

ELOQUENT EVARTS' VOICE IS STILLED BY DEATH

Secretary of State in the Hayes Cabinet Passes From Life at an Advanced Age.



WILLIAM M. EVARTS, THE DISTINGUISHED ORATOR AND STATESMAN, WHO HELD THE STATE DEPARTMENT PORTFOLIO UNDER PRESIDENT HAYES, DIED OF PNEUMONIA YESTERDAY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—William M. Evarts died at his home in this city today. Mr. Evarts was 83 years old. His death was caused by pneumonia. For several years past he had been without the use of his eyes and he was otherwise so feeble that he was unable to leave his home. Up to the time of death he was the nominal head of the law firm of Evarts, Cheate & Beaman, although for many years he had not been in active practice. Soon after 4 o'clock this morning Mr. Evarts suffered a relapse which caused him to sink rapidly. At 6 o'clock he was ordered unconscious the dying weaker until at 9:10 o'clock, without regaining consciousness, he expired. From the time he was unconscious the dying wife and children were with him in the room. There are four daughters and a like number of sons. The latter are Alvin, Sherman, the Rev. Dr. Prescott and Maxwell Evarts, and the daughters are Miss Mary Evarts, Mrs. Beaman and Mrs. Scudder. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from Calvary Protestant church, where services will be held. The remains will be taken to the family plot in the cemetery there. The pallbearers will not be chosen until tomorrow afternoon.

SENATE PASSES RIVER AND HARBOR BILL CARRYING IMMENSE SUM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The serenity of today's proceedings in the Senate was in sharp contrast with the tempestuous discussion of yesterday. An immense amount of business was disposed of and the point raised was sharply controverted. The river and harbor bill, carrying appropriations of more than \$50,000,000, was passed without a word of discussion, and the Senate adopted the conference report on the war revenue reduction measure without disturbing in the least the mildness of the proceedings. Final conference reports were made and agreed to on the diplomatic and consular and the agricultural appropriation bills, and another conference on the postoffice bill was ordered. Conference reports on several other measures were agreed to and several bills of a minor character were passed. The last hour and a half of the session was devoted to consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill. A resolution offered by Allen of Nebraska, calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for copies of Gunner Charles Morgan's letter to Rear Admiral Sampson, seeking promotion, and the admiral's indorsement thereon, together with all correspondence bearing on the matter, was adopted.

HASTE IN THE HOUSE. CONFERENCE REPORT ON WAR REVENUE REDUCTION ADOPTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The House cleared the decks to-day of a number of important conference reports without much difficulty. The conference report on the war revenue reduction bill proved generally acceptable to both sides, and to Kansas City manufacturers. The present organization of the road will be maintained through the year. The Memphis road to-day purchased the Decker's, Osceola and Northern roads which run from Memphis, Ark., to Luxora, Ark., forty-five miles north-east of Decker'sville, on the Mississippi River. The road was owned by the Pond-Decker Lumber Company.

SWEPT DOWN MOUNTAIN BY A GREAT SNOWSLIDE

BOULDER, Colo., Feb. 28.—John Kitzridge, a mining engineer, and his assistant, John Fields, were carried down Crispden mountain, two and a half miles above El Dorado, by a snowslide to-day. Kitzridge caught hold of a stump and saved himself, but Fields was carried 1000 feet to the bottom of a gulch and buried by the slide. His body was recovered this evening. Fields was from Holton, Kan.

Two Men Have a Thrilling Experience Which Results Fatally for One.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

Edifice Built on Mission-Moorish Style of Architecture Is Opened at Riverside.

LOOKOUT ELLINGSON CONFESSES.

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Cowwood descended to the bottom of the bay where it was thought the Rio was. He remained down eight minutes and the line showed that he was in six fathoms of water. A second attempt was made by the diver, and after twenty minutes had elapsed those on the barge and tug were hopeful that he had located the wreck. Signals were sent down to him on the lifeline, and as he failed to answer them it was thought advisable to haul on the line. The second descent was made in more than 100 feet of water and the diver died from his ears on coming to the surface.

PILOTS AND MASTERS DEFEND CAPTAIN WARD

Fund Is Opened to Reward Italian Fishermen Who Saved Lives of Many Persons When Rio Sank.

Resolutions defending the name and ability of the late Captain William Ward of the Rio de Janeiro were passed yesterday by California Harbor No. 15 of the American Association of Masters and Pilots of Steam Vessels. The resolutions refer to the disaster of last Friday through which Captain Ward lost his life and express the regret of the association over the heavy mortality which followed the loss of the ship. The public is asked by the association not to pass hasty judgment on Captain Ward or be guided by the statements of irresponsible or unscrupulous persons who may have reasons for casting blame for the loss of the Rio de Janeiro on Captain Ward. The resolutions state that the captain was hampered by having a Chinese crew on his ship.

LOCATION OF WRECK IS STILL UNKNOWN

Diver Cowwood Fails to Find Any Sign of the Rio at Spot Indicated by Pilot Jordan.

The wreck of the steamship Rio de Janeiro and the bodies of the scores of people in her shattered hull still lie unlocated in the waters of the Golden Gate. Consolation was felt when Pilot Jordan stated that he never had the slightest doubt as to the exact location of the rock on which the ship struck.

HAS NO CONTROL OF MIND OR MUSCLE

John de Rosa, Formerly a Harness Mender at Ileton, Is Now a Human Automaton.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 28.—Five days ago John de Rosa, in full possession of his faculties, followed his occupation of mender of harness at Ileton, this county. Today he is a mindless automaton, placed in a chair he will sit bolt upright, without the moving of a muscle apparently. If applied to a standing posture he will so remain until bent into the chair again. If his arm or hand is raised it will stay fixed until a finger moves it down again. He will not talk nor does he show any sign of consciousness of his surroundings. He is simply a machine, devoid of intelligence, and it seems to control the action of any nerve or muscle. The lunacy board this afternoon directed him to be sent to the Stockton Hospital for the insane and thither the human automaton will be conveyed by a Sheriff's deputy to-morrow.

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WOULD STOP EXECUTIONS OF CHINESE

Bloodshed to Cease if President Has His Way.

HUMANE POLICY OF AMERICA WILL BE SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL POWERS.

Special Dispatch to The Call. CALL BUREAU 1606 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Bloodshed in China will cease if the suggestions advanced by the President are adopted by a treaty to any more executions of Chinese and a cablegram has been sent to Mr. Rockhill outlining the views of this Government. The special commissioner was directed to say to his colleagues that in the opinion of the President sufficient blood has been shed in explanation of the anti-foreign outrages and that the President hopes that capital punishment will not be imposed upon any more criminals. It is believed that Russia and Japan will support his position, and an effort will be made to induce Great Britain to desert Germany on this point.

STARTS A REBELLION.

Li Hai Chuan Takes the Field With Fifty Thousand Men.

LONDON, March 1.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Standard says reports from native sources assert that Li Hai Chuan, a private soldier of Prince Tuan and General Tung Fu Hsiang, has started a rebellion with 50,000 men near Lanchow-Fu, province of Kansu.

CHINESE ON THE LIST.

Leaders Whose Decapitation Was Demanded by the Powers.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 28.—The native newspapers published a second list of officials whose punishment is demanded by the powers. It includes Lu Chuan Lin, Grand Councilor and President of the Board of Rites.

BROTHER OF A GROOM

Mysterious Shooting of a Young Man in Oklahoma Soon After His Relative's Wedding.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Feb. 28.—William Herrell married Sunday night and returned yesterday with his bride to Rocky, O. T. Last night a party gathered and some one fired a pistol. The bullet passed through the door of the house and through the body of George Herrell, who was asleep in bed on the first floor, killing him instantly. The young man was a brother of the groom. The mother collapsed and is expected to die from the shock of her son's death.

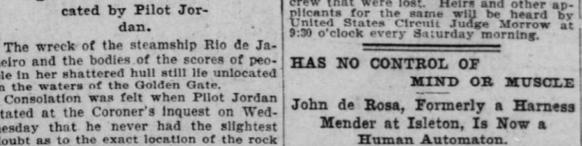
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CONGRESS CUTS WAR REVENUE

Reduction in Various Taxes Will Amount to Forty-One Millions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—In the Senate today Aldrich interrupted the consideration of the revenue bill to propose a conference of the Senate and House on the war revenue reduction bill, which was read. The Senate promptly agreed to the report, there being no objection.

WAR REVENUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Up to 5 o'clock this afternoon no effort was made to open up No. 6 level. At that hour Superintendent Sneddon, accompanied by Superintendent Thomas Young and ex-inspector Parks entered the mine and unsealed the sixth entry, and at 9 o'clock work was received that room 3 had been reached. It will be impossible to take out any bodies until room 4 is reached, which will be some time after midnight.

About thirty experienced men are engaged in the search and some bodies may be brought up late to-night. The only troubles seem to be in pushing the black dump back. To do this every room will be sealed and as the entrance from the seventh level to the sixth level is beyond the place where the fire occurred, it is the purpose of the relief gang to take the bodies out from the sixth level into the seventh level. It is certain that the bodies will be found back from where the fire occurred.

The investigation of the cause of the fire will not be held until more bodies have been recovered. To-night only two bodies, those of the Roni brothers, remain to be dug out, the others having been buried or shipped away. The inquiry will not be held until more bodies have been recovered.

NO TAX FOR BROKERS.

Commercial brokers' tax—Repealed in accordance with original act of both houses. Certificate of stock transfers—The rate of 2 cents for each \$100 is retained, and the rate of 1 cent for each \$50, as fixed by the existing law, which was not disturbed by the House.

SEVERITY TO PUPILS CAUSES THE ENMITY

Minister Boglioff of Russia, Who Was Shot, Enforces Strictest Laws in Military Schools.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 28.—The man named Karovich, who shot at and wounded the Minister of Public Instruction, M. Boglioff, yesterday while the latter was holding a reception, has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

HOLMAN ACQUITTED.

STOCKTON, Feb. 28.—Benjamin Holman, charged with the murder last November at Bellota of Walter Tull by shooting, was to-day acquitted by a jury after being out ten minutes. The evidence showed self-defense.

MUST CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT.

WOODLAND, Feb. 28.—Judge Gaddis has granted an alternate writ of mandate requiring A. M. Britt, president of the City Trustees, to sign an ordinance which requires all saloons to close at midnight. Mr. Britt says he will appeal the case.

PLACED ON THE RETIRED LIST.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—An order was issued at the War Department to-day placing Brigadier General James H. Wilson and Fitzhugh Lee on the retired list of the army.

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