

SUDDEN DEATH OF M. FAURE

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MEDICAL AID USELESS

Death at 10 O'Clock in the Evening Came After an Illness of Only a Few Hours—Physicians at the Beginning Pronounced His Case Hopeless—News Becomes Known to the General Public in Paris at 11 O'Clock.

Paris, Feb. 16.—M. Felix Faure, president of France, died of apoplexy at 10 o'clock tonight, after an illness of a few hours. It had been known for some time that his heart was weak, but the first intimation that he was sick was given at half past six this afternoon, when a message was dispatched to the premier, M. Dupuy, announcing that the president was ill. M. Dupuy immediately repaired to the Elysee.

All medical efforts proved futile, and the president died on the stroke of ten. The flag over the Elysee was immediately lowered to half mast and the news was dispatched to all the officers and members of the cabinet. General Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, the grand chamberlain of the Elysee, the prefect of the Seine, the prefect of the police of Paris and the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies promptly arrived at the Elysee.

The report spread rapidly through the city and large crowds gathered in the vicinity of the palace. About 8 o'clock M. Faure, who was then in his study, went to the room of M. Le Gall, his private secretary, which is contiguous to the study, and said: "I don't feel very well."

M. Le Gall immediately went to the president's aid, led him to a sofa and called General Baillood, general secretary of the president's household, M. Blondel, under private secretary, and Dr. Humbert, who happened to be at the Elysee at that time. The president's condition did not appear dangerous, but Dr. Humbert, on perceiving that he was rapidly getting worse, telephoned for Dr. Lann-Longue and Dr. Cheuret, who arrived with M. Dupuy and were joined later by Dr. Bergery.

Though M. Faure still retained consciousness, the doctors soon recognized that the case was hopeless, but it was not until nearly 8 o'clock that the members of the family were informed of the real state of the president. They came to the sofa, where the president lay upon a hastily improvised bed. Soon after he began to lose consciousness and, despite all efforts, expired at ten in the presence of the family and M. Dupuy.

M. Dupuy communicated the sad intelligence to M. Loubet, president of the senate; M. Paul Doumer, president of the chamber of deputies; the members of the cabinet and other high functionaries, after which he addressed the following dispatch to all prefects and sub-prefects:

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PRESIDENT M'KINLEY SPEAKS AT BOSTON

Guest of Honor at the Banquet of the Home Market Club—Our Duty in the Philippines.

Boston, Feb. 16.—President William McKinley arrived in Boston today to be the guest of the Home Market Club at a banquet in the honor of McKinley at Mechanics hall. Messrs. Long, Alger, Smith, Gage and Bliss, of his official cabinet, accompanied him, together with Congressman Grosvenor, of Ohio. The arrival of the presidential train at the south terminal station at 10 o'clock was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm from the thousands of citizens who lined the streets on the line of the procession from the station to the Hotel Touraine. The remainder of the day after the arrival at the hotel was spent in quietude by the president until 4:45 when he was escorted to Mechanics hall to participate in the honors of the Home Market club.

It was the largest banquet ever arranged in this country, the exact number of persons who were served being 3,500. Besides these there were fully 3,500 spectators in the balconies. The presidential party left the Hotel Touraine under cavalry escort at 4:20 and proceeded through an immense cheering crowd direct to Mechanics hall. President McKinley and the other distinguished guests shook hands with fully 2,500 persons. In the receiving party were Hon. W. B. Plunkett, president of the Home Market Club; Secretary Gage, Secretary Alger, Postmaster General Smith, Secretary Long, Secretary Bliss, Congressman Grosvenor and Lieut. Governor W. M. Crane.

At 6 o'clock, after the president had rested for a few minutes, the bugle sounded, announcing that the banquet was ready to be served. In the course of his speech the president discussed the Philippine question at length saying:

FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH.

The Fate of John Buskirk, of Stroudsburg.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Feb. 16.—After working hard on Tuesday during the blizzard John Buskirk, of Ross Valley, returned to his home and sat down about 6:45 a. m. M. Faure said: "I do not feel ill, but I prefer to abstain from fatiguing exercise today." Otherwise the president worked as usual and read the official dispatches to him for the last time. He took his lunch as usual at noon, returned to his study at two, and spent the afternoon seated in a favorite arm chair by the fire, conversing with M. Le Gall, who about 3 o'clock asked permission to depart. At six M. Le Gall returned, immediately reporting himself to the president, who was then signing decrees presented by General Baillood, according to his daily

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GUFFY'S STATEMENT.

The Withdrawal of Democratic Candidates at Harrisburg He Believes Would Be Un-Democratic.

Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—National Committee member Guffy has issued the following statement in reply to Congressman-elect Sibley:

MR. WELLER'S OBJECTIONS.

By a viva voce vote Mr. Weller was given permission to explain his vote on the bill. He said that his main objection was that the bill, if it became a law, would entail additional costs on every county in the state. With this the incident closed.

SENATORIAL VOTE.

No Change in the Situation—Quay Still Lacks Thirteen Votes.

Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—The senatorial deadlock is still unbroken. The ballot today showed 33 legislators paired or not voting. Senator Quay was again 15 votes short of the number necessary to re-elect. The vote follows:

FRANCE AND OMAN.

The Sultan Has Not Ceded a Coaling Station.

London, Feb. 16.—In the house of commons today, replying to a question on the subject, the Right Hon. William St. John Brodrick, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, said that so far as her majesty's government knew the sultan of Oman had not ceded nor was he about to cede to France a coaling station or harbor on the coast of Oman.

FILIPINOS SEEK THE JUNGLES

CAUGHT HANGING ON OUR OUTPOSTS AROUND MANILA.

They Retire Before the Advance of King's Brigade—Warships Aid in Scattering the Natives in the Brush—A Guerrilla Warfare Continues.

Manila, Feb. 16.—2:25 p. m.—A large body of the enemy, presumably reconnoitering, was discovered on the right of Brigadier General King's position near San Pedro and Macati this morning. The entire brigade turned out, and after an exchange of volleys the rebels retreated into the jungle and disappeared.

COMPROMISE REACHED.

Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—A meeting of the house judiciary committee was held this evening at which a compromise was reached in the Magee bill. The opposition to the measure suggested that the bill will be amended by the insertion of the Flinn amendments rejected by the senate, which would make the proposed act similar to the New York law.

SIX BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED

Result of a Big Fire in Philadelphia.

The Heaviest Losers Are John Wanamaker and Warner & Co.

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Fire tonight destroyed six three-story brick buildings on Market street, below Thirteenth, and a number of smaller structures in the rear, entailing an aggregate loss little short of \$400,000. The locality of the fire was only a few yards from Wanamaker's big department store, but the intersection of Thirteenth street fortunately prevented the flames from reaching that establishment, and the only damage it suffered was a trifling one from water. Frequently the flames swept to within one hundred feet of the big bazaar, but a good many of the city engines, aided by Wanamaker's private fire corps, safely diverted the course.

ADAMS POISONING CASE.

Dr. Potter Saw No Evidence of Sickness About Cornish.

New York, Feb. 16.—A large number of witnesses were put on the stand at the coroner's inquiry into the death of Mrs. Kate J. Adams today but the two around whom interest centered, were Assistant District Attorney John E. McIntyre and Dr. Potter. Assistant District Attorney McIntyre's name has been mentioned many times in connection with this case. His testimony today, however, threw little light upon the mystery. McIntyre stated on the stand that he did not know of any persons who had names of persons suspected of having sent the bromo seltzer package through the mails, when he called on Cornish at the Knickerbocker Athletic club on the night of Mrs. Adams' death. This statement was contradicted by Detective Sergeant Maher, who said:

FIRE AT NEW BRIGHTON.

Opera House Block Destroyed—Loss \$85,000 Fully Insured.

New Brighton, Pa., Feb. 16.—The opera house block, together with Marshall's dry goods store, Stucky's drug store, Carey's shoe store, the Daily News, Schurpp's drug store and the National Guard armory, were burned today.

Powder House Explodes.

Ashtabula, Pa., Feb. 16.—A powder dry house near Krebs station, owned by Shemondosh capitalists, blew up today, killing Alexander Everett and fatally injuring Alexander Everett and John Benbow. Everett's clothing was torn from his back. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

Pennsylvania Pensioners.

Washington, Feb. 16.—These Pennsylvania pensioners have been issued: Original widows, 4; Montin Home, Monroe, 36; Thomas J. Burkbeck, Fredburg, Luzerne, 46; Cyrus Woodin, Honesdale, 48; William Gibson, Wilkes-Barre, 50; Original widow, 66—Kate Laycock, Wyoming, Luzerne, 62.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today:	Rain.
1 General—Death of M. Faure, President of France. Filipino Report to Guerilla Warfare. Kentucky Democrat Objects to Paying Spain \$20,000,000.	
2 General—Large Order for New Locomotives. Financial and Commercial.	
3 Local—Chief Hickey Tells His Needs of the Fire Department. Condition of the Hard Coal Trade. Court Proceedings.	
4 Editorial. For and Against Colonies.	
5 Local—The Primate of the Church of America a Prisoner Here. List of Candidates to Be Voted for Tuesday.	
6 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.	
7 News Round About Scranton.	
8 General—Camp MacKenzie Soldiers Experience Cold Weather. One Days' News of Pittston.	

UNEXPECTED SENSATION

Mr. Wheeler Objects to the Payment of \$20,000,000 to Spain

IS OPPOSED ON PRINCIPLE

He Will Resort to Any Technicality to Defeat the Appropriation—Mr. Cannon Fails in an Attempt to Secure Unanimous Consent—An Attempt to Revive the Nicaragua Canal Is Made by Mr. Hepburn, Who Has Been Its Champion

Washington, Feb. 16.—The army reorganization bill was reported to the senate today and Mr. Hawley, (Conn.) chairman of the military affairs committee, gave notice that he would move to proceed to its consideration at the earliest possible time. The naval personnel bill was taken up and finally a split order made to proceed further with its consideration. The military academy appropriation bill was passed. The post office appropriation bill was under consideration during the greater part of the afternoon, but was not disposed of finally. A split order made to proceed with the amendment of the appropriation bill providing for an appropriation to secure mail service between New York and Washington and Atlanta and New Orleans. The amendment was retained in the bill.

PROFESSOR STEPHENS IS PLACED ON TRIAL

W. B. Owen, of Lafayette, the Chief Witness for the Prosecution—The Motive for the Crimes.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 16.—Professor W. B. Owen, of Lafayette, was the chief witness today in the trial of Professor George B. Stephens, charged with burning Pardee hall. Owen and Stephens had been close friends. He testified that Stephens, after his arrest, confessed to him that he had burned the hall, because of a grudge against President Wardell.

THE CANAL BILL.

After the civil bill had been completed and reported to the house, Mr. Hepburn, of Iowa, the champion of the Nicaragua canal, moved to recommitt it with instructions to report it back with the canal bill incorporated in it. This was an unexpected move, as it was generally understood that Mr. Hepburn had abandoned all hope after his defeat yesterday. But he believed that his motion would have the necessary strength in the house, where members could be put on record. The motion was promptly declared out of order by the speaker, whereupon Mr. Hepburn appealed and Mr. Payne, of New York, moved to lay the appeal on the table. Upon the latter motion the vote was taken and the result was 97 yeas to 67 nays. As no quorum was developed on the vote, owing to the lateness of the hour, they managed to carry an adjournment until tomorrow. This gives them a breathing spell in which to marshal their forces for the final encounter and tomorrow, as soon as the house meets, the vote will again be taken.

BIG BICYCLE RACE.

Thirteen Riders Still in the Ring at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—At the end of the sixty-seventh hour thirteen riders still remained in the international six day race at Mechanics' pavilion. Gimml's lead over the field has been reduced slightly. He is now 12 miles in front of Miller, but is riding strong. The score at the sixty-seventh hour compared with the record of 1,092 miles, 37 yards, made by Miller, follows:

Dinner at Executive Mansion.

Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—Governor and Mrs. Stone gave a dinner this afternoon at the Executive mansion in honor of additional guests from a distance, who have been at the mansion for several days. Among those present were Senators Parsons, Mrs. D. Percy Hicking and Miss Quay, of Washington and a number of Harrisburg friends.

Admiral Dewey Ashore.

Woods Hole, Mass., Feb. 16.—Captain McGrath of the Boston Fruit company's steamer Admiral Dewey, which is ashore at the village of Woods Hole, said today that with favorable weather there is a good prospect of getting the steamer off.

WEATHER FORECAST.

- Washington, Feb. 16.—Forecast for Friday: For eastern Pennsylvania, variable rain followed by fair; high +; northwesterly winds becoming +; northwesterly and diminishing.