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A SUDDEN SUMMONS.

In the Midst of Life We Are in Death.

Secretary Windom Unexpectedly Expires.

Death Called Him From the Banquet Table at Delmonico's.

He Died Immediately After Concluding a Speech on His Future Financial Policy.

Associated Press Dispatches.

New York, Jan. 29.—Hon. William Windom, secretary of the treasury of the United States, died tonight at 10:05 o'clock, in the banquet hall at Delmonico's, where he was the guest of the New York board of trade and transportation. He had been the first toast of the evening. He had just finished his response, seated himself, swooned at once, and died almost immediately. Every effort to restore him was made, but in vain. He died of heart disease. The great assemblage at once dissolved. Mr. Windom had been the only speaker, and the sentiment to which he responded was: Our Country's Prosperity Dependent Upon Its Instruments of Commerce.

In the early evening the members of the board of trade and transportation gathered in the reception parlors of Delmonico's, and welcomed the guests and friends who had come from near and far. Perhaps the most prominent were Secretaries Windom and Tracy, of the treasury and navy respectively. Nova Scotia had a representative among those present, in the person of her attorney-general, Mr. Longley. Canada, too, was there, in the person of Hon. Wilford Laurier. Mr. Windom, dignified of men as usual, was apparently in perfect health.

All formed a jolly procession to the banquet hall, where the members and guests were seated—the members at tables upon the floor, and the guests at a long table upon a raised platform. The aged Captain Ambrose Snow, president of the board, was in the center place. At his right he seated Mr. Windom, and upon his left Mr. Bayard.

The dinner was completed shortly after 9 o'clock, and Windom, introduced by Judge Arnold, responded to the toast, "Our Country's Prosperity Dependent Upon Its Instruments of Commerce." He finished his speech at 9:55 o'clock. It had been remarked that he was reading it off hurriedly from a printed copy, going faster and faster as he neared the end, and, at last, he had requested the audience not to applaud.

A QUIVER OF FEAR shot through the assemblage like an electric shock as the speaker finished. Windom was standing erect under the glare of the gas lights, with the faces of all turned toward him. For a moment the secretary stood silent, while the banqueters, equally silent, watched him. It was a moment that no one who was present will ever forget. Then Mr. Windom sat down quietly—too quietly, many thought—in his seat, and Toast Master Arnoux arose to introduce ex-Secretary of State Bayard as the next speaker. He began a short speech, but had not proceeded far when Mr. Windom gave a short, sharp moan of anguish, and fell back in his chair. His face grew purple, his lower limbs stiffened and stretched out under the table. His eyelids opened and shut spasmodically, but there was no gleam of intelligence in the eyes which were rapidly losing the lustre of life. A cigar which he had been smoking was held between the grim clench of his teeth. For only a moment he appeared thus.

A CRY WENT UP from those sitting near the guest table. "Look! Look at Mr. Windom!" Every eye was turned toward the man whose voice had just ceased. As they looked, he collapsed in his chair and was falling to the floor. His face was ghastly, and a cry of horror arose from the late festive banqueters. There was an immediate rush on the part of all towards Windom's chair, but several doctors who were present at the dinner, got there first and drove the others back. They were Drs. Robinson, Darrat, Whitney, Fisher and Bishop. Dr. Robinson bent down, and making a close examination of the prostrate form, discovered that the heart was yet beating, and with the assistance of Judge Truax, Captain Snow and one or two others, carried him into the room behind the banquet hall, and everything was done to resuscitate him. Messengers were hastily dispatched for electric batteries, and as many as four were applied to his body, but it was rapidly growing cold. This was at exactly 10:05 p. m. For six minutes electric shocks were applied incessantly, but without success.

HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD. "I would say the cause of death was apoplexy," said Dr. Robinson, "if it was not for the history of heart disease. I am inclined to think heart disease killed him. Mr. Windom was subject to fits of heart failure. On Tuesday last he was seized with an attack while on the steps of the treasury at Washington, but he did not lose consciousness, and was able to take care of himself."

At 10:11 p. m. Judge Arnoux came out of the room where lay Mr. Windom, and announced to the diners that Secretary Windom, whom they had had the pleasure of hearing only a few minutes before, had breathed his last.

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The words went to the heart of every man who heard them. They could hardly believe that the brilliant orator of a few moments before, now with

enthusiasm at predicting the future policy in the treasury, was now ONLY INANIMATE CLAY.

His voice was forever silenced, and his last words were for his country. Silence fell upon men who were only a few minutes before clamoring for news of Mr. Windom. Judge Arnoux, on retiring with the unconscious man, had announced that Windom had only fainted, and it was not thought by those remaining that it was as serious as it proved to be.

When it was officially announced that the secretary was dead, Secretary Tracy at once went to the nearest telegraph office and sent a message to President Harrison, informing him of the untimely death, and requested him to communicate with Mrs. Windom and have her start on the 11:30 p. m. train for New York. This will bring the widow to this city by 7 o'clock in the morning, and not until then can any arrangements be made for the removal of the body.

AFTER THE DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT the scene that ensued is beyond description. Gradually the excitement abated, and a death certificate was issued, signed by Drs. Whitney and Robinson, giving the cause of the death as, first, cerebral hemorrhage, and second, coma.

Undertaker Huyler, of Grace church, was summoned and put in charge of the remains. The body was taken to room 25 of the Fifth Avenue hotel, where Secretary Tracy and Attorney-General Miller received it. Later President Snow telegraphed to President Harrison that the body would be sent to Washington on a special train in the morning, in charge of a special committee.

THE PRESIDENT'S GRIEF.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The announcement of the sudden death of Secretary Windom in New York, tonight, was so terribly sudden and unexpected that all who heard the news were profoundly shocked, and so overcome as to be unable to express the grief they felt. As soon as a telegram bearing the sad intelligence was received by the Associated Press, its contents were immediately communicated to President Harrison at the white house. He was in the library at the time, talking to Mrs. Harrison, and when the message was read to him was greatly distressed and almost completely overcome. He immediately ordered his carriage and went at once to the house of the postmaster-general, but a few blocks away, where a cabinet dinner had been in progress, and from which he had returned but a few minutes before. A reception had followed the dinner, so the guests had not all dispersed. Mrs. Windom and her two daughters, and Mrs. Colgate, of New York, who is visiting them, were among those present.

THE WIFE AND DAUGHTERS INFORMED. As soon as the president arrived, he had a hurried conversation with Secretaries Blaine and Proctor and the postmaster-general, and told them of the grief that had befallen them. They then privately informed Mrs. Colgate of Mr. Windom's death, and she, without exciting the suspicions of Mrs. Windom and her daughters, succeeded in getting them to their carriage and home. The president, Secretary Proctor and Postmaster-General Wanamaker entered carriages and followed directly after her.

When Mrs. Windom and her daughters reached the house, Mrs. Colgate gently broke the dreadful news to the bereaved widow and daughters. Mrs. Windom was completely overcome and had to be escorted to her chamber. The shock was a terrible one, as when the secretary left Washington this morning, he seemed in the best of health and spirits. The president and members of the cabinet who were present, extended sympathy to the stricken family, and offered their services.

The news of the death spread with wonderful rapidity, and, although the hour was late, a large number of friends went to the residence of Mrs. Windom to express sympathy with her and her daughters. No official action will be taken until tomorrow.

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As a bulletin announcing somewhat in detail the secretary's death was read to the president, while still at the postmaster-general's house, he covered his eyes with his hand and moved away without uttering a word, so greatly was he moved. He subsequently said he regarded it as a great calamity, which afflicted him sorely.

TRIBUTES FROM HIS COLLEAGUES. Secretary Blaine, in speaking of Mr. Windom, said he was a very valuable member of the cabinet, and had worked with intense zeal since he entered upon the duties of the office. His death was a great loss to the administration. He was exceedingly popular with the members of the cabinet, Mr. Blaine said, and he did not think one of them ever had an unfriendly word with him since the cabinet was formed.

Secretary Proctor said words could not express the feeling that all experienced in the secretary's death. Their personal relations had been most friendly. Secretary Noble said the deceased was the most delightful and lovable man whom he had ever met.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker said: "It is the first break in the cabinet, and a great loss to the country. With his great ability there was every equality and grace to make an ideal man. Every one loved him."

Secretary Rusk did not hear of the death until late in the evening, when he at once repaired to Mrs. Windom's house and tendered his services and sympathy.

A Biographical Sketch.

William Windom was born in Belmont county, Ohio, May 10, 1827. He received an academic education, studied law at Mount Vernon, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1850. In 1852 he became prosecuting attorney of Knox county. In 1855 he removed to Minnesota, and was soon afterward chosen to Congress as a Republican, serving from 1855 to 1857. He was elected to the United States senate in 1860, and served until 1867.

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pirated term of Daniel S. Norton, deceased; was subsequently chosen for the term that ended in 1877; was re-elected for the one that closed in 1883, and resigned in 1881 to enter the cabinet of President Garfield as secretary of the treasury, but retired on the accession of President Arthur the same year, and was re-elected by the Minnesota legislature to serve the remainder of his term in the senate, at the close of which he was a candidate for re-election, but was defeated by Sabin, after a bitter struggle. After his defeat he went to New York city, where he practiced law until appointed secretary of the treasury by President Harrison.

WINDOM'S LAST SPEECH.

His Well Known Fiscal Views Outlined For the Last Time.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—In his remarks tonight, Secretary Windom confined himself to transportation and money. Under the first head he spoke strongly of the decadence of our foreign carrying trade, and said if we would regain our lost prestige, we must make the conquest with the same weapons which proved so successful in the hands of our rivals.

On the topic of money, the secretary said the ideal financial system would be the one that should furnish just enough abundance of sound currency to meet the legitimate wants of trade, and have enough elasticity of volume to adjust itself to the varying necessities of the people. Could such a medium be secured, the grave commercial disasters which threaten our future might be averted. These disasters always come when unusual activity in business causes an abnormal demand for money, as in the autumn for the movement of our immense crops. There was no real danger at those times under any cast iron system of currency, such as we now have. Had it not been for the peculiar condition which enabled the United States treasury to disburse over \$75,000,000 in two and a half months; last fall, the stringency would have resulted in wide-spread financial ruin.

In the opinion of the secretary, our bonded debt should be in part exchanged for interconvertible bonds, bearing a low rate of interest, and always interchangeable for money at the will of the people.

Believing there is not enough of either gold or silver in the world to meet the necessities of business, the secretary said he was an earnest bi-metalist, and conceded to no one a stronger desire for the free and unlimited coinage of silver as soon as the conditions can be reached through an international agreement, or otherwise, by which such coinage will be safe. But it was his firm conviction that for this country to enter upon that experiment now, would result, not in bi-metalism, but in silver mono-metalism; would produce a swift and sure contraction, and eventually reduce the market value of silver.

In conclusion, the secretary said: Give us direct and ample transportation facilities under the American flag, and controlled by American citizens; a currency sound in quality and adequate in quantity, an international bank to facilitate exchanges, and a system of reciprocity carefully adjusted within the lines of protection, and not only will our foreign commerce again invade every sea, but every American industry will be quickened and our whole people feel the impulse of a new and enduring prosperity.

MANVEL IN 'FRISCO.

The Santa Fe President Says His Visit Is Devoid of Importance.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Allen Manvel, president of the Santa Fe, and J. D. Minot, third vice-president, arrived in this city today. Mr. Manvel explained that his visit to this coast is entirely devoid of any important purpose, so far as the extension of the Santa Fe is concerned. The late Henry D. Minot was an intimate friend of Manvel, but at the time of his death his work at Bakersfield was not in any way associated with the Santa Fe. The president of the latter road stated, however, that Mr. Minot completed the work in which he was engaged, the Santa Fe might have become much interested. At present there is no likelihood, Mr. Manvel says, of the Santa Fe picking up the threads which fell from Mr. Minot's hands. A competing road would, in his opinion, be a good thing for California, though he is doubtful whether it would at present be a good thing for the railroad.

PAID WITH BULLETS.

A Debt of Four Dollars Cancelled With Pistol Balls.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Wong Ah Foo, a member of the Hop Sing society, was shot in three places and badly wounded, this afternoon, by Chuck Quan Yee, a member of the Sney On society. For some time the latter had been indebted to Foo to the extent of four dollars, and when Foo met him today, he asked for payment. Yee, who had been drinking, with him, opened fire on Foo, and some ten or fifteen shots were fired. Foo retreated and the others escaped. A white bystander was struck by a spent bullet, but not badly hurt.

Burning of the Steamer Shanghai.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—The steamship City of Rio de Janeiro, which arrived today from Hongkong, brought further particulars of the burning of the steamer Shanghai, December 25th. She had on board 400 Chinese passengers and one European, and carried a cargo of cotton. The cargo caught fire and the vessel was headed for shore. The Chinese rushed overboard and were drowned in large numbers. No accurate estimate of those lost can be made, but it was probably between 200 and 300.

No trace has been found of the pirates who captured the steamer Namoa.

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GARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 29.—The legislature today re-elected Senator John W. United States senator for the fourth time, receiving 54 votes out of 60.

SACRAMENTO GOSSIP.

A Special Message from the Governor.

He Favors Economy in Public Printing.

Several New Appointments Made by His Excellency.

Interesting Events in the Legislature. Eakle to be Unseated—The Railroad Commission Doomed.

Associated Press Dispatches.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 29.—A message from the governor was transmitted to the legislature this morning, relative to the printing of the reports of the various state boards and commissions. The governor says the reports are often more voluminous than necessary, and are printed at great expense to the state regardless of the value of their contents. He recommends the provision for some competent authority, who shall have power to determine what is proper to print, and the size and number of copies, thus effecting a saving to the tax payers of the state, it is estimated, of from \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually.

W. A. Brown has been appointed registrar of voters, vice Smiley, resigned. The governor has also appointed C. F. Bassett harbor commissioner, in place of English, whose term has expired.

EVENTS IN THE SENATE.

In the senate, today, the principal event was a fight by Langford, Democratic senator from Stockton, to kill the pool bill. A strong lobby has been trying for several days to get the bill referred back to the committee on public morals, so that it might be strangled there. When the bill came up for first reading today, Langford demanded that it be sent back to the committee. Campbell of Yallico made one of his vociferous speeches, and described all the evils of the pool business, as exemplified in the Paper alley rooms in San Francisco. He said that to refer the bill back would be to kill it; the bill would never return again to the senate. He stirred up the moral senators so that Langford's motion was defeated, and the bill got its first reading.

The San Francisco delegation reported in favor of the bill directing the board of supervisors of San Francisco to pay Peter Conolly \$187,000, with legal interest since 1873, for grading done on Market street.

The committee on banking reported favorably on the bill legislating the bank commissioners out of office.

The committee on contingent expenses reported favorably on the bill for Banks, Britt and Williams' trip to the Agnews asylum.

IN THE ASSEMBLY.

The event of special interest in the assembly today, was the debate on Shannahan's constitutional amendment to abolish the railroad commission. Dibble moved to make it a special order for tomorrow. The house did not see the necessity for delay, and voted the motion down—46 to 23. On motion of Gould the matter was made the special order for next Monday, at 3 o'clock.

The assembly passed a bill increasing the San Francisco police force to 600. Gould's resolution providing that all committees on ballot reform report on February 6th, was adopted.

Wilson's senate resolution was made a special order for Friday of next week.

THE WORLD'S FAIR APPROPRIATION.

The ways and means committee of the assembly met this evening to consider the \$300,000 appropriation for the world's fair. Among the speakers were M. M. Esteve, J. D. Redding, W. H. Mills, James Phelan and M. H. De Young. Mr. De Young said that the individual expenses of the commissioners for two years would amount to \$100,000, thus leaving only \$200,000 for the exhibit. He advocated lessening the number of commissioners.

EAKLE WILL BE UNSEATED.

The assembly committee on elections will report tomorrow morning in favor of unseating Eakle, the Democratic assemblyman from Colusa, and seating Campbell, Republican, who was beaten by 23 votes. The committee finds that Eakle got 45 fraudulent votes in the first and second precincts of Willows; Campbell therefore wins by 22 votes.

The Brown-Daly election case was taken up tonight. The committee, after a stormy session, adjourned without doing anything.

NOT A SUCCESS.

A Hitch in the First Voyage of the Mount Carmel Air-Ship.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Tonight was the time set for the first public test of the much-talked-of Mount Carmel air-ship. A crowd of newspaper men and others having invitations gathered at the exposition building, and saw high above their heads, floating about in an apparently aimless fashion, a strange egg-shaped craft. After considerable bobbing around and a bound or two toward the roof, the model was hauled down, and the exhibition was prematurely over. The inventor, Mr. Pennington, gloomily said that tomorrow there would be no "hitch." The storage battery, he said, was insufficiently charged tonight.

Roundhouse Burned at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—At about 7:30 this evening fire broke out in the Southern Pacific roundhouse, completely destroying it. Two engines and three coaches were also consumed. The total loss will probably not exceed \$30,000. The building was an old frame one, and was constructed by the Oregon and California railroad company. It was the first roundhouse erected in Portland. It is thought the fire originated from sparks from one of the engines.

Blame in Arizona.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 29.—Slight show-ers through the day; prospect tonight of rain.

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