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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.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

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 or 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 so 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, and further loss of strength made questionable whether even her remarkable vitality could bring about another rally.

Dr. Gardner this morning at 8 o'clock found the patient so weak that he feared the end was near at hand. He visited his again, and said that she was destined to grow steadily weaker and could scarcely move. Her condition was so alarming that the doctor repeated his visit within a short time, and finding all efforts to rally her unavailing and that her strength continued to ebb away he made arrangements to leave town.

Dr. Gardner visited the White House at 5 o'clock this afternoon, making the fourth time he had seen Mrs. Harrison during the day. As he was driving out of the grounds he was stopped by a reporter of the Associated Press, and in response to an inquiry and Mrs. Harrison was in a state of extreme exhaustion and unless she could rally from it she was apt to pass away within a few hours.

In his opinion she is now as weak as physically could be and still live. She began failing this morning and gradually became weaker and weaker. She displayed remarkable vitality throughout, but has nearly reached the limit of her endurance.

According to a news question on the point, Dr. Gardner said Mrs. Harrison might pass away at any time within a few hours, and again she might linger in the present state for forty-eight hours. While he did not say so he intimated plainly that he believed she would come before morning.

Seven o'clock again found Dr. Gardner at the White House. He said 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 lost all the strength to cough 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 this helped to bring about the exhaustion which was hastening the decline that had been in progress all day. She sleeps about half an hour at a time and takes but little nourishment, consisting of peptonized beetroot stimulants. She is perfectly conscious.

Before leaving the house Dr. Gardner notified the President and members of the family of the exceedingly precarious condition of Mrs. Harrison, but said he would call again during the night unless summoned by the doctor. The President and family, fearful of the worst, are sitting up with the child.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—At 2:40 o'clock this (Monday) morning everything was quiet at the White House, but most of the members of the family were still sitting.

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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 boats were washed away, and hundreds of people who sought refuge on the roofs were drowned. When the work of rescue was commenced dozens of persons were found huddled on elevations of land half dead from terror and exposure. The survivors say their experience of that night was terrible in the extreme. A hundred bodies have been recovered.

at San Sperate alone. The total death roll must reach several hundred. An immense number of cattle and other livestock perished.

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Revolutionists Practically in Control of Santiago del 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 Rosales, who had been sent to the country to ask for the National Congress to intervene, 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 situation in the provinces.

Prominent Rojistas have arrived here and held conferences with General Roca. The situation in the Province is grave, and there is liable to be serious trouble before it is settled.

The *Herald* can say authoritatively that the situation is serious as to a desire to renew good feelings and friendship with the United States, will send the cruiser Captain Pratt from France to represent her in the naval demonstration next spring.

A TERRIFIC HURRICANE

Sweeps Over Spanish Honduras, Causing Much Damage.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—The steamship Oteri, 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 Helen Adams was sunk in Ruitan harbor. The Wanderer was blown ashore, but floated later, as were the schooners Rosalie Goodwin and the

At least twenty houses were blown away. The schooner Honduras, from Belize to Utilia, with eighteen passengers, was dismasted by the storm and drifted for two days, but was finally picked up and towed in. The loss of life and value to property destroyed will not be known for some time.

Strong Easterly Winds

QUEENSTOWN, Oct. 23.—Incoming vessels report terrific weather. Strong easterly winds caused the Cunard steamer Australasia to be several hours overdue. The bark Chieftan, from San Francisco, reports that she encountered a fearful gale on September 23rd. She was washed by huge seas until she almost founders. Her sails were blown to shreds. The crew of the bark were driven far away and portions of the copper on the port side torn away, the result of which was an alarming amount of leakage. 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 Monarchs and two Republicans were elected for Lisbon, and three Monarchs and one Republican for Oporto. Returns so far indicate that the Cabinet will have a large majority. Sir Carvalho, ex-Minister of Finance, and a former burgher, a banker, was elected after heated contests. Election riots occurred in Teinta and other places, and many persons were injured. The riots were suppressed by troops.

The Prince May Visit America.

LISBON, Oct. 23.—At a dinner party at Newmarket last week, at which the Prince of Wales was present, it 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. Upon the suggestion that the exhibition would probably be kept open for a month or more, the Prince said he hoped it would be kept open, as then he might be able to arrange to visit it.

Five Villages Destroyed by Earthquake.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—The Standard's correspondent at Odessa says five villages near Kutsis, 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.

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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 gendarmes, 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 agreed to settle the financial difficulty by withdrawing a portion of the outstanding paper.

Seven Duke of Roxburgh Dead.

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

A Regular Cinch.

Higgs—Are you following the horses now?

Briggs—Oh, yes.

Higgs—Find it pays you any better than it did before?

Briggs—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?"

Of course they said yes.

"Well," said he, "you must break it gently."

"Break it 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 Blinding 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 1882 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.

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 Harrison's it defers from the party platform; in fact Cleveland made no platform in which he is now before the people, and "Cleveland's departures from the position of the party platform on the question of free trade confirm the impression, which has been general, that a large majority of the party believe in a more merciful and honorable work than preparing for a new one."

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