

ROSCOE CONKLING IS DEAD.

He Passes Peacefully Away at an Early Hour This Morning

SURROUNDED BY HIS FRIENDS.

An Unfounded Report Set Afloat Early in the Evening That he Had Died Receives Confirmation Before the Night Had Passed Away.

The Ending Came at Last. NEW YORK, April 18, 2:40 p. m.—Roscoe Conkling died at 1:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Conkling passed away without moving a limb. He looked as though peacefully sleeping. There were a number of persons outside on the street waiting to catch the last report. Within the doors there were between forty and fifty persons also waiting to hear the worst. They were composed chiefly of representatives of the press and friends of the dead senator.

Mr. Conkling died in the rear chamber on the second floor of his residence. "It was a dreadful struggle that the patient fought against death," said Judge Cox, "but the end was peaceful and unaccompanied by pain. His sorrowing wife and daughter were weeping at his side, but once the keen eyes were glazed and set in the struggle Mrs. Conkling and daughter bore up bravely, but the wife was the most prostrated. Mrs. Oakum supported her mother. An ashen nail deepened upon the emaciated face. Mr. Conkling gasped three or four times and passed away. In death, the lines about the mouth and on the face were slightly drawn. He was much emaciated but still, in death the face seemed natural.

Immediately after the death Judge Cox and Dr. Anderson left the house. No arrangements can be made to-night for the funeral. Arrangements will be definitely settled when Mrs. Conkling becomes more composed. Judge Cox said that in death Conkling's mouth was slightly open as though he had died with a gasp. Mrs. Conkling is alone with her daughter and is completely prostrated with grief.

The interment will be at Utica.

At 8:15 p. m. last night an Associated Press bulletin was received by the Bee, stating that Mr. Conkling had died. Shortly after came another bulletin stating the report was unfounded. The report of the Hoffman house, who had been an attendant on Mr. Conkling during his illness, came out of the room at that hour, and in answer to a question from one of the watchers at the door, "Is Mr. Conkling dead?" gave an affirmative nod. The report was quickly spread throughout New York city and telegraphed over the country. The Hoffman house, who had been an attendant on Mr. Conkling during his illness, came out of the room at that hour, and in answer to a question from one of the watchers at the door, "Is Mr. Conkling dead?" gave an affirmative nod. The report was quickly spread throughout New York city and telegraphed over the country.

The following, received early in the night, is a graphic picture of the last hours of New York's dead statesman and the universal interest taken in every bit of information obtainable from his death couch.

"Dr. Fordyce Barker seemed quite overcome as he stood on the steps of Conkling's house this afternoon and told the reporters of the impending dissolution of his patient. He made no effort to conceal the fact that death was ready at any moment to place its seal upon the noble veteran who had struggled so long when a weaker nature would have succumbed.

"There was a hush in the corridors of the hotels near by and a pervading oppression of quiet and solemnity all this afternoon. The sick statesman lay motionless in his bed. Large crowds of people congregated in the street throughout the evening, owing to bulletins and rumors that the end was near. Prominent politicians and members of the bar were seen in the corridors of the Hoffman house, discussing the abilities of the dying senator, and inquiring the latest news.

"A sorrowful group surrounded the sick man's side. Mrs. Conkling, whose vigils had been beyond the endurance of many stronger women, and who had watched her husband well on into the early hours of the morning, at his side looking worn and despondent. His nephews, Judge A. C. Cox and Alderman Conkling, and his brother, Colonel F. A. Conkling, and Mrs. Oakum were sorrowful observers of the passing away of the great senator.

"Dr. Barker called at 10:50 and remained until 11 o'clock. He said Conkling was falling rapidly. His extremities were receding cold. His legs were quite cold all the way up. He was useless and respiration was very quick. He didn't think Conkling could live much longer. He was suffering from a general failure of the nervous system."

Roscoe Conkling was born at Albany, N. Y., October 20, 1829; received an academic education at the University of the Sacred Heart, Utica, N. Y., in 1846; was district attorney for Onondaga county in 1850; was elected mayor of Utica in 1852; was elected a representative in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-ninth congresses, and was re-elected a representative in the Forty-first congress; was elected immediately afterward elected to the United States senate as a union republican, to succeed Ira Harris, republican; took his seat in the senate in March, 1877, and was re-elected in 1879 and again in 1879. From the beginning of his career in congress he took an active part among the leaders of the republican party. In 1872 he was foremost in the ranks in support of the Grant administration against the defection of the liberal republicans to Horace Greeley. In 1876 he was a prominent candidate for the presidential nomination, which, however, was given to Mr. Hayes. At the national convention of 1880 he was elected to secure the nomination of General Grant, but the third sentiment was too strongly opposed to third terms for him to succeed. Failing to obtain the support of the republican senate in opposing some of President Garfield's New York appointments, Mr. Conkling, with his colleague, Senator Platt, resigned his seat in the senate early in 1881, in order that the legislature of New York might pass judgment upon his conduct with the president. After a protracted contest, he failed in his attempt to secure a re-election, and has not since appeared in public life. Upon the accession to the presidency of General Grant, Mr. Conkling was offered his seat in the United States of justice of the supreme court of the United States was offered him, but he declined it. His last years were devoted to the practice of law in New York city.

THE ELDER CONKLING. The father of Roscoe, Alfred Conkling, who was also an able lawyer and a prominent politician, located in Onondaga in 1850, shortly after the expiration of his term as minister to Mexico. He formed a partnership with George J. M. Wadsworth under the firm name of Conkling & Woolworth. Their office was in the old Western Exchange bank building, on the southwest corner of Twelfth and Farnam streets, where the United States National bank building now stands. He left his family in Utica, and during his residence here, which only lasted a year, he boarded with Mrs. Lucy A. Goodwill, who at that

time lived on Davenport street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth. He confined himself entirely to civil practice and was engaged in several cases involving large sums of money and the title to extensive tracts of land. Owing to his advanced age, however, he was unable to endure the labor imposed by the practice of his profession, and returned to his home after coming here. He prophesied the future greatness of Omaha, which at that time was a ragged town of about four or five thousand inhabitants, and brought some property here, among which was a lot on the southwest corner of Fourteenth and Howard streets, now occupied by the Casino garden, and a farm of about three hundred acres, located three miles southwest of the city, adjoining the Griffin farm on the south. Both pieces of property were disposed of a few years after Mr. Conkling left here. He was reserved in his manner and showed very little interest in Nebraska politics. Owing to this austerity he made comparatively few acquaintances during his residence here, but was quite well known to Hyron Reed, A. D. Jones, Dr. G. L. Miller and several other settlers.

A JUSTIFIABLE SHOOTING.

Investigation Shows That Desperado Moller Deserved His Fate.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Col., April 17.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The sequel to the Moller-Thompson tragedy came sooner than expected. The day work reached here from the camp of Major General Coal and Iron company on Rifle creek, that Moller had been killed there at 9 o'clock Sunday evening by Lewis Plummer. It appears that Constable Brown, as soon as he received the news of the killing of Thompson, sent out men in every direction to hunt the fugitive and his party. Among them was Plummer. They were stationed at the latter's ranch, about 9:30 Sunday evening, the dogs began to bark and one of the men remarked that they had better get their guns ready. Plummer, who was standing outside, Moller had crept up to the house unnoticed, and peeping into the window cried to the men inside: "Is that you, Mr. Mullens?" Plummer, who was standing outside, recognized Moller's voice and brought his Winchester rifle down upon him, ordering him to throw down his gun and hold up his hands. Moller refused to do so, and fired his rifle to shoot Plummer when the latter fired, the ball entering Moller's mouth and coming out back of his neck. Death resulted instantly. Moller was a desperado, and he himself up, but afterwards was released, the opinion being general that the killing was justifiable, that Moller's death was no more than he deserved.

THE COLOR LINE.

Chicago Presbyterians Have a Heated Discussion Over It.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The Chicago Presbyterians occupied yesterday and to-day in a spirited discussion of the resolutions introduced by the Rev. Dr. Cornelius Johnson, regarding organic union with the southern church. The clause which provoked the discussion says: "We cannot consent to the establishment of a separate African Presbyterian church, or to any provisional arrangement looking forward to the organization of such a church in the southern states, which seemed to think the adoption of such a resolution would widen the gap between the north and south. After a long debate the vote was 100 to 100, and the subject was referred to the committee on ways and means.

Resolved, That this presbytery is heartily in favor of a union of the churches in every part of our common standards pure and simple.

Dr. Worcester wished to add, "And the equal right of all disciples of Christ in every court of Christ's church," but after a discussion this was laid on the table. Dr. Worcester said the question of the color line is a great question, and it is not to be decided by the alternative between the sectional line and color line in the church he wished it understood, he preferred the color line. The church has no right to establish a caste.

In the Swim. NEW YORK, April 17.—The second day of the strike of the brewers opened with employees and strikers in a friendly mood. The strikers assert that all their colleagues are standing firm, the brewers assert that already deserters are coming in from all sides. The secretary of the brewers' association said that the strikers were getting all the men they wanted, and that the strike would be a short-lived one.

The Journeymen's contract has been signed by both sides, and the southern city of New York brewers and members of the association. This is the first break in the employers' ranks.

Envy City, April 17.—The men in enforced idleness by the lockout at the Hoffman in Hudson county held a meeting this morning and decided to compromise if possible. The men agreed to accept the terms, but continue in their union. It is rumored the men will return to work to-morrow.

The Coopers Join the Brewers. CHICAGO, April 17.—All the coopers employed in the Chicago breweries left their work to-day, refusing to work with non-union brewers. This caused considerable delay, but during the day the places were partially filled.

A Despicable Informer. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 17.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A. Hartman, one of the men arrested for selling liquor on Sunday, was tried to-day. He said: "I have no money and will have to go to the work house. My employer, Mr. Hermann, will do nothing for me. Hermann went to Leavenworth Sunday, leaving me in charge of the saloon. I had a favor to ask of Mr. Hermann, and the citizens clothes came in. A man I knew was with him. I refused them whisky, but they argued with me so long, I thought it would be a favor if they would let me go. I told Hartman was sent to the work house this afternoon. The Sunday law is rigidly enforced now."

Fixing His Fences. CHICAGO, April 17.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A dispatch from Philadelphia says that the attorney general has received the truth of the reported engagement of Secretary Hayard and Mrs. Folsom, mother of Mrs. Cleveland, has been confirmed, and it is understood that the wedding will take place some time in June, probably June 2, the anniversary of the president's wedding, but this has not been definitely settled. Friends of Mr. Cleveland think the union will be a powerful element of success in the president's coming campaign.

High Water. MILWAUKEE, April 17.—An Evening Wisconsin special from Alma, Wis., says the water in the Mississippi river at that point has risen twenty inches in twelve hours. Twenty families have been driven from their homes. The old brewery that has stood upon the river bank for thirty years has been washed away. The destruction of the Grand Bay railroad tracks has suffered great damage. The Minnesota boom has gone out and 2,000,000 feet of lumber was lost.

A Maniac's Terrible Crime. HENRIETTA, Tex., April 17.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—John Hoffman, becoming deranged, during the absence of his family set fire to his house. It was burned with the contents of the house. Hoffman, who had other children escaped with his life. Evidence points to a struggle and it is not known whether he was assaulted and the house burned to destroy the evidence of burglary or not.

The President Dies. WASHINGTON, April 17.—Postmaster General Dickinson gave a dinner to-night in honor of President and Mrs. Cleveland. Among the other guests were Secretaries Hayard and Vilas and Justices Field and Lamar.

THE FIRST ROUND FOUGHT.

The Tariff Debate Commenced in the Lower House.

MILLS AND KELLY THE LEADERS.

The Former Fights Valiantly for his Favorite Measure and Pig Iron Puts in His Best Licks Against It.

House. WASHINGTON, April 17.—At 11 the house went into committee of the whole, Mr. Springer presiding at the chair, for consideration of the tariff bill.

Mr. Mills began his speech by saying that the great increase of duties made during the war had been at the time they were made, stated to be only temporary, yet a quarter of a century later these duties were higher than they were during the war, and they now averaged 47.10 per cent on imports. An income tax had been imposed to meet expenses. It was gone. It was a tax on wealth, and \$72,000,000 annually realized from that source was swept away. But the war tax on clothing, on food, on implements of labor, remained, and the war was still being prosecuted against the people—a fiscal war, exacting in its demands—and every effort to remove or lower that taxation had been resisted and defeated.

There had been a tax on railroads, but it was gone. It had not lived long after the war. It had been a tax on wealth. There had been a tax on insurance companies; it was gone. There had been a tax on express companies; it was gone. There had been a tax on bank deposits; it was gone. Three hundred millions of dollars that had been paid by the wealthy had been swept away and the burden of taxation had been made heavier, as it had been loaded on the shoulders of those who had to support themselves and the government. Was a tax of 3 per cent to be paid on the value of manufactured articles of blankets a tax weight more oppressive than the tax of 70 per cent paid by consumers on imported and domestic products? Was a tax of 3 per cent on the value of dresses and children's dress goods. Yet all these taxes on wealth had gone, and the general principle of the tariff was increased. The tariff on the amount of \$300,000, while the democratic party had reduced it only a bagatelle. That was a splendid column of those gentlemen who had increased the tax on wealth had been passed away and all the burdens had been cast upon the shoulders of the poor. The tariff on taxation still further had been reduced, and the magnitude shaft which the party then in power had erected to commemorate its legislative wisdom, and the party then in power was crowned with a cap-stone taking of the international revenue on playing cards and the putting of 20 per cent on bibles.

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GERMANY'S SICK EMPEROR.

He No Longer Attempts to Use His Voice.

THE ANXIETY OF HIS SUBJECTS.

Russian Official Circles Stirred Up by the Election of Boulanger—A Disruption in the Austrian Reichrath.

Makes Signs and Writes. [Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, April 17.—[New York Herald Cable-Special to the Bee.]—The events of this day's watchfulness outside and inside Charlottenville palace can be briefly stated. A large crowd collected around at an early hour and increased as the day wore on. The emperor rose about 11 and doubtless read the second edition bulletin, signed by all his physicians, which was cautiously hopeful. He breakfasted well. He has happily a good appetite and he has repeatedly taken milk mixed with egg and strong beef tea. Afterwards he dressed in military uniform and showed himself at the window. Doubtless the volume of cheers which arose was his best medicine. He transacted some necessary business and next received family visitors. He does not attempt to speak, but answers by signs or pencil.

He is represented as looking wan and worn, but strong in general feeling. When one of the doctors was leaving, his coachman could not drive through the throngs. Some climbed on the carriage, and when the doctor said, "The Kaiser is better," "Thank heaven!" they exclaimed, and another great cheer brought the German emperor again to the window. This time the emperor was in the back ground. She is as unfeeling as at San Remo in her attendance. Medical men in America may consider how grave the case has been that yesterday the emperor's temperature reached 103 Fahrenheit, while the pulse was 104, and there were thirty respirations in the minute. When his respiration is slower, and the temperature low antipyne is used. To-morrow a new canula will be inserted, as the present one must be cleaned. As the emperor coughs more in a recumbent position he is now kept in a half-sitting posture on a couch. Doctors Krause and Mackenzie, I hear at night, remain in an adjoining room all to-night.

BERLIN, April 17.—The emperor passed a tolerably fair night last night. He had some sleep and there was no change for the worse. At 11 o'clock this morning there was no change in his feverish condition. The National Zeitung says the emperor's new trouble is not a case of simple bronchial inflammation, but of a more serious nature, and that the lungs are affected immediately by the abolition of the sources of income receipts, from which it may be computed month by month that the emperor's annual development as King Cetron ever was.

In concluding Mr. Kelly said: "The perpetration of international issues on the part of the American people by a president in his free trade message and by five southern gentlemen who have dominated the action of the American people, and for myself I will stand for a good protective system and the maintenance of such rates of duties as will insure the development of all the resources of the country, and increase the number of its industries, and perpetuate international independence, commercial and industrial as well as political. The tariff on the value of manufactured articles of blankets a tax weight more oppressive than the tax of 70 per cent paid by consumers on imported and domestic products? Was a tax of 3 per cent on the value of dresses and children's dress goods. Yet all these taxes on wealth had gone, and the general principle of the tariff was increased. The tariff on the amount of \$300,000, while the democratic party had reduced it only a bagatelle. That was a splendid column of those gentlemen who had increased the tax on wealth had been passed away and all the burdens had been cast upon the shoulders of the poor. The tariff on taxation still further had been reduced, and the magnitude shaft which the party then in power had erected to commemorate its legislative wisdom, and the party then in power was crowned with a cap-stone taking of the international revenue on playing cards and the putting of 20 per cent on bibles.

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