



IN PEACEFUL REST.

Sudden Taking Off of a Famous Hero of the Late War.

ADMIRAL DAVID D. PORTER NUMBERED WITH THE DEAD.

Heart Troubles the Cause of His Demise - Funeral Services Will be Held on Tuesday, and His Remains Will be Laid at Rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Admiral David D. Porter died this morning. His death was very sudden. It occurred at his residence here, and was the result of fatty degeneration of the heart, with which he has been afflicted since last summer. His death was calm and peaceful. When Dr. Wales left him at 11 o'clock last night his condition was about the same as it had been for several weeks past, and there were no indications that medical services would be needed before the doctor's regular visit this morning. The nature of the Admiral's disease made it dangerous for him to lie on his back, so that he was accustomed to resting sitting up on a large sofa, with his back and head supported by pillows.

The Admiral was awake at 6:45 this morning and took his nourishment as usual. He afterward fell into a light sleep and gave no indications whatever that he was in any danger. At 10 o'clock the Admiral's son, Richard, who slept by his side, noticed a change in his father's condition. He was breathing with difficulty, and his face was pale. The household was at once aroused and Dr. Wales sent for.

The patient's pulse grew fainter and fainter, and at last ceased to beat. At 10:45 he expired peacefully, and his death was not preceded by any suffering or pain. Dr. Wales immediately after being notified, and applied all the restoratives known to science, but to no avail.

Word was at once sent to the President and Secretary of the Navy, and the flags at the White House and on all other public buildings were placed at half-mast. A large number of people in official life called at the house this morning and left messages of sympathy for the family. Telegrams of condolence were also received from prominent people all over the country.

The President, when informed of Admiral Porter's death, sent a message of sympathy to the family. He subsequently sent a message to Congress, notifying that body of the death, and in the afternoon issued an executive order closing the executive department on the day of the funeral and directing that the flags on all the public buildings be placed at half-mast on that day.

ADMIRAL DAVID D. PORTER. The following is President Harrison's message to Congress announcing the death of Admiral Porter to the Senate and House of Representatives: "Admiral of the Navy David Dixon Porter died at his residence in the City of Washington this morning at 8:45 o'clock, in the seventy-ninth year of his age, after a long and honorable career. He was the son of Commodore David Porter, one of the greatest of our naval commanders, and his services during the civil war were conspicuous and successful, and his death ends a very high and honorable career. His countrymen will sympathize with the family, who cherish with grateful pride the memory of his deeds. To the officers of the navy his life will continue to yield inspiration and encouragement."

NAVAL ORDERS.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order announcing the death of Admiral Porter to the navy. On the day of the funeral the Navy Department will be closed, the flag displayed at half-mast, and all ships in commission, and on board all ships in commission, and seventeen minute guns will be fired at noon from each navy yard. The Navy Department will be closed on Tuesday at 2 o'clock, from the late residence, and will be buried at the Arlington Cemetery, with the highest military honors.

David Dixon Porter was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, on June 8, 1812. He attended school at Columbia College, Washington, D. C., and was graduated in 1832, and became lieutenant in 1841. In the first 30 years of his career he was credited with ten years of service in the Mediterranean, and the remainder of the time with duty in the United States. He served in the Mexican war, and returned to the coast survey. On the discovery of gold in California he accompanied a party of prospectors to the gold fields, and was appointed acting rear admiral and assigned to a motor boat and a regular squadron, comprising in all 125 vessels and more than 1,500 officers. For his services in retarding the yellow fever epidemic in the rear admiral, dated July 4, 1852. In the spring of 1854 he co-operated with General Sherman in the capture of the city of Mexico. In October he was transferred from the coast survey to the command of the frigate Powhatan, which was dispatched to aid in the relief of Fort Fisher. For the expedition against New Orleans he was appointed rear admiral and commander of a motor boat and a regular squadron, comprising in all 125 vessels and more than 1,500 officers. For his services in retarding the yellow fever epidemic in the rear admiral, dated July 4, 1852. In the spring of 1854 he co-operated with General Sherman in the capture of the city of Mexico. In October he was transferred from the coast survey to the command of the frigate Powhatan, which was dispatched to aid in the relief of Fort Fisher.

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