

ADMIRAL SAMPSON DIES.

The Noted Navy Commander Passes Away at His Home in the City of Washington.

END CAUSED BY HEMORRHAGE OF BRAIN.

His Demise Follows a Break Down Which Had Made Him an Invalid for Many Months—Navy Suffers a Great Loss—Brief Summary of His Notable Career.

Washington, May 7.—Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, retired, died at his home in this city at five o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The immediate cause of death was a severe cerebral hemorrhage. He had been in a semi-conscious state for several days and this forenoon suffered a severe hemorrhage. At his bedside when the admiral breathed his last were Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Lieut. Cluverius, the admiral's married daughter, Admiral Sampson's two young sons, Ralph and Harold Sampson; Dr. Dixon, the attending physician, and nurses and attendants.

Life of the Admiral.
[William T. Sampson was born in Palmyra county, N. Y., on February 9, 1840. Up to the time of the outbreak of the war with Spain he was comparatively unknown outside of naval circles. He received most of his education as a naval cadet at Annapolis. He served during the civil war on the



ADMIRAL WILLIAM T. SAMPSON.

old Patapsco, which formed part of the blockading squadron at Charleston in 1864. After the war Sampson was detailed for service at the Naval academy and remained there from 1865 to 1871 as head of the department of chemistry and physics. Then for several years he was attached to the Congress, but his first command was the Alert, to which he was assigned with the rank of commander in 1874. From 1876 to 1878 he was again at the Naval academy, and ten years later he became the superintendent of the institution and maintained a high state of discipline. He was promoted to captain in 1883, and the next year he was placed in command of the cruiser San Francisco. After the breaking out of the Spanish war Sampson was given command of the North Atlantic station, and he blockaded the ports of Cuba with his squadron, being joined in this work by the flying squadron under Rear Admiral Schley, who was next in command to him. The details of the controversy in regard to the credit for the destruction of the Spanish warships are fresh in the public mind.]

Laid to Rest.
Washington, May 10.—The remains of the late Rear Admiral Sampson were laid to rest in Arlington cemetery yesterday with brilliant and impressive naval and military features. Every department of the national government was represented—the executive by the president and his cabinet, and many prominent officials of the civil service; the legislative by senators and representatives; the judiciary by the United States supreme court, and the military and naval services by officers of all ranks.

Root Answers Congress.
Washington, May 8.—Secretary Root, in his reply to congress on the war in the Philippines, takes full responsibility for the policy of retaliation and reconcentration, saying it was necessary and has proved efficacious. The secretary has given the senate a copy of Brig. Gen. Bell's order to deal severely with Filipino murderers. He denied knowledge of Gen. Smith's Samar order.

Will Declare for Peace.
Lisbon, May 12.—A dispatch received here from Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, says that peace in South Africa is certain to result from the conference of the Boer leaders to be held at Vreening, Transvaal, May 15. It is said, the dispatch proclaims, that peace will be officially proclaimed May 20. Preparations are on foot for general rejoicings.

Oxford Indorses Rhodes' Scheme.
London, May 10.—At a crowded meeting of the Oxford Union, held to discuss the scholarships left by the late Cecil Rhodes, a motion to the effect that "Mr. Rhodes' scheme was impracticable and incompatible with Oxford's best interests," was rejected, after much debate, by a vote of 133 to 30.

Boys Library of German Professor.
New York, May 10.—New York university has purchased the entire library of the late Prof. Huebner, of the University of Berlin. The library contains about 7,000 volumes, and is strong in archaeology, Latin inscriptions and classical philology.

May Raise Price of Beer.
Milwaukee, May 8.—It is learned from a reliable source that the large shipping brewers of the United States are quietly considering among themselves the advisability of raising the price of beer 40 cents per barrel.

Gift by President Roosevelt.
Cambridge, Mass., May 12.—President Theodore Roosevelt, Harvard '80, has just presented the library of the Harvard union with a full set of his works.

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

FINLAND.
The senate of Finland has voted a subsidy of \$360,000 to Dahlstrom & Eck for running three steamers regularly between Hango, Finland, and Hull, England, for the next ten years. Each steamer shall have special rooms for carrying at least one hundred tons of butter on each trip.

DENMARK.
"The everlasting sale" is the way a Norwegian paper puts the negotiations about the disposal of the Danish West Indies. The following cablegram indicates that the matter will not be disposed of for months or even years:

Copenhagen, April 29.—The bill providing for the sale of the Danish West India islands to the United States as amended by the landsting, came up for discussion in the folkething today, with the result that the party in the majority submitted a proposal as follows: The riksdag approves the cession, on condition that the inhabitants of the islands declare in favor thereof by a plebiscite, similar to the one taken in 1867." The folkething, by a vote of 98 to 7, adopted the majority proposal, submitted today. The landsting is expected to agree to the folkething's decision, with some minor modifications regarding the details of the plebiscite. The anti-sale element is now devoting its attention to influencing the voting of the islanders themselves. It is known that one influential person has already mailed thousands of anti-sale circulars to the island of St. Thomas.

SWEDEN.
During the field maneuvers in the vicinity of Eslof the Good Templars' hall at this place was utilized as a hospital. General Brakenhjelm was highly pleased with the arrangements. This was the first time that the three-lobed flag ever waved from a private building in Eslof.

Most of the members of the second chamber of the riksdag are evidently dissatisfied with the suffrage reform bill of the government. On the sixteenth of April no less than three different original bills were introduced in that body. The most important one is that drawn up by the joint committee of the united Liberal party, which was supported by no less than 80 votes. The main feature of the bill is, that it makes communal, or local, suffrage the basis of the right to vote for members of the second chamber of the riksdag. All the bills introduced provide that the age of the voter shall be at least 25 years.

When King Oscar arrived at Biarritz, France, all the streets leading to Grand Hotel, where he was to stop, were crowded with people though it happened to be raining at the time. When his majesty appeared all heads were bared, and the royal hymn was struck up. Preparations had been made for an elaborate public reception, but the king was so tired after the journey that he simply bowed to the music band and next to the people and disappeared in the hotel building.

The Society for the Stationary Defenses of Norrland is pushing the plan of building a new railway through central Norrland. The proposed line will be a continuation of the Sveg and Orsa railway, crossing the Sundsvall and Storlien railway at Ostersund and extending in a northeasterly direction from the latter place past Strom, Asele, Lycksele and Arvidsjaur to Murjek on the Lulea and Gellivare railway. The society has just voted \$1,000 for surveying the stretch from Strom to Murjek.

NORWAY.
The cabinet at its last executive session, resolved to spend \$80,000 out of the Thomas Angell fund for a reconstruction and extension of the Thomas Angell house in Trondhjem. Halfdan Kleve, a young Norwegian who resides in Berlin, has acquired a certain degree of fame by one of his musical compositions, and an able critic predicts that Mr. Kleve will become "one of the very greatest of Scandinavian composers."

The ocean freight rates are going down, and the shipowners do not scoop in so much money this season as they did a year ago. But they are still ordering new ships and buying old ones at a lively rate.

Grand Hotel, Stavanger, was sold to a Bergen syndicate a few years ago for \$70,000. Now its former proprietor, Olaf Person, has bought it back. The price is not known. Mr. Person has also bought an adjoining property and proposes to enlarge the establishment.

T. C. Bang, chief magistrate of Buskerud, died of heart failure at the age of 75 years. It is 50 years since he entered public service, and he held many positions of trust and honor, including a portfolio in the cabinet of April, 1884.

The workmen of Kristiania are preparing an address of sympathy which is to be forwarded to the Swedish workmen who are agitating for general suffrage.

Twenty persons in Egersund were poisoned by old cheese. Two of them are seriously sick.

The Copenhagen royal theater will celebrate Bjornson's 70th birthday, Dec. 8, 1902, by representing his "Beyond His Faculties." Bjornson has answered that he will consider the attention an honor.

One of the inmates of the Trondhjem poorhouse, an 81-year-old woman, came too close to the stove when she was putting in wood, and her dress caught fire. She was so badly burnt that she died in a few hours.

ENVELOPED IN FLAME

Naphtha Cars Explode in Yards at Sheraden, Pa.

AIR FILLED WITH BLAZING OIL.

Cloting of Hundreds of Sightseers Catches Fire—At Least Twenty-Five Are Killed, and 200 or 300 Are Injured.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—The Sheraden yards of the Panhandle railroad was the scene Monday evening of one of the most disastrous explosions and fire known in this section for many years. At least 25 lives were lost and between 200 and 300 persons were so badly burned that, according to the judgment of physicians in attendance, 75 per cent. of them will die from the effects of their injuries.

The Victims.
The following is a partial list of the dead:

Albert McKean, brakeman, Sheraden.
John Swan, brakeman, Sheraden.
Unknown boy, about 14 years old, died on way to Allegheny, general hospital.
H. F. Smithley, Uhrichsville, Ohio, died at Mercy hospital.
Finerty, aged 40 years, Sistersville, W. Va., died at Mercy hospital.
Charles Hertig, Chestnut Mines, died at Mercy hospital.
W. W. Taylor, 27 years old, of Millers station, died at Mercy hospital.
G. E. Hunter, 28 years old, leaves widow and five children, of Sheraden, died at Mercy hospital.
W. E. Wright, 26 years old, a carpenter of Sheraden, died at Mercy hospital.
Dallas Hort, 28 years old, of Sheraden, died at Mercy hospital.
Unknown white man, about 40 years old, five feet 9 inches tall and weighing about 175 pounds, taken to McDermott's undertaking rooms.
Douds, died at Mercy hospital.

The Cause.

The cause of the catastrophe was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars which were being switched at the yard, and in the switching the rear car telescoped a car forward. The leading naphtha car ignited from a switch light, causing an explosion which threw the flames 50 feet high. Much of the escaping naphtha ran through Cork's Run to Esplen Borough, a distance of 1 1/2 miles, and caused another explosion, blowing to atoms the Seymour hotel and the Collins house, on River road, and badly wrecking a frame building nearby, in which were congregated 200 or more sports from Pittsburg and vicinity, betting on the races, baseball, etc. Few of the occupants of this building escaped injury, many being badly hurt. Mrs. Seymour and her daughter, of the Sheraden hotel, were seriously and it is feared fatally injured.

Flames Envelop Spectators.

The first car of naphtha exploded about 4:40 o'clock and the spectacle soon attracted a large crowd on streets lining the hills on both sides of and parallel to the railroad. The second car exploded about five o'clock, but it was 6:15 o'clock when three more cars of the deadly stuff went up with a roar that could be heard for miles, that the work of destruction really began. A torrent of flame belched forth on each side of the track, sweeping back the terrified spectators like a charge of artillery and sending a shower of flame over their head resembling Mont Pelee on a small scale. The scene that followed beggars description. The successive explosions had heated the air to such an extent that before the third explosion many were rendered unconscious by the extreme heat and the gaseous fumes and were being carried away when the torrents of flame swept over the excited crowd.

A Terrible Scene.

There was an awful hush for a moment, then followed a scene of frenzy. Men and women, their clothing ablaze, their faces scorched and blistered and their hair burned off their heads, ran wildly shrieking, hither and thither, only intent on escape from that awful furnace of fire. Some gave vent to frenzied appeals to kill them and put them out of their misery, and little children with their curly locks and light summer clothing small pillars of fire, cried piteously as they were swept along by the tide of burning humanity.

The townspeople did all in their power for the stricken victims, and all the Pittsburg ambulances were immediately dispatched to the scene, with a corps of physicians. Many of those not seriously burned were removed to their homes in Sheraden, while others were sent to the various Pittsburg hospitals, and the dead removed to undertaking establishments in Sheraden and vicinity and to the Pittsburg morgue.

Because of the burning of all telegraph and telephone wires near the scene of the accident, news must be carried by messenger, making difficult news concerning the catastrophe hard to get. Street cars are blocked, a long distance from Sheraden, and the Pan-Handle railroad tracks are completely blocked.

Palma and Wood Confer.

Havana, May 13.—The family of President-elect Palma arrived here Monday from New York. Senor Palma had a long conference with Gen. Wood Monday, at which they discussed the details of handing over the government of the island to the Cuban administration.

Attempt to Rob Bank.

Ottumwa, Ia., May 13.—Four men attempted to rob the People's savings bank at Albia Sunday night. They were discovered by the police, and a running fight ensued, but the robbers escaped.

Horses and Mules for Cape Town.

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