

His Majesty Enters Upon Fifth Week of His Illness

**Continues to Maintain the Improvement Which
Set in Four Days Ago—Hopes That He Might
Ultimately Regain His Health are Becoming
Brighter—Today's Bulletin.**

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

LONDON, Dec. 20—King George was maintaining today the improvement in his condition which set in four days ago.

After a bulletin issued by his physicians at 11 a. m. indicated that the monarch was continuing the progress hopes that he might ultimately fully regain his health became brighter than any time since the first week of his illness.

The bulletin said: "The King passed a good night. There is a continuation in his majesty's slight progress.

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

The bulletin was timed 11 a. m.

The King today entered the fifth week of his illness, an illness which at times seemed to be pointing towards certain death.

HEIR TO THE DONEGALL PEERAGE DIES

**Was an Uncle of the
Young Marquis Who
is a Son of a Former
Fredericton Lady.**

London, Dec. 19—It cannot have happened very often that a nobleman 28 years of age has as his nearest heir a man of 95 years old. This unusual happening has been called to public attention by the recent death of Lord Fitz Warrine Chichester, the aged heir of the young Marquess of Donegall. This curious disparity of ages is explained by the fact that the father of the marquess married for the third time when he was 80 years of age. His son, the present title holder was born the next year and had not attained his fifth birthday when his father died.

Lord Fitz Warrine Chichester was a brother of the aged marquess. He was born before Queen Victoria came to the throne. Despite his age and his unyielding conservatism, he became an ardent movie "fan" and was a constant attendant at first night performances of new films.

His death leaves his oldest son, now aged 67 as heir to the Marquess of Donegall, who is still unmarried. (The mother of the Marquess of Donegall as formerly Miss Violet Twining of Fredericton.

A DEAD DUCK BREAKS N. D. HUNTER'S NOSE

Windsor, N. B., Dec. 20—Nose guards may become included in the regular equipment of duck hunters if the experience of a Jamestown, N. D., hunter becomes common.

J. A. Randall had shot and killed two ducks near here from a flock which was winging overhead and was just about to shoot a third time when one of the dead birds landed on his head.

The three-pound fowl broke Randall's nose and so seriously injured one eye that its sight may be lost.

A YORK COUNTY MAN DIES AT GAGETOWN

**Mr. T. W. Purvis Who
Conducted a General
Store at Millville for
Many Years, Passes
Away.**

News has been received here of the death at Gagetown of Mr. Thomas W. Purvis at the advanced age of 92 years. The late Mr. Purvis was one of the old timers of the St. John Valley, and was widely known and respected. For many years he conducted a general store at Millville, York County, where he did a large business. On selling out he removed to Fredericton, where he resided for a number of years before locating at Gagetown. Mr. Purvis was a man of superior intelligence and possessed a good memory which enabled him to recall events of seventy-five and eighty years ago particularly in connection with steamboating on the river. On one occasion while living at Millville he was the defendant in a trespass case, it having been alleged by the parish authorities that his store encroached upon the highway road. The case was tried in Fredericton and Mr. Purvis secured a verdict after the jury had journeyed to Millville and made an inspection of the ground in dispute. Mr. Purvis was a man who knew how to speak his mind plainly and those who had occasion to scrap with him usually came out second best.

The funeral service was held at Gagetown this morning and the body will be brought here and interred in the Rural Cemetery.

MUNITIONS FOR BOLIVIA ARE STORED IN SHED

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Buenos Aires, Dec. 20—Forty cases of arms consigned to the Bolivian government, are stored in a shed in the coal port at Santa Fe, the correspondent of El Dierio in the city reported yesterday. He added that sixty cases of arms were forwarded to La Plata last week.

MRS. STRAUS OFF TO AFRICA FOR BIG GAME

**The Widow of Financier
Plans to Shoot Some
Animals With Her
Camera.**

New York, Dec. 20—The big game hunters have a new recruit but instead of wanton slaughter of beasts and birds of Africa, Mrs. Oscar Straus, widow of the famous philanthropist, financier, diplomat and fine human being, will do her shooting with a camera. She is 70 years old and explains her plan urge by saying that she wants to crown her active life with some new real thrills, with no harm accruing to anything God created.

Seeks Big Game

She is to be a member of the party sailing in a few weeks under auspices of the American Museum of Natural History. "Strictly speaking" said Mrs. Straus "this is a collecting trip and not a hunting expedition. Mrs. Boulton and I will make side trips while Rudyard Boulton seeks birds and later, from Nairobi in British East Africa we shall rejoin and make an 11 day expedition with our cameras in the big game regions. I have contemplated this thrilling experience for some time and fancy we shall find lots of pleasure with our cameras. We shall be safeguarded of course but our mission is peaceful."

Mrs. Straus carries on the philanthropies of her husband and her children and children's children walk in their grandparents' ways. She still is mother to all, her home is the sanctuary for the family and she says that nobody can begrudge her big game expedition.

PRINCE OF WALES SHOPS EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

London, England, Dec. 20—The Prince of Wales was the earliest Christmas shopper in the royal family. He did his buying in July. By August when he left for his tour of Africa, he had given instructions for the dispatch of all his gifts.

For his father, King George, the prince selected a carved mahogany smoking cabinet, and for the queen an antique Chinese vase to add to her famous collection in Buckingham palace.

Little Princess Elizabeth, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York, will receive wooden animals from her "Uncle David" for the toy zoo which is maintained for her.

The Christmas gift for the duke and duchess of York to the queen is a painting in miniature of the little Princess Elizabeth.

A LARGE SUM EXPENDED BY THE LEAGUE

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Geneva, Dec. 20—The Bolivian-Paraguayan dispute cost the League of Nations \$28,000. That amount was spent in tolls on cables to Bolivia and Paraguay urging them to avoid a conflict, and cables and telegrams to members advising them of the progress of the negotiations.

EXPLOSION IN RETAIL SECTION OF LONDON

**Several Persons Injured
and Much Damage to
Property.**

**A GAS MAIN
WAS THE CAUSE**

**Lloyd George Confined
to His Bed by Chills
and Fever**

(Special cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

London, Dec. 20—An explosion in the heart of the retail district today injured several persons and did great damage within a half mile of where it occurred. A bursting gas main is believed to have caused the explosion.

Lloyd George Ill.

London, Dec. 20—David Lloyd George, war time Prime Minister of Great Britain was confined to his bed today with chills and fever.

His physicians forbade his attendance at the adjournment of the debate in the House of Commons this afternoon.

SPAIN, SWEDEN SIGN DUAL WAR OUTLAWRY PACT

Geneva, Dec. 20—Conciliation and arbitration as a practical means for outlawing war have been advanced by a treaty signed by Spain and Sweden. Practically all possible disputes are turned over to arbitral processes under the provisions of this convention.

Premier Georges Theunis of Belgium has just been appointed president of the Arbitration Commission, created by the treaty. Other member are Herr von Simon, former German Secretary of State, and Senor Luis Polo de Bernabe, who was Spanish Charge d'Affaires in the United States at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War and who was Ambassador to Germany during the World War.

FIGHTING IS REPORTED AT CHUNG KING

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Hong Kong, Dec. 20—Active fighting is occurring at Chungking, 1,000 miles up the Yangtse River from Shanghai in the province of Szechwan, advices from there said today.

THE MOUNT A INSTITUTIONS HAVE CLOSED

Sackville, Dec. 19—Mount Allison institutions closed at noon today, a day earlier than anticipated, as a precautionary measure against the flu epidemic. Several cases of sickness developed at the University and Ladies' College, but there was no case of sickness at the Academy. However, on the advice of medical men the college authorities closed all three institutions. The examinations will be completed at the commencement of the next term.

The Sackville public schools were also closed today as a precautionary measure, before the examinations had been completed.

There are a number of cases of sickness in the town, and steps are being taken to prevent an epidemic.

Bolivia's Denial that It Attacked Forts is Called in Question

An Official Communique is Issued by the Government of Paraguay Regarding Border Clashes of December 14—Field Dispatch to the Ministry of War is Quoted.

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

ASCUNTION, PARAGUAY, Dec. 20—The government issued a communique today in connection with Bolivia's denial that Bolivian troops attacked the Paraguayan forts by Generals Genéas, Velois, and Vivarola during the clashes December 14th in the disputed Chaco region.

The communique contained an official field despatch to the Ministry of War from Captain Medardo Castigno, regarding the clash in the Chaco district. The dispatch said: "On hearing of the Bolivian attack on Fort Mariscal Lopez, I advanced to support Lieut. Russo Padin. Lieut. Figari, who maintained contact with the Bolivian cavalry until 5 p. m. December 14th when the Bolivians retired, died in action.

TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF SETTLEMENT

**An Exact Definition of
Bolivia-Paraguay Dis-
pute is Being Sought
by Conference.**

Washington, Dec. 19—Conciliation proceedings in the Bolivian-Paraguayan dispute by the Pan-American Arbitration Conference began today with a special committee addressing to the two countries a set of identical questions to determine the exact scope of the proposed settlement. The two countries also were asked to express their views as to who should be selected on a mediation board.

The committee drew up the questions in the course of a long meeting today at which Bolivian and Paraguayan representatives were present for part of the time.

Await Replies.

The questions then were handed to the delegates of the two countries for transmission to their governments. Until replies are received the committee probably will take no further action.

An exact definition of the dispute to be investigated and conciliated is sought from both sides in the questions.

The questions likewise enquired of Bolivia and Paraguay the number of judges they would prefer on the conciliation board. The committee had in mind that each country appoint either one or two judges and that the conference appoint either one or three more.

Recommendations for the maintenance of peace and for the pacification of the present ill-feeling in both countries also were addressed to the government.

AFGHANISTAN INSURGENTS FAIL IN ATTACK

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Moscow, Dec. 20—Afghan insurgents, coming from the direction of Jalalabad, failed in an attack on Kabul at 11 p. m. yesterday. Leonid Stark the Soviet ambassador to Afghanistan, informed the Foreign Office by wireless today.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION ON PACIFIC COAST

**Four Passengers on a
Liner Were Buried in
Debris in Their State
Rooms.**

Vancouver, Dec. 19—To four persons on board the Princess Adelaide today death came very close when a coastwise passenger liner was in collision with the steamer Hampholm in English Bay. The steel bow of the freighter ploughed into their staterooms and buried them in debris. Charles Haines, carpenter, with a Pacific Coast theatrical company suffered five fractured ribs, and in the adjoining room, Purser Thomas MacLachlan had his scalp badly torn. Twenty-two stitches were required to close the wounds.

Haines was in stateroom No. 115 and with him were Mrs. W. B. McCurdy wife of the manager of the theatrical company with which he is employed and Collins McRae, stage manager. MacLachlan was in No. 113 next door.

Mrs. McCurdy told the story: "Mr. Haines was looking out of the porthole" she said. "He saw the bow of the ship that hit us come out of the fog. He gave a cry that it was getting pretty close to us and stepped back, and all at once, it struck us and there was a crashing grinding noise and the stateroom seemed to crumble.

Penetrated 10 Feet

The bow of the Hampholm struck the Adelaide amidships, penetrating 10 feet, cutting through two cabins and causing the flooding of the engine room. Thomas MacLachlan purser of the Adelaide, received severe cuts about the head, and Charles Haines, member of the Pacific Coast Theatrical Company, suffered five fractured ribs.

"We were covered in debris" Mrs. McCurdy went on. "But we managed to crawl out. People helped us. Where the cabin had been there was a big hole and the water looked awfully close to us."

DIVORCE GROUNDS.

New York, Dec. 20—A book of poetry written by his wife has been filled as part of a theatre magnate's answer to her divorce suit. The book is called "Loosened Cargo," but Harry Fieber, the husband, calls it "a poorly written piece of junk."