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THE QUEEN IS DEAD

ENGLAND'S ILLUSTRIOUS RULER NO MORE.

Died at 6:55 Tuesday Evening After a Serious Illness of a Few Days—No Hope of Recovery Had Been Entered From the Beginning.

London, Jan. 22, 6:55 p. m.—Queen Victoria is dead.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22.—Another day in the Victorian era, now so rapidly drawing to a close, passed without any great change in the condition of Queen Victoria. The slight improvement so frequently mentioned in the official bulletins merely indicates a postponement of the inevitable. The end may be a matter of days or only of hours, but the members of the royal family, who are now dragging out a weary visit at Osborne House, know that the death of her majesty is merely a question of a short time.

The most noticeable feature of the day was the satisfactory portion the queen spent in consciousness, which she regained early in the afternoon and still retained at 10 p. m. The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that the members of the royal family were called to a room adjoining the queen's bedchamber no less than four times during the morning and were kept in momentary expectation of being summoned to witness the end up to 5:30. Her majesty's physicians then

Had Only a Vestige of Hope that they would be able to keep the queen's feeble life in existence until the Prince of Wales arrived. To secure this result they resorted to the use of brandy and champagne. This was used to an extent only which the great emergency justified and when



QUEEN VICTORIA.

The Prince of Wales and Emperor William entered the castle grounds at 11:30 a. m. they found the queen a trifle better than had been expected. The desperate remedies employed to enable her majesty to live until her eldest son's arrival will not be used again to the same extent, for the doctors are fearful that the remedy might be almost worse than the disease. They trust to the prolonged sleep, followed by a moderate application of stimulants, accompanied by as much nourishment as can be assimilated. Such expedients as were resorted to Sunday and Monday morning are

Not Considered Justifiable. The queen's rally astonished none more than her physicians and when at 4 a. m. they heard her ask for chicken broth their amazement almost exceeded their delight. Privately, however, they build no false hopes upon these fading signs of what has been one of the strongest constitutions with which a woman was ever endowed.

Despite the favorable afternoon the doctors dreaded the period up to midnight. When that was safely passed they seemed hopeful of her majesty living at least through another day, although the memory of the previous night's relapse kept their feeling at a high tension. The news of the death when it occurs is likely to be publicly announced in London before it is announced here, as, according to all arrangements, the first telegram is to be sent to the lord mayor of London.

IMPRESSIVE SCENES.

Silent Crowds Read the Bulletins at the Mansion House.

London, Jan. 22.—The scenes about the Mansion House during the day exemplified the intensity of the common anxiety which has made all interests here akin. Thousands gathered there as the day wore on and nothing could be more impressive than the profound silence with which the announcement of the alternating phases of the crisis was heard.

A painful mistake was made early in the afternoon. The flag over one of the embassies was lowered and people rushed off with the news that the queen was dead. Without waiting for a verification other flags were lowered and some time elapsed before the error was rectified.

While expressions of sympathy and love are pouring in from every quarter of both hemispheres, none are so appreciated as those from the United States. The Globe voices the general sentiment, saying: "From other lands hopes come of the recovery and eulogies passed on the character of 'Queen Victoria.' In America, almost without exception, it is under the simple title of 'The Queen' that the illustrious patient is referred to and deep affection implied. The term can hardly be over-estimated."

Consternation at Cape Town.
Cape Town, Jan. 21.—News of Queen Victoria's illness caused consternation in Cape Town. Sir Alfred Milner and his staff attended service in the cathedral, where prayers were offered for her majesty's recovery.

CLAPP FOR SENATOR.

Nominated by Minnesota Republicans in Caucus.

St. Paul, Jan. 21.—The Minnesota Republicans, in caucus, nominated Moses E. Clapp for the short term in the senate to succeed the late Congressman K. Davis. The break for Clapp came when Congressman Tawney announced his withdrawal from the race. But one ballot was taken and before it was ended it was seen Clapp had votes to spare. It was then made unanimous.



MOSES E. CLAPP.

First Session Deadlocked.

St. Paul, Jan. 21.—The caucus of the Republican members of the legislature for the purpose of nominating a successor to the late United States Senator C. K. Davis resulted in a deadlock after 14 ballots were cast. The last ballot stood: Evans 53, Clapp 45, Bixby 7, Tawney 29, Lowry 3 and McCleary 2.

WRECK MORE SALOONS.

Mrs. Nation and Three Companions Destroy Wichita Barrooms.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation came back to Wichita after her recent incarceration under a smallpox quarantine and the net result of 10 minutes of her work are two wrecked saloons, the pieces of which are being sold for souvenirs.

Mrs. Nation was assisted by three women, all of the local W. C. T. U. organization. With hatchets concealed under their cloaks they entered the saloon of James Burns on Douglas avenue and did not leave a complete piece of glass or a working slot machine in the place. With lightning speed they ran to John Herrig's saloon and had everything in the front of the room, including the plate glass windows, broken when he appeared with a revolver and compelled her to desist. She and her companions then ran to the Carey hotel bar, where she

Made Her First Attack on the saloons of Wichita three weeks ago. There three policemen met her and overpowered her and her friends and took them to the jail, where the chief discharged them.

Later Mrs. Nation was at the Union station buying a ticket to a neighboring town when Sheriff Simmons arrested her. Mrs. Nation gave him a violent slap across the face. She followed this up by taking hold of his ears with both of her hands and wincing them vigorously. A policeman came to his rescue and with the aid of some bystanders they succeeded in picking up the woman in their arms and placing her in a cab, which was driven rapidly to the county jail. Shortly after two of her companions were arrested and placed in jail.

IN SECOND DEGREE.

Three of the Men Indicted for Miss Bosschier's Murder Found Guilty.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 20.—Walter J. McAllister, Andrew J. Campbell and William Death, three of the four persons indicted for the murder of Jennie Bosschier, a mill girl of Paterson, N. J., who was murdered on the night of Oct. 19 last, were adjudged guilty of murder in the second degree. According to the New Jersey law the maximum penalty for the prisoners is 30 years. The jury took four ballots and after summoning Judge Dixon and the prisoners fled into the courtroom. The prisoners appeared very nervous. McAllister seemed more excited than any of the others. He sat biting his lips while waiting. Campbell thrust his hands into his trousers pockets and clinched his fists in them. Death looked anxiously about the courtroom for a moment and then assumed the same attitude as Campbell. When the verdict was announced the prisoners evinced neither elation nor relief.

Judge Dixon thanked the jury and said he believed the verdict a just one and then dismissed the jurors. The court then adjourned and the prisoners were taken back to the jail.

SEALS ARE ATTACHED.

Joint Note, Properly Attested, Delivered to the Ministers at Peking.

Washington, Jan. 21.—A message has been received from Minister Conger at Peking, dated Thursday evening, stating that the Chinese plenipotentiaries had signed and delivered the protocol. This removes the last doubt that had arisen as to the sealing of the agreement, for it would not have been accepted by the Spanish minister, who is the dean of the corps, unless it bore all the seals and signatures necessary to give it full force.

British Troops Have the Plague.

Brussels, Jan. 22.—According to The Petit Bleu bubonic plague is raging among the British troops in Cape Colony and many deaths that are attributed to enteric fever and dysentery are really due to plague.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Congressmen and Their Hair—Decorations and Buttons—Report on Submarine Boats.

(Special Correspondence.)
The distinction of possessing the most beautiful silvery white hair in the house belongs unquestionably to Representative McAleer of Philadelphia. It is rich and glossy. There has been nothing like it since the days of Breckinridge of Kentucky, whose shock of silvery hair was at once the admiration and the envy of every member. McAleer's hair has always been white—unlike Findlay of Maryland, who came to the house a perfect blond and who gradually developed a snowy crest of hair. There are very few white-haired men in the house. Most of the members are baldheaded.

As Mr. McAleer has the whitest hair, so Representative Curtis of Kansas has the blackest. It is said that Curtis has an Indian strain in him, which accounts for the inky color of his locks, but whether this be true or not his hair is a black as that worn by McCreary of Kentucky when that amiable statesman was in the house. There were dark and mysterious rumors that McCreary's head was covered by a wig. No one yet has had the hardihood to make that suggestion about Congressman Curtis.

Red haired men are not numerous. Shafroth of Colorado, Hopkins of Illinois, Lorimer of Illinois and Alexander of New York complete the list. But Alexander's hair is red enough for two.

Decorations and Buttons.

It is rather interesting to glance over the floor of the senate and house and note the various decorations or buttons which appear in the lapels of the coats of senators and representatives. Senator Warren of Wyoming, for instance, is never without the tiny bow of red, white and blue ribbon that denotes him to be the possessor of a medal of honor awarded him by congress for gallant action in battle, a distinction which is only shared by one other senator, General Sewell of New Jersey. Senator Quarles wears the button of the order of the Loyal Legion, and quite a number of members of both houses display the crescent and scimitar of the Mystic Shrine. Representative Richardson of Tennessee is the only member who wears conspicuously the starred and barred flag of the Confederacy, showing him to be a member of the Confederate veterans, while Representative Loudenslager of New Jersey never comes into the house without a bright red carnation in his buttonhole.

But the most interesting insignia is that worn by Senator Mason of Illinois. It is a miniature American flag manufactured out of American silk. It is pinned upon the senator's hat, and when he comes down the aisle he looks like an inaugural procession.

Report on Submarine Boats.

Construction of additional submarine boats of the Holland type is strongly opposed by the board of construction in a report to Secretary Long which has been sent to the senate and house naval committees.

"Without desiring to discredit the Holland in any way," says the report, "or to detract from her merits, the board is of the opinion that the utility of boats of this class has not yet been sufficiently demonstrated to warrant the construction of others than those already authorized, eight in number, which are considered a sufficient number to experiment with."

"As regards the cost of the present boats—namely, \$170,000 each—the board is of the opinion that if the cost of construction, with a reasonable profit to the contractors, is alone considered it is a very high price, but if the expenses of developing the boat are taken in consideration the price is not excessive."

"Should congress see fit to authorize any more submarine boats the board is of the opinion, that no special type should be specified, but that the secretary of the navy should be given discretion to contract for such boats as in his judgment are likely to prove the most efficient and best suited for naval purposes, thus opening up competition and giving other inventors a chance."

Mutations of Politics.

On New Year's day a gentleman and a lady and a child stopped on Pennsylvania avenue in front of the White House and stood for some moments looking through the tall iron fence. Diplomats in much gold lace were hurrying out of the wide door. Carriages were dashing up and away. The army and navy, resplendent in full dress uniforms, were marching in. Down the western walk to the gate and far beyond the curving and angled column of the people stood waiting. The gentleman, the lady and the little girl showed no inclination to enter, but gazed on the scene with evident interest. His thoughts went back easily to the time when the head of the nation standing to receive congratulations was his father. The lady if it pleased her to be reminiscent recalled when her father, a United States senator, passed down the line. And the child possibly had a dim recollection of having been "an administration baby." The group of three, said little and when vision was satisfied passed on.

Mr. Harris has introduced a bill in the senate amending the civil service laws so that preference will be given to civil war veterans in appointments, retention and promotion provided they possess business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of the offices or employments.

Representative Kahn of California has introduced a bill continuing in force for 20 years after May 5, 1902, all laws prohibiting and regulating the coming of Chinese persons and persons of Chinese descent into the United States. CARL SCHOFIELD.

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