

"THE KING IS DEAD--LONG LIVE THE KING"

GOVERNMENT TO MEET NEXT WEEK

When Lt-Governor and Executive Council Will Take Oath of Allegiance to the New King.

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, May 7.—Flags are half mast today from public and private buildings, the large commercial houses are draped in mourning, and in the windows the trimmings bear tribute to the late sovereign.

There will be a meeting of the government in Fredericton next week, and the Lt. Governor will swear allegiance to the new King. It is not necessary that the legislature meet.

CUSHING FAILURE

LIABILITIES \$1,000,000

St. John, N. B., May 7.—The recent failure of Andre Cushing & Co. is still a topic of conversation, and of deep interest in business circles. Lawyers concerned in the affair as representing debtors and creditors are not communicative. H. A. Powell, K. C., who is acting for Mr. Cushing, thinks that the time is not ripe for public statement, and the firm of Weldon & McLean, which represents the Union Bank of Halifax, takes the same view.

As yet no meeting of the creditors has been called by the Eastern Trust Company, the assignees, and meanwhile the mills are being operated by the arrangement with the Union Bank of Halifax, the largest creditor.

From well informed sources the information is given that both the liabilities and assets will be found much larger than was generally supposed. The liabilities of the firm are now supposed to be in the neighborhood of a million dollars, probably a little above that figure. Some of the creditors for comparatively small amounts are local men. A few are in other countries. But it is believed that some two-thirds of the liabilities is to the Union Bank.

One estimate places the bank's claim at a round three-quarters of a million. Another makes it \$700,000. Probably the latter figure will not be far from the mark. The bank's claim is largely secured, and much of it represents the cost of the logs which the firm has in the St. John river and its tributaries, and in lumber at the mills and yards.

The lumber cut of last year is placed at 30,000,000 feet. There is on hand a good deal of manufactured and unmanufactured lumber of the previous season's cut. Altogether it is said that some \$400,000 to \$500,000 worth of logs and lumber are included in the assets of the firm. Then there are the three mills, and the real estate in the neighborhood, as well as the accounts and other assets.

The firm operated on a very large scale. Mr. Cushing was an exceedingly busy man, and is universally regarded as having made a long, brave struggle against adverse circumstances. As it proved, it would have been better for himself and his creditors had he given up sooner. But he always hoped to be able to meet all obligations and rescue his fine property from sacrifice.

NO DISTURBANCE

ON STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, N.Y., May 7.—Buying orders of great urgency for some of the principal stocks were executed at the opening of the market. There was no sign of disturbances on account of the death of King Edward. The decline in stocks which occurred yesterday apparently served to more than discount that event.

Some quotations:
Amalgamated 66 1/2
Pacific 18 1/2
Erie 28 1/2
Great Northern pfd. 133 1/2
Northern Pac. 129
Pena. 131 1/2
Rock Island 44
So. 135 1/2
Southern Pac. 125 1/2
Union Pac. 180 1/2
U. S. Steel 81 1/2

Death of King Edward VII After Only Three Days Illness Plunges the Whole British Race Into Grief--By His Death the Empire Loses a Wise Ruler and a True Friend--The Prince of Wales Ascends the Throne as George V. and Takes the Oath of Accession at Meeting of Privy Council This Afternoon.

London, May 7.—King Edward VII. died at 11.45 o'clock last night. The Prince of Wales becomes King, assuming the title of George V, and will take the oath before the privy council at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

London, May 7, 1910.—George V. was proclaimed King from the steps of the Royal Exchange this afternoon. The proclamation was approved by the Privy Council at 4 o'clock.

The council met in the throne room at St. James Palace under the presidency of the Earl of Crewe who officiated in the absence of Viscount Wolverhampton, the Lord President of the council. The new monarch announced his intention of taking the title of King George V. The King, who had driven out from Marlborough House waited in a room adjoining the council chamber while the lengthy formalities were proceeding.

With today's ceremony and in his forty fifth year, the second son born to King Edward and Queen Alexandra becomes the ruler of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the British Dominion beyond the seas, King, Defender of the faith, and Emperor of India.

The text of the proclamation follows:

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late sovereign, of blessed and glorious memory, by whose decease the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland are solely and rightfully come to the high and mighty Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert, we therefore the lords spiritual and temporal of this realm being here assisted with those of his late majesty's privy council, with numbers of other principal gentlemen of quality, with the Lord Mayor Aldermen and citizens of London do now hereby with one voice consent of tongue to heart, to publish and proclaim that the High and Mighty Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert is now by the death of our late sovereign of happy memory become our only lawful and rightful liege lord George V. by the grace of God, king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to whom we do acknowledge all faith and constant obedience with all hearty and humble affection beseeching God by all kings and queens to reign to bless the royal George V, with long and happy years to reign over us.

London, May 7.—The king is dead. The Prince of Wales will be proclaimed as King George V this afternoon.

The privy council will meet at 2 o'clock to hear the imperial oath and immediately afterwards heralds will announce the new succession. In the meantime popular interest in the new ruler is overshadowed by universal grief over the death of Edward VII.

The beloved monarch succumbed to pneumonia which followed a bronchial attack at Buckingham palace at 11.45 last night in the sixty-ninth year of his life and the tenth year of his reign. The grief of queen Alexandra at the death of her royal husband is pathetic. Since early this morning she has been in and out of her chamber directing everything personally placing the wealth of flowers that have been received and giving her direction with stately dignity but at the same time inconsolable. She cannot be persuaded to remain in her own room to take the rest of which she is so much in need.

The funeral arrangements are not yet announced but the expectation of court officials is that the body of His Majesty will be buried at Frogmore nearby where were buried the bodies of his father, mother and son. The burial will probably be delayed for ten days to allow time for the arrival of foreign deputations.

Towards noon the members of the royal family began to arrive at Palace. King George who had been occupied throughout the morning arrived at luncheon in company with Queen Mary.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUNERAL

The tolling of the great bell in St. Paul's Cathedral at minute intervals between five and six o'clock this morning—an office performed only for members of the Royal Family and the arch bishops of Canterbury and York—conveyed the countless thousands of Londoners and suburbanites

the first intimation of the death of King Edward VII.

Great crowds coming into the city on early trains proceeded towards Buckingham Palace and by 9 o'clock an immense stream of people was slowly filing past the front of the building with its drawn blinds round to the west end of the palace, to gaze on the windows of the chamber where the body of the dead king was lying.

On the bulletin board was still pinned the sheet of foolscap with its tidings of the momentous events scrawled hurriedly in a dozen words; and there was another centre of interest for the throng, each of whom seemed determined to read with his own eyes the official announcement. Over the palace the royal standard was half masted, but except for this and the frequent coming and going of officials and attendants at the palace, there was little outward evidence of the passing away of the great king.

Queen Alexandra is bearing up bravely. She had breakfast as usual in her own apartments today.

Members of the Royal household attended a special service in the private chapel at an early hour.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED

The death of His Majesty has caused a general suspension of business and the abandonment of all race meetings and other sports, public games and private entertainments. The theatres have been closed. The stock exchange and other markets were closed today and the law courts took a recess as a token of respect. Everywhere throughout the country flags were placed at half-mast on buildings, warships and other shipping, while church bells sounded the doleful news.

Early today it was announced that the Prince of Wales would be proclaimed King from the steps of the Royal Exchange at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Subsequently it was found impossible to get the privy councillors together so early as was first intended, so the meeting with the new king in the throne room of St. James Palace was postponed until four o'clock this afternoon. Summons have been sent to all the councillors, but it is probable that only a small proportion of them are near enough to attend the ceremony of hearing the king's oath and declaring their allegiance to the new monarch.

PRIVY COUNCIL TO MEET

Following the meeting of the privy council, with the new king, the proclamation of the accession of George V would be publicly made by the herald and pursuivants to the accompaniment of a fanfare of trumpets in the quadrangles of the Palace and repeated in Charing Cross, the Royal Exchange, Temple Bar and Cheapside.

The morning services at the churches were more largely attended than usual today. All the congregations were in deep mourning. A notable change in the service was the substitution of the words "the queen, the queen dowager, and all the royal family" for the familiar phrase, "the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and all the royal family." The most of the population of the country have donned mourning garbs in some form. Men who are not wholly clothed in black are wearing black neck scarfs or black bands about their coat sleeves.

The women seen are almost without exception dressed in black. Streamers of crepe hang from the whips in the hands of the cabmen. The shop fronts bear mourning shutters.

Since earliest morning a flood of messages have been pouring into the palace from the chiefs of foreign lands. One of the first received by the Queen Dowager was a sympathetic telegram from Emperor William.

King George V has found himself so occupied with a rush of state affairs requiring immediate attention in consequence of the new accession, that he was unable to leave Marlborough House this forenoon even to go and see his mother and sister. The official responsible for the state functions marking the action of the new king and the funeral arrangements for the great monarch, came and went from Marlborough House at brief intervals throughout the morning.

Nothing, however, has been given out at noon regarding the funeral plans.

MANY CALLERS

Throughout the morning there was a constant stream of callers, including the members of the diplomatic corps. Several wreaths from personal friends of King Edward were sent up to the death chamber.

Before the palace was a great crowd watching those coming and going until a sharp thunder and snow storm drove to cover all but a few stragglers who remained to see the changing of the guard which ceremony was offered today without the accompaniment of a band of music.

A special service in memory of King Edward was held at St. Paul's this afternoon and was almost national in character, despite the hurried preparations. The lord mayor of London attended in state while all the departments of state, the navy and army were fully represented. High officials in all ranks of society were in the congregation. The service was that used on the occasion of Queen Victoria's death. As the day progressed the sentiment expressed in the familiar phrase, "The king is dead, long live the king" seemed to interest the street crowd and early in the afternoon thousands who had remained for hours within the vicinity of Buckingham Palace shifted to the streets adjoining St. James' Palace. From then on popular interest from the standpoint of the street centred in the anticipated arrival of King George and the privy councillors and the ceremony of proclamation giving the empire a new king.

King George, Queen Mary and two of their sons, Prince Edward and Prince Albert, the former of whom is soon to become the Prince of Wales, spent an hour at Buckingham Palace. They are the only members of the family who have yet seen Queen Alexandra. All other callers of the Royal family have been received by the Princess Victoria. It is announced that the court will move to Windsor Castle next Tuesday.

PARLIAMENT MEETS

Both houses of parliament assembled this afternoon in accordance with the ancient statute providing that they shall meet on the death of a sovereign. The session of the House of Commons was purely formal and lasted only a few minutes.

Neither the speaker nor the deputy chairman is now in England, and Home Secretary Churchill, after briefly stating that the House had been summoned in pursuance of the statute of Queen Anne, moved an adjournment which was taken. Only a score of members were present.

In the House of Lords, Lord Loreburn, Lord High Chancellor, took the oath of allegiance to King George V and the some fifty peers who were present, did likewise.

A farewell salute for the late monarch of sixty-eight years, one for each year of his age, was fired this afternoon at St. James Park. The salute was so timed as to be concluded with the close of the formalities in connection with the proclamation of the succession of King George.

STEAMER GOES DOWN OFF NEWFOUNDLAND

St. John's, Nfld., May 7.—The steamer Normandy, sank twenty miles south of St. John's, early today. All the steamer's boats. The Normandy while proceeding along the Newfoundland coast, struck on Great Island near Bay Bulls, in dense fog at midnight and sank within an hour.

ROADS ARE BAD.

Mr. Charles Forbes of Nashwaak, who was in the city today told a representative of The Mail, that he never in his life saw the roads in such a wretched condition as they are at present. This statement coming from such a staunch conservative as Mr. Forbes is not much of a boquet for the much lauded Hazen highway.

EXTRA WOODSTOCK TRAIN.

There will be a special train on the Woodstock branch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, beginning with next Tuesday. This train will leave Woodstock in the morning, returning that evening, leaving Gibson about 5.45.

Time Table will be published on Monday.

AT 9 MAKES CORSETS OUT OF OLD TIN CANS

Little Miss Taylor is Struck by Lightning, One Stay Melts and She is Burned.

Petersburg, Ind., May 7.—Mary Taylor, nine, daughter of John P. Taylor, a farmer, is as vain of her "figure" as any miss of eighteen. Besides vanity she has ingenuity. So some weeks ago she took some tin cans, melted them so they could unroll and then cut nine strips of tin, which she hammered into the shape she desired, covered them with heavy muslin and, lo, she had a pair of corsets.

Mary has another characteristic of many of the grown-up members of her sex—a fear of lightning. This morning, during a severe electrical storm she crawled under the rear porch of her home. She was encased in her home-made armor, which she had enjoyed wearing ever since she turned corsetiere. Lightning struck the house, partially wrecking it, but no one was injured.

The little woman was taken from her hiding place unconscious from serious burns. Her mother undressed her and was surprised to find the rudely constructed corsets, for Mary had kept secret her resort to the apparatus of beauty. One of the stays contained a small hole, the tin having been melted by the lightning. Mary may recover.

DOSED WITH HIS OWN MEDICINE

Memphis, May 7.—Mayor Edward H. Crump was arrested today, charged with spitting on the tiled floor of the new \$2,000,000 court house.

Mayor Crump recently started an anti-spitting crusade and ordered police officers to arrest any one expectorating on the streets and on the floors of street cars and public buildings. The Mayor was fined \$5. He paid up.

SMALL BLAZE.

Shortly after two o'clock this afternoon an alarm of fire was rung in from Box 24 for a small blaze on the roof of the Empire House, Queen Street. The fire was quickly put out.

PAVEMENT QUESTION.

Mr. D. H. Waterbury of St. John, Superintendent of Dominion Building, is in the city in connection with the Hassan pavement laid in front of Government property on Queen St.

SPECIAL SERMON

On Sunday night at the regular service in the Brunswick Street Church the pastor Rev. J. H. MacDonald will preach on the death of the sovereign.

PERSONAL

Messrs. Street M. Inman and J. Wiley Grant of Kilburn, Victoria Co. and Mr. Fred C. Gervais of St. Leonard's Madawaska Co., enrolled this week for the commercial course at the business college.

Mr. Albert Steeves, a recent graduate of the business college has secured a position in the office of A. F. Randolph & Sons.

Mr. R. W. McLellan is confined to his home by an attack of tonsillitis. Miss Madelyn Davis has returned home in Woodstock after spending a few days with Miss Hazel Coburn.

NEWS OF THE RIVER.

The water in the river is falling, and reports from up river indicate that the fall is general. The Western Union received the following bulletins today:

Grand Falls—Weather fine. River falling fast.

Woodstock—Water fell about six inches. Number of logs running fine and cool.

Edmundston—Weather fine. River falling.

WORK OF RESCUE PROCEEDING SLOWLY

Thirty-Four Bodies Are Already Taken From Ill-fated Mine, but Identification is Difficult.

Rescue parties in the ill-fated mine No. 3 of the Palos Coal and Coke Co., are today gradually working their way towards the 2,300 foot level where it is believed the largest number of bodies will be found. Thirty-four bodies already have been found in the mine, where between 100 and 150 lost their lives in Wednesday's explosion. All the bodies are horribly mangled and can only be identified from brass checks, which they carried in their pockets.

In several instances entire families were wiped out by the explosion. A miner named Pennington and his three sons are among the dead while all the male members of the Stanberry family, four brothers were killed.

Many women have not slept since the disaster and a few are still waiting for news from the entombed. After vainly waiting for her son to be rescued, one woman became insane.

Representatives of the Red Cross and other societies are on the scene and have taken steps for the relief of the families of the victims, some of whom are penniless.

KEENE'S STABLE HAS HARD LUCK

New York, N.Y., May 7.—The Herald today says, hard luck has been keen on the strong stable of James R. Keene, influenza brought on supposedly by the quick changes in the variable weather of the past few weeks has run through about the entire lot of two year old in the Keene stables at Sheepshead Bay. Now Mr. Keene has about 30 two year olds, the pick of his breeding farm, in training and the effect of the sudden sickness that has swept through the young horses is likely to be a serious handicap to the stable as their training must of course be interfered with at a time that may keep them out of many valuable engagements soon to be met at Belmont Park. With the older horses Mr. Keene's establishment was more fortunate as the sickness has been confined so far to the two year olds.

Precautions have been taken to remove them from the danger of infection although the fact that they have already been exposed caused some apprehension.

ANOTHER BIG STRIKE OF GAS IN ALBERT

Moncton, N.B., May 6.—Another big strike of natural gas was made by the Maritime Oil Fields Company in well No. 8 at McLatchey's, Albert county. A few days ago a big flow of gas was struck in this well. Boring was continued and at a depth of 1,650 feet at 4 o'clock this afternoon they struck a gas gusher and had to quit work.

The workmen were unable to cap the well so great was the pressure. O. P. Boggs, manager, said tonight this well is yielding at least 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day and it would probably yield 10,000,000 cubic feet.

Some idea of the quantity may be gained when it is stated 1,000,000 cubic feet per day will supply Moncton for domestic purposes. Not only has another gas strike been made but well No. 7 shot Wednesday last was bored deeper and the oil struck practically amounts to a gusher. Manager Boggs is greatly elated over the strike this afternoon and has cabled the news to Dr. Henderson, who is at present in England.

METHODIST CHURCH.

A sermon on the Death of King Edward will be preached tomorrow evening by Rev. J. W. McConnell, pastor of the Methodist Church. Subject of morning service "The Things That Are Above" A cordial invitation to all the services of the church is extended.