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## DEATH OF SENATOR CUSHMAN K. DAVIS

Passed Quietly Away After Two  
Months of Suffering.

### HIS PECULIAR POISONING

Dye From Stocking Introduced Poison into  
System Through an Abrasion of His  
Foot—Rumors as to His  
Successor in Senate.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 27.—Senator Cushman Kellogg Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, died at his home in this city tonight at 8:40 o'clock.

He had suffered greatly during his two months of sickness and gradually sank away, being unconscious for several hours before death and so far as could be known suffered no pain.

Yesterday, appreciating the approach of the end, Mrs. Davis sent for the venerable T. H. M. Vickers Appleby, archbishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Minnesota, and Rev. Theodore Hegwick, rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Senator Davis was for a time sufficiently rational to express his grateful appreciation of the clergymen's ministrations.

For more than a week it has been known that the death of Senator Davis was certain to occur within a short time. In his moments of lucidity he expressed a strong determination to recover and within a week told a friend he was positive he would be well. Indeed it is the general belief that the senator's iron will is all that has kept him alive for the past week.

The kidney affection which developed during his early illness refused to yield to treatment and resulted in his death. It was Sunday, Nov. 4, when the first note of alarm was sounded and since that time lucid intervals have become less and less frequent until the senator was almost constantly out of his mind.

He raved at his work. He would declaim in praise of the Nation's foreign policy. A sentence about the Philippines would be followed by comment upon the Monroe doctrine or a suggestion of impending war with Spain. But always in his diseased mind his patriotic and official duties were with him.

By the senator's wife who, despite the doctor's orders that she go to rest, refused to leave his bedside. Her vigil has been a long and trying one.

He began the active campaign in this state September 25. During the speech he suffered so greatly with his foot that he could not wear his shoe. He returned home at once and was ordered to bed by his physician. A few days later an operation was performed but he failed to improve and a consultation of physicians was called.

An operation on October 15 was beneficial and another on October 22. The case was one of blood poisoning, caused by infection through a slight abrasion of his foot from the dye of his black silk stocking and the opening gave off an accumulation of pus. His condition improved steadily until Nov. 4, when he grew worse.

On November 12 nephritis and diabetes took form. A consultation of physicians was held November 12, confirming the previous opinions and settling the presence of kidney trouble.

Cushman Kellogg Davis was born in Henderson, Jefferson county, New York, June 16, 1833. In that year his parents moved to Waukesha, Wis., where his father farmed until 1850. After attending the common schools young Davis spent three years in Carroll College at Waukesha, preparing himself for the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1857.

During his boyhood he held a position as telegraph operator. After his graduating he entered the law office of Alex. W. Randall, afterwards war governor of Wisconsin.

He served for two years in the army of Tennessee in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. When in 1864, broken health compelled his retirement, he was first lieutenant of Company B, 28th Wisconsin volunteer

infantry. He then resumed the practice of law, was elected to the legislature, was United States district attorney, governor of Minnesota and United States senator from that state since 1887.

Governor Lind, who is a Democrat, will have the naming of a senator to fill the vacancy caused by Senator Davis' death in the interval between now and the time the legislature elects. It is understood that the governor will not name a senator of his own political faith. The time of service would be so short that it is believed that there would be nothing practically gained by the move.

It is stated that Governor Lind will name Former Senator W. D. Washburn to fill the vacancy. The legislature will elect two senators when it meets in January.

### PLOT TO KILL M'KINLEY.

Police of Hoboken Receive a Letter Informing Them of an Anarchist Plot.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—The police of Hoboken, N. J., have received a letter alleging the existence of a plot to assassinate President McKinley. The writer of the letter gave the name of the alleged chief conspirator, which the police refuse to make public at this time. The letter, which is illegibly signed, is as follows:

"Sir—Having almost thoroughly assured myself of an anarchist plot against his excellency, McKinley, I consider it my duty to advise you of the name of one who is more than suspected of being a leader, whose name is found in the enclosed slip. He is a fugitive from justice and a dangerous man, having been convicted several times and on the last occasion being sentenced to five years' imprisonment for an anarchistic attempt.

"My statement can be verified on appealing to the prefect of police at Paris, France. In the course of the past year he has associated with him a man named Francoise, the author of an anarchistic attempt at Scranton, where he mortally wounded an agent of the police."

The writer of the letter, the police say, has been located and his story will be investigated.

### POPULATION OF FOUR STATES.

Returns for Montana, Texas, North Carolina and Utah.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The population of Montana, announced today, is 243,229, as against 122,159 in 1890. This is an increase of 111,170, or 84.1 per cent.

The population of Texas is 2,948,710, against 2,235,525 in 1890, an increase of 713,185, or 31.9 per cent.

The population of North Carolina, as officially announced today, is 1,583,810, as against 1,617,947 in 1890. This is an increase of 275,862, or 17 per cent.

The population of the state of Utah as officially announced today is 276,749, as against 207,095 in 1890. This is an increase of 69,654, or 33.1 per cent.

### FIGHTING A LOTTERY.

Citizens of Reno, Nevada, Oppose a Proposed Amendment.

RENO, Nev., Nov. 27.—The people of Reno met en masse today to devise ways and means of organizing a fight against the lottery amendment which comes up before the legislature next January.

Judge Curler in the course of a speech said that the citizens of Reno have to fight nothing more nor less than the Louisiana Lottery Company, and if they once get a foothold in the state they will control the elections in every precinct.

### SCHOONER CZAR WRECKED.

Captain Wagner and Crew of Eight Men Probably Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Word has been received here that the overdue schooner Czar of this city has been wrecked off the Mexican coast. Her crew, composed of Captain Wagner and eight men, have probably been drowned.

### MORGAN REPRESENTS ALABAMA.

Elected to United States Senate by a Unanimous Vote.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 27.—The Alabama legislature today balloted in separate houses for United States senator. John T. Morgan received every vote cast. The result will be formally announced in joint session tomorrow.

## PLOT TO KILL LORD ROBERTS

Mine Placed Under Church Which  
He Attended.

### TEN EUROPEANS ARRESTED

French Officials Give Kruger Sword for Krugje—Krugje Will Seek Refuge in America—English Officers Their Officers.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The war office has the following from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg, Nov. 26:

"As reports of a plot against my life will probably reach you, I think you should know the facts. It is believed that there was a plot in existence, and five Italians, four Greeks and one Frenchman were arrested November 16 and are now awaiting trial. Their intentions were to explode a mine under St. Mary's church during the morning service held at 11 o'clock, November 18th."

### SWORD FOR CRONJE

PARIS, Nov. 27.—The president of the municipal council tomorrow will propose in the council a vote in favor of arbitration of the Transvaal disputes.

Henry Rochefort, accompanied by a deputation, today presented Mr. Kruger with a sword of honor destined for General Cronje, now a prisoner on the island of St. Helena.

### KRUGER COMING HERE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Samuel Pearson, formerly commissary-general of the Transvaal army, who has just arrived in this country with a number of other Boer refugees, is responsible for the statement that President Kruger will probably soon seek refuge and a permanent home here.

"President Kruger will leave Paris soon I believe," said General Pearson, "and come to America where with his wife he will make a home until such time as our arms have triumphed and he can return to the South African republic to take up again his office as chief executive of the Boers."

### ENGLISH BECOMING IMPATIENT.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

"The meeting of parliament next week will not occur too soon. The public is dazed and bewildered by the confusion which prevails both in South Africa and China. The trend of events will be clearer when the ministers are in their places to answer questions and the leader writers are provided with cues by those behind the scenes.

A war costing millions weekly is going on and nobody seems to know when it is likely to stop. Everybody is in a critical mood. Lord Roberts is sharply criticized for a mistaken policy of leniency; there is an amazing outbreak of abuse directed against General Kitchener; there are remonstrances in Liberal journals and from pro-Boer platforms against the barren policy of burning farms and starving the burghers in the impoverished Dutch territory, and Lord Salisbury is attacked for neglecting to inform France and other powers that the two republics have been annexed and that the Boers were no longer entitled to recognition as belligerents when they are merely rebels, guerrillas and bandits.

When so many games at cross purposes are in progress it is impossible for the public to know what is going on. The only point on which there is general agreement is that the French government has maintained a correct attitude during the last week and that the English people have no reason to complain of the reception of Mr. Kruger. Lord Salisbury has clearly acted with some intelligible motive in refraining from changing the status of the Boers from belligerents to rebels.

### RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

House Committee Is Progressing Slowly in Its Preparation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The house committee on rivers and harbors today continued work upon its bill, but did nothing save compare notes on the work done with a view later of formulating a bill which will be generally satisfactory.

Printed estimates will be received tomorrow and the work of putting the committee's conclusions on paper will begin then.

### NEW ARMY BILL.

Provides for a Maximum of 95,000 Men and a Minimum of 55,000.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The war department bill for the reorganization of the army provides for a maximum of 95,000 men and a minimum of 55,000, with thirty regiments of infantry, fif-

teen regiments of cavalry and a gradual increase of artillery until at the end of five years there will be 55,000 men.

The artillery is not to be organized into regiments but as batteries and organizations of heavy field artillery.

With the maximum army there is to be 150 men to each infantry company, making 1800 men to a regiment. The maximum of cavalry troops is to be 100 men.

There is no provision for a lieutenant-general in the war department bill, but under the present law the senior major-general commanding would have the rank of lieutenant-general. The war department bill does not give the same increase of major-generals and brigadiers as the Hull bill.

Detailed staff provisions are a feature of the measure. It provides that hereafter vacancies in the staff, excepting in the medical corps, pay corps and engineers, shall be filled by details from the line, such detailed officers being subject to line duty at any time.

The war department bill provides that promotions shall be made from the regular army according to the present rank down to and including the rank of captain. Officers of the present volunteer army can become officers in the regular army but in grades of first and second lieutenants only, vacancies in the captain's rank being filled from first lieutenants of the present regular establishment.

### OREGON BY COUNTIES.

Population of Clatsop County Given as Only 12,765.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The population of Oregon by counties is as follows:

Baker	15,597
Benton	6,706
Clackamas	13,558
Clatsop	12,765
Columbia	6,277
Cook	19,224
Crook	3,984
Curry	1,868
Douglas	14,565
Gilliam	2,301
Grant	2,946
Harney	2,596
Jackson	13,698
Josephine	7,517
Klamath	3,970
Lake	2,547
Lane	15,894
Lincoln	3,515
Linn	18,903
Malheur	4,302
Marion	27,715
Morrow	4,151
Multnomah	102,167
Polk	9,923
Sherman	3,477
Tillamook	4,471
Umatilla	12,948
Union	16,079
Wallowa	5,538
Wasco	12,177
Washington	14,467
Wheeler	2,443
Yamhill	12,430
Total	413,336

### SUICIDE TO WITHDRAW.

Nothing Can Be Gained From China by Any Single Power.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Leigh Hunt, formerly of Seattle, who has recently been in Korea and China for several years, will sail on the Oceanic tomorrow for the capital of China. He thinks nothing is to be gained by withdrawing from the concert of the powers at Peking. He said:

"It would be suicide for us to attempt to negotiate with the Chinese because they are incapable of making a contract except such as a concert of the powers shall dictate.

"We must not be deceived by any friendly utterances, as not only Li Hung Chang and those who are his co-official workers are not really friendly; they are only in favor of restoring conditions looking to permanent peace and supporting civilized nations to that end."

### VALUE OF PHILIPPINES.

Judge Taft Says They Are by Far the Best Possessions in the Orient.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 27.—In a private letter just received here from Judge Taft, president of the Philippine commission, speaking of the resources and needs of those islands, he says:

"With these islands completely pacified they are far and away the best possessions in the Orient for the purposes of trade and development. Their climate is better than the climate of any other tropical country of which I know and their capacity for agriculture, mining and commercial development would seem to be unlimited."

### IMPOSING FUNERAL.

Remains of Sir Arthur S. Sullivan Interred With Great Pomp and Ceremony.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—With all the pomp and ceremony which might have attended the obsequies of a member of the royal family, the remains of Sir Arthur S. Sullivan, who died here on Thursday last, were interred at St. Paul's cathedral today.

### KID CARTER KNOCKED OUT.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Tommy Ryan, of Chicago, defeated Kid Carter, of Brooklyn, in six rounds tonight.

## PORTLAND WANTS CANAL AT DALLES

Chamber of Commerce Will Ask  
for \$4,000,000.

### BOAT RAILWAY NOT WANTED

E. H. Libbey Stated That Transportation Facilities Were Entirely Inadequate to Move Great Crops of Inland Empire.

PORTLAND, Nov. 27.—E. H. Libbey and John Adams, of Lewiston, Idaho, met with the chamber of commerce of Portland this afternoon to consider the matter of opening the Columbia river to free navigation.

The particular project to engage their attention was a canal at the dalles of the river. It was resolved to ask congress to change the plan of improvement from a boat railway, for which an appropriation of \$200,000 has already been made, to a canal and locks to cost about \$4,000,000.

Inasmuch as Idaho men had started the movement at this time, it was agreed that the Idaho delegation should present the subject before congress and that the members from Oregon and Washington would be urged to support the measure with all their power.

Libbey is the agent of Charles Francis Adams of Boston. Government engineers asked Libbey for data as to the resources of the country for use in their report and in summing up his conclusions he said:

"Five years ago the Lewiston country produced only 200,000 bushels of wheat. This year the product was 4,700,000 bushels. Five thousand cars are now required to market the grain where none were required five years ago.

"In the Inland Empire 40,000,000 bushels of wheat, barley, oats and flax are produced, requiring 60,000 freight cars to transport them to market.

"The Lewiston country sent forward this year 400 carloads of fruit and the Inland Empire shipped 3500 carloads, 1700 carloads of wool and 4000 carloads of livestock were sent to market from that interior basin. The products of the Inland Empire this year required no less than 80,000 freight cars to transport them to market.

"The volume is so great and the transportation facilities so inadequate," said Libbey, "that next season the crop would be harvested before all this year's products could be sent to market.

"The opening of the Columbia river to free navigation will result in the building of five miles of railroad where there is now but one."

It was the sense of the meeting that congress should authorize a canal at the dalles to be built on the continuous contract plan.

### CHAMBERLAIN ADMITS CHARGES.

He Is Part Holder in Companies Profiting by Government Contracts.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, says he is part holder in companies profiting by government contracts. He said:

"I hold a very small portion of capital of the Birmingham trust. I do not know and have never known anything about its investments, which, of course, are constantly changing. I did not know it had any investment in the company called 'The Tubes, Limited,' and I did not know that the company was interested in government business.

"I was not aware of these facts when I asserted in the house of commons that I had no interest in firms supplying stores to the army."

### IDAHO OFFICIAL RETURNS.

Highest Bryan Elector Has a Plurality of 2216 Votes.

BOISE, Ida., Nov. 27.—The state board of canvassers canvassed the vote of the recent election today. It shows there were 57,914 votes cast. The highest Bryan elector has 2216 plurality; Gitch, fusionist, for congress has 1227, and Hunt, fusionist, for governor, 2100. There were 837 prohibition votes, 218 Barker and Donnelly votes and 232 cast for Bryan electors on what was termed the Anti-Fusion-Populist ticket.

### DALY'S SUCCESSOR.

Wm. Scallon Elected President of the Anaconda Mining Company.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 27.—Word was received tonight announcing the election of Wm. Scallon as president of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company to succeed the late Marcus Daly. Scallon was Daly's confidential lawyer.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Silver, 64 1/2.

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