

THE FINAL HOURS

Great Britain's Beloved Ruler Passes Away Quietly, Almost Gently.

Was the Anniversary of the Demise of Her Father, the Duke of Kent.

A MOST IMPRESSIVE SCENE

Nearly Every Descendant of Her Line Is Gathered at the Bedside.

Emperor William the First to Acknowledge His Uncle's New Dignity.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23.—Queen Victoria is dead and Edward VII reigns.

The greatest event in the memory of this generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent.

The end of this career, never equalled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in Osborne House. This most respected of all women, living or dead, lay in a great 4-posted bed and made a shrunken atom whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who in 1837 began to rule over England.

Around her were gathered almost every descendant of her line. In scarcely audible words the white-haired Bishop of Winchester prayed beside her as he had often prayed with his sovereign, for he was her chaplain at Windsor. With bowed heads the royal watchers listened to

The Bishop's Ceaseless Prayer. Six o'clock passed. The bishop continued his intercession. The women of this royal family sobbed faintly and the men shuffled uneasily.

At exactly half past six Sir James Reid held up his hand and the people in the room knew that England had lost her queen. The bishop pronounced the benediction. The queen passed away quite peacefully.

The Prince of Wales was very much affected when the doctors at last informed him that his mother had breathed her last. Emperor William, himself deeply affected, did his best to minister comfort to his sorrow-stricken uncle, whose new dignity he was the first to acknowledge.

At the lodge gates the watchers waited nervously. Suddenly along the driveway came a horseman, who shouted "The queen is dead" as he dashed through the crowd. Down the hillside the watchers shouted the fateful bulletin from one to another. Soon the whole country knew there was a new king in Great Britain. Every one was mourning the death of the queen, but they did not hesitate to stop and drink the health of the new king.

LONDON HEARS THE NEWS.

Queen's Death Bulletin Just at the Close of Day.

London, Jan. 23.—A scrap of paper a foot square, posted on the wall of the Mansion House at 6:58 o'clock, gave the first notice to London's homeward hurrying thousands of the death of the empress-queen and the advent of a king. Access to the bulletin was difficult by reason of the fact that excavations had been made in the course of a work of improving the street. But the bare heads of a silent group under a flickering gas jet told the crowds on the bus tops and sidewalks that the queen was no more.

An hour later more than a thousand newsboys had invaded the streets with black-ruled newspapers, crying "Death of the Queen," while through the dark streets boomed the deep-toned notes of the big bell of St. Paul's cathedral and the bells of the city churches re-echoing the news.

Mr. Balfour's message announcing the queen's death says her majesty died peacefully.

All the theaters and places of entertainment, it is announced, will be closed indefinitely.

There is little doubt that the funeral of Queen Victoria will take place at Frogmore, though nothing in regard to this has yet been announced. Her majesty was so closely related to the European courts, big and little, that the gathering of royalty at the obsequies will be unprecedented.

The news of the queen's death reached at the towns in the kingdom a few minutes after it had been received by the lord mayor of London and was quickly spread throughout the country districts by the tolling of bells.

Eulogize the Queen.

London, Jan. 23.—All the morning papers appear in heavy mourning borders, with editorials eulogistic of the dead queen and recalling the leading events and particular incidents of her reign. Few political references as to the future are made.

For a Porto Rican Loan.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 23.—The house has passed a bill authorizing the treasurer to float a loan of \$3,000,000 in the United States and Europe. The funds thus raised will be loaned by the government to planters to relieve agricultural depression.

TREATY RATIFIED.

Senate Approves the Purchase of Islands From Spain.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The senate in executive session ratified the treaty with Spain for the acquisition of the islands of Sibutu and Cagayan of the Philippine group at a cost of \$100,000. There were no votes to spare, a two-thirds vote being needed, and the voting standing 38 to 19. In the debate prior to ratification a number of senators manifested a disposition to oppose the further acquisition of Oriental territory. Senators Lodge and Chandler spoke in behalf of the treaty and Senators Bacon, Money and Pettigrew in opposition. Senator Lodge, speaking for the committee on foreign relations, said that the treaty was made necessary by the failure to include the islands of Sibutu and Cagayan in the original negotiations by which we acquired the Philippines and that it was necessary to acquire them to prevent Germany getting possession of them. Their acquisition by any foreign power, he said, would be an awkward circumstance for the United States and should be prevented before it was too late. The opposition senators replied that the land was worthless to the United States and added that there was not a harbor on the coast of any one of them and there could be no object in any other country taking them. They also charged that as the islands are in the Sulu group their population in polygamous and also that slavery exists on the islands.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNS.

Mark of Respect for Great Britain's Dead Queen.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The house adopted a resolution expressing profound regret and sympathy for the English people on account of the death of Queen Victoria. The president was requested to communicate the expression to the British government, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the queen the house immediately adjourned. The action of the house was particularly impressive in that the resolution was adopted without a word of dissent or debate. The resolution followed the precedents and was in almost the identical language of the resolution adopted on the occasions of the deaths of the president of the French republic and the czar of Russia.

Before the announcement of the death of the queen the house passed the bills to send to the court of claims the claim of Cramp & Sons, amounting to something over \$1,700,000 for alleged damages due to the company on account of the failure of the government to promptly furnish armor plate and other material used in the construction of the New York, Columbia, Massachusetts and Indiana. The claim has been prominently before congress for several years.

IN THE SENATE.

Appropriate Resolution Regarding the Queen's Death Adopted.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The announcement of the death of Queen Victoria, conveyed unofficially to the senate, was recognized by that body in the adoption of an appropriate resolution, which was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the prime minister of Great Britain.

During the sitting of the senate in open session the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was completed, so far as the committee amendments were concerned. It was subject to amendment by individual senators. Little other business was transacted.

THE OLMSTEAD RESOLUTION.

Census Committee Asks Director Merriam for Information.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Olmstead resolution providing a limitation of representation in case of disfranchisement of voters was taken up by the house committee on census. The proposition was discussed generally and a resolution adopted to ask the director of the census for a statement on the male population, white and black, above voting age in the various states, amount of illiteracy and disability in each class. A decision will be deferred until this information is at hand.

THE ARMY BILL.

Conferees Begin Their Efforts to Reach an Understanding.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The conferees of the army reorganization bill have begun their efforts to reach a conclusion. The senate made all told 103 amendments, but as most of these are of comparatively little importance the house conferees accepted a large proportion of them. The principal amendment is that providing for the continuance of the present regimental system for the artillery instead of a corps organization, and that problem will be among the last to be solved by the conferees.

President Krüger at Utrecht.

Utrecht, Jan. 23.—Mr. Krüger arrived here at midday. He was received by a committee at the railroad station and was cheered warmly. As he drove to his hotel a choir sang patriotic songs. Mr. Krüger thanked the crowd outside and the people sang the Transvaal national hymn.

Sword of Honor for Dewet.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—A public collection is being made in Hamburg with a view of presenting to General Dewet a sword of honor and providing a fund for the relief of suffering Boer women and children.

THEY EXEMPT TWO

Foreign Envoys Discuss Request of the Chinese Plenipotentiaries.

Decide That Tsi Lien and Tsi Wing Are Not as Guilty as the Others.

MUST PROVE GOOD FAITH

Cannot Otherwise Expect Concessions on the Part of the Allies.

Conditions as to Primary Question of Punishment Must Be Accepted.

Peking, Jan. 23.—The foreign envoys discussed the request of the Chinese plenipotentiaries, especially in the matter of punishments, and exempted Tsi Lien and Tsi Wing as being less guilty than the others. The reply to the Chinese note will be delivered Thursday. It will emphasize the point that the signing of the agreement will be without value unless good faith is shown by acts and then it will be absolutely useless to expect the withdrawal of the troops or concessions upon the part of the allies until China has conclusively proved her good intentions.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Havas agency has received the following dispatch from Peking:

The ministers have decided not to reply to the request for explanation of the joint note until the Chinese shall have proved by their acts that they intend to give satisfaction and the conditions shall have been accepted as to the primary question of punishments. The ministers intend to discuss with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang the conditions under which the chief of the guilty shall be punished.

Will Bring the Emperor In.

Tien Tsin, Jan. 23.—It is reported in German circles that unless the peace negotiations are satisfactorily considered early next month an expedition will be formed to bring Emperor Kwang Su and Prince Tuan to Peking.

OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE.

Missouri Judge Decides That the State Cannot Tax a Franchise.

Kansas City, Jan. 23.—Judge Henry of the circuit court handed down a case of national importance when in a written opinion he decided that the state of Missouri, represented by the state board of equalization, had no right to tax the franchise of the Western Union Telegraph company.

When the state board of equalization met last week the Western Union turned in the valuation of its assets of actual property, which the board practically doubled and added the words "and on all other property \$862,000." It was to this that the company objected, contending that the board had assessed this value against its franchise. Payment was refused and the state brought suit through the county collector.

WANT BRYAN'S VIEWS.

Chairman of House Coinage Committee Sends Invitation.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Chairman Southard of the house committee on coinage has sent the following dispatch to Hon. W. J. Bryan at Lincoln, Neb.:

"Could you appear before the committee on coinage, weights and measures, or send your views as to financial measures pending there?"

The dispatch grew out of the request of Representative Shafroth of Colorado that Mr. Bryan should be invited to express his views along with others prominent in the financial world who are being heard on the pending bill, making all silver obligations redeemable in gold.

TO CONTROL TRUSTS.

Memorial to Congress Introduced in the Wisconsin Senate.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 23.—Senator McGillivray has introduced in the senate a memorial to congress asking for the passage of an amendment to the federal Constitution giving congress joint power with the states to control trusts. The memorial calls for an amendment to the Constitution which shall endow congress with extensive powers without depriving the states of their present authority in this class of legislation, the idea being to give congress and the federal government concurrent authority.

Saloonkeepers Threaten to Retaliate.

Bradford, Ill., Jan. 23.—Mamie Kelley and Florence Frye wrecked two saloons at Harmon because the proprietors sold liquor to their brothers, who are minors. The W. C. T. U. is defending them. The saloonkeepers threaten to prosecute the temperance organization for raffling quilts.

Six Months for Lese Majeste.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—The imperial court at Leipzig has confirmed the sentence of six months' imprisonment for lese majeste recently passed upon Maximilian Harden, editor and publisher of The Bukunft.

SUCCEEDS DAVIS.

Moses E. Clapp Selected as Senator From Minnesota.

St. Paul, Jan. 23.—Knute Nelson and Moses E. Clapp have been formally elected by the vote of the two houses of the legislature sitting separately, to the long and short terms in the senate respectively.

Senator J. D. Jones nominated Senator Knute Nelson in the senate. Representative Ward did as much for the Alexandria man in the house.

Senator Sheehan put Moses E. Clapp in nomination in the senate, and he was introduced to the house in a number of brief speeches.

Senator Ives presented the name of Judge R. R. Nelson in the senate, and Representative Hickey performed the same function in the house. Senator Baldwin named Senator C. A. Towne in the senate.

The election was on strict party lines with the exception of one vote in the senate, Senator Grue, a Populist, voting for Knute Nelson.

BAILEY OF TEXAS.

Present Congressman Chosen Senator From the Lone Star State.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 23.—Congressman J. W. Bailey was elected United States senator after a long debate in the house over the majority and minority reports of the Bailey investigating committee. The majority report exonerated Mr. Bailey from any moral or legal wrongdoing in the matter of securing a new permit for the Waters-Pierce Oil company, but severely criticized those who had seen fit to criticize Mr. Bailey and state officials. The minority report stops with the exoneration of Mr. Bailey and the state officials and does not seek to denounce their critics. The majority report was adopted by a vote of 107 to 2. The vote for senator resulted: Bailey 110, Horace Chilton 2, John H. Rogan 1, M. M. Crane 1. In the senate the ballot was: Bailey 29, ex-Senate Senator Atlove 2.

SEWELL RE-ELECTED.

Chosen United States Senator by New Jersey Legislature.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 23.—United States Senator William J. Sewell has been elected to succeed himself. Mr. Sewell received 45 votes in the house to 13 for Former Congressman Alvah A. Clark, who was decided upon as the choice of the Democrats. General Sewell received 17 votes in the senate to 4 for Mr. Clark.

GAMBLE IS CHOSEN.

Senator From South Dakota to Succeed Pettigrew.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 23.—In separate session Robert J. Gamble was elected to the United States senate to succeed R. F. Pettigrew. The vote was as follows: Senate, Gamble 38, Pettigrew 5; house, Gamble 75, Pettigrew 8.

Elkins Again Chosen.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 23.—Stephen B. Elkins was re-elected United States senator by separate vote in the two houses of the legislature. The ballot will be ratified later in joint session.

Senator Cullom Re-Elected.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 23.—In separate session the senate and house of the Illinois legislature re-elected United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom for a term of six years.

Succeeds Lucien Baker.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 23.—J. R. Burton, Rep., has been elected senator to succeed Lucien Baker. Vote in senate: Burton 30, Overmeyer 8; house, Burton 79, Overmeyer 43.

CAUSING ANNOYANCE.

Statements That Great Britain Will Accept Amended Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The repetition of statements to the effect that the Washington authorities are satisfied that the British government had decided to accept the senate's amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is causing a deal of annoyance here, and it is said by the officials that the circulation of these stories upon insufficient information is calculated to prejudice the negotiations between the governments of the United States and Great Britain respecting the Isthmian canal. The statement already has gone as far as it ever has on such occasions toward officially contradicting the statements that it has any sort of information either to warrant the conclusion that the British government had made up its mind what disposition to make of the amendments or had allowed any intimation of its purpose to reach Washington.

HER MOTHER'S DEATH.

News of the Event Broken to Empress Frederick.

London, Jan. 23.—The news of her mother's death was tenderly broken to Dowager Empress Frederick, says a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Frankfurt. It was a terrible shock, but the empress is bearing up bravely. The trials of the last few days, however, have exercised a most prejudicial effect upon her health, which causes serious anxiety.

May Avert the Strike.

Sharon, Pa., Jan. 23.—The threatened strike of furnacemen at Sharon and Sharpsville, set for Feb. 1, will, it is thought, be averted by the manufacturers and employees effecting a compromise.

Congressman Neville Better.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Congressman Neville of Nebraska is reported better. His temperature was normal for the first time in several weeks.

REQUEST TROOPS

Soldiers Wanted to Quell an Uprising in the Indian Territory.

Snake Bands Commit Depredations and Threaten Residents' Lives.

DEFY DEPUTIES AND POLICE

United States Marshal and Posse Are Repulsed by the Hostiles.

Fears for the Safety of Dawes Commissioners in That Vicinity.

Muskogee, I. T., Jan. 23.—Washington authorities have been requested to send federal troops into the Creek country to quell the uprising of full-bloods known as the Snake bands, who are creating depredations west of Eufaula and threatening the lives of both the whites and the neutral Indians. The Indians threaten to finally enter the towns and burn and kill and Chief Makko has sent a message of defiance to President McKinley. The whites are arming and bloodshed is feared.

United States Marshal Bennett sent 20 deputies and 10 Indian police to the scene, but they were met by so fierce a fusillade that they were compelled to retire. One of the posse named McNas was captured by the Indians and it is feared that they will take his life. The result of this effort at suppression and because of the pressure for protection brought by the whites Marshal Bennett and Indian Agent Shoofelt sent a message to the Washington authorities.

Request for Federal Troops.

To the number of 500 be sent them. They stated that it would be sure death for the deputies and police to attempt to interfere again.

Marshal Bennett and Agent Shoofelt will, as soon as they hear from Washington, join the troops, invade the Indian camps and endeavor to put the leaders under arrest.

The Creeks threaten that after they have cleaned out all the interior whites they will visit the various towns in the Creek Nation, destroy them by fire and kill the inhabitants. They have threatened to kill Chief Pleasant Porter and any of the members of the Dawes commission that attempt to interfere with them. Great fear is felt for some of the commission who are surveying and allotting lands in that section of the country.

So wrought up are the whites that an order has been issued allowing all citizens to protect themselves and hundreds of people are arming.

NO LIVES LOST.

Grand Opera House at Cincinnati Destroyed by Fire.

Cincinnati, Jan. 23.—A general alarm called the fire department to the Grand Opera House building. When the fire engines arrived at the scene no blaze could be seen. The fire was below the stage. The theater at the time the fire was discovered was crowded to its utmost. It is believed that all of those inside escaped safely, though many narrow escapes from injury are reported. The people on the first floor and balcony got out without much trouble, though minus many parts of their clothing. Those in the gallery had more trouble in reaching the outside, as there was only one narrow exit from the gallery to the main hallway. Had it not been for the quick arrival of the ladder truck many would have been killed. The ladders were hoisted up to the windows and many escaped in that manner. At the time the fire was discovered the actors and actresses of the Southern company, playing "Hamlet," were ready in their costumes for the first act. They rushed to the street in their makeups and are now bemoaning the loss of their wardrobe. Mr. Southern lost his entire paraphernalia. Two other buildings adjoining were also burned.

STUDENTS SUSPENDED.

Iowa University Men Kidnap the Freshman President.

Des Moines, Jan. 23.—President MacLean of the state university has suspended 10 students of the sophomore class for having kidnapped the freshman class president on the evening of the annual class banquet. On the evening of the 14th 10 students captured President Stiles of the freshman class on the street, hustled him into a hack and drove him 10 miles into the country where he was locked in a farmhouse and kept there for two days.

Mrs. Nation Out on Bail.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Carrie Nation and her colleagues in the saloon smashing crusade were arraigned in the city court and waived a preliminary hearing. Judge Kirke fixed their bond at \$1,000 each, which was promptly given and the women released.

Mrs. Livermore Is Eighty.

Boston, Jan. 23.—Members of the Woman's Suffrage association and guests gathered in the Hotel Vendome at a reception in honor of Mrs. Mary Livermore, its president, and in commemoration of her 80th birthday.

HAD A CHEST OF GOLD

Iowa Man Dies in Want With \$4,000 Within His Reach.

Grinnell, Ia., Jan. 23.—John Knox, an eccentric character of Oskaola, died in absolute want while within reach of his hand was a chest containing \$4,000 in gold coin. Knox has lived in Oskaola for about 30 years during which time he has lived the life of a recluse. He repulsed all efforts to bring him in closer touch with the people about him. It was always supposed that he was in abject poverty, but he always fiercely resisted all offers of assistance. During his last illness he would not admit anyone to his presence and would have died all alone and unattended had not the neighbors forced themselves to his bedside.

After death, which occurred amidst the meanest surroundings, a search among his effects revealed the presence of a strong chest containing \$4,000 in gold coin.

NINTH ANNUAL BONSPIEL

Northwestern Curlers Contest for Trophies at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Jan. 23.—One hundred men, skilled in all of the fine points of the game participated in the opening of the ninth annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling association in this city Monday. Twenty-five rinks, composed of the best curlers of the United States and Canada, are engaged in a struggle for the honors and the rich trophies that have been offered. The struggle will continue through the week, and it is possible that the final games will have to be laid over until Monday of next week.

The representation this year, while it was not up to the expectation of the local promoters, exceeds that of two years ago by four clubs.

Hurricane in Norway.

Christiania, Jan. 23.—A terrific hurricane ravaged the Norwegian coast Monday night from Tromsøe to Christiansand. It was accompanied by snow, lightning, thunder and a spring tide. Great damage was done to ports, shipping, houses and thoroughfares, as well as telephone and telegraph wires. All incoming steamers are delayed and it is feared that many persons have been killed.

Canada Mourns for Victoria.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—When the news of the death of the queen reached Ottawa the secretary of state issued a proclamation continuing in office all who held position under the crown. This is merely formal. All public buildings in the Dominion at once placed the Union Jack at halfmast and it will so remain until sundown on the day of the queen's funeral.

Will Sell Arms to British.

Berlin, Jan. 23.—Count von Buelow, imperial chancellor, has received a notice from the Krupp works saying that while the company has heretofore refrained from filling British orders for arms and ammunition it will fill them hereafter. This is understood to be due to the fact that the Ehrhardt concern at Dusseldorf has all along sold arms to England.

Yukon Road Still Blocked.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23.—The steamship Dolphin, just in from Skaguay, reports that the pass and the Yukon road is still blocked. Three hundred people are stormbound at Skaguay.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Fred C. Schiffman of St. Paul has been appointed oil inspector of Minnesota by Governor Van Sant.

R. H. Robertson of St. Andrews Golf club, New York, has been named as the president of the United States Golf association.

Tom Sharkey and Peter Maher have been matched to meet in a 20-round contest before the Louisville Athletic club during the month of February. They will meet at catch weights.

LATEST MARKET REPORT.

Duluth Grain.

DULUTH, Jan. 23.
WHEAT—Cash No. 1 hard 74c, No. 1 Northern 72c, No. 2 Northern 62c@68c. To arrive—No. 1 hard 75c, No. 1 Northern 73c, May No. 1 Northern 76c, July 77c.
FLAX—To arrive \$1.76, cash \$1.70, May \$1.76, September \$1.21.

Minneapolis Wheat.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23.
WHEAT—Cash 73c, May 74c@74c, July 74c@75c. On Track—No. 1 hard 74c, No. 1 Northern 72c, No. 2 Northern 69c@70c.

Sioux City Live Stock.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Jan. 23.
CATTLE—Market quiet and slow. Sales ranged at 4.00@5.00 for beefs, \$2.00@3.50 for cows, bulls and mixed, \$3.25@4.00 for stockers and feeders, \$3.00@4.00 for calves and yearlings.
HOGS—Market 15c lower. Range of prices \$5.00@5.10.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Jan. 23.
HOGS—Market opened 12c@15c lower and closed weak at the decline. Range of prices \$5.05@5.20.
CATTLE—Market quiet and prices unchanged.
Sales ranged at \$4.50@5.25 for good to choice butcher steers, \$4.40@5.30 for good choice butcher cows and heifers, \$4.50@5.75 for choice veals, \$3.25@3.75 for choice feeders.
SHEEP—Market steady and active. Sales ranged at \$4.50@4.90 for choice butcher lambs, \$3.60@4.00 for choice fat wethers.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.
WHEAT—January 71c, February 71c, May 74c@74c.
CORN—January 30c, February 30c@31c, May 33c@33c.
OATS—January 23c, May 24c@25c.
PORK—January \$13.55, May \$13.50.
FLAX—Cash No. 1 \$1.71, May \$1.72.
POULTRY—Dressed turkeys 68c@70c, chickens 7c@7c.