

BEN BUTLER DEAD.

Sudden Demise of the Great Lawyer and Statesman

AT 1:30 THIS MORNING.

Failure of the Heart Announced as the Immediate Cause of His Death—It Was Not Generally Known That He Was Even Ailing.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Benjamin F. Butler, the lawyer, statesman, politician and millionaire manufacturer, died at his Washington residence, No. 220 New Jersey avenue southeast, at 1:30 o'clock this morning.



BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

The general has always, to a more or less extent, made his residence in Washington, although many of the scenes of his successful ventures have been located elsewhere. During the present winter a case which had been decided against him in the highest courts of the state of Massachusetts, and in which he took an appeal to the United States supreme court, has demanded his almost constant residence in this city. Every Monday he was a familiar figure at the sessions of that body.

He was present in court a few weeks ago when the decisions were handed down. His age, as well as general impairment of his health, while listening to the oral decisions, looking for his own, was a matter of remark time and time again. Finally a few weeks ago the case was decided against him.

Whether or not the loss of this case, to which he had paid such close attention, brought anything more than the sorrows of a casual defeat, will not be known. His death created an immense surprise, as it was not even known that he was ailing, any more than any man who had lived and labored so long would.

The announcement this morning that he had died at half-past 1 from failure of the heart, created more than a little surprise, and at that hour of the night details of his taking off were merely meager.

Benjamin Franklin Butler was born at Deerfield, N. H., in 1818; was educated at Lowell high school and Waterville (Me.) college. Being admitted to the bar in 1841, he immediately became successful as an attorney, especially in criminal cases. In 1853 he was elected to the Massachusetts legislature, and in 1859 to the state senate. In 1860 he was defeated as a Democratic candidate for governor.

At the first call for Union troops in 1861, he took command of the Eighth Massachusetts regiment and was placed in charge of the military district extending from Annapolis to Baltimore. In May, 1861, he became commander of the department of Virginia; in August of that year he captured Fort Hatteras and organized an expedition against New Orleans.

The federal fleet, under Admiral Farragut, having virtually captured New Orleans in the spring of 1863, General Butler took possession of the city and governed until November, 1863, when he was recalled. In 1864 he operated with General Grant in the latter's campaign against Richmond.

General Butler has represented his state in congress for several terms, and after many unsuccessful attempts to become governor of Massachusetts, he was elected to that position in the fall of 1892.

Senator Kenna Dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Senator Kenna died this morning at 4 o'clock.

He was so much better yesterday morning that strong hopes of his ultimate recovery were entertained, but he suffered a relapse in the afternoon about 4 o'clock, and from that time on he rapidly sank until he died.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 10.—The supreme court yesterday affirmed judgment in the treasury suits. Ex-treasurers and bondsmen are thereby required to return to the state about \$500,000, received as interest on state money, deposited by treasurers in private banks.

EXTREME COLD WEATHER.

Mercury Away Down Below Zero and Still Falling.

DETROIT, Jan. 11.—Not since February in 1890, has Michigan experienced such cold weather as prevailed throughout the state Monday night and yesterday. The thermometer ranged from 10 degrees below zero in the southern portion to 30 below in the northern peninsula.

On account of the heavy snowstorm that prevailed for twenty-four and forty-eight hours previous to the drop in temperature country roads have been blocked and trains impeded. Many trains could not reach their destinations and others were cancelled because of their inability to get through the heavy drifts.

BADLY FROST BITTEN.

Forty Young Ladies Almost Frozen to Death.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 11.—A party of forty ladies started from this place for Edinburg yesterday, riding on sleds in the old-fashioned way. When they arrived at Edinburg, several of the party were so badly frost bitten that serious results are anticipated, and most of them had hands and feet badly frozen. The mercury registered 10 degrees below zero at Edinburg, and a Jewish peddler perished there with the cold yesterday. Last night it was reported that the Edinburg branch train was snow-bound, and that the passengers were suffering seriously with cold.

In Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Yesterday was the coldest day that Chicago has known for many years. The mercury at sunrise was 10 degrees below zero, and all the morning it slid steadily downward and touched 19 below at 10 o'clock. Then it went to 8 above, but at 7 o'clock last night it was 9 below and apparently on the toboggan slide. No casualties have been reported, although the police stations and the offices of the county agent are over-run with applications for relief.

Steamer Frozen In.

PORT HURON, Mich., Jan. 11.—The steamer Omar D. Conger, of the Sarnia and Port Huron ferry line, became fast in the ice in the St. Clair river Monday night with twenty passengers on board. The boat is still fast, but the passengers were gotten ashore yesterday after a wild night, and without supper or breakfast. It is bitterly cold and the river is freezing rapidly.

In Canada.

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—The coldest weather in many years in the province of Ontario has prevailed for the past twenty-four hours. The readings of all the thermometers are below zero, the average being about 12 degrees. Several carloads of lambs in a train stalled near Forest are reported to have been frozen to death.

At Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Jan. 11.—The worst blizzard in many years has been raging for the past twenty-four hours along Chautauqua lake with the thermometer at zero. The Chautauqua Lake railroad is completely blocked. A strong wind prevails and the streets are almost deserted.

Man Frozen to Death.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 11.—Charles Jones was frozen to death on the roadside near Pitchin during the heavy snowstorm Monday evening. He took sick and attempted to reach the doctor's, a half mile away.

FURY IN A FLYWHEEL.

A Bursting One Kills a Man and Injures a Dozen Others.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 11.—The flywheel at the steel mill of Oliver Brothers, South Ninth and Bingham streets, burst at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. One man was instantly killed and twelve injured. John Orient, aged thirty-eight, married, was struck in the stomach by a piece of flying metal and died within three minutes.

Among the injured are: Ferdinand Eiden, roller in rod mill, twenty-eight years old, skull fractured; will die. Mike Schmotzer, Pole, thirty-eight years old, employed at furnace, skull fractured, will die; has wife and five children.

Jack Nodac, fourteen years old, leg injured and badly bruised; will recover. Adolph Stark, badly bruised and cut. Andrew Juchan, badly cut. Several others received less serious injuries.

The injured were sent to the South Side hospital.

The accident occurred without the slightest warning. The big wheel on the main engine in the mill was revolving at its usual speed. In an instant the big mill was filled with flying pieces of metal, fairly hissing through the air.

Following the crash the mill filled with scalding steam and stifling dust. In a moment this had cleared away, revealing an awful spectacle. Those uninjured were in a frenzy of terror. Workmen from other departments hastened to the scene, summoned ambulances and tenderly cared for those in need of attention. The machinery in the mill is badly wrecked.

Billy Myer Gives It Up.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Billy Myer has decided not to fight in New Orleans this spring. So much time has been wasted in trying to arrange a satisfactory match that Myer feels that he could not get in condition by March.

Furniture Dealers Organize.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Furniture men from all over the country assembled at recital hall at the Auditorium yesterday, and formed a national association of retail furniture dealers.

DOWN IN A COAL MINE

Thirty Men Meet a Sudden and Awful Death.

WATER SUDDENLY RUSHES IN.

Hundreds of Thousands of Tons of Water Pours Into the Mine, Sweeping Away Everything and Giving the Poor Miners No Time to Escape—Other News from Across the Ocean.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A calamitous accident occurred yesterday at Penzance, Cornwall, which resulted in the death of at least thirty people. While a number of men were at work in the Wheal Owl mine at that place, water suddenly rushed in from an adjacent mine, which had been closed for many years. Water had accumulated in a vast quantity in the abandoned mine, and suddenly burst its way through. Hundreds of thousands of tons of water poured into the Wheal Owl mine, sweeping away ladders, flooding the workings and destroying life.

As soon as the rush of the water was heard, those nearest to the main shaft rushed into the cage and were quickly drawn to the surface. Others at a distance were overtaken by the water, and their cries could be heard resounding through the galleries. The number of men drowned has been ascertained to be thirty.

Royal Wedding.

SIGMARINGEN, Jan. 11.—Amid royal pomp and splendor, and surrounded by European sovereigns or their representatives, Princess Marie, of Edinburgh, was married yesterday afternoon to Prince Ferdinand, crown prince of Roumania. Among those who witnessed the civil ceremony, which was performed at 2 o'clock by Dr. Von Wedel, Emperor William's household minister, were the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the parents of the bride; Prince Leopold, of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, father of the bridegroom; the members of the Roumanian ministry, the presidents of both branches of the Roumanian congress and the immediate members of the families of the bride and groom.

French Ministry Resigns.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—The French ministry resigned yesterday, owing to differences in the cabinet on the arrest of ex-Minister of Public Works Baihaut, and other members. The president at once called on M. Ribot to form a new cabinet, which resulted as follows: M. Ribot, premier and minister of the interior; M. DeVelle, foreign affairs; M. Tirard, finance; M. Bourgeois, justice; General Loignon, war; M. Burdeau, colonies and marine; M. Dupuy, instruction; M. Viger, agriculture; M. Siegfried, commerce; M. Viette, works. The most notable difference between this cabinet and its predecessor is shown by the absence of M. DeFreycinet and M. Loubet.

Jealousy Leads to a Murder.

BERLIN, Jan. 11.—Jealousy of a fellow-newspaper man was the cause of a crime here yesterday that may perhaps prove a murder. Dr. Berendt, a journalist fairly well known in German newspaper circles, has for some time past nursed a grievance against Herr Mayer, a sub-editor of the Kreuz Zeitung. There was no reason but jealousy for the feeling of animosity entertained by Berendt. Yesterday the two men met on the street and Berendt, without a word, drew a revolver and shot Mayer twice, inflicting dangerous injuries. Berendt was at once placed under arrest.

Church Dynamited.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11.—A dynamite bomb that had been placed in front of the building occupied by the Catholic club at Seraing exploded yesterday, completely wrecking the front of the structure and otherwise causing great damage. Fortunately not a single person was hurt. There is no clue to the perpetrators of the outrage.

Paid the Death Penalty.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Andrew George Macrae, who on Dec. 24 was convicted of the murder of his mistress, Annie Pritchard, was yesterday executed at Northampton. The hanging was private, but the governor of the jail states there was not a hitch in the proceedings.

Cholera Patients from New Orleans.

HAMBURG, Jan. 11.—Two of the sick sailors from the Spanish steamer Muriciano, from New Orleans, are declared to have the cholera. The vessel has been disinfected. One of the sailors died yesterday.

CHEROKEE STRIP.

A Bill Recommended to Congress for Its Purchase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The house committee on Indian affairs has ordered a favorable report on the bill for the purchase of the Cherokee strip, in an amended form. The original bill appropriated \$8,500,000 for the purchase of this land. The money to be paid at once.

The committee, after a careful consideration, reached the conclusion that the treasury could not stand this large payment, and amended the bill so as to provide for the payment of half a million in cash, the balance to remain in the treasury as interest at 5 per cent, payable in five years or sooner, should the government desire to do so.

OMAHA, Jan. 11.—Ed R. Gimberson, a liveryman, shot his mistress, Mrs. Beach, fatally, and committed suicide yesterday.

FIRE IN BOSTON.

Over a Million and a Half Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—Not since the Thanksgiving fire three years ago has Boston been threatened with such a fire as broke out yesterday on Federal street. It started in a large building occupied by Hecht Brothers, wool dealers, in the building 219, which also faces on Atlantic avenue. The cause is not definitely known, but the fire is said to have originated in the explosion of a gasoline stove in the basement.

An alarm was quickly given, followed by a second and third, calling all the down-town engines. The fire quickly spread through the entire Hecht building, and when the firemen arrived on the scene the whole interior was a mass of flames. Adjoining Hecht Brothers, in the same block, were located Patterson Brothers and S. Koschland & Company, wool dealers, and the fire rapidly spread to their premises, despite the floods of water poured into the structures. Next South on Federal street were several old brick buildings, occupied on the first floor by Chris Carven, liquors; the Carrollton cafe, and McCarry & Murphy, liquors. These were wrecked in succession by the flames. The structures were four stories high.

While the fire was sweeping these buildings it was also making rapid headway in the other direction. It had communicated with an old water works' shed and four-story building in the rear of the Hecht building, both stored with wool and owned Hecht Brothers. Seven firemen were on the low roof of the shed when the wall of the warehouse fell over, injuring several of them, but not seriously. This falling wall carried down the roof of the sheds, and the intense fire resulting aided the progress of fire through to Summer street. The four-story iron building at from 169 to 173 Summer street, adjoined the Hecht warehouse. This building quickly took fire and was soon gutted. It was occupied by W. A. Stetson & Company and the Corey Lithographing company. Adjoining the iron-front building on the other side is a stone-front building occupied by Pfyter & Vogel, leather dealers, which was soon gutted.

The following firms are involved in the conflagration: Hecht Brothers, loss on building complete; Patterson Brothers, tenants of Hecht Brothers, loss probably \$100,000; J. Koschland & Company, loss heavy; W. A. Stetson & Company, G. B. Clark & Company and the Corey Lithograph company, loss heavy by fire and water; Pfister, Vogel & Company, large wool house, very heavy loss; George H. Goodhue & Company, wool, and White Brothers, fancy leather, 175 to 183 Summer, heavy loss; Benjamin F. Thompson & Company, leather, loss heavy; Baxter Fruit company, basement of Hecht Brothers; New England market, on the street floor of Hecht Brothers; Frank Supee, wool, 185 Summer street; Chris Carven, liquors; the Carrollton cafe, McCarry & Murphy, liquors.

A tangle of trolley wires in front of the Hecht building was an element of great danger to the firemen and impeded them very much in their work.

The total loss by the fire, as estimated by the firms interested, is \$1,655,000.

CONVICTED OF RIOT.

But One of the Duquesne Strikers is Acquitted.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 11.—The jury in the case of the thirteen Duquesne strikers charged with riot returned a verdict yesterday. Ten of the defendants were convicted of riot, two of unlawful assembly and one acquitted.

The employees at Carnegie's Duquesne plant struck last August in sympathy with the Homesteaders. The day after the inauguration of the strike the strikers placed guards about the mill and non-union men were assaulted. It was proven that the defendants had acted as volunteer guards and had taken part in the riot.

The verdict created much surprise, as it was generally believed it would be not guilty. It is looked upon as a great victory for the prosecution and is the first case growing out of the Homestead troubles. The punishment is the same for riot as unlawful assembly, the maximum being \$500 fine and two years in jail or the work house.

In all thirty strikers were indicted for the riot, but the officers were unable to find the others. The defendants are all young men.

Attorney Brennan, who had charge of the defense of the Duquesne rioters, stated yesterday evening that he would at once make a motion for a new trial. Should he fail, he will likely, after sentence has been imposed on Saturday move for an arrest of judgment and take appeal to the supreme court.

The poisoning cases which were to have been tried today have been postponed until Thursday morning, because the defense was not quite ready to proceed. J. M. Davidson, one of the men who made a confession, has not been seen since the day he gave bail for appearance at court.

The principal work of the rest of the court term will be the trying of Homestead cases.

LYNCHING PROBABLE.

Two Negroes Plan a Murder, Carry It Out and Then Confess.

COTTON PLANT, Ark., Jan. 11.—The bodies of Reuben Atkinson, his housekeeper and child were found yesterday in the ashes of their home, three miles south of here. They had been murdered by negro cotton pickers, and the house was set on fire to hide the evidence of the crime.

Last night Paul Stubbs and Henry Aller were arrested on suspicion, and the latter made a confession stating that Stubbs planned the murder for the purpose of securing \$500 which Atkinson had in the house.

NEW SENATORS.

Several of Them Named by State Legislatures.

MURPHY NAMED IN NEW YORK.

A Democratic Caucus Nominates Him for Senator Hiscock's Successor—But Little Opposition to His Candidacy—Caucuses Held and Balloting Begun in Other States.



EDWARD MURPHY, JR.

ALBANY, Jan. 11.—Edward Murphy, Jr., was last night made the nominee for United States senator by the Democratic caucus. His supporters dwelt eloquently on his sturdy Democracy and his services to the party and painted with liberal adjectives his manifold virtues and statesmanlike qualities as they saw them.

Yet the caucus was not unanimous. The Democratic state senators, Charles P. McClelland, of Westchester county, and William D. Brown, of New York, stepped out and spoke earnestly in protest of the candidature of the machine. They offered the name of Congressman W. Bourke Cockran, as a worthy candidate for the honor. When it came to a ballot three assemblymen voted with them for Mr. Cockran. These three were Messrs. Frazier of Westchester, Kemper of New York, and Searing of Queens. The vote was: Murphy, 85; Cockran, 5.

Senator Allen's Prospects.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—The election of A. R. Smith, a prominent leader of the Farmers' Alliance as speaker of the house yesterday, excited great interest in the contest for United States senator. Senator Allen at present numbers over fifty faithful followers and needs only few votes to secure the number necessary for election. The Republicans have seventy-four votes on joint ballot, and of this number opposition claims enough to prevent Allen's election and make a dark horse election possible. The break on speakership in Allen's behalf was voluntarily made by the Democrats, who agreed in caucus in the interest of expeditious legislation to take up Arra Smith, a pronounced Allen man for speaker, and rush him through.

Senator Turpie Has a Walk-Over.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 11.—The joint caucus of the Democrats of the house and senate to nominate a candidate for the United States senate, has been called to meet on Thursday evening. Senator Turpie will be the only name presented to the caucus, and his nomination will be made by acclamation. The Republicans have not fixed the date of their caucus, but all the indications now point to C. W. Fairbanks, the millionaire railroad solicitor, as the nominee.

Balloting in Montana.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 11.—The senate and house balloted repeatedly yesterday for United States senator. Sanders, Republican, received 31 votes; Clark, Democrat, 16; Houser, Democrat, 6; Dixon, Democrat, 8; the rest being scattering. Joint ballot will be taken tomorrow. The legislature stands on joint ballot, Democrats, 35; Republicans, 33; Populists, 3. One Populist will vote with the Democrats and the other two with the Republicans.

Mr. Faulkner's Chances.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 11.—The present outlook decidedly portends the re-election of Mr. Faulkner to the United States senate. At the caucus last night the Democrats selected Rankin Wiley as president of the senate and W. E. R. Byrne as clerk. Colonel J. B. Peyton as clerk of the house and D. W. Shaw as speaker.

Complimentary Vote.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 11.—In caucus last night Dan J. Campan, of Detroit, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, was unanimously nominated as candidate of the minority for the United States senatorship.

Hotel Burned.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The Harvey World's Fair hotel, at One Hundred and Forty-seventh and Halstead streets, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Tuesday morning, causing a loss of \$90,000; insurance, \$60,000. Manager Waring is of the opinion that the fire was of incendiary origin. The building, which was almost ready for occupancy, was a two-story structure and contained 800 rooms. It was built by the Harvey World's Fair Hotel company, with a capitalized stock of \$175,000. Dr. L. E. Keeley, the gold cure man, was a heavy stockholder. It was the intention of the stockholders to turn the building into a Keeley sanitarium after the world's fair.