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King George Maintaining Improvement in Condition

Only One Bulletin in Seven Issued Since Sunday
Regarded as Unsatisfactory—Pessimism Regarding His Condition Has Given Way to a Feeling of Optimism—Today's Bulletin.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, Dec. 19—King George maintained today the improvement in his condition which began on Sunday. Of the last seven bulletin issued by his physicians only one issued Monday, is considered to be unsatisfactory.

The monarch had a restful night and the slight improvement in his condition yesterday is being maintained, an official bulletin issued by his physicians this morning said.

The bulletin read: "The King had a restful night. The slight improvement noted yesterday continues."

"(Sgd.) STANLEY HEWETT,
"HUGH RIGBY,
"DAWSON OF PENN."

The bulletin was timed 11 a. m.

An Optimistic Feeling

Buckingham Palace, London, Dec. 19—Pessimism regarding the King's illness has given rise to a renewal of optimism. While His Majesty is still in danger it is admitted that the chances for his recovery have increased, though further fluctuations are anticipated.

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL AGAIN THE MARKET LEADER

The stock markets in both New York and Montreal today displayed considerable activity and strength and the volume of trading was large. International Nickel sold up to 263, thus establishing a new high record. The new stock was firm around 44, C. P. R. sold up to within a fraction of 230, a four point advance, and Radio was up to 344.

The Stock Quotations.

(Quotations furnished by McDougall & Cowans, Members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, by special arrangement with their Saint John office.)

New York Market.

Am. Can.	101 1/2
Anacosta	108 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1/2
Bethlehem	83
Canada Dry	75
C. P. R.	229 3/4
Continental Can.	56 1/2
Corn Products	89 3/4
Consolidated Gas	103 3/4
Curtiss Aero	141 3/4
Brie	69
Fox Film A.	94
General Motors	180 1/2
General Electric	185 3/4
Hudson Motors	85 1/2
International Nickel	263
Int. Tel. and Tel.	190
Montgomery Ward	330
Paramount-Fam. Players	52 1/2
Radio	344
Sears Roebuck	164 3/4
Southern Pacific	127
Studebaker	73 3/4
Union Pacific	207 3/4
U. S. Steel	154 1/2

Montreal Market.

Abitibi	42
Asbestos, com.	19
Brazilian	75 1/2
B. C. Power	57
Cement, Com.	32
Cement, Pfd.	99
Car. Com.	91
Can. Power and Paper	28 1/2
Industrial Alcohol	40 1/4
Dom. Bridge	90
Dom. Glass	143 1/4
Gurd, Com.	57 1/2
Int. Nickel	263
Int. Nickel (new)	437 1/2
Massey Harris, com.	86

Power Corp.	86 1/2
Shawinigan	86 1/2
Winnipeg	105

Bank Stocks.

Montreal	328
Royal	392
Commerce	320

Montreal Curb Market.

B. & A. Oil	48
Can. Maltng	32
Hiram Walker	82 1/4
Imperial Oil	88 1/4
International Pete	47 1/4
McColl-Fontenac	31 1/4
Noranda	61 1/4

Market Notes.

The total sales of stock on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday was 2,268,900 shares, a fairly good day's business.

Sales of stock on the Montreal Exchange yesterday totalled 100,730 shares. The bond sales amounted to \$18,800.

American Exchange Irving Trust Company has imported an additional \$1,000,000 in gold from Canada.

The Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 18—Notable enlargement of world visible supplies of wheat, especially in Canada, acted as a weight on wheat values today. Total world stocks at 396,000,000 bushels, against 291,641,000 bushels at this time last year and the general tenor of advices indicated that European demand for wheat will be light until after the holidays. Corn displayed relative steadiness.

Wheat closed unsettled 1/2 to 1 1/2 cent net lower, corn 1/2 to 3/4 and 1/2 cent off, oats 1/2 to 3/4 and 1/2 cent down and provisions varying from five cents decline to a rise of 15 cents.

The Sugar Market.

New York, Dec. 18—An easier tone prevailed in the raw sugar market today and prices declined 1-32 cents under more liberal offerings. The market for refined sugar was unchanged at 5.25 for fine granulated. The fair withdrawal demand was reported, but what little new business was in evidence was supplied through second hands at prices below those asked by refiners.

BALDWIN WRITES PROVERB ON HIS CHRISTMAS CARD

London, Dec. 19—The Christmas card which Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin is sending to his friends this year bears in his handwriting in facsimile the phrase:

"May God, good will and good neighborhood be your company."

Mr. Baldwin first heard the phrase from an old woman, who thus greeted him while he was on a country walk in his native county of Worcester shire. The Prime Minister believes the saying probably is of Elizabethan origin, handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation by the country folk of his county.

BUREAU TO FINGERPRINT TIRE TREADS OF CAR

Los Angeles, Dec. 19—Los Angeles County has opened an auto tire prints bureau in connection with its criminal investigation department here.

The bureau will print and record the treads of automobile tires, make tests in an effort to determine the print such tires would make under varying load condition, and list the measurements of tires used on various makes of automobiles.

Deputy sheriffs said that many times the only clue to important criminal cases was the print of tire treads. The new department will use the clues in tracing criminals.

CELESTIAL BIRD

(From Poetry)

O sweet and luminous Bird

Having once heard Your call lovely and shy

I shall be hungry for the finished word,

Across the windy sky.

Of all voiced longing and all music heard,

I spread my net for Your bewildering wings,

But winds are wiser than the swiftest hands,

Where a bird sings.

I held my heart in fear that it would break,

I called You through the grief of whip-poor-wills,

I watched You on the avenues that make

A radiant city on the Western hills.

Yet since I knew You not, I sought in vain

I called You Beauty for its fleet white sound

But now in my illuminated heart I can release the bound.

Of love upon whose bruising leash I strain

Oh he will grasp You where You skim the sod

Nor would Your breast for love is soft as death

Swifter than beauty it, and strong as God.

—JESSICA POWERS

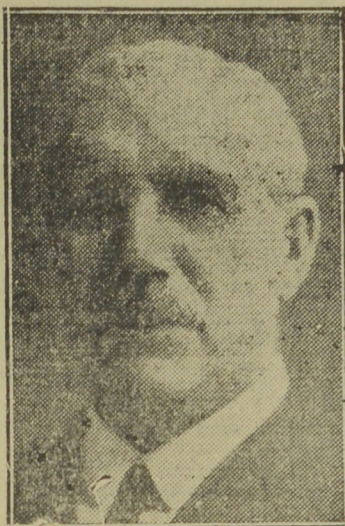
He Shouldered the Responsibility

Beneath the moon he told his love The color left her cheeks

But on the shoulder of his coat It showed up plain for weeks.

The Mistress—Oh Jane how ever did you go and break the vase?

Jane—Very sorry mum—I was accidentally dusting it.



HON. ROBERT FORKE

C. P. R. OFFICIAL WAS GIVEN A HEARTY SEND OFF

Montreal, Dec. 18—George E. Carter, newly appointed district passenger agent for Saint John, N. B., was given a warm send-off by his friends and co-workers in the offices of the Canadian Pacific Railway yesterday and presented with a gold watch and chain as a token of their esteem.

George A. Walton, general passenger agent, made the presentation on behalf of the staffs of the general passenger and passenger traffic departments, and spoke feelingly of the friendship felt for Mr. Carter by his fellow workers and of the good work he had done during his time as chief clerk of the general passenger department. It was pointed out that Mr. Carter came from the Maritimes, which had contributed many important executives to the Canadian Pacific Railway and that he was returning to represent the railway in a district which had known him since youth.

In reply Mr. Carter thanked the staff and officials with whom he had worked for the splendid co-operation always obtained by him, which he said was responsible for the progress made by the department. Mr. Carter is succeeded in his position as chief clerk of the general passenger department by George Beer, of Toronto.

S. A. OFFICER WAS EXONERATED OF CHARGES

Moncton, Dec. 18—Commandant W. Hargrove, of the Salvation Army, until 10 days ago in command of Saint John No. 1 corps and previously stationed at Moncton in a similar capacity, has been exonerated by the Salvation Army court martial held here last week of charges made against him by Hilda Douthwright and Grace Murray, of this city. A serious charge was made by the former and it now transpires that she admitted on cross-examination before the court martial that her statements made some two weeks before to Field Secretary Taylor, who had been sent from Toronto to hold an investigation, were a tissue of lies. She signed a confession to this effect and intimated that she had been influenced to make the charge. The other charge, by Grace Murray, was of a trivial nature and it is understood was unsupported by any evidence.

Com. Hargrove has been summoned to Army headquarters in Toronto, from which place he was proceed to his next appointment. He will leave for Toronto as soon as he recovers from the attack of flu which has kept him confined to his room for the last few days.

The golfer—What do you think I went round in.

His wife—Double.

He—What do you mean?

She—Double what you're going to tell me.

Mobilization of the Paraguayan Army Is Brought to an End

Thirty Thousand Men Had Responded to the President's Call to Arms Following Clashes on the Paraguayan-Bolivian Border—The Pope Sends a Message to Each Country.

(By Keith Jones, United Press Staff Correspondent)

ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY, Dec. 19—Mobilization of the Paraguayan army was ended today. Thirty thousand men responded to President Jose Guggiari's call to arms in connection with the Paraguayan-Bolivian dispute which came on the verge of war after soldiers on each side were killed in border clashes in the Chaco region.

The government officially announced the mobilization had ended after Bolivia accepted the good offices of the Pan-American arbitration and conciliation conference in the dispute.

The Pope's Message

Romemmm, Dec. 19—The Pope has cabled to the presidents of Bolivia and Paraguay urging peaceful solution of the dispute between them.

The Pope's message, identical to each country was sent last night. It was explained that the Pontiff's step was not meant as mediation between Bolivia and Paraguay, but as "a paternal exhortation to peace."

WAR BETWEEN TWO SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS IS NOW LIKELY TO BE AVERTED

Washington, Dec. 18—With Bolivia and Paraguay both agreeable to mediation of their dispute by the Pan-American Conference on Arbitration that gathering today set its machinery in motion looking to a settlement of the controversy which for more than a week has threatened war in South America.

A meeting of the Conference's special committee to conciliate the Paraguayan-Bolivian tangle was proposed for tomorrow as soon as the texts of the notes by Bolivia and Paraguay accepting the conference's offer of good offices could be brought before it. At that meeting proposals will be discussed for concrete measure to investigate the controversy and reconcile the disputants.

Meanwhile the conference itself pushed forward with other work and a sub-committee on conciliation treaties agreed on a general basis for a multi-lateral pact of conciliation where by in the future all disputes between American states, no matter what their nature, would be subjected to the mediation of an international commission.

Tension Lessened.

The prompt reaction of both disputing governments to the Conference's offer, and reports from La Paz that instructions had been issued by the Bolivian general staff to its troops on the border to withhold any further advance in the disputed territory, were received in all circles here as indicating that the danger of hostilities between the two countries had been lessened for the time being at least.

League Informed.

La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 18—The Foreign Office tonight officially informed President Briand of the Council of the League of Nations of Bolivia's acceptance of the good offices of the Pan-American Conference, and reiterated her intention to conform with international obligations.

The note read: "I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that in accordance with

the lofty suggestions from the League Council, the Bolivian Government has accepted the good offices offered by the Conference for Conciliation and Arbitration meeting in Washington.

Investigation Wasted.

"Bolivia begs leave to point out the constancy with which once more she maintains her loyal submission to international pacts. In accepting the good offices of the Washington conference she will request in the first place an investigation of the attack on Fort Vanguardia without taking up the fundamental questions at the bottom of the dispute. These are being submitted to arbitration on correctly defined points.

"My government has declared constantly and reiterates now that her attitude has not provoked conflict and has been maintained within the most severe standards of international law.

"(Signed) THOMAS M. ELIO.

"Foreign Minister."

Acceptance of mediation followed closely on Bolivia's notification to the league that the commander of the frontier forces had been ordered to cease attacks and not to advance.

SAVE MARRIED GIRLS

Milan, Dec. 19—The newspaper Il Secolo said today that intervention by Premier Mussolini had saved 30 telephone operators their jobs. The girls were discharged when they disobeyed the rules of the company by getting married. The Premier heard of the discharges and asked officials to reinstate the operators. The rules have now been modified to permit any employee to marry.

Speaking of the blindfold test, there's a different one on the way—the billfold test.

Housewife (interviewing prospective help)—I may tell you that we are vegetarians.

Country girl (anxious to get the job)—I've attended that church all me life, mum.