

KING EDWARD VII SERIOUSLY ILL.

HIS MAJESTY

Was Operated on For Perityphlitis, Tuesday.

Passed Successfully Through the Operation—Enjoyed Some Refreshing Sleep Tuesday Night.

LONDON, June 24, 12.20 p. m.—The coronation has been postponed indefinitely on account of the indisposition of King Edward.

LONDON, June 24, 12.46 p. m.—Sir Francis Knollys, the king's private secretary, has issued the official medical announcement, as follows:

"The king is suffering from perityphlitis. His condition on Saturday was so satisfactory that it was hoped his majesty would be able to go through the ceremony. On Monday evening a recrudescence became manifest, rendering a surgical operation necessary today.

(Signed), LISTER, THOMAS SMITH, LAKING, THOMAS BARLOW, TREVES.

LONDON, June 24.—With dramatic suddenness King Edward VII has been stricken down upon the eve of his coronation.

Tonight he lies in a critical state at Buckingham Palace. In spite of the intensity of this tragic interruption the lower elements of London are "mafficking" through the flag decked streets and a portion of society in coronation gowns and jewels has gathered at what is called a gala companion dinner at one of the fashionable hotels. Even at the gates of Buckingham Palace, within which the ablest surgeons and physicians constantly remain in the hope of saving the sovereign's life, the tooting of horns and the sound of other revelries can be plainly heard. That slim gathering which still remains beneath the glaring palace lights is now more bent on congratulating the king on his birthday than on sympathizing with his illness.

King Edward is in a room facing the gardens of Buckingham Palace, far from the street and the crowd. If tonight's progress is maintained, he will probably tide over the effects of his severe operation, which has successfully removed the local trouble. But should any complication occur, such as septic peritonitis or blood poisoning, it is feared His Majesty's present physical and nervous condition would prove unequal to the strain involved. There is, consequently, intense anxiety as to the outcome.

The King's doctors believe that His Majesty would have been dead before now except for the operation. His condition became so alarming last night that at one time it was feared death might ensue before the surgeon's knife could afford him relief.

Intense swelling of the extremities, accompanied by alarming symptoms of morification, constituted the emergency which demanded an immediate operation. To the last the King tried to avoid this, and he was willing to be carried to the abbey for the coronation ceremony in order that it should occur as arranged. The influence of Queen Alexandra was enlisted, however, and at an early hour this morning the royal patient was prepared for the operation which, even in the skillful hands of England's best surgeons, was fraught with grave danger.

Shortly before 2 o'clock this afternoon His Majesty was moved from his couch to the operating table and the anæsthesia was administered. Sir Frederick Treves made the incision near the patient's groin and carried it upward with an outward slant for nearly four inches. The obstruction was removed and a tubing was placed in the affected intestine.

King Edward's first word when he returned to consciousness were to ask for "George" and the Prince of Wales, who was waiting in the next room, was immediately admitted to his father's presence.

While the operation was being performed the great central courtyard of Buckingham Palace, so lately the scene of such brilliant gatherings, was utterly deserted and an impressive silence reigned throughout the building.

The coronation is about three months, providing King Edward progresses well in the meantime. In spite of the royal wish that the provincial celebrations be carried out as arranged, many towns have abandoned the festivities which were to be held.

Among the hundreds of postponements caused by the sudden illness of the King is that of the publication of the list of coronation honours.

The harvest Portsmouth expected to reap from the naval review will now be lost.

Queen Alexandra has borne the strain of the past week with the bravest spirit. She was always fearful of what might happen. Her Majesty took her part in the festivities at Ascot and elsewhere without revealing any sign of her inward anxiety, and when she was told today that an operation was imperative and that the

CORONATION

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THE SCENE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, June 24.—Of the scene in the house of commons when the announcement of the illness of King Edward was made, T. P. O'Connor, Irish nationalist member, and president of the United Irish League, has written the following account for the Associated Press:

"The work-a-day world goes on in its usual way, whatever tragedy be in the air, and this is especially true of the house of commons, which is even yet bound down with the iron shackles of a high dignity or new crisis on its mind."

"Thus it was today when the whole world of London was shaken by the announcement of the postponement of the coronation and the serious illness of the King; for while everybody was waiting to see the ministers enter and to hear some news one way or the other, a clerk at a table read out the news of the postponement of the coronation and the serious illness of the King in reference to the pending education bill.

"The education bill is important, but to have this petition with its dreary tautology read when the fate of the house of commons, which was one of the grotesque conditions which exacerbated and finally got on the nerves of the house.

"As the clerk read stolidly on in a muffled voice, the house began at last to interrupt him with discordant and even indecorous cries. But in spite of all this, and in spite even of that grotesque shout, there was that about the place which showed that something was in the air that shocked, saddened and even frightened men.

"It is no exaggeration to say that there was a look of far more profound depression about the house than even in these awful and trying hours for Englishmen when the disaster of Coleridge's sinking had taken off his head the whole fabric of the Empire reeled. Many of the members looked positively broken. They entered the house as if the illness were heirs and as if a blow had fallen upon them.

"The local petition was last finished, the cries ceased, and there fell a sombre and solemn stillness on the house when Mr. Balfour and the other ministers filed in spontaneously and universally hailed with a cheer which was not moved, and it was with something of a break in his voice that he announced the seriousness of the King's condition.

"Mr. Balfour is not a man who ever shows much feeling. As is said of him by some of his most severe critics, he has much sentiment but no feeling. Today, however, nobody could deny it at once. Mr. Balfour seemed to be moved, and it was with something of a break in his voice that he announced the seriousness of the King's condition.

"There was no display of feeling until Mr. Balfour came to the point where he foreshadowed the statement that the surgeons were hopeful of the result. It was an evidence of how keen a feeling it was that he was not allowed to conclude his sentence. There was an anticipatory and big outburst of cheers from all parts of the house.

"Mr. Balfour's statement occupied but a few words, and it was followed by a few words from Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the opposition. Then the whole scene was over. It took but a few moments for the general air of the house to which I have alluded, and the scene was not impressive.

"The house then went on with the

THE QUEEN

Bears the Strain With Quiet Heroism.

Scene in Parliament When the Sad News Was Announced—London Dismayed.

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AT CANADA'S CAPITAL.

OTTAWA, June 24.—It is impossible to adequately describe the feelings of the citizens of the capital today, when the news came that in consequence of the serious illness of His Majesty, the coronation proceedings had been indefinitely postponed. Everybody wondered what the outcome would be. Hon. Scott and Sifton were the only ministers in town, and the responsibility of taking action devolved upon the secretary of state. It did not take Mr. Scott long to make up his mind. Promptly he cancelled all arrangements for celebrating the coronation throughout the dominion. Some officials of the government began searching for precedents, but Mr. Scott thought the occasion sufficiently important to warrant creating a precedent.

He accordingly telegraphed to Sir Richard Cartwright, who was at Kingston, and Hon. Mr. Sifton, who was in Montreal, to come to Ottawa at once. The latter arrived at noon and Sir Richard at 5 p. m. Pending their arrival the secretary of state saw Sir Henry Strong, administrator of the government, and the chief justice promptly approved of Mr. Scott's suggestion to issue a proclamation revoking that of May 24th, setting apart Thursday next as a day of public thanksgiving and rejoicing throughout Canada. The approval of four ministers, a quorum of council, was required to authorize Sir Henry to issue a proclamation, and this approval could not be secured until after 5 p. m. Meanwhile telegrams of enquiry were pouring in from all parts of Canada, and Mr. Scott saw that decisive action was essential. He accordingly handed to newspaper correspondents a draft of his proclamation in order that the widest publicity might be given to it as early as possible. A curious error appears in the first draft. Usually a royal proclamation is issued in the name of the sovereign. The draftsman, anxious to explain a reason for cancellation of the holiday and to express sympathy with the King in his illness, made it appear that the proclamation was issued by the secretary of state instead of by the sovereign. It was therefore telegraphed all over the country this afternoon in this form:

Canada—Edward the Seventh, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British dominions beyond the seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India—To all whom these presents shall come, I have commanded that you be notified that I have, in my own name, granted the following: Whereas, by my proclamation, dated the twenty-fourth day of May last, Thursday, twenty-sixth day

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changed, and that His Majesty was progressing satisfactorily.

TELEGRAMS TO GOV. SNOWBALL.—The following telegram was received last night by the lieutenant governor at Fredericton:

OTTAWA, June 24th. Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Fredericton: Owing to the illness of His Majesty the King's coronation has been postponed indefinitely and proclamation will therefore issue withdrawing and cancelling the one appointing Thursday as a public holiday.

R. W. SCOTT, Secretary of State.

(Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, June 24.—Probably the people in some of British Columbia feel more sorrowful over the illness of King Edward than to those of Halifax, and the officials of the British army and navy quartered here. Arrangements had been completed for a martial display to take place here, but have been cancelled.

General Parsons, Admiral Bedford, on behalf of both branches of the service, are anxiously desiring a remission of the service of the Church of England is in session, and late in the afternoon when a service was read, every rank and file sang God Save the King.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN LONDON.—TORONTO, June 24.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: The Canadian troops quartered at the Victoria Hotel have been greatly saddened by news from Buckingham Palace, and are naturally much disappointed at the late matters have taken place. They will return on the date already arranged.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier remarked at six o'clock this evening with reference to the coronation that he had no objection to his name being left to the discretion of the people.

INSURANCE ON KING'S LIFE.—TORONTO, June 24.—All church services and most of the celebrations for the coronation have been cancelled, and the day will be observed as a day of mourning. The Canadian Life, Crown Life, Manufacturers' Life, and one or two other Canadian life insurance companies carry risk aggregating \$100,000 on the life of King Edward. The rate is \$10 per thousand per month, and the policy is held for four months by a firm of brokers in London. The policy is payable in the event of the King's death prior to midnight June 24. The policy expires on that date or any earlier date on which coronation takes place. No medical examination of His Majesty was required for these risks were accepted. City surgeons have taken full notes of the case from cabled descriptions, are rather pessimistic but do not regard a fatal result as inevitable.

LONDON, June 25.—Midnight: King Edward's condition tonight is even more satisfactory than has been indicated by the last bulletins. 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 this evening and with his own hands he opened several telegrams.

Quiet and depressed, the crowds waited outside Buckingham Palace for the night's final news. For several hours they kept their patient vigil, wandering aimlessly, but with palpable anxiety, about the open space which fronts the royal residence. For some reason or another a feeling pervaded the crowd that if the King lived until tonight he would live to be crowned.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the tension of the crowds was relieved by the appearance of a footman, bringing a bulletin. The welcome words were read in silence and then the crowds slowly dispersed.

Among the comments made on the bulletin one could hear the half-whispered words "Thank God" from women who had waited hours to hear the best or the worst, and the gruffer "That's his god" from men, many of whom were in evening dress.

After midnight the King's palace was practically deserted. Steamers from all parts of the world, which timed their sailings to bring in passengers for the coronation, are reaching England constantly. When the news of the King's illness was received in Great Britain, and who is in intimate touch with everything that transpires at the bedside of the King.

LONDON, June 25, 12 noon.—The King's disease is perityphlitis following cold contracted nine days previously. His symptoms became rather acute a week ago, but had subsided, and it was hoped that he would go through the coronation ceremony. Owing to a sudden exacerbation early on Tuesday morning an operation was decided upon at ten o'clock, and the operation was performed at noon on Tuesday by Sir Frederick Treves, the anæsthetic being administered by Dr. Frederick Hewitt. The abscess was opened around the caecum, the pus evacuated and the cavity drained. There was no resection of the bowel, the newspaper reports that tubing was required to preserve the continuity of the intestines being entirely misleading. The recovery from ana