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EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON DEAD

Passed Away Quietly at 4:45
Yesterday Afternoon.

HIS CHILDREN NOT PRESENT

Proclamation Will Be Issued by President
McKinley Today and Salutes Will Be
Ordered Fired at Army Posts
and on Shipboard.

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.

His 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 falling 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 breakdown 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 relatives and friends who had retired from the sick room to the library below were quickly summoned and reached the bedside of the general before he passed away.

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 would bear them.

The group at the bedside included Mrs. Harrison, W. H. Miller, Samuel Miller, Rev. M. Haines, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, which General Harrison had attended for many years, Secretary Tibbitt, Drs. Jamieson and Dorsey, Col. Dan Randall, sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate and a close personal friend of the ex-president, Clifford Artek and two nurses, who had been in constant attendance at the bedside.

General Harrison's two sisters and aunt were also present. Mrs. Harrison knelt at the righthand side of the bed, her husband's right hand grasped in hers, while Dr. Jamieson held the left hand of the dying man, counting the feeble pulse beats.

In a few moments after the friends had been summoned to the room the end came, Dr. Jamieson announcing the sad fact. The great stillness that fell on the sorrowing watchers by the bedside was broken by the voice of Dr. Haines raised in prayer, supplicating consolation for the bereaved wife and family, mingled with the sobs of the mourners.

The funeral will take place next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Services will be held in the First Presbyterian church, of which General Harrison was a member for nearly 50 years.

This afternoon it was decided at a meeting of Governor Durbin and a number of other state officers that the body of General Harrison should lie in state in the capitol all day next Saturday.

The highest honors which it is in the power of the state of Indiana to bestow will be rendered to the remains of General Harrison. It has been decided that the honorary pallbearers will be the members of his cabinet. President McKinley will also attend.

Notwithstanding his large law practice, General Harrison had devoted much time since retiring from the presidency to amusement. He attended theaters and receptions and was a great diner out.

General Harrison's wealth is variously estimated, public opinion ranging it is as high as half a million dollars. Those best informed say he was worth about \$250,000 or \$300,000. His fee in the Venezuelan boundary dispute, in which he

represented the South American republic, was \$100,000.

WAS FRIEND OF THE BOERS.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13.—From one who was present at the deathbed it was learned that the allegations of cruelty and injustice dealt out by England to the Boers in their struggle for liberty had been the subject of thought in the mind of General Harrison. To his friends he had often spoken of the pity and shame, as he viewed it, that the brave and sturdy farmers of South Africa should be robbed of their country, of all they have in the world, and forced to submit to terrible miseries in resisting the opposition of a world power.

General Harrison, it is stated, would have liked nothing better than to come out frankly and strongly and say to every one who would hear what he thought of England's cruelty—it was on his mind constantly—but he believed that an ex-president should observe the same proprieties of speech which are observed by the president of the United States. He was at all times careful to say nothing which could be misconstrued or twisted into seeming disregard for the dignity of the high office which he once held.

In his semi-conscious condition when the sentinels of discretion and propriety had gone from their posts and the mind of the man was wandering, he began to speak of the Boers and their hopeless struggle for national life. His voice was weak and trembling, his thoughts were not connected, but the listeners bending over him could hear words of pity for the dying farmers of the Boer republics.

PROCLAMATION TO BE ISSUED.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—As office hours had closed for the day when news came, the first official action regarding the death of ex-President Harrison will be deferred until tomorrow when, following precedent, President McKinley will issue his proclamation to the people notifying them of General Harrison's death.

He also will order a salute to be fired at the various army posts on the day of the funeral and on shipboard when the news is received. Little more can be done officially, as the act of March 3, 1893, specifically forbids the draping of public buildings in mourning or closing of the executive department on the occasion of the death of an ex-official.

It is a curious fact that two orders issued by President Harrison himself probably brought about the enactment of this law. January 18, 1893, the president was obliged to issue an order announcing the death of ex-President Hayes, closing the department on the day of the funeral and ordering all the public buildings to be draped in mourning. Almost before this period of mourning had expired, ex-Secretary Blaine died and another funeral proclamation was issued from the White House.

The long continuation of exhibitions of mourning was too much for congress, which promptly passed an act prohibiting mourning displays and closing of the department on account of the death of an ex-official.

TRIBUTE FROM CLEVELAND.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 13.—Ex-President Cleveland made the following statement on the death of former President Harrison:

"In high public offices he was guided by patriotism and devotion to duty, often at the sacrifice of temporary popularity, and in private station his influence and example were always in the direction of decency and good citizenship. Such a career and the incidents related to it should leave a deep and useful impression upon every section of our national life."

ONE MILLION APPROPRIATED.

World's Fair Bill Passed by Missouri Legislature.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 13.—A bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the Louisiana purchase world's fair at St. Louis passed the house this afternoon. The bill now goes to the governor.

MORE MONEY FOR ATLANTA.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 13.—Mr. Carnegie has given an additional \$20,000 to the Atlanta library bearing his name. This makes Carnegie's total appropriation \$145,000.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Silver, 61 1/2.

OTIS DID NOT WANT AGUINALDO

Said It Was Better for Him to
Be in the Bush.

BANDITS ATTACK PAYMASTER

Corporal Hooker Killed and a Private Wounded
—Commission Is Forming Province
of Seven Small Islands—
Volunteers Return.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 13.—Frank W. Valle, who has just returned from the Philippines where he was director-general of posts, in speaking of Philippine affairs here today said that General Otis had told him he did not want to capture Aguinaldo.

"It is better for him to be in the bush," Valle quotes General Otis as saying, "than for him to be in the hands of the American army posing as a martyr."

AN INSULAR PROVINCE.

TAYABAS, Southern Luzon, March 13.—The American Philippine commission will go into Marinduque island and thence to Romblon island on Saturday. They will organize seven of the smaller adjacent islands into a province after which a civil government will be established on the island of Mesbato.

PAYMASTER ATTACKED.

MANILA, March 13.—Paymaster John A. Pickett, with \$75,000 in gold and an escort of ten mounted men from Company D, Sixteenth regiment, was attacked by a party of thirty bandits on the road between Bayombong and Echague, in the province of Nueva Viscaya. A hard fight ensued and the robbers were routed. The funds were saved. Corporal Hooker was killed and a private wounded.

TWENTY-SEVENTH RETURNS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—The United States transport Buford arrived here today from the Philippines. She brought seventy-five discharged soldiers and civil employes from Manila and 55 of the Twenty-seventh volunteers.

HELD PRISONER BY FILIPINOS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—John L. Fox, a private of Company A, Thirtieth infantry, who returned with his regiment on the transport Hancock from Manila, spent half the time in the Philippines as a prisoner in the hands of the Filipinos.

From January 18, 1899, until the last of September in the same year, young Fox was held by the semi-barbarous natives in mountain fastnesses without knowledge of his whereabouts nor of the intentions of his captors concerning his own disposition. He escaped several times, only to be captured again and threatened with summary punishment if he again attempted to get away. He had reason to believe that the threat might be carried out, for a fellow prisoner named John B. Kenney, from Illinois, also a private of the Thirtieth, was deliberately shot by the Filipinos for attempting to escape.

Private Fox is from Woodlawn, Ill., and served in Cuba before going to the Philippines. On January 18, 1899, fifty men, comprising a pony train, were suddenly surrounded by a large number of Filipinos at the mouth of a ravine near Santiago hill in Southern Luzon. Most of the men fought their way out, but Fox, Fred Mason, of Co. C, Corporal Bonham and Private Miller of the Thirtieth regiment; Private Charles Worthington, of Co. C, and Private Edward Walsh, of Co. K, of the Thirtieth, were captured by the enemy. They were released by General Gailius and turned over to the Americans at Santa Cruz, seven months after their capture.

CHAPELLE WILL REMAIN.

MANILA, March 13.—Manager Chapelle, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, stated to the Associated Press today that he will not leave the Philippines until several important matters concerning the church and the American government shall have been settled satisfactorily. The time required for this is not known. Manager Chapelle thinks the rumors that he will be succeeded by Archbishop Riordan are unfounded.

JOY AT PRETORIA.

Hope Felt That Last Gun in the War Has Been Fired.

NEW YORK, March 13.—A special dispatch from Pretoria to the Journal and Advertiser says:

Pending the arrival of General De Wet, a general armistice has been declared. General Botha has been in conference with General Kitchener and Sir Alfred Milner for several days and all three desire to consult De Wet.

De Wet is hurrying north through Orange River Colony in obedience to General Botha's summons. He passed

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PITTSBURGH, March 13.—Two communications from Andrew Carnegie, which are officially made public tonight, tell of the steel king's retirement from active business life and his donation of \$5,000,000 for an endowment fund for superannuated and disabled employes of the Carnegie Company.

This benefaction is by far the largest of the many created by Carnegie and is probably without a counterpart anywhere in the world. This fund will in no wise interfere with the continuance of the savings fund established by the company fifteen years ago for the benefit of its employes. In this latter fund nearly \$2,000,000 of the employes' savings are on deposit, upon which the company by contract pays six per cent and loans money to workmen to build their own homes.

Carnegie, in a letter to the people of Pittsburgh, says:
"The opportunity to retire from business came to me unthought, which I considered it my duty to accept. My resolve was made in youth to retire before old age. I have always felt that old age should be spent in making a good use of what has been acquired and I hope my friends of Pittsburgh will approve of my action in retiring while still in full health and vigor and I can reasonably expect many years for usefulness in fields which have other than personal aims."

GREAT BRITISH DEFICIT.

Impertive That Revenue Be in Some Way Increased.

LONDON, March 13.—With the naval estimates presented in the house of commons yesterday evening the budget for the coming year shows an expenditure of upwards of £121,000,000 against £150,000,000 for last year. Unless the revenue is increased, the statement of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, will show a deficit of nearly £54,000,000, larger than was ever estimated.

NEBRASKA DEADLOCK.

Little Probability That a Senator Can Be Elected.

LINCOLN, March 13.—With but eight more days of legislative session remaining, the Nebraska senatorial deadlock seems as far from settlement tonight as when the balloting began two months ago. The republican caucus tonight took four more ballots without significant changes.

LIQUOR SALESMAN SENTENCED.

Kansas Officials Showing Disposition to Enforce Prohibition Laws.

FORT SCOTT, March 13.—At Uniontown today, R. E. Eckert, a traveling salesman for a Louisville liquor company, was arrested for soliciting orders for liquor. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

BIG BLIZZARD RAGING.

MILWAUKEE, March 13.—Reports from points in eastern Wisconsin indicate that the worst blizzard of the season is prevailing.

WHEAT MARKET.

PORTLAND, March 13.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 56; bluestem, 58.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 13.—Wheat May, 99 1/2; cash, 96 1/2.

CHICAGO, March 13.—Wheat, May, opening, 75 1/2; closing, 75 1/4@75 1/2.

LIVERPOOL, March 13.—Wheat, July, 5s. 11 3/4d.

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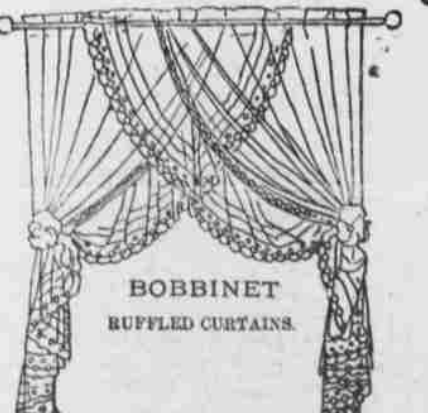
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