

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 23, 1901.

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QUEEN VICTORIA IS DEAD

England's Ruler Passed Peacefully Away at Osborne House Last Evening.

ROYAL FAMILY AT HER BEDSIDE

Regained Consciousness About Noon Yesterday—Later She Fell Asleep and the End Came at 6.30 P. M.—Pathetic Scenes in the Bedchamber—End of the Longest Reign in English History—New King Notifies the Lord Mayor of London—Parliament to Assemble Within Twenty-four Hours—Privy Councillors and Ministers to Meet at Once and Be Resworn.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Coves, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22.—The queen is dead and Edward VII reigns. The greatest event in the memory of this generation, the most stupendous change in existing conditions that could possibly be imagined, has taken place quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's father, the Duke of Kent.

The end of this career, never equaled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in Osborne House. This most respected of all women, living or dead, lay in a great four-posted bed and made a shrunken atom whose aged face and figure were a cruel mockery of the fair girl who in 1827 began to rule over England.

Around her were gathered almost every descendant of her line. Well within view of her dying eyes there hung a portrait of the Prince Consort. It was he who designed the room and every part of the castle. In scarcely audible words the white-haired bishop of Winchester prayed beside her as he had often prayed with his sovereign, for he was her chaplain at Windsor. With bowed heads the imperious ruler of the German empire and the man who is now king of England, the woman who has succeeded to a title of queen, the princes and princesses and those of less royal designation listened to the bishop's ceaseless prayer. Six o'clock passed. The bishop continued his intercession. One of the younger children asked a question in a shrill, childish treble and was immediately silenced.

The women of this royal family sobbed faintly and the men shuffled uneasily. At exactly half past six Sir James Reid held up his hand and the people in the room knew that England had lost her queen. The bishop pronounced the benediction.

Suffered No Pain.
The queen passed away quite peacefully. She suffered no pain. Those who were now mourners went to their rooms. A few minutes later the inevitable column of materialists stepped into this palace chapter of international history, for the court ladies were busy at work ordering their mourning from London.

The wheels of the world were jarred when the announcement came, but in this palace at Osborne everything pursued the usual course. Down in the kitchen they were cooking a huge dinner for an assemblage of the like of which has seldom been known in England, and the dinner preparations proceeded just as if nothing had happened.

The body of Queen Victoria was embalmed and will probably be taken to Windsor Saturday. The coffin arrived last evening from London.

An incident characteristic of the queen's solitude for others, occurred two days ago, when in one of the intervals of consciousness, she summoned strength to suggest to her dressers, who had been acting as nurses, to take the opportunity of getting some fresh air.

Monday after noon she asked that her little Pomeranian spaniel be brought to her bed.

THE LORD MAYOR NOTIFIED.

Text of the New King's First Message to Him.
London, Jan. 22.—The text of the Prince of Wales' dispatch to the lord mayor is as follows:
Osborne, 6.45 p. m.—My beloved mother has just passed away, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.
(Signed) Albert Edward.

At Gates of Osborne House.

Osborne House Gates, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22, 7.55 p. m.—When the 4 p. m. bulletin announced that the queen was sinking, all the watchers at the gates of Osborne house made up their minds to remain to the end. The cold was intense and a few favored ones sought shelter in the royal lodge, just inside, where they waited in absolute silence.

The telephone bell rang at 7.44 p. m., but before a royal servant had time to take the message the chief of the queen's police emerged from the darkness and, with bowed head, said: "Gentlemen, the queen passed away at 6.30."

All present reverently uncovered, and the shrill whistles outside and the ringing of the bells of the bicycles in waiting were the signals for messengers to race to Coves with the news. In a few moments the place was deserted. Simultaneously mounted messengers, on their way to the city, were already filled with sorrowful crowds, discussing her majesty's death.

PARLIAMENT TO CONVENE

House of Lords and House of Commons Will Take Oath of Allegiance to Edward VII Today.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
London, Jan. 22, 1.05 a. m.—Absolute silence reigned tonight in the vicinity of Buckingham palace and Marlborough house. A small bill, signed "Edward," was posted outside, announcing the demise of the monarch.

Everywhere tonight the one topic of conversation was what would happen under the new reign. Much interest was evinced in the way in which the enormous fortune of the dead queen would be distributed, the general notion being that Osborne house would go to Princess Beatrice, and that she and Princess Christian would come into a considerable portion of Victoria's wealth.

The probability that King Edward will take up a practically permanent residence in Buckingham palace was much canvassed. This is a question that comes very much home to Londoners. Queen Victoria's preference for Balmoral castle and Osborne house has been a complaint of long standing in the metropolis; and it is hoped that the new reign will see a change in this respect.

THE NEWS IN PARIS.

French Parliament Adjourned as a Sign of Mourning.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The news of the death of Queen Victoria was known in Paris at 6 o'clock this evening, through special editions of the evening papers which newboys carried throughout the city. Great sympathy was expressed on all sides.

As soon as definite information reached parliament the president of the chambers announced that the next session would be adjourned as a sign of mourning.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S LIFE.

Brief Sketch of Her Career from Babyhood—Her Successful Reign and Happy Married Existence.

Queen Victoria was the only child of Edward, Duke of Kent, the fourth and most respectable son of George III. His personal virtues, engaging manners and amiable disposition earned for him the nickname of the "Popular Duke." He was a tall, handsome man of soldierly bearing, and so generous that the public treasury and died in debt. One of the first acts of his daughter after her accession to the throne was to relieve his memory from its one reproach by paying debts which had been outstanding from his decease, seventeen years before.

ENGLAND'S NEW KING.

Procedure to Be Followed in Proclaiming Albert Edward Ruler of Great Britain—Formalities to Be Observed.

London, Jan. 22.—At the offices of the lord chamberlain at St. James Palace, of the city remembrance at the Guild Hall and at the College of Heralds the officials were busy today, even before the death of the queen was pronounced, preparing for the formalities which will attend the proclaiming of a new ruler of the United Kingdom and India. All the ancient gazettes, court circulars and other papers which describe the ceremonial of 1837 had been taken from the libraries, that the officials may familiarize themselves with the forms of pageantry whereby a sovereign is proclaimed.

The city remembrance said today: "It will depend on the pleasure of the new monarch to decide how far the ancient customs will be modified to suit modern methods, but in a country where precedents are so firmly adhered to as England, it is not to be anticipated that we shall follow closely on the acts which prevailed when the queen ascended the throne. The privy council, which is a very large body, will meet at St. James' Palace, where the form of proclamation declaring that 'we, etc., with one voice and consent of tongue and heart declare and proclaim the high mighty, Prince Albert Edward, etc., who, by the death of the monarch, has become our only lawful and rightful heir,' etc.

"This proclamation will give the new title the king may assume, but this is not yet announced to us. The proclamation will then be sent to the Herald's college and the following day, Earl Marshal, the garter king-at-arms, the herald's pursuivants and other officials, the college members, with a household troops, will proceed from the palace, clad in their splendid surcoats, and proceed to Trafalgar Square. There the king-at-arms will halt, command silence and read the proclamation. Proceeding down the Strand to Temple bar a halt will again be made to demand an entrance into the city to proclaim the king. Then the lord mayor's sheriffs in their carriages will form a great procession, and when the Earl Marshal's party comes just within city boundary the proclamation will be read again and the procession will pass down Ludgate Hill and Chesapeake to the Royal Exchange, where similar ceremonies will close the spectacle.

Quiet in London.

This evening there were few visible signs in London that anything unusual had happened. A drizzling rain kept most people within doors. Those who were turned away from theaters or music halls, wandered along the streets of the west end without special object. No large crowds gathered anywhere.

The shops closed as soon as the bells began to toll, and the blinds of the mansion house were drawn down as soon as the message from the Prince of Wales was received by the lord mayor.

The bell tolled at St. Paul's cathedral was the gift of William III, and is used only on occasions of the death of royal personages, archbishops of Canterbury, lord mayors of London and bishops of London. The tolling continued for two hours today at intervals of a minute and could be heard for miles in the direction of the wind.

Some hundreds of people stood in front of the cathedral, around the spot where Queen Victoria prayed on the sixtieth anniversary of her accession to the throne.

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON.

Official Notice of the Queen's Death Is Given in the Half-Masting of Flag Over British Embassy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 22.—Four days of anxiety had in a large measure prepared official Washington for the news which was flashed across the cable this afternoon of the death of the queen of England. So it happened that all things that could be decently done in anticipation of the sad end had been disposed of, and all was in readiness for the execution of the formalities which are indispensable to such events.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Actual Dispatch of the Message from the President to the New King of England Is Delayed Only Long Enough to Receive the Physicians' Statement—The Half-Masting of the National Ensign an Unusual Tribute.

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The British embassy also received the press news of full worth, and the royal standard, flying over the embassy building, was perhaps the first in Washington to sink slowly half-way down the tall staff, giving notice to official Washington of the sad event.

The rapidly with which the news spread was remarkable, and within a short half-hour the members of the diplomatic bodies here began to appear at the British embassy, bearing cards of condolence.

Another unusual mark of the high appreciation of the death of the queen was the action by the house of representatives in adjourning as a mark of respect to her memory.

Nothing now remains to be done by the United States government save to exchange, through the slow process of the mail, the formal expressions of regret which are prescribed by international etiquette.

MCKINLEY'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Sincere Sympathy of the American People Is Offered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 22.—President McKinley sent the following message of condolence to King Edward VII:
Telegram, sent from Washington, Jan. 22, 1901.
His Majesty, the King, Osborne House, Isle of Wight:
I have received with profound sorrow the lamentable tidings of the death of her majesty, Queen Victoria, and I offer my sincere sympathy and that of the American people in your personal bereavement and in the loss Great Britain has suffered in the death of its venerable and illustrious sovereign, whose life and beneficent influence have promoted the peace and won the affection of the world.
(Signed) William McKinley.

Flag at Half Mast.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The flag on the executive mansion was placed at half-mast at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. So far as any record goes, this is the first time in the history of this country that a disposition to respect has been paid to the memory of a foreign ruler.

TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Ratified in Executive Session of the Senate at Washington.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 22.—The senate today, in executive session, ratified the treaty with Spain for the acquisition of the islands of Sibutu and Cagayan, of the Philippine group at a cost of \$100,000.

There were no votes to spare, two-thirds vote being needed and the voting standing 25 to 19.

In the debate, prior to ratification, a number of senators manifested a disposition to oppose the further acquisition of Oriental territory. Senators Lodge and Chandler spoke in behalf of the treaty and Senators Bacon, Money and Pettigrew in opposition.

Mrs. Carrie Nation Under Bail.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Wichita, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Carrie Nation and her colleagues in yesterday's saloon smashing event, were arraigned in the city court today and given a preliminary hearing. Judge Nick used their bond at \$1,000 each, which was promptly given and the women released.

Sharkey and Maher Matched.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Louisville, Jan. 22.—Tom Sharkey and Peter Maher were today matched to meet in a twenty-round contest before the Louisville Athletic club during the month of February. They will meet at catch weights.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today.

FAIR, RISING TEMPERATURE.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

The House of Representatives Takes Action in Expressing Regret at Queen's Death.

NOTICED IN THE SENATE

Resolution Ordered to Be Engrossed and Forwarded to the Prime Minister of Great Britain—Little Business Transacted in the Senate. The House Decides to Send to the Court of Claims the Claims of Cramp and Sons.

SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS

First Bill Comes Up for Final Passage at Harrisburg—Other Matters Considered.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Harrisburg, Jan. 22.—The senate in executive session today confirmed a number of nominations sent in by the governor, among them the appointment of Hon. Louis E. Atkinson, of Millington, to be judge of the First-Judicial District, which comprises Perry and Juniata counties.

In open session Senator Quail, Schuylkill, presented a resolution announcing the death of Senator Samuel A. Losh, whose demise occurred last night was appointed to draft suitable resolutions.

The first bill to come up for final passage at this session was the senate bill relating to the compensation of commissioners of county officers, which provoked considerable discussion.

Senator Henry, Philadelphia, presented an amendment to the bill providing that all fees be turned into the treasury. The amendment was attacked by both Senator Grady and Senator Scott, of Philadelphia, they claiming the amendment was presented to block reform in the matter of exorbitant fees. The amendment was defeated, and the bill passed by a vote of 24 to 8.

The bill creating an additional common pleas court in Philadelphia also occasioned some debate, and the measure was defeated by a vote of 24 to 8, two less than a constitutional majority.

These bills passed finally: Repealing an act to establish and to regulate the affairs of school districts in cities of the second class and to repeal all local and special laws inconsistent therewith.

To make valid certain elections of municipal corporations held under an act to regulate the manner of increasing the indebtedness of municipalities, etc.

To provide for increasing the capital stock and indebtedness of corporations. Among the bills read the first time was that of Senator Muehlenberg, of Allegheny, providing for a new charter for certain cities.

At 12.15 a recess for half an hour was taken. Immediately after the senate reconvened, adjournment was taken until 8.30 Wednesday night.

JUSTICE STERRETT DEAD.

Well-Known Jurist Passes Away at His Home in Philadelphia.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—James P. Sterrett, former chief justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, died tonight at his home in Philadelphia, aged 73 years. Death was due principally to the weakening effect of a carbuncle.

Chief Justice Sterrett was born in the Tuscarora valley, Juniata county. He was graduated from Jefferson college, this city, in 1845, and remained with that institution one year as principal of the preparatory department. He was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1848 and a year later began the practice of law in Pittsburgh. In 1862 he was appointed associate judge of the court of common pleas of Allegheny county to fill a vacancy and in the fall of that year was elected to the office for a term of ten years, being re-elected in 1872.

In 1877 Governor Hartranft appointed him to fill the position of associate judge of the Supreme court and in 1878 he was elected to the office. In February, 1893, Chief Justice Edward Paxton resigned his place on the bench and Justice Sterrett succeeded him as chief justice. He retired from the bench in January, 1900. Judge Sterrett was a staunch Republican.

May Move Muehlenberg College.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Allentown, Jan. 22.—The board of trustees of Muehlenberg college today considered the question of continuing the college here or moving it to Reading. No definite action was taken and the matter went over to the annual meeting in June. Charles A. Fongersmith, of Lancaster, was elected a trustee, vice J. A. Shultz, of Reading. The treasurer reported an endowment fund of \$161,522.39. Inter-collegiate athletics were authorized.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 22.—Cleary, Southark, Southampton and Antwerp, Majestic, Liverpool, Columbia, Genoa, etc. Liverpool—Arrived: Servia, from New York. Maille—Arrived: Furiosa, from New York. Antwerp—Arrived: Rotterdam—Arrived: Potsdam, from New York via Boulogne. Lisard—Passed: Cape, New York for Southampton and Bremen; Trav, from New York for Hamburg.

Strike Averted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Sharon, Jan. 22.—The threatened strike of furnace men at Sharon and Sharpsville, set for Feb. 1, will, it is thought, be averted by the manufacturers and employes affecting a compromise.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair Wednesday; rising temperature in northern portions; northernly winds, becoming southerly, fresh to brisk on the coast Thursday; probably fair.

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