the supreme court bench.

It has been known for some time that Governor Hughes was anxious to have certain corrupt trials, which cropped out in the Aldis-Conger investigation followed up, but had no one to whom he could delegate the trust. If Mr. Heney comes to take up that burden he will continue his career as a fighter of graft.

It was Heney who waged a long and strenuous battle against municipal corruption in San Francisco and his friends say that he would like to undertake the work of exposing evil doings in Albany. Heney regards his defeat at the fall elections in California as a repudiation of the good work he has done there.

NORWAY EXTENDS SUFFRAGE

Women Over Twenty-Five Granted Right to Vote at Municipal Elections.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, May 15.—By a great majority the Norwegian has voted to grant universal municipal suffrage to women over 25 years of age. The new legislation will become effective at the next elections and will increase the present women electors from 226,000 to 500,000.

DELAY JEWS' EXPULSION

Forceful Action Will Not Be Employed Before June, It is Said.

KIEV, Russia, May 15.—The expulsion of Jews residing illegally in Kiev did not begin today as scheduled. It is reported that forcible measures will not be employed before June 14.

DEMPSEY'S MEN GET LOOT

Detective Sergeant and Squad Turn a Clever Trick on Thieves.

EIGHT MEN AND ONE WOMAN IN

The Gang Had Been Seen Gathering in Plunder from Homes and Stores in Omaha Until They Had a Rich Plant.

Executing a coup d'etat of fine ingenuity, detectives, under orders from Sergeant Dempsey, Sunday morning made arrests of eight men and one woman, recovered \$2,000 worth of stolen property and ended one of the most puzzling series of thefts the city has known.

Costly silks, tapestries, silverware and men and women's clothing comprised the haul made by the police and was quickly identified as having been taken in the burglaries of the Morris Levy residence, the George Frye furniture store and the Omaha store store of I. Friedman during the last month.

Clues successfully followed by the police grey out of the chance visit of a woman to the Friedman shirt store, at 322 North Sixteenth street, and the identification of the suit she wore as his property, by I. K. Friedman. But for the proclivity of a single member of the house-rifling outfit, in giving the handsome stolen suit to the woman, and Mr. Friedman's ready recognition of the apparel, the burglar suspects might still be at large.

To get one of their members on the Omaha police force had been one of the plans of the gang, as disclosed by the arrests. Ray Morton is the suspect whom the police recognized as a man whose name is in the hands of the department as an applicant to join the force.

Those who composed the band caught in the general round-up covering three days are: Ray Morton, Harry Johnson, Henry Perrine, R. R. Boyer, Harry Payne, William Payne, William Beer, James Johnson, Jess Parsons and Mrs. Louis Marcus.

Parsons, who is an ex-convict with a record of having looted the Ryan Jewelry store and serving eighteen months for the crime two years ago figures as the ring-leader of the trapped gang. All the prisoners except R. R. Boyer and most of the loot, fell into the hands of the detectives at the home of Mrs. Marcus, at 2214 South Thirteenth street. Boyer was caught by Deedys Ring and Murphy at 312 West Broadway in Council Bluffs, Saturday evening.

Detectives Davis, Maloney, Nelson, Devoree, Heitfeld, Woodbridge, King and Murphy composed the squad that surrounded and raided the Marcus home about 10 o'clock Sunday morning and captured the rest of the prisoners, some of whom were carrying the loot.

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JAIL DOORS SHUT; GRAFTERS MOURN

Iron Gates Locked on Four Pittsburg Men Found Guilty of Municipal Bribery.

TWO MORE MEN FACE SENTENCES

Former Councilmen Released Temporarily Under Heavy Bonds.

OTHERS MAY TAKE SAME PATH

Further Convictions Are Expected Within Few Days.

CURIOUS CROWD ABOUT PRISON

Air of Satisfaction Seems to Permeate Population, Who Feel that Justice Has Been Dealt Out.

PITTSBURG, May 15.—When the black iron doors of the county jail clang shut on four of the big municipal grafters, Pittsburg felt that the scales of justice were swinging evenly. Two other convicted men have similar fates awaiting them, but are out temporarily under heavy bonds.

Sentences were imposed in criminal court on six of the men who pleaded no defense to charges of graft in connection with Pittsburg municipal affairs. One banker and five former councilmen faced a court of four judges and learned their fate. The sentences ranged in length from four to eight months in jail. In addition to the jail sentences heavy fines were imposed. The men sentenced today were ordered committed to the Allegheny county jail, but later Hugh Ferguson and Charles Stewart, former councilmen, were granted a respite on a writ of supersedeas, were released on \$10,000 bonds and look appeals to the superior courts based on an alleged promise of immunity.

A. H. Jennings, president of the Columbia National bank, and F. A. Griffen, the former vice president, did not appear today, their cases being postponed until next week because of illness in their families.

Appeal for New Trial.

Counsel for former councilman A. V. Simon, who was recently convicted of bribery, filed an appeal for a new trial. Simon has been tried twice, in the first case the jury being unable to agree, while the second one convicted.

Four informations charging perjury against John F. Klein, chief witness for the commonwealth in the graft cases, were filed by counsel for councilmen charged with bribery.

Two years in the workhouse and \$100 fine were imposed upon Harry E. Muehlbauer and Bartles Veverka by Judge Swearingen today. Both were former employees of the Washington Savings and Trust company and were charged with embezzlement.

Although not officially connected with the graft cases, these men were called before the grand jury to testify and were called for sentence at the same time today as the bankers and councilmen.

The Prisoners' Statements.

Here are a few of the grafters' said while being searched in jail: "I am glad it is over," August A. Vilasack, former bank cashier, member of a wealthy and prominent family. "I do not feel very well; I hope I will settle down soon and get better."—Morris Elstein, wealthy druggist and north side politician, member of council for a number of years.

"Absolute silence."—P. Andy Kearns, well-known politician, former member of the Central Board of Education and of select council. "I did not expect it today; my family did not know; I feel very badly."—Dr. W. H. Weber, leading south side physician and former leader of select council, who wept piteously when he entered the jail doors.

With August A. Vilasack, former banker; Morris Elstein, wealthy politician of the north side; Dr. W. H. Weber, leading physician; and Andy Kearns, a divider of spoils in select council, securely locked up, public wrath has been in a measure appeased.

A great crowd of the curious gathered about the doors of the county jail to see the millionaire Vilasack and his companions escorted into the huge prison.

It was with difficulty that Warden Edward Lewis and his attaches restrained the mob from interfering. Of the number, Dr. Weber showed the least nerve. When he heard the locks snap he placed the ruddy-faced physician burst into tears. The frame of this strong man was shaken like a fragile leaf. The hands that held the handkerchief to the convulsively-working face trembled violently. All the men have to live up to the same rules as the other prisoners.

NINE PERSONS INJURED IN WRECK NEAR WICHITA

Trains Spread and Cars Leave Track—Victim in Hospital and One Killed.

WICHITA, Kan., May 15.—Nine persons were injured when Kansas City, Mexico & Orient passenger train No. 2 was wrecked last night near Milton, Kan., thirty miles southeast of here.

The injured: A. H. Burbanks, Wichita, express messenger, internal injuries, serious. F. W. Vandever, Wichita, collar bone and several ribs broken. M. Hansberger, mail clerk, Wichita, internal injuries. J. B. Workman, Wichita, collar bone broken. O. G. Kellebrack, Lambert, Okla., shoulder broken. H. H. Madison, Wichita, mail clerk, internal, serious. Dr. Avery, Eldora, Kan., scalp wound.

The wreck was caused by spreading rails. The train was running fifteen minutes late when the accident happened. The engine did not leave the track, but the tender was thrown bottom side up, the baggage car was burned, the bottom torn out of the smoker and the chair car left the track. The sleeper remained on the rails. The injured were taken to a hotel in Milton where physicians attended them.

Three Men Confess Robbery.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., May 15.—(Special.)—George and John Myott, brothers, and Tony Nicolite, who were arrested by the local police in the charge of having been responsible for several recent robberies of Sioux Falls business houses, have confessed, and tomorrow (Monday) will be arraigned in a local court on the charge of burglary, with the certainty of terms in the Sioux Falls penitentiary starting them in the fall.