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IT IS NOW HOPED THE QUEEN WILL LIVE UNTIL THURSDAY.

The Sovereign Was Able to Take Nourishment and Has Enjoyed Some Tranquil Sleep--Hope, However, is but for Temporary Improvement--The Empress Frederick Ill.

Cowes, Jan. 22, 5 a. m.--The Queen is expected to live until Thursday morning unless unexpected complications occur.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22, 12.20 a. m.--The following is the full text of the midnight bulletin, posted at Osborne House:-- "There is no material change in the Queen's condition. The slight improvement of the morning has been maintained throughout the day. Food has been taken fairly well, and some tranquil sleep secured. (Signed) JAMES REID, R. DOUGLAS POWELL, THOMAS BARLOW."

LONDON, Jan. 22, 8.03 a. m.--The Cowes correspondent of the 'Daily Express' learns unofficially that the Queen has taken nourishment freely since midnight.

LONDON, Jan. 21--A special despatch from Cowes this evening says Emperor William was admitted to the Queen's presence at about 5 o'clock. She spoke a few words to him and after two or three minutes withdrew. The Queen took a little nourishment and fell asleep in the arms of the Princess of Wales.

STORY OF THE DAY.

The Queen's Wonderful Rally--A Time of Great Anxiety.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22, 1 a. m.--Another day in the Victorian era, now so rapidly drawing to a close, passed without any great change in the condition of Queen Victoria. The slight improvement so frequently mentioned in the official bulletins merely indicates a postponement of the inevitable. The end may be a matter of days or only hours; but the members of the royal family who are now dragging out a weary visit at Osborne House know that the death of her majesty is merely a question of a short time.

ON THE SMASH AGAIN

Three More Kansas Saloons Wrecked.

WOMEN RAISED THE ROW.

Mrs. Carrie Nation and Two Other W. C. T. U. Members Conducted a Sensational Temperance Crusade--Were Arrested--Damage Up in Thousands.

Wichita, Kansas, Jan. 21--Mrs. Carrie Nation came back to Wichita today after her recent incarceration under a small-pox quarantine, and the net result of 10 minutes work by her this afternoon was arrested Mrs. Julia Evans, Mrs. Lucy Wilcox and Mrs. Lydia Muntz, all of the local W. C. T. U. organization.

Wichita hatnets concealed under their cloaks they entered the saloon of James Burns on Douglas avenue and did not leave a complete piece of glassware or a working slot machine in the place. All show cases, plate glass windows and doors were broken.

Next they ran into John Herrig's saloon and here they struck at Detective Sutcliffe with a poker, but he shoved her aside. A youth struck the officer in the face and a man was knocked down.

The police then overpowered Mrs. Nation and her friends and took them, fol-

lowed by 2,000 people to the city prison. Chief of Police Cadden discharged the prisoners after they reached the jail. The women made him a promise not to wreck any more saloons before noon tomorrow. Mrs. Evans' hand was badly cut by broken glass and her husband, a physician, sewed it up.

After leaving the city building Mrs. Nation began a street lecture to the immediate crowd around the building, saying that she expected to begin saloon wrecking again at noon tomorrow, when her troops with the chief of police express. Spitting her fire at the crowd she said: "Men of Wichita, this is the right arm of God and I am destined to wreck every saloon in your city."

The women proceeded a wagon and rode through the streets singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and other hymns. They halted in front of the saloons they had smashed and held prayer meetings. The damage done by the three women is estimated at between \$1,500 to \$2,000.

David Nation, the husband of Mrs. Nation, was in the city, but took no part in the wrecking of the saloons, nor did he go to the city jail when his wife was arrested.

It is estimated that 5,000 persons, men and women, have viewed the wrecks since 5 o'clock.

LEF' A MILLION AND A HALF.

Will of the Late Senator Sir Frank Smith.

Toronto, Jan. 21--(Special)--The late Sir Frank Smith left an estate which will be valued for probate at \$1,500,000. The general Trusts Corporation are executors under the will, which will be filed in a few days.

DELPIE GIVES UP POSITION.

Principal in the Quebec Marriage Case No Longer a Private Secretary.

Quebec, Jan. 21--(Special)--E. Delpit has resigned the private secretaryship to Lieut. Governor Jette and his resignation has been accepted.

patience and sadness to await the inevitable. Never has Emperor William arrived at any place in England with so little eclat. No salutes were fired, no cheers were given. The men of the guardship Australia silently manned her sides. The crowd was equally unenthusiastic, the people contenting themselves with baring their heads. It was a greeting given to the grandson of a dying woman rather than to the ruler of a great ally.

After luncheon at the castle, the Prince of Wales, Emperor William and the Duke of Connaught strolled around the grounds and visited the local sailors' home. The bishop of Winchester, who has been at Osborne since Saturday, visited the rectory of Whitchingham.

Meanwhile most of the ladies at Osborne House snatched a few hours of sleep. Then a dull evening dragged into night and the uneasy sleepers around whose royal home the wind howled pitilessly, got what rest they could in the intervals of a vigil which the whole world was keeping in company with them.

Up to 3 a. m. no bulletins had been received in London since the one issued at midnight.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR CABINET.

Emperor William is at Osborne--Posting of Bulletins--Rumors of Death.

London, Jan. 22--3.30 a. m.--A special train is held in readiness to convey the members of the cabinet to Osborne at any moment. Thus far it has not been required.

The Kaiser at Osborne. Emperor William is spending the night at Osborne, where the accommodations are so severely taxed that the Battenberg children slept Monday night at Lord Gort's residence, east Cowes Castle, and the royal yachts at Cowes are being fitted up for the accommodation of visitors.

The Queen's illness was so sudden and, in the first onset, was expected to be so brief that no arrangements were made for the posting and circulation of bulletins. An agitation is on foot to have them posted immediately in all post offices throughout the United Kingdom. At present the

provinces have no means of knowing anything except from the newspapers and the result is that all kinds of baseless rumors are circulated. For instance, at Cheshamford county court yesterday a report was received that the Queen was dead and the judge, in tears and great emotion, referred to the sorrowful tidings, which later he was able to deny. Up to a late hour last evening crowds were gathered in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace and Marlborough House and there was a constant stream of persons anxious to enter their names upon the visitors' books. On all sides it is a tale of public and private engagements and functions postponed and a settled gloom rests over all classes of society.

THE QUEEN'S ELDEST DAUGHTER

Dowager Empress Frederick, Seriously Ill--Her Condition Has Grown Materially Worse.

Berlin, Jan. 21--The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung makes the following announcement: "Dowager Empress Frederick, because still seriously ill, is to her very great sorrow, prevented from going to Osborne to meet her exalted mother."

The effect of the sad news regarding Queen Victoria upon her eldest daughter, Her Imperial Highness, Empress Augusta Victoria, upon learning of this, had intended to go to Cronberg in order to inquire personally as to the condition of the Kaiser's mother, but later news from Cronberg was somewhat reassuring and, for the moment, she gave up the idea of the trip.

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