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GEN. GRANT DEAD.

AFTER LONG MONTHS OF PAIN HE RESTS AT LAST.

Watched with Tender Care and Crossed by Gentle Hands He Crossed into the Great Unknown--Particulars of His Death--How the Announcement was Received Throughout the Country and Abroad.

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WHAT THE DOCTORS SAY.—Soon after Drs. Douglas and Shradley left the death bed they conversed feelingly of the latter hours of Gen Grant's life.

HIS LAST UTTERANCE.—"Water," whispered the General huskily.

THE VITAL FORCES WORN OUT.—It was a gradual passing away of the vital forces and reflex consciousness the doctor thought was retained to the last.

A PLASTER MASK TAKEN.—Within twenty minutes after the death of General Grant, Karl Gerhard, of Hartford, the sculptor who has been making a study here of the General, was summoned to the cottage at the suggestion of Dr. Newman.

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THE SAD NEWS IN LONDON.—LONDON, July 23.—U. S. Minister Phelps, on being handed a copy of the despatch announcing Gen Grant's death, expressed the greatest concern at the sad event.

GLADSTONE'S TRIBUTE.—To the correspondent who communicated the news to Gladstone, the latter said: "I will willingly pay my humble tribute, but write as follows: 'Mr. Gladstone has heard with regret the news of Gen. Grant's death. He ventures to assure the bereaved family of the sympathy he feels with them in their affliction at the loss of one who had rendered his country such signal services as general and statesman.'"

TRIBUTES FROM THE PRESS.—Newspapers contain obituary notices of Grant, many of them taking up most of their valuable space in accounts of the scenes and incidents in the life of the illustrious patriot.

A General Sketch of His Career.—Ulysses S. Grant was born at Point Pleasant, Ohio, April 27, 1822. In the following year his parents removed to Georgetown, Ohio, and here his boyhood was passed.

He entered West Point Academy in 1838 as the appointee of Congressman Thomas W. Hamer. In 1843 he graduated, ranking twenty-first in his class of thirty-nine, and was made a brevet second lieutenant.

In 1845 he was ordered to General Taylor's army in Texas and made a full lieutenant. In the Mexican war, that began shortly after, he took part in the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and Monterey, under General Taylor, and being afterwards transferred to the army under Scott, was in all the engagements from Vera Cruz to the capture of the City of Mexico.

His gallantry at Molino del Rey and Chapultepec won him a first lieutenancy and a brevet captaincy. At the close of the war he returned with his regiment, and in 1848 married Miss Julia T. Dent, of St. Louis. In 1852 his regiment was sent to the Pacific coast, and while stationed at Fort Vancouver in 1853 he was commissioned captain.

In 1854 he resigned, and settled at St. Louis, where he cultivated a farm in the vicinity and carried on the business of a real estate agent. In 1859 he was employed by his father in the tannery and leather trade at Galena, Ill., where the breaking out of the rebellion found him.

He was chosen captain of a company of volunteers, with which he proceeded to Springfield, and, after a brief service as muster officer, Governor Yates appointed him colonel of the Twenty-first Illinois regiment, dating from June 17, 1861. On August 23 he was promoted to brigadier-general, and assumed command of the troops at Cairo. Soon after he took possession of Paducah and Smithland, Ky., and on November 7 fought the battle of Belmont.

Early in February, 1862, with a force of 15,000 men and a flotilla of gunboats, he proceeded against Forts Henry and Donelson. Fort Henry surrendered to the gunboats February 6, and on February 16 Fort Donelson was captured after bloody fighting. It was the first brilliant success achieved by the Union armies, and Grant's fame was at once established. He was immediately commissioned major-general. At daybreak of April 6, while at Pittsburg Landing awaiting reinforcements, his army was attacked by an overwhelming force under General Albert Sidney Johnston, and after a bloody and desperate battle driven back to the river.

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