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QUEEN VICTORIA'S DECLINING DAYS

Pathetic Picture of Her Final Hours.

MONTHS A MENTAL WRECK

The End Hastened by the Horrors of the South African War and Death of Relatives—Her Majesty a Mental Wreck For Months.

New York, Jan. 21.—A dispatch to The World from London says:

Your correspondent has obtained from a source within court circles the first comprehensive and actual account of the queen's illness that has been given out.



QUEEN VICTORIA.

These facts have placed the illness of the queen in a startling and pathetic light. They show that her mind has been failing for months, even before her visit to Ireland. She had been a mental wreck for months. Whatever it was was officially announced that she made felicitous responses to speeches at public functions it is a matter of cold fact that the poor queen was in such a state that all she could say to her companions was: "Where am I?"

Several times when she has appeared in public during the past six or eight months she has fallen asleep. Had it been anyone else who had done this, it would have been plain long ago that the lady was senile decay. And that truthfully is what ails Victoria.

But for her physical breaking up of the past week and the paralysis in the left side, it would have been possible for the queen and the royal household to have kept from the British people knowledge of her mental decay for an indefinite period. For the queen had hopes of intellectual vigor, but these were more interesting to her than her periods of mental dexterity.

Horrors of War.

When her brain was clear she immediately reverted to the horrors of the war in South Africa.

General Buller, before leaving England for the South African campaign, assured the queen that the war would be "difficult, but not dangerous." In consequence of news of the many reverses which came to her with added severity, she felt that she had been deceived, and never forgave Buller. When his name was submitted to her for a visit to Windsor after his return from South Africa, she stroked it through with her pen.

It was at this time that the queen had fits of crying in an aggravated form, which immediately preceded her present critical illness.

The assassination of the king of Italy last July shocked her deeply. The news of the illness of her eldest child, Empress Frederick, added greatly to her distress, and the fact that she was physically unable to visit the bedside of the emperor further added to her nervous and excitable state.

Later came the death of her second son, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Edinburg), which in a few weeks was followed by the death of her grandson, Prince Christian Victor, son of her daughter Helena, wife of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

The prospect of an indefinite prolongation of the war was a trial under which her health again began to sink in November last. Her spirit remained undaunted, and when it was reported that President Kruger had said that she was would claim her as one of its victims, the queen declared: "I may die, but Mr. Kruger won't kill me."

Sleepless Nights.

While the queen has been sleepless at night, she has long had strange fits of drowsiness in the daytime. When her mind has become so weak she has tried valiantly to combat it. The queen has court officials have also worked hard to keep her from sleeping at the wrong time.

The last time she drove outside the grounds of Osborne the villagers of East Cowes were astounded to hear the clear treble of the son of the Prince of Battenberg trilling out popular songs from the royal carriage.

The boy was singing to keep his grandmother awake, in obedience to her wishes. Now and again she dozed, waking to tell the boy to continue his chant, which was the unintelligible looker contained a wrong pathos. The queen drove about in her donkey cart inside the grounds of Osborne House for the last time on Tuesday. The Duchess of Edinburg, or Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, was her companion. On her return to the castle the queen was asleep. In that condition she was carried to her bed, never to rise again.

CINCINNATI CAPITALISTS

To Make an Extensive Tour of the Southern States.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 19.—Some time ago the Commercial club of Cincinnati invited Mr. D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte to make an address to the club on Southern Industrial Development. After this address the subject of organizing in Cincinnati a party to make an industrial tour from that city through the Piedmont region to the South Atlantic coast and return to Cincinnati was discussed. Mr. Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern railway, promptly agreed to furnish a train for the use of a representative party.

The party will consist of 20 to 30 of the most representative citizens of Cincinnati and the Ohio valley. The places to be visited are not yet determined upon, nor is the route definitely fixed, but it is contemplated leaving Cincinnati the night of Feb. 6, thence probably to Knoxville, Asheville, Charlotte, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Cincinnati.

The purpose of the tour is to promote commercial relations between the southern manufacturing districts and the South Atlantic ports, on the one side, and Cincinnati and Ohio valley and the northwest on the other.

TO REDUCE YARN OUTPUT

Action of the Southern Yarn Spinners' Association.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 19.—At a meeting of the Southern Hosiery Yarn Spinners' association here yesterday afternoon a resolution was passed that production of soft yarns should be curtailed as much as possible. About 150,000 spindles engaged in the manufacture of soft yarns used for hosiery were represented by personal owners or proxy. President Adamson of Cedarburg, Ga., stated after the meeting that he had been informed in the main factory that the association will have the effect of stopping all night work in the mills represented. The former schedule of prices was ordered vacated, for the reason, it was stated, that the members of the association expected higher prices as a result of the agreement to curtail production. This association numbers among its membership about 95 per cent of the spindles of the south engaged in the manufacture of soft yarns. It is expected that the action taken at the meeting will have an immediate effect upon the output of the hosiery yarn product.

North Carolina's Textile Industries.

RALEIGH, Jan. 19.—The state labor commissioner's annual report shows that on June 30 last there were in operation in North Carolina 185 cotton mills, 30 knitting and 11 woolen. Today he finished a supplemental report, showing the mills which began operations between June 30 and the first of the present month. There were 19 of these, adding to the 184,000 spindles and 8,000 looms, bringing the total up to 1,481,771 spindles and 33,289 looms. There are 18 mills in course of construction. Some of these are very large and their total of spindles will probably exceed 300,000.

Boy Burned to Death.

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 21.—Saturday afternoon, Barney, the 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. M. Haskell, who reside on Pine street, was burned to death. It is supposed that he and his brother were trying to make a fire on an oil can in the rear of the building. A neighbor saw smoke coming from the room and ran in and seeing the child on fire made an effort to extinguish the flames, which he finally succeeded in doing, but not until the child was burned fatally.

Niece of Late Gov. Brown Married.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 19.—Professor John T. West of Pelzer and Miss Martha Eloise Brown were married at Belton at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. B. Byrd, yesterday. A large number of prominent people of this state and Georgia witnessed the ceremony. The bride is a niece of the late Senator Joseph E. Brown, of Georgia. She is a very handsome and brilliant woman and has a large circle of friends in this and other states.

Woods Full of Moonshiners.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Jan. 19.—Deputy Marshals Carson and Phillips have returned from a raid in the dark corner, bringing J. Luther Thomas, caught in a moonshine still near Bettell, a post office in the "Dark Corner." The marshals were followed and fired on from ambush by friends of the prisoner at several points, but were not hit. They report the woods full of stills all through the mountains, probably because there have been no raids recently.

Stonewall Jackson's Widow.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 21.—Interesting services, commemorative of Lee's birthday, were held at the Presbyterian female college here on Saturday, the principal feature of which was the presentation of crosses of honor to Confederate veterans. Mrs. Anna Jackson, widow of the illustrious Stonewall Jackson, pinned the crosses on the coats of the veterans.

Price of a Bale of Cotton.

NEWTON, N. C., Jan. 21.—Mr. John E. Setzer killed a hog the other day which she broke the record in this county. It weighed 338 pounds. The court officials have also worked hard to keep her from sleeping at the wrong time. The last time she drove outside the grounds of Osborne the villagers of East Cowes were astounded to hear the clear treble of the son of the Prince of Battenberg trilling out popular songs from the royal carriage.

Terrible Accident.

THOMASVILLE, N. C., Jan. 21.—A terrible accident happened at the venerable works Saturday afternoon. Five workmen, all negroes, fell into the steaming tank. James, who was scalded the worst, died last night. The others will recover if the proper care is taken of them.

A Charleston Failure.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 21.—A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court here for Pollin Bros., wholesale and retail tobacco dealers. The liabilities of the firm are \$40,000, with assets amounting to \$22,000.

THE QUEEN IS DEAD! LONG LIVE THE KING!

A Noble and Most Illustrious Life Ended.

END CAME THIS EVENING

Surrounded by Her Children and Grandchildren, the Queen of Great Britain and Empress of India Calmly and Peacefully Passes Away.

OSBORNE HOUSE, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22.—8:45 P. M.—Her Majesty the queen breathed her last at 8:30 p. m., surrounded by her children and grandchildren. (Signed) James Reid, R. Douglas Powell, Thomas Baird.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—7:07 P. M.—The text of the Prince of Wales' message to the lord mayor is as follows: "Omnibus 8:45 P. M.—My beloved mother has just passed away, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. (Signed) Albert Edward.

COWES, Jan. 22.—The queen is said to have bade farewell in a feeble monosyllable to her family assembled at her bedside at midnight. She first recognized the Prince of Wales, to whom she spoke a few words of great moment. Emperor William, with the others present, filed past and heard a whispered goodbye. All those in the bedroom were in tears.

VICTORIA'S LAST HOURS.

Scenes and Incidents in and Around the Death Chamber.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—1:40 P. M.—The gloomy faces of the crowds incessantly approaching the bulletin board at the Mansion House indicate how little the public hope to receive better news of the condition of the queen. All ages and conditions of women and even children are content to spend a long time in waiting their turn to get within reading distance of the board.

As the throng moves slowly past the notice board those who are unable to get there personally are sending messenger boys with notebooks and pencils to bring the text of everything posted. The grief of all is evident. Never were there so many black ties in the city before the actual arrival of a time of general mourning, and nobody mingling with the crowds can doubt for a moment that everybody in them has a keen personal interest in the queen's condition.

Mr. Balfour, the first lord of the treasury, and the children of the Duchess of Connaught have started for Osborne. Mr. Balfour, it is said, goes as the representative of the premier, Lord Salisbury. The mourning of Mr. Balfour and the Connaught children is regarded as indicating that the end of Queen Victoria is fast approaching.

Preparing For Eventualities.

The arrangements are already practically complete for meetings of the privy council and parliament, the statutes providing that they shall assemble immediately on the death of a sovereign. The privy councillors could gather together within a few hours. The ministers will attend, give up their seats of office by resignation, receive the emperor's orders and then, after a few minutes of condolence and congratulation, be adjourned.

After giving up their seats, the ministers will receive them back from the new ruler. The privy councillors will also be sworn afresh, and parliament will assemble within 24 hours of the death of the queen, in accordance with precedent in the course of George III. Emperor William's yacht Hohenzollern has been ordered to leave Kiel immediately. She is expected to arrive at Cowes Friday. No arrangements have been made for Emperor William's return to Germany, which is dependent upon eventualities.

Remarkable Scene.

There was a remarkable scene outside of the Mansion House early this afternoon. On the receipt of the alarming reports something resembling a groom was uttered by the hundreds of people assembled, and then some one started to sing the national anthem. All heads were bowed, and in a moment the crowds were singing "God Save the Queen" with a fervor proving how earnestly they wish for her recovery. The passengers in passing carriages, cabs and omnibuses joined in the singing, the drivers reverently doffing their hats.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—8:07 P. M.—The correspondent of the Associated Press here learns from an official source that Queen Victoria recognized Emperor William when the latter went to her bedside yesterday by giving a sign of joy. She was unable to converse with him. It is not known how long the emperor will stay in England.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22.—4 P. M.

—The end is very near. The Prince of Wales has not left the vicinity of the queen's bedroom since 9 a. m. Emperor William and all the royal family is near her majesty's bedside.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—4:55 P. M.

—A bulletin posted at the Mansion House reads as follows: "OSBORNE, Jan. 22.—4 P. M.—My faithful duty obliges me to inform you that the life of our beloved queen is in the greatest danger. (Signed) Albert Edward.

COWES, Jan. 22.—Noon.—News from Osborne house confirms the belief of every one that the death of her majesty is imminent, and its announcement at any moment would not be a surprise. The weather is cold and rainy. Beyond the newspaper correspondents few persons are about the gate of the royal residence. Mounted messengers from Osborne ride through Cowes at intervals, at breakneck speed, sending off the latest tidings to officials and foreign courts. The rector of Walsingham church remained at Osborne throughout the morning. None of the royal personages has gone driving or walking. It is understood that Emperor William of Germany will not leave today. His majesty has recognized several members of the royal family who are there. The queen is now sleeping. The papers devote columns of space to historical and personal reminiscences and the scenes and incidents of the queen's life. Emphasis is laid on the fact that her majesty is now paying the penalty for her devotion to affairs of state. It is generally recognized that until a few days ago there was no harder worker in the kingdom. Roughly estimated, she signed 30,000 documents a year. No dispatch of any grandeur was ever issued from the foreign office until seen by the queen, and some of the work thus entailed is gathered from the fact that the foreign office handles considerably over 1,000 dispatches weekly. A Hard Worker. After every sitting of the house of commons the government secretary in the house was in the habit of forwarding to the queen an abstract of the business done, she personally attended to these and frequently returned them with marginal notes asking explanations. When Terry's appearance at Sandringham before the queen is recalled as being the only occasion when her majesty ever prompted an answer. The queen gave her cue, very softly. As Miss Terry did not take the cue, the queen repeated it more loudly, and the answer, suppressing her merriment, accepted the cue and proceeded with her part. Pathetic Incident. Of pathetic interest now is the inscription on the last wreath from the queen which was placed on the bishop of London's coffin Thursday last. It does not bear her own signature, and this is the first instance on record of such a happening. It was regarded at the time by the court officials as serious omen. Lord Clarendon, the new lord chamberlain, with Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, arrived at Osborne this afternoon. It is the lord chamberlain, who, with the Bishop of Canterbury, announces to a new monarch his accession to the throne.

GUilty OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Verdict Against Three of Jennie Bosscheter's Slayers.

PRISONERS WILL APPEAL

"My Darling Jennie is Avenged at Last!" Exclaimed the Mother of the Murdered Girl—The State Attorney Satisfied With the Result.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 19.—Walter C. McAllister, Andrew J. Campbell and William A. Deah, three of the four persons indicted for the death of Jennie Bosscheter, a mill girl, who was murdered on the night of Oct. 18 last, were last night adjudged guilty of murder in the second degree. According to the New Jersey law, the maximum penalty for the prisoners is 30 years imprisonment.

The mother of the murdered girl said, weeping: "My darling Jennie is avenged at last. The killing was not so bad, but—oh—it was awful, awful. We hoped they would receive the same fate as they gave to Jennie, but that could not bring her back." Prosecuting Attorney E. H. Lay said: "The state is content, because the state and its representative have done their full duty. Personally I have never been so vindictive in my heart as now." One of the counsel for the prisoners said he considered the verdict a victory for the defense. Michael Dunn, counsel for Campbell and Deah, said that the case would be appealed on error. It may be 18 months before the final adjudication of the case. Prosecutor Emley said after the verdict that Kerr would be tried some time during the present term, but he could not at present fix the date.

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He had evidently placed the muzzle of the gun just under his right ear, as all the upper and back part of his head was cut off, leaving only a neat front of his ears. His brains were splashed around on the walls and floor of the stable and death must have been almost instantaneous.

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SOMEWHAT TOO PREVIOUS

Senator Tillman's Election Was a Week Ahead of Time.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 19.—A Washington special says: "So anxious is the legislature of South Carolina to have its session open in the senate that they have actually elected me a week ahead of the time appointed by law for them to act. The assembly should not have taken place until next Tuesday."

"I suppose," added Senator Tillman, "our state legislature, which is naturally Democratic, was so eager to carry out the verdict of the people, expressed in the primaries last summer, that the lawyers of that body neglected to consult the constitution, which provides that the election of senators shall be held on the second Tuesday after the legislature meets and organizes. It may be organized the first Tuesday of this month. It should have allowed another Tuesday to intervene before proceeding with the senatorial election. The result is they will have to have another election next Tuesday to make my election valid. I suppose that the members of the legislature were afraid that something might happen to prevent them from carrying out the desires of the people of the state, so they decided to give me my commission for another term a week ahead of time."

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