

SAD DAY FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Life of Mrs. Harrison Fast Approaching Dissolution.

HER CONDITION CRITICAL IN THE EXTREMEST SENSE.

Dr. Gardner Unable to Give a Word of Encouragement to the Anxious Family—She Has Grown So Weak That She Can Scarcely Move—Her Decline So Rapid That the Attending Physician Thinks the End is But a Few Hours Away at Most.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Harrison is approaching the end. How long it will be before death supervenes cannot be told. It may be only a few hours, or possibly a day more, but that she cannot last much longer is certain. This has been a sad Sunday for the President, the family and other faithful watchers at Mrs. Harrison's bedside.

Dr. Gardner up to 10 o'clock had paid six visits to the sickroom in the southwest corner of the President's home, and each time he could give no word of encouragement to the anxious family. His story, as gathered from reports of the doctor, is one of steady and rapid decline of the little remaining strength of the patient that it seemed the utmost limit of weakness possible with life has been reached. The present change for the worse, which is more alarming than any previous decline, set in last night, and as a consequence she grew much weaker. She was already in a most exhausted condition when she was taken to the sickroom, and it is questionable whether even her remarkable vitality could bring about another day.

Dr. Gardner, this morning at 9 o'clock found the patient so weak that he feared the end was near at hand. He visited her again soon after, and found that she continued to grow steadily weaker and could scarcely move. Her condition was so alarming that the doctor repeated his visit with a short time, and finding all efforts to rally her unavailing and that her strength continued to ebb away he made yet another call two hours later. Dr. Gardner, this morning at 11 o'clock found the patient so weak that he feared the end was near at hand. He visited her again soon after, and found that she continued to grow steadily weaker and could scarcely move.

Seven o'clock again found Dr. Gardner at the White House. He found about half an hour and when he came down stairs could give no word of encouragement. He said Mrs. Harrison was so weak she had not even the strength to get up, and her condition was critical in the extreme sense of the word. Death might come any time now.

When Dr. Gardner left the house after 10 o'clock he said Mrs. Harrison was resting quietly, and he did not think she would die to-night. There is still evidence, however, that she is gradually losing vitality, for the doctor said although she was weaker than when he last saw her, yet she was stronger than he expected.

Mrs. Harrison suffered from nervousness during the day, and this helped to bring about the exhaustion which was hastening the end. She has been in progress all day. She sleeps about half an hour at a time and takes but little nourishment, but she is perfectly conscious.

Before leaving the house Dr. Gardner advised the President and members of the family of the exceedingly critical condition of Mrs. Harrison, but said he would not call again during the night unless summoned by anything which would change in her present condition. The President and family, fearful of the worst, are sitting up with the invalid.

A Spokane Falls Lawyer Engaged to a Lady He Had Never Seen. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Colonel J. Kennedy Stout, 43 years old, a wealthy lawyer of Spokane Falls, Wash., and a member of Governor Ferry's personal staff, is the principal in a romantic courtship by mail which will culminate in a wedding on Tuesday evening at Miss Ida Homan of Williamsburg, Va.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST. Disastrous Results of the Floods in Sardinia. LONDON, Oct. 23.—Latest advices from Cagliari give an appalling account of the terrible storm and flood in Sardinia Thursday and Friday, a calamity in which hundreds of lives were lost and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed. Six villages, with a total population of 6,000, were invaded by the waters. Scores of dwellings and barns were demolished and hundreds of people sought refuge on the roofs were drowned. When the work of rescue was commenced dozens of persons were found huddled on elevations of half a foot above the water.

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Revolutionists Practically in Control of Santiago and Estero.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The Herald's Valparaiso correspondent says: News comes from Buenos Ayres that Governor Rojas of Santiago del Estero is still in prison, and the revolutionists are practically in control of the State.

The National Cabinet discussed the situation in Santiago del Estero, and there was a division as to the proper course to pursue. The majority favored federal intervention, and Finance Minister Romero resigned, and the Executive was asked to call the National Congress into session, and it was granted. The Governors of all the provinces were called upon to have the National Guard ready for service. It is probable that Congress will appoint a commission to inquire into the state of affairs in the province.

A TERRIFIC HURRICANE. Sweeps Over Spanish Honduras, Causing Much Damage. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—The steaming sloop, which arrived from Ceiba, Spanish Honduras, to-day, reports that a terrific hurricane swept over the coast of Honduras on the 12th ultimo, causing much damage to fruit, ruining banana plantations, blowing vessels ashore and destroying many houses. The schooner Union Adams was sunk in Rutilan harbor. The Wanderer was blown ashore, floated later, as were the schooners Royalist, Goodwin and Norain.

Strong Easterly Winds. QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 23.—Incoming vessels report terrific weather. Strong easterly winds caused the Cunard steamer Aurania to be several hours overdue. The bark Chelton, from San Francisco, reported the vessel encountered a fearful gale on September 25th. She was washed by huge seas until she almost foundered. Her sails were blown to shreds. The bark was blown away and portions of the copper on the port side torn away, the result of which was an alarming amount of leakage. Her cargo and deckhouse were also badly damaged.

The Ringlander Killed. TITUSVILLE (Fla.), Oct. 23.—A Sheriff's posse, sent out on Monday to arrest the ringlander of negroes engaged in a shooting last night, resisted and were fired upon. The posse escaped by a few scratches, but the negro ringlander was killed, and four others wounded. The Governor has been telegraphed for military assistance, and Sheriff offered help, but cool heads here and in the State have passed. The white citizens are armed and watchful, but the negroes are well armed, and are in camp about one mile from town.

General Elections in Portugal. LISBON, Oct. 23.—In the general elections held in Portugal to-day four Monarchists and two Republicans were elected for Lisbon, and three Monarchists and one Republican for Oporto. Returns from other parts of the country will have a large majority. Senor Carvalho, ex-Minister of Finance, and Senor Bonifacio, Minister of War, were elected after heated contests. Election riots occurred in Tezenta and other places, and many persons were injured. The riots were suppressed by troops.

The Prince May Visit America. LONDON, Oct. 23.—At a dinner party at Newmarket last week, at which the Prince of Wales was a guest, he was asked if there was any truth in the report of his proposed visit to Chicago. The Prince replied that he doubted whether he could get away next year at a suitable time, but the suggestion that the exhibition would probably be kept over for a second season, the Prince said he hoped it would be kept open, as he might be able to arrange to visit it.

Five Villages Destroyed by Earthquake. LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Standard's correspondent from Omissa says five villages near Kutais, in Trans-Caucasia, were destroyed by earthquake. Many lives are reported to have been lost. So far the bodies of twenty-seven persons have been recovered from the ruins of dwellings and other buildings.

Czarowitz of Russia. LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Chronicle's Vienna correspondent says: The Czarowitz will be formally betrothed at Athens to his cousin, Princess Marie of Greece, the Czar, as head of the Orthodox Greek Church, having granted a dispensation, which was necessary on account of the consanguinity of the parties to the contract.

Melee at an Anarchist Meeting. PARIS, Oct. 23.—An anarchist meeting was held in the St. Denis quarter to-day and terminated in a melee, in which knives and revolvers were freely used. Several persons, including a number of anarchists, were wounded. Four anarchists were arrested.

The Young King Recovering. MADRID, Oct. 23.—The young King is recovering from the effects of the cold he caught during the Columbus fete in Seville, but it has been decided that the court shall remain at Seville until the end of the month.

Outstanding Paper to Be Withdrawn. RIO JANEIRO, Oct. 23.—Political harmony having been restored between the Government and Parliament, it was decided to-day that the financial paper, withdrawing a portion of the outstanding paper.

Seventh Duke of Roxburgh Dead. LONDON, Oct. 23.—James Henry Robert Innesker, seventh Duke of Roxburgh, and Marquis of Bowmont and Cessford, is dead.

A Regular Cliché. Higgs—Are you following the horses Brigs—Oh, yes. Higgs—Find it pays you any better than it did before? Brigs—Much. I'm driving a street car.—Judge. Break It Gently. Mr. Homly is not a beauty and he knows it. When his first baby was born he asked: "Does it look like me?" "Well," said he, "you must break it to my wife gently."—New York Press.

EX-SECRETARY BLAINE.

His Long-Promised Utterances on the Contest Appears.

CLEVELAND'S LETTER SUBJECTED TO SEARCHING CRITICISM.

He Upholds the Republican Policy of Granting Liberal Pensions, Saying It is a More Merciful and Honorable Work in Binding Up the Wounds of the Past War Than Preparing for a New One—Predicts That Reciprocity Will Do More Than a Resort to Force of Arms in Conquering Commerce.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Blaine's long-promised utterance on the Presidential election of 1892 appears in the November number of the North American Review, which will be published to-morrow. It occupies thirteen pages. Blaine notes the lack of excitement attending the present election, suggesting that the change may be accounted for by the growth in population and consequent absorption in vast commercial and financial operations, and it may possibly indicate a subsidence in future of extreme partisanship.

Of President Harrison's letter of acceptance, he says among other things: "Perhaps none of his predecessors made so exhaustive and none a more clear presentation of the question involved." Cleveland's letter is subject to a searching criticism. Blaine finds that in a greater measure than in any other letter from the party platform; in fact, Cleveland made the platform upon which he is now before the people, and Cleveland's letter is a more complete presentation of the question of free trade than any other. Blaine makes caustic comment upon Cleveland's utterance on the currency and State banking, and upon the Republican policy of granting liberal pensions, saying: "The amount we contribute for pensions is larger than the amount paid for the support of the army for a standing army. Surely binding up the wounds of the past war is a more merciful and honorable work than preparing the country for a new one."

The most remarkable thing in the Presidential canvass of 1892, Blaine remarks, is the fact that in some sections of the country, all other issues are put out of sight and the force bill alone brought into prominence. The representation made by the force bill and effect of the force bill, he declares to be inconsistent with the spirit of Harrison's letter.

Blaine's letter is full and explicit in his treatment of the subject of reciprocity, claiming that the material increase was caused in the United States trade by reciprocal trade. He quoted interesting figures relating to this increase, and predicts, regarding Cuba, that we shall conquer by commerce, and not by force of arms, and will cordially embrace and mutual interests between Cuba and this country that commercially the two countries are better off than they are.

Blaine, dwelling upon the claim of the Democratic party to be a Jeffersonian party, says: "It would surprise Jefferson if he could see in which of the two camps he is held as the defender of all the principles and measures advocated by the Democratic party of to-day. Perhaps the manner in which some of our leaders have treated the subject, and the tenacity with which Jefferson held to the protective principle was only in proportion to the necessities of the country. His action in 1807, when he declined to recommend the repeal or alteration of the revenue law after a surplus of fourteen millions had accumulated, puts him in the sharpest contrast with the course he has in his term of office, treated the surplus accumulated as the sum of all villainies. He has sometimes been called a protectionist, and a protectionist he is, but his interesting and suggestive to look over the platforms of the two parties and see how much alike they are in several vital points. Blaine says that the Democratic party is not a party of issues as stated. If parties would only discover and define the issues on which there is vital difference of opinion, and would confine discussion to them, it would not only simplify the contest, but be a welcome relief to the two candidates, but would also greatly help in arriving at the truth, which is the ultimate object of popular discussion and popular election."

KNIGHTS OF LABOR. They Will Take a Hand in Politics at the Coming Election. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—A large number of Knights of Labor and sympathizers assembled to-night at a benefit performance tendered James Hughes, the labor Knight imprisoned for extortion. Addresses were made by Master Workman Powderly and General Treasurer James A. Rice. The latter, who was the first speaker, gave the history of Hughes' case and said: "What are we going to do about the case? Well, the Executive Board will remain in session until after election. We are going to issue documents showing how the labor men are treated by the Democratic Governors of Pennsylvania, Tennessee and New York. We will think with National Commissioner Harry and his party. That the Knights of Labor is a political organization this year the Democratic party will learn on election day."

General Master Workman Powderly concluded the evening's programme with a bitter attack upon Governor Flower, chairman of the Democratic party. He was frequently and loudly applauded for his vigorous denunciation of the Democracy.

DEFENDS THE CHINESE. A Missionary Says They Are Superior in Many Ways to Other Foreigners. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Baldwin, for twenty years a missionary in China, spoke at the Asbury Park Methodist Church to-day before a large congregation, detailing the kind of treatment she received at the hands of Chinese, and stating that she regarded Chinamen superior in many respects to other foreigners whom she had seen. Her words drew free entrance to the hall and citizens who loudly applauded her for her vigorous denunciation of the Democracy.

BOVEN WINS IN EIGHTEEN ROUNDS. PLAQUEMINE (La.), Oct. 23.—The contest between Andy Bowen of New Orleans and Johnny Eckert of Streator, Ill., lightweight, to-night, for a purse of \$1,500, before the Cypress City Athletic Club, was won by Bowen in eighteen rounds.

Superior of the Order. BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—Father Hair, who has been pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church in this city for little over a year, has been appointed Superior of the Order of Sisters of Charity for the United States.

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ATLANTIC CITY (N. J.), Oct. 23.—H. J. Nilsson, a San Francisco guest of the Manhattan House, was found dead in his room this morning by the proprietor of the hotel and a colored porter. The latter was sent to Nilsson's room to awaken him for breakfast and, getting no response, attempted to open the door, but found it locked. He then opened the transom and was partly overcome by the rush of gas from the room. With the proprietor he broke in the door and found Nilsson's body lying across the bed, cold in death, with the gas yet turned on full blast. A couple of physicians were called, but could do nothing for him, as he had evidently been dead some hours. A letter was found among his effects asking that J. P. Eldridge of Westchester, Pa., be notified should anything happen him. The person referred to was notified, but has not yet replied. Nilsson was about 40 years old, and had the appearance of a man of means and prominence. It is said he had no family connections and traveled about for pleasure, having plenty of money. He spoke of John Wanamaker, Postmaster-General, and other prominent men, and claimed close friendship with them. A post-mortem examination and inquest will be held on the arrival of Eldridge.

PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY. May Discontinue Its Relations With the Panama Railroad. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, after February next, will discontinue its relations with the Panama Railroad for transferring its traffic across the isthmus.

The two companies have had a falling out and cannot agree on a new contract. The steamship company will find a new intercoastal route, and the indications are that it has already reached a decision. The Pacific Mail Company, which has been taking an active part in the new intercoastal route in Honduras, or rather in the revival of a charter that was given to the Panama Railroad in 1882, W. S. Scott, who is a stockholder in the Pacific Mail Company, has acquired, jointly with the Valentine brothers, the Redwood, a line of coastwise steamships under the original charter.

Edward Lauterbach, counsel for the Pacific Mail Company, is acting for the parties interested in the Honduras line, and is free to free the charter from the clauses that seem to threaten it, on account of \$300,000 of bonds issued by the Government for its aid and other extensive improvements.

President J. B. Houston of the Pacific Mail Company looks favorably upon the new railroad project, and he thinks that if the title could be cleared up there was a possibility that the Pacific Mail Company would make connections with the Panama Railroad.

C. P. Huntington, who is a prominent stockholder of the steamship company, said before leaving for San Francisco that he thought the new route in Honduras was a good enterprise. The indications are that he may take an interest in it in connection with the Panama Railroad. It is estimated that the Honduras road would be about 200 miles long, and would be as originally mapped out extends from Puerto Cortez, on the Gulf of Mexico, to San Pedro, on the Pacific Ocean. It is completed from Puerto Cortez to San Pedro. It is calculated that the local traffic, when developed, would more than pay for the cost of the road, and it would certainly be a great boon to the country.

President Houston said: "I don't imagine I will be very likely to get another route. We have had several of them. The Honduras road is one of them, but it will take some time to build it, and I don't think it is worth the cost. The Gulf of Fonseca, on the southern coast, is the best harbor on the Pacific Coast outside of San Francisco. We should have a line of coastwise steamships, which would certainly be a great boon to the country."

Mr. Houston did not care to say how far the Panama Railroad project was advanced. He said that the Panama Railroad Company were interested in the Honduras road.

LIBERTY OF SHORT DURATION. Train Robber Perry Again Safely in His Cell. ALBANY (N. Y.), Oct. 23.—The celebrated train robber Oliver Curtis Perry, who escaped from his cell yesterday afternoon by boring a hole through a twelve-inch wall in the State Prison, enjoyed his limited freedom just eight hours, when he was again thrust back into confinement. Perry was found hiding in the marble yard, and after being started for liberty closely pursued by several prison guards. In his precipitate retreat he rushed directly into the arms of Keeper Smith. The desperado did not surrender immediately, but made an attempt to kill the keeper with a large stone, which he hurled at him. Smith retaliated by striking Perry on the head with a heavy cane. This ended the scrimmage, and Perry was carried back to a cell. He came to at last, and remarked that he would make another attempt to escape as soon as possible.

Secrecy of Water in Pennsylvania. REDDING (Pa.), Oct. 23.—The extent of inconvenience and suffering caused by the great scarcity of water at points north of here can scarcely be imagined, and it is stated that at some places it is actually necessary to guard the locomotive tanks to prevent the people from carrying off the water. Owing to the drought, mountain fires have broken out at several places.

Death of a Dry Goods Merchant. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Edward J. Denning, senior partner of the great retail dry goods house of E. Denning & Co., successors to A. T. Stewart & Co., died suddenly in a bathroom late Saturday night. Death was due to paralysis of the head, directly caused by the grip.

Hotel Burned. ROSVY (L. I.), Oct. 23.—The Sandpoint Hotel was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 and is said to be covered by insurance.

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ATLANTIC CITY (N. J.), Oct. 23.—H. J. Nilsson, a San Francisco guest of the Manhattan House, was found dead in his room this morning by the proprietor of the hotel and a colored porter. The latter was sent to Nilsson's room to awaken him for breakfast and, getting no response, attempted to open the door, but found it locked. He then opened the transom and was partly overcome by the rush of gas from the room. With the proprietor he broke in the door and found Nilsson's body lying across the bed, cold in death, with the gas yet turned on full blast. A couple of physicians were called, but could do nothing for him, as he had evidently been dead some hours. A letter was found among his effects asking that J. P. Eldridge of Westchester, Pa., be notified should anything happen him. The person referred to was notified, but has not yet replied. Nilsson was about 40 years old, and had the appearance of a man of means and prominence. It is said he had no family connections and traveled about for pleasure, having plenty of money. He spoke of John Wanamaker, Postmaster-General, and other prominent men, and claimed close friendship with them. A post-mortem examination and inquest will be held on the arrival of Eldridge.

PACIFIC MAIL COMPANY. May Discontinue Its Relations With the Panama Railroad. NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—The Pacific Mail Steamship Company, after February next, will discontinue its relations with the Panama Railroad for transferring its traffic across the isthmus.

The two companies have had a falling out and cannot agree on a new contract. The steamship company will find a new intercoastal route, and the indications are that it has already reached a decision. The Pacific Mail Company, which has been taking an active part in the new intercoastal route in Honduras, or rather in the revival of a charter that was given to the Panama Railroad in 1882, W. S. Scott, who is a stockholder in the Pacific Mail Company, has acquired, jointly with the Valentine brothers, the Redwood, a line of coastwise steamships under the original charter.

Edward Lauterbach, counsel for the Pacific Mail Company, is acting for the parties interested in the Honduras line, and is free to free the charter from the clauses that seem to threaten it, on account of \$300,000 of bonds issued by the Government for its aid and other extensive improvements.

President J. B. Houston of the Pacific Mail Company looks favorably upon the new railroad project, and he thinks that if the title could be cleared up there was a possibility that the Pacific Mail Company would make connections with the Panama Railroad.

C. P. Huntington, who is a prominent stockholder of the steamship company, said before leaving for San Francisco that he thought the new route in Honduras was a good enterprise. The indications are that he may take an interest in it in connection with the Panama Railroad. It is estimated that the Honduras road would be about 200 miles long, and would be as originally mapped out extends from Puerto Cortez, on the Gulf of Mexico, to San Pedro, on the Pacific Ocean. It is completed from Puerto Cortez to San Pedro. It is calculated that the local traffic, when developed, would more than pay for the cost of the road, and it would certainly be a great boon to the country.

President Houston said: "I don't imagine I will be very likely to get another route. We have had several of them. The Honduras road is one of them, but it will take some time to build it, and I don't think it is worth the cost. The Gulf of Fonseca, on the southern coast, is the best harbor on the Pacific Coast outside of San Francisco. We should have a line of coastwise steamships, which would certainly be a great boon to the country."

Mr. Houston did not care to say how far the Panama Railroad project was advanced. He said that the Panama Railroad Company were interested in the Honduras road.

LIBERTY OF SHORT DURATION. Train Robber Perry Again Safely in His Cell. ALBANY (N. Y.), Oct. 23.—The celebrated