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TONGUE DEAD

OREGON CONGRESSMAN SUDDENLY EXPIRES IN HIS ROOM IN WASHINGTON.

Sank Into Unconsciousness While Reading the Newspaper and Died Within an Hour—Body now Enroute to Oregon for Burial.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative Thomas H. Tongue, of the first Oregon Congressional District, in the presence of his daughter Bertha, and his secretary, Miss Ruane, died suddenly in his room at the Irvington in this city, at 12:50 this afternoon. A few minutes before he passed away he lapsed into unconsciousness, and died without a word, without any suffering. His son, Thomas H., Jr., did not reside with his father, but was notified of his approaching end, and hastened to his father's bedside, but did not reach there until after he had passed away.

The physicians who were summoned, and the family physician, Dr. Boyce, as well as the coroner, agree that death was due to acute indigestion, which superinduced paralysis of the heart. Mr. Tongue had been in unusual health, and except for occasional attacks of dyspepsia, to which he has been subject of late years, has not complained of feeling badly this winter. He considered that he was in better health than he had been for two years past, in fact. Mr. Tongue attended a dinner last night, and did not retire until a late hour. When he slept late this morning, contrary to custom, nothing was thought of it.

At 10 o'clock he received a call from two Oregon friends, H. H. Gilroy and Orville Dodge, with whom he discussed at length matters of personal and political character. During the stay of these gentlemen he remained in bed, but rose and dressed as they left, and had a light breakfast in his room. He said at the time that his appetite was not good, and complained slightly of dyspepsia. At his request his daughter, Bertha, brought him a soda solution, which he drank, and remarked that he thought that would fix him all right. She, however, was somewhat concerned, as he looked unusually pale, and asked if he did not want the doctor. He replied that he did not; that he would soon be at his normal condition. He went through his morning mail, and then lay down on the couch to read the papers. His daughter joked with him slightly about being sick and too stubborn to have a doctor, but he insisted that he was not ill. A few minutes later Miss Bertha noticed that her father was breathing heavily and deeply. She became alarmed and telephoned at once for a number of physicians, fearing the worst. She also sent word to her brother.

Before the doctors or his son arrived, however, Representative Tongue had passed away, having become unconscious at the time heavy breathing set in. In his late moments of consciousness he suffered nothing beyond the natural disturbance caused by an attack of dyspepsia. He had no consciousness of his true condition as he lapsed into insensibility. His end was quiet and peaceful.

As her father breathed his last, Miss Bertha and Miss Ruane, practically an adopted daughter, completely collapsed, and were attended by the physicians who arrived almost immediately. This evening they had rallied, and with the consolation of Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., are bearing their bereavement as best they can. No other member of the family is in Washington, Mrs. Tongue being at her Hillsboro home, and the daughters elsewhere in Oregon. Miss Bertha this afternoon said that her greatest consolation was that her father had passed away as he wished. Some months ago, in speaking of his possible demise, Mr. Tongue had told her that when he died he wished to go suddenly, unconsciously and peacefully. Throughout the afternoon, as the sad news spread over Washington, friends have been thronging the Irvington. Senator Mitchell, who lives just across the street, was the first to arrive, and Representative Moody followed closely after. Senator Simon, Commissioner Hermann and countless friends called later to offer their consolation to the bereaved son and daughter. Senator Mitchell and Representative Moody at once summoned the sergeant-at-arms of the House, who hastened to the Irvington and announced that he would take charge of the funeral arrangements. With the two Oregon men he called on speaker Henderson, who delegated Representative Moody to call on Representative Tongue's colleagues on

the river and harbor and irrigation committees, and to arrange among them for the congressional escort, which will leave here tomorrow evening for Representative Tongue's home, provided the family arrangements can be completed in season. Senator Mitchell has requested a senatorial escort. Both he and Mr. Moody have been active all afternoon and evening conferring with senators and representatives. Because of the fact that this is a short session and the trip to Oregon will consume about two weeks, many members who have a desire to go find themselves unable to leave Washington on account of important legislative matters that will come up in the next two weeks. Representative Moody, of course, will head the escort, by request of the speaker, and Senator Mitchell will go if he can possibly arrange it, although he has important matters pending in the senate likely to be taken up at any time. It is probable that the congressional escort will be composed of ten in all, with a representative of the sergeant-at-arms' office of the House. Senator Simon will probably remain here.

It has been concluded that there will be no funeral services held in Washington. The Tongue family and the congressional party will leave with the remains in a special sleeping car over the Pennsylvania Railroad tomorrow evening at 7:45, going from Chicago to Omaha by the Chicago & Northwestern, and thence by the Union Pacific, O. R. & N. and Southern Pacific to Hillsboro. If connections are made, the funeral train will reach its destination next Saturday night giving opportunity for funeral services on Sunday.

Thomas H. Tongue, who had attained state prominence long before he became a national figure, was born in England on June 28, 1844. He was educated in England until his 15th year, when his parents emigrated directly to Washington county, Oregon where they located on a farm several miles north of Hillsboro, where the parents yet reside. Attending district school on the North Tualatin Plains, for a few years, he finally concluded to take a collegiate course. He began school at Pacific University under great difficulties, graduating with high honors in 1868. Upon leaving the University he commenced the study of law under Hon. W. D. Hare and was admitted to the bar in 1870. Mr. Tongue soon became the leading attorney in Washington county. He early espoused the principles of the republican party, by which party he was several times honored by nominations to prominent official positions. In 1888 he was elected to the state senate.

In 1890 Mr. Tongue acted as chairman of the republican state convention which nominated Supreme Judge W. P. Lord for governor. In 1895 he was a candidate for United States senator against senator Dolph, but the contest ended by the election of McBride. In 1896 Mr. Tongue was elected to the fifty-fifth congress, defeating Binger Hermann for the nomination.

Mr. Tongue was a past master Mason, and in 1888 he delivered the oration before the Grand Lodge.

The following extract from the Constitution of the United States governs the election of members of the house of representatives and of filling vacancies:

Art. 1, sec. 2, par. 4: When vacancies happen in the representation from any state, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill vacancies.

The election laws of the state of Oregon have the following provisions:

Title 7, sec. 53: That, whenever a vacancy may occur in the office of representative in congress from this state, from any cause whatever the governor shall issue his writ of election to fill such vacancy, in the same manner and under the same regulations as are prescribed by law to fill vacancies in the legislative assembly.

Title 5, sec. 46: * * * When any vacancy shall happen in the office of member of the Senate or House of representatives by death or resignation or otherwise, and a session of the legislature is to take place before the biennial election, the governor shall issue a writ of election directed to the sheriff of the county, or sheriffs of the counties composing the district in which such vacancy shall occur, commanding him or them to notify the several judges of election in his county or their district, to hold a special election to fill such vacancy or vacancies at a time appointed by the governor.

T W McGowan, Jr., established 1867, commission merchant, hops, and general merchandise, 36 & 38 Whitehall street, New York. Liberal advance made on all consignments. Highest market prices obtained and quick returns. References: R G Dunn's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bradstreet's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bank of America, New York.

TOPSY'S EXECUTION.

MAN-SLAYING ELEPHANT ELECTROCUTED IN CONEY ISLAND PARK

She had Killed Three men—Electric Current Applied to her Feet—Submitted Patiently to Preparations—Death Instantaneous.

New York, Jan. 5.—The electrocution of a man-killing elephant, named Topsy in Luna Park, Coney Island, was successfully accomplished yesterday. With 6,600 volts of current, applied to Topsy's feet by means of wooden sandals put on for the purpose, killed her almost instantaneously. The current was turned on in a house 100 feet away, and quick as a flash the colossal form of the elephant stiffened forward, then quivering in the throes of the mighty volt, sinking finally to the ground without a groan. Fifteen hundred people looked pitily on Topsy as she was led to the death post. There was nothing vicious in her manner then, she seemed to realize the solemnity of the occasion, and with her restless trunk reached out appealingly to those nearest, taking whatever of food they offered. Whether the attempt to kill her with electricity would be successful was regarded as doubtful, and it had been planned to accomplish her death in three ways at the same time, viz, electricity, strangulation and poisoning, relying upon any one or two of the methods if the other failed.

Topsy was led from her barn in Luna Park, and was to be taken across a bridge, but when she reached the latter, she refused to cross. It was then determined to kill the elephant in the road near the bridge, where she had stopped and turned to the crowd, begging for food. She was in a gentle mood when Golieth and Dundy, her keepers approached her and said:

"Come Top, kneel down," she promptly responded by kneeling and holding out her big feet to be chained to the stakes. With patience that aroused pity in every spectator, Topsy waited on her fetlocks for the men to fasten to her feet the implements of death—round pieces of plank with zinc and electric wires arranged for sending the deadly current through her big frame. When she arose, however, she kicked them off, and the men had to readjust them several times.

The elephants right fore foot rested upon a plate of zinc fastened upon the wooden sandal, and electric wires were strung from this to a near by house. A similar mechanism was fastened to Topsy's left hind foot. The wires met at the place where the current was to be turned on. Dr P. D. Sharkey, the executioner stood by the lever to turn on the power, and Dr H J Brotheridge, the official veterinary surgeon in readiness to count Topsy out, stood near at hand, accompanied by Dr H. V. Smith, representing the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: Dr Barker of Union, S. C.; Dr Treadwell and Dr Pierce, of Coney Island.

A huge rope was tied in a slip-knot about the throat of the elephant, stretched over a pulley and fastened to a steam engine, twenty feet away. With this the executioners planned to choke Topsy to death in case the experiment with electricity should fail. One of the men directing the execution stood in front of the animal with a carrot charged with 460 grains of cyanide of potassium. This was to be given to her just as the electrician was about to turn on the current and the engineer was about to start the pulling of the big rope about Topsy's neck. All three efforts to produce death was to be as simultaneous as possible.

Standing on the deadly electrodes and wearing the hangman's noose about her big throat, awaiting her doom, poor Topsy seemed resigned. Through all the nudging and tugging at her feet and throat she had kept her temper under perfect control. So far from showing her vicious nature she repeatedly laid her trunk upon the men caressingly.

"Get away; clear the field!" shouted Dundy to the eager spectators, and the people fled in hot haste. They feared trouble in case the el-

ectric current did not make quick work of Topsy.

Sharkey, the electrician and executioner-in-chief, hurried to his lever. The man with the cyanide of potassium approached Topsy. She took the carrot from his hand, encircled her mouth several times with her trunk, and finally began to chew the mass of poison.

"Are you ready?" shouted Sharkey from the house where the current was to be turned on.

"Ready!" responded the keeper of Topsy, standing near her side to see that she did not kick off the deadly shoe.

There was an instantaneous burst of flames from the planks at Topsy's feet, which made a lurid glare all about her. The animal suddenly stiffened, kneeling slightly forward. She was dead that moment, but the 6,600 volts held her in a state of rigor for ten seconds, all of which time she stood stiff upon her feet, leaning forward as if she were a dummy elephant badly fashioned. Not a sound came from her. The flames rose from her feet to her body as the planks rapidly yielded to the enormous heat.

"Cut it off!" shouted Dr Brotheridge, and as the current was turned off Topsy fell to the ground, head foremost.

The big rope about the elephant's throat had not drawn taut. As she fell the knot was just tightening. The doctor said Topsy was already dead from the electric shock, and the strangulation was unnecessary.

Topsy was the original "Baby Elephant." She was brought to this country by Adam Forepaugh twenty eight years ago. She weighed at the time of her death four tons, and she was worth \$4,000.

In her babyhood Topsy was taught to perform many tricks, and she was the most valuable of Forepaugh's performers before she developed a bad temper, which was in 1900. That year she killed her keeper in Waco, Texas, by dashing his brains out against the floor. At Paris, Texas, the same year, she killed another keeper who had succeeded the one she had slain.

On May 28 last, while in the circus then showing in Brooklyn, Topsy killed J. Fielding Blount, of Fort Wayne, Ind., because he gave her a lighted cigarette. She was quietly standing behind her ropes when he handed the burning cigarette to her. The moment it burnt her sensitive trunk Topsy made a dash at the man and seized him about the waist beat his body upon the ground until nearly every bone in his body was broken.

After that, the elephant was sold to the Luna Park proprietors. She has been used in one of the exhibits at Coney Island ever since.

Recently Topsy began again to show signs of a bad temper. Policeman Connolly arrested "Whitney" Alt one night for riding through the streets on the elephant's back on a gallop. He found that he could not take the rider to the station without taking the elephant too, so he took them both. Then he was compelled to allow the two prisoners to go home, for if "Whitney" had been locked up the policeman would of had "an elephant on his hands" whose reputation was not good, and that was more than Connolly had bargained for.

After that, Topsy began to cut capers in Luna Park which made the hair rise on the heads of the workmen there. She ran them all out of the park last Friday, and then her owners decided to kill her.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 10.—The coal famine in Kansas is taking on a more serious aspect. Dealers in Topeka announced today that they were practically out of coal with no immediate chance of getting more. The state reform school has only two days supply left. Two manufacturing concerns were compelled to close down this morning on account of a lack of fuel.

At Ottawa, Lawrence and Atchison riots have been narrowly averted during the past three days whenever a car of coal arrived. Much suffering exists among the poorer class, because they cannot obtain enough coal.

It is alleged that the railroads are confiscating a large part of the coal that is shipped. They are ready to reimburse the owners of the coal in a pecuniary way, but their action makes the coal famine much more stringent.

Our store will close at 7 p. m. during January, February and March, Saturday evenings excepted J. H. Harris.