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HARRISON IS DEAD

Ex-President Passes Away at His Indianapolis Home.
LAST MOMENTS WERE PAINLESS
 The End Came After Many Days of Suffering, the Result of an Attack of Grip.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13.—General Benjamin Harrison died at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon without regaining consciousness. His death was quiet and painless, there being a general sinking until the end came, which was marked by a single gasp for breath as life departed from the body of the statesman. The relatives, with a few exceptions, and several of the ex-President's old and tried friends were at the bedside when he passed away.

The General's condition was so bad this morning, after a restless night, that the attending physicians understood that the end could not be far off, and all the bulletins sent out from the sick room were to this effect, so that all the family and friends were prepared when the final blow came. The gradual failing of the remarkable strength shown by the patient became more noticeable in the afternoon, and a few moments before the end there was an apparent break-down on the part of the sufferer, as he surrendered to the disease against which he had been bravely battling for so many hours. The change was noticed by the physicians, and the relatives and friends, who had returned from the sick room to the library below, were quickly summoned, and reached the bedside of the General before he passed away.

News of the death spread quickly. Word was flashed from bulletin-boards of the newspapers, and was thus communicated to the people on their way home. The announcement produced the greatest sorrow, nearly every one having nurtured the hope that General Harrison would recover. In a few moments the flags on all the public buildings and most of the downtown business blocks were hoisted at half-mast, and other outward manifestations of mourning were made.

None of General Harrison's children were present at his death. Neither Russell Harrison nor Mrs. McKee had reached the city, although both were hurrying on their way to the bedside of their dying father as fast as steam could bear them. Elizabeth, the little daughter had been taken from the sick room by her nurse before the end came.

The funeral will take place next Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. The services will be held in the First Presbyterian church, of which General Harrison was a member for nearly 50 years. Rev. M. L. Haines, pastor of the church, will have charge of the services.

General Harrison's wealth is variously estimated, public opinion rating it as high as \$500,000. Those who are best informed about the ex-president's affairs, however, say he was worth about \$250,000 or \$300,000. At the time he was elected president he was reputed to have accumulated a fortune of \$125,000 from his law practice, and this has been doubled at least since that time. Of late his practice, owing to his great reputation as a constitutional lawyer, was very lucrative. His fee in the Venezuelan boundary dispute was \$100,000.

GENERAL HARRISON'S CAREER.

His Record as a Lawyer, Soldier, Senator and President.
 Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, was born at North Bend, Ohio, August 20, 1833. His father, John Scott Harrison, was third son of General William Henry Harrison ninth president of the United States, who was the third and youngest son of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, from Virginia. John Scott Harrison was twice married, his second wife being Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald Irwin, of Mercersburg, Pa. Benjamin was the second son of this marriage. His parents were resolutely determined upon the education of their children, and early in childhood Benjamin was placed under private instruction at home. In 1847 he and his elder brother were sent to a school on what was known as College Hill, a few miles from Cincinnati. After remaining here two years he entered the junior class of Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1852. He was married October 20, 1853, to Caroline Scott, daughter of Dr. John W. Scott, who was then president of Oxford Female Seminary, from which Mrs. Harrison was graduated in 1852.

In 1860 Mr. Harrison was chosen reporter of the supreme court of Illinois on the republican ticket by a majority of 9688. This was his first appearance in the political field.

His Military Record.

His military record can be succinctly stated. When General D. C. Buell was ordered, in 1862, to march the army of the Ohio to Chattanooga, he followed directions given him to go to the line of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad from Corinth, Miss., to Decatur, Ala., repairing it as he went. It resulted that Bragg, the Confederate General, was able to put him upon the defensive, and, indeed, to begin a race northward on parallel lines, in the course of which Buell was severely taxed to save, first, Nashville, Tenn. and then Louisville, Ky. The news spread throughout Ohio and Indiana that the Confederates were in force, with the advantage of an interior line for their operations. It was in this season of apprehension that the Seventieth Indiana went to the field, with Harrison as its colonel, their objective point being Bowling Green, Ky. It was brigaded with the Seventy-ninth Ohio, and the One Hundred and Second, One Hundred and Fifth and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Illinois regiments, under Brigadier-General Ward, of Kentucky.

June 8, 1865 he received a commission as brevet brigadier-General, signed by Abraham Lincoln and countersigned by E. M. Stanton, secretary of war, dated March 22, 1865, stating that it was given for "ability and manifest energy and gallantry in command of the brigade." June 19, 1868, at Chicago, he was nominated for president and inaugurated March 4, 1869.

China Appeals to America.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—There is reason to believe that China has appealed to the United States in her extremity, but whether the appeal is to other nations as well, it is not possible to learn at present. Nothing has been heard from Russia since the verbal communication by Count Cassini last week setting forth the rectitude of Russia's objects in China generally, and in Manchuria in particular. Minister Wu has been almost a daily caller at the state department, and it is evident that the Chinese are impressed by the belief that the crisis has been reached, and that the destiny of Manchuria depends upon the immediate action of the powers.

Blizzards in Northwest.

ST. PAUL, March 12.—Although in this city but a slight quantity of snow has fallen, dispatches report a bad blizzard ranging throughout the region of the Dakotas, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Royalton, Minn., reports eight inches of snow, and still snowing. Rice Lake, Wis., reports 11 inches of snow. Chippewa Falls reports the worst storm of the season, a foot of snow has fallen there. Street cars are tied up and railway trains are delayed.

FOR INFORMATION FIRST HAND.

Senators Going to Cuba and the Philippines.

New York, March 12.—Senator Redfield Proctor, of Vermont, has it is announced, gone to Cuba, and will be absent about two weeks. According to a special from Washington to the Herald, Senator Proctor's visit to Cuba is taken to mean that the Administration is not entirely satisfied with the official reports it is getting regarding the sentiment of the island toward the United States. Reports that systematic agitation is being carried on in the island do not accord with dispatches the War Department has been receiving from General Wood and Horatio S. Reubens, who has a civil office under the military government. Following the destruction of the Maine, in 1898, when war was pending, Senator Proctor made an extended trip over the islands, reported to the president, and later on made a speech in the senate, drawing conclusions from his investigation. It is understood Mr. Proctor will now make a similar investigation.

For the purpose of getting a better knowledge of the situation in the Philippines, a number of senators and congressmen are contemplating a visit to the islands during the coming summer, says a special to the World from Washington. Among the party will be Senator Bacon, of Georgia; Representatives Tawney, of Minnesota; Cooper, of Wisconsin; Maddox, of Georgia; Gaines, of Tennessee, and Henry and Barleson, of Texas.

Cuba Quieting Down.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Conditions in Cuba are said by officials at the war department to be improving. It is asserted that the feeling of unrest which followed the adoption of the Platt Cuban resolution by congress is quieting down and gradually a peaceful condition is being brought about. Confidence is expressed that this state of affairs in Cuba will continue unless something unforeseen should develop. The latest information received by the department is said to be reassuring in its tone, and leads the officials to believe there will be no disturbances.

"What Cuba wants is rest and peace," said an official, discussing the matter, "and that seems to be the desire of her people. It is surely our desire." Senators Platt and Cockrell are going to Cuba. Both are members of the senate military committee, and desire to inform themselves as to the conditions in the island.

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