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HIS MAJESTY'S ILLNESS IS APPROACHING A CRISIS; ANXIETY IS BEING FELT

London, Dec. 3.—Four of the five doctors, who had at different times today been called into discussion on the illness of King George, tonight signed a bulletin stating that the condition of His Majesty's heart was still causing anxiety.

This was the disquieting feature of an otherwise favorable report and the evergrowing crowds gathered outside the palace gates to await the evening bulletin, found little in it to lessen their anxiety.

They obtained some small comfort from the fact that the bulletin was issued after only a normal time for examining the patient and some observers believed that this indicated there was nothing more alarming in His Majesty's condition than in the past two days.

The Bulletin.

The evening bulletin, signed by Lord Dawson, of Penn; Sir Stanley Hewett; Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard and Sir Humphrey Rolleston, said:

"A slight improvement in His Majesty's condition noted this morning has been maintained. His temperature is near normal, but it is unnecessary to emphasize that the anxiety concerning the heart still persists."

The temperature, to which this announcement alludes, was given in the 10.30 a. m. bulletin at 99.8, the morning bulletin also said that the King had three hours of "quieter sleep," and that there had been a slight improvement in his general condition.

Obtaining Sleep.

The fact that the monarch is obtaining some quiet sleep, was considered favorable, and it was hoped that this, combined with whatever measures the doctors could take to strengthen the heart, might enable the patient to surmount the crisis.

Queen Mary, for the first time since the King became ill, failed to take her usual drive this afternoon. It was understood that she had been up the greater part of the night, and that those around her urged that she should obtain some sleep during the day in order to keep up her strength through the heavy ordeal.

Her Majesty was said to be bearing up with the greatest fortitude. She has been paying constant visits to the sick chamber, although she has taken no part in the actual nursing of her husband. This has been done by six trained nurses from London hospitals.

Stream of Visitors.

There was a constant stream of visitors at Buckingham Palace today, the physicians appearing at frequent intervals. Several members of the cabinet called. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, entering the palace twice during the day. Just before his second visit he made a speech at the Constitutional Club's luncheon, in which he said that a feeling of "great hope" was coupled with the anxiety.

"I don't want to deceive you and say the illness is over or anything of the kind," he continued. "Things were serious at the palace last night. I was there this morning and there was undoubtedly a feeling in the air that His Majesty was better today than yesterday. We can only hope the shade of improvement continues and his constitution enables him to pull through the weakness which must occur after such an illness."

Constitutional Monarch.

"The shadow which hangs over me is almost a personal one, because I am brought into close personal touch with the King. I cannot conceive it possible in the whole wide world to find a constitutional monarch more devoted to his work and more adequately carrying out the duties of a constitutional monarch than the present Sovereign."

The repeated visits which the physicians paid to their patient were probably necessitated in a great measure by the administering of heart stimulants rather than because of any especially alarming symptoms. The evening bulletin was timed as of 8.15 and as the doctors generally had been arriving at the palace about 7 p. m. or later, no great delay in agreeing upon the wording of the announcement was evident.

While the thoughts of the public and of officialdom were mainly at the palace all eyes were turned in the direction of South Africa and Indian Ocean to watch the home-speeding of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of

Gloucester. Both of the King's sons were today in position to get frequent reports by wireless or telegraph of the progress of their father's illness.

Long Homeward Journey.

While the cruiser Enterprise is making the greatest possible speed from Dar-Es-Salaam to Aden, it should be remembered that this distance is greater than from New York to Southampton and the Prince of Wales will still have a long homeward journey from Aden by whatever route he follows.

The Duke of Gloucester will reach London still later. If he fails to catch the mail steamer Balmoral Castle, which sails from Cape Town on Friday it has been suggested that a cruiser from Simons Town may be pressed into service for his journey to England.

Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard and Sir Humphrey Rolleston left Buckingham Palace tonight immediately after the bulletin was issued but Sir Stanley and Lord Dawson remained in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of York left for only about an hour during the evening, returning at 8.30 p. m.

THOMAS O'LEARY HAD CLOSE CALL IN THE WOODS

Mr. Thomas O'Leary of New Maryland met with what might have been a very serious accident last week while setting traps in the woods four miles from his home. It seems that while engaged in setting the trap he had stood his rifle against a tree. The rifle slipped and fell into a brook with the muzzle upwards. Stooping down he grasped the muzzle and attempted to lift the rifle but his hand slipped and the hammer striking some object discharged the piece. The bullet passed through the palm of Mr. O'Leary's right hand and then through the fleshy part of his arm above the elbow. The wound though serious gave him little pain and after attending to other traps he leisurely made his way home. The rifle was a 32 special with a soft nose bullet and the wonder is that Mr. O'Leary is alive today.

Mr. O'Leary was in the city today and in speaking of the accident admitted that he had a close shave. The wound, he said, was not serious and he did not deem it necessary to call in the services of a physician to dress it.

THIS RAZOR AN OLD ONE

Amiens, France, Dec. 4.—The granddaddy of all razors seems to have been discovered. One found by archaeologists is estimated to be 10,000 years old. Apparently it was used by stone-aged dandies.

To Meet Next Week

The December meeting of the Provincial Government will open at Fredericton on Tuesday, Dec. 11, and continue until Wednesday evening. On Thursday, Dec. 13, the meeting will reopen in the council chambers of the provincial building at Saint John and continue throughout that day for the purpose of hearing several delegations who have been notified to wait upon the government, was an announcement given out yesterday afternoon by Premier Baxter.

A Quick Way to End Baby's Upset Spells

"Like other young mothers, I worried every time Baby cried," says a Syracuse, N. Y. woman. "Several times when she was upset or constipated, I tried castor oil but she couldn't retain it. Our doctor told me to try Fletcher's Castoria because it is harmless and babies like it. That ended my worries and I've used it since for all my children." Castoria never fails to delight mothers by the quick way it ends those upsets of babies and children, such as colic, constipation, colds, etc. That's the reason for its tremendous sale and popularity. Like all good things, it's imitated, but genuine Castoria—the purely-vegetable product—always bears the Fletcher signature.

THE STOCK MARKET IS STILL DISPLAYING SOME WEAKNESS

The stock markets today in Montreal and New York, were active but weakness was displayed by several of the leading issues. International Nickel was quoted at 214 in New York and 211 in Montreal. C. P. R. was a point higher than at yesterday's closing.

The Bank of Montreal shareholders at a meeting yesterday authorized an increase of capital to \$50,000,000.

Greenshields & Co., predict an early issue of new stock by the C. P. R.

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.	106 3/4
Am. Tel. and Tel.	174 1/2
Anaconda	111 3/4
Baltimore & Ohio	153 3/4
Bethlehem	80
Canada Dry	78 3/4
C. P. R.	239
Continental Can.	139 1/2
Consolidated Gas	107
Curtiss Aero	152 1/2
Erie	69 1/2
Fox Film A.	99 1/2
General Motors	211 1/2
General Electric	195 1/4
Hudson Motors	88 3/4
International Nickel	214
Int. Tel. and Tel.	194
Montgomery Ward	415
N. Y. Central	190 1/4
Paramount-Fam. Players	65 1/2
Radio	393
Sears Roebuck	187
Southern Pacific	126 1/2
Studebaker	77 3/4
Union Pacific	216
U. S. Steel	165 3/4

Montreal Market.

Abitibi	48
Asbestos, com.	19
Brazilian	73 3/4
B. C. Power	67
Brompton	38
Cement, Com.	34
Car. Com.	93
Car. Pfd.	106 1/4
Can. Power and Paper	31 1/2
Cons. Mining	370
Steamships, Com.	39
Steamships, Pfd.	95
Industrial Alcohol	46 3/4
Dom. Bridge	95
Dom. Textile	106
Fraser's	93
Hollinger	8.35
Int. Nickel	211
Int. Nickel (new)	36
Massey Harris, com.	91 1/2
Montreal Power	110 1/2
Nat. Breweries	136
Power Corp.	90
Shawinigan	88
Steel of Canada, Pfd.	205
Winnipeg	108

Bank Stocks.

Montreal	398
Royal	389
Commerce	320

Montreal Curb Market.

International Pete	51 1/4
McColl-Fontenac	33 3/4
Noranda	61 1/2

Market Notes.

The total sales of stock in New York yesterday aggregated 4,479,500 shares.

The stocks of the "Big Four" banks are still going strong. Within a fortnight Commerce has jumped from 298 to 320. Montreal sold yesterday at 404, Nova Scotia at 402 and Royal at 388. Bank of Nova Scotia pays a dividend of 16 per cent. Royal and Montreal 14 and Commerce 13 per cent.

May Issue New Stock.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—"One price movement of the past few days that attracted attention in international markets as well as here was the advance of Canadian Pacific to the highest level since the pre-war days," point out Greenshields and Co., members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, in their market letter. "In the 250's C. P. R. shares this week had recovered much the larger part of a decline that carried the price from 283 in the summer of 1912 to 101 in the spring of 1921. Buoyant revenues for the company plus the generally satisfactory condition of Canadian business are evidently stimulating new buying of C. P. R. by foreign investors to whom the high price of the shares is less of a deterrent to investment accumulating than it may be to Canadians."

"In the light of the recent strength in the market for C. P. R. shares further financing by the issue of new stock to shareholders would appear probable. An issue of say \$30,000,000 new stock, which would be in a proportion of 10 to 1, around 150 to 175, would confer valuable rights on shareholders. Large expenditures are in contemplation for next year and it is logical to expect, in keeping with C. P. R.'s past policy, that a fair proportion of this capital will be provided through an offering of common stock."

To Increase Capital.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—An increase in the authorized capital of the Bank of Montreal to \$50,000,000 was sanctioned by shareholders at their annual general meeting yesterday afternoon. The authorized capital at present is \$31,175,000, so that the increase is \$18,825,000.

It is not thought likely that the whole of the additional capital will be issued immediately, but the authorization foreshadows some additional issue of stock. This will be done, probably, in view of the expansion in the bank's business, as shown in the annual report and as indicated by the bank's executives at the meeting.

The outstanding capital at the present time is \$29,916,700, and there is a rest account of \$30,916,700.

Imposing String

Jack Lawlor, clever local bowler almost smashed the Palace Alley record last evening when he rolled a string of 160 in competition with three other bowlers. The alley record is 169 and was set by the late E. Edney a number of years ago. Since that time the record has been but remotely challenged and Lawlor's record last night was the nearest attempt at toppling this mark. Jack opened in the first box with a spare and a strike on it and finished with another strike and four more spares. If he hadn't missed a spare in the last couple of boxes he would have beaten the record of 169 which has stood for years.

London, Dec. 4.—The Express says that one of the three finest among Rembrandt's self-portraits has been sold by the Duke of Buccleuch to the London art firm Colnaghi for more than 500,000. The newspaper adds that the picture doubtless will go to America.

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