

DEAD AT THE DAWN

The Sorrowing Harrison Family Watching and Waiting

FOR THE FATAL HOUR OF FOUR

The Sufferer Sinks Rapidly After Midnight and the Physicians Pronounce the End at Hand.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Another change for the worse in Mrs. Harrison's condition, and a more serious one than any that has yet occurred, set in this morning about 10 o'clock. As the church bells began to ring the watchers by the bedside became aware of the approach of one of the sinking spells which have once or twice previously brought the patient to the verge of dissolution. From this relapse there was no rally as on previous occasions, but the decline of vital force perceptibly, though gradually, continued throughout the day. The president, who never left his bedside all day, was joined in his sad watch by other members of the family. Some ventured outside the white house doors either for church or any other purpose.

The sufferer lay all the time on her right side, too weak to cough, one of the early indications that the end could not be far away. Motionless since the early morning, except for a slight nervous twitching, consequent upon the extreme nervous prostration, which in her case has been more pronounced than is customary in tubercular diseases. Her eyes were open, and the physicians that the cavity of pleura was again filling with water, which in time will stop the action of the heart, and that an operation such as that performed at Ligon Lake, to relieve the water, was the only remedy left out of the question because of the enfeebled condition of the patient.

Can Do But Little. All that could be done to relieve the suffering of the invalid was done by the physicians and nurse, but that was very little. Worn out by a sleepless night, unable to replenish her wasting strength by even a limited amount of liquid nourishment—one or two beaten eggs—she had her heretofore been able to take. The patient lay barely conscious, except at brief intervals, through the course of the day. In the evening Dr. Gardner, the attending physician, said the end might occur at any moment. The probability was that death would come painlessly by the stoppage of the heart's action, but a paroxysm of coughing might precipitate the crisis at any time. Nothing but the wonderful vitality which Mrs. Harrison shared with other members of the Scott family (her father, 90 years old, who is at her bedside) could have enabled her to survive so long as she has done.

Mrs. Harrison's chamber is in the southwest portion of the building separated only by a small room which in health she used as a painting studio from the corner of the building nearest the grounds. It was separated from the rest of the room by a door which she had removed. The room is a small one, and as far removed as possible from the noise of the city and of the presidential mansion. It is lighted by two windows, which give an uninterrupted and beautiful view of the Potomac, across Grand Army place, the scene of the late sackings.

The inquires during the day were incessant, but no one, not even the wife of Attorney General Miller, who is perhaps Mrs. Harrison's most intimate friend in Washington, was admitted to the sick room. None passed the portico but her maid, who acts as nurse in the day time, relieving the trained nurse from the Baltimore Home hospital, who remains on duty at night, and the attending physician.

All the members of the foreign legations on their return from Chicago this evening hastened to make personal enquiries as to the accuracy of the alarming news that met them on their arrival.

Dr. Gardner again visited the White House at 10:15 o'clock. He found no striking change in the patient's condition since his noon visit, nothing to encourage the hope of even a few days' longer prolongation of life, and yet nothing to indicate a speedy end. He immediately dissolved a number of pills. The only nourishment that had been administered during the day was a little peptonized beef. The system was too weak to longer assimilate the eggs which had been heretofore given.

Some articles that had been obtained at other times Mrs. Harrison showed she was conscious of what went on around her, but in her weak condition took no part in any conversation, nor did she in any way indicate any desire to utter a word. The uncomplaining endurance with which her long illness has been borne has been one of the most striking and pathetic features in the case.

Location at Midnight. When Dr. Gardner left at 10:30 he said he would not return unless telephoned for. The rooms of Private Secretary Halford and other officers in the building will remain open all night, and intelligence of any change for the worse will be promptly communicated.

In Hamilton, the pastor of the Church of the Covenant where the president and Mrs. Harrison have been accustomed to worship during their residence in Washington, called between 9 and 10 o'clock this evening accompanied by Mrs. Hamilton. The pastor was not invited to the sick chamber.

MADE CLEAR AS DAY

Blaine Shows the Difference Between the Two Parties.

IN AN EXHAUSTIVE ARTICLE

Democratic Leaders Still Quote Jefferson When They Have Denied His Principles—Driven Like Sheep.

New York, Oct. 23.—Mr. Blaine's long promised utterance in the presidential election of 1892, appears in the November number of the North American Review which is to be published tomorrow (Monday). It occupies thirteen pages in the Review. Mr. Blaine notes the lack of excitement attending the presidential election, contrasting it with the turmoil of interest that characterized the campaign of the elder Harrison. This change of the public interest in such contests, he suggests, may be accounted for by the growth in population, and the consequent absorption in vast commercial operations; and it may be possible indicate a subsidence in the future of extreme partisanship. Mr. Blaine gives special attention to the letters of the presidential candidates.

Of President Harrison's letter he says, among other things that: "Perhaps none of his predecessors has made so exhaustive, and more clear presentation of the questions involved." Cleveland's letter is subjected to searching criticism. He says that in a greater measure than Mr. Harrison's, it departs from the platform of his party.

Cleveland Makes the Platform. In fact that Mr. Cleveland has made the platform upon which he is now before the people, and that Mr. Cleveland's departure from the positions of his party's platform on the question of free trade confirms the impression which has been general, that a large proportion of the democratic party believes in protection in some form.

Mr. Blaine makes a comment upon Mr. Cleveland's utterances on the currency and state banks. He upholds the republican policy of granting liberal pensions to the veterans of the war. On this point he says: "The amount we contribute toward pensions is larger than the amount paid by any of the European nations for a standing army. Surely the binding up of the wounds of a past war is more meritorious and honorable work than is preparing the country for a new one."

The most remarkable thing in the presidential canvass of 1892 Mr. Blaine regards as the manner in which in some sections of the country all other issues have been put out of sight and the Force bill alone brought into prominence. He compliments Mr. Dana of the New York Sun, the author of this policy, upon his zeal and ability in achieving this result. The representations made as to the purpose and effect of the Force bill, however, he declares to be inconsistent with the spirit of President Harrison's letter.

Benefits of Reciprocity. Mr. Blaine is full and explicit in his treatment of the subject of reciprocity, claiming that a material increase has been caused in United States trade by reciprocal treaties with the islands and countries of America, and particularly by the treaties made with European countries.

Mr. Blaine quotes interesting figures in relation to the increase of trade with the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippines and Cuba, and he predicts in relation to Cuba "that we shall conquer by commerce far better than by force of arms, and cordially establish such mutual interests between Cuba and this country that we shall commercially the two countries will be one."

Mr. Blaine, dealing with the claim of the democratic party to the Jeffersonian party, says: "It would surprise Jefferson, if he could once more appear in the flesh, to learn that he is held as an idol by the present generation, and measures advocated by the democratic party today. It is perhaps not worth while to enter into any elaborate argument on the subject, but the democracy owes no little of its success to the presidency with which its adherents have made their disciples believe this pretension through all the mutations of their party."

A Case of Hypnotism. It was equally true, it must be supposed, that Mr. Dickinson, a converted federalist, was the president elect, of the democracy, though it is well known that the object of Mr. Jefferson's most intense dislike was the federal party. In vain it is pointed out that the position of Jefferson on any subject is directly the reverse of the democratic position; he is duly quoted at the next convention, and a new oath of allegiance is taken by his principles.

In 1891, after a severe contest, Jefferson came to the presidency as the founder and head of the republican party. The prefix "democratic" was sometimes, though seldom used, the tenacity with which Jefferson held to the protective principle was only proportioned to the necessities of the country. His action in 1807 when he declined to recommend the repeal of the tariff of 1802, which had a surplus of \$14,000,000 has been accumulated, put him in the sharpest contrast to Mr. Cleveland, who, in his term of office, treated the surplus accumulated as the fund of all his measures.

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