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King's illness  
Cormatin postponed



Tuesday night.

My dear Mrs Fawcett

I was only out of an hour  
this P.M. & in that time missed  
you. I was so puzzled what  
to say or do, that I wired to  
the House of Commons, "the  
Whips Room." When I began  
my tale, the voice replied  
"you are on the wrong number  
this is the Liberal Whips room."  
To this I replied, "you are  
as capable of giving advice  
as the others," & then they sd



the report here is that he is  
sinking. I thought it so likely  
I wired it to Mrs Anderson  
in any event. I thought men's  
minds wd not be composed  
for lectures. The Attn. Gen.  
eral thinks I was wrong, &  
that all things wd directly con-  
nected with the coronation  
Oh. go on the same. I say  
yes, if the needed audience  
appears. It is hard to decide  
especially when one's mind  
is aghast with the unexpected

I heard a week ago that  
he had peritonitis,  
I personally think that it is  
as grave as possible & that  
all the symptoms are very  
serious with ~~one~~ any one, but  
very especially so with him.

Yours affly  
Francis Balfour