

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. Cowes, 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.

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 electric of materialism stepped into this pathetic 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 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. It was feared that the queen was dying about 9 in the morning and carriages were sent to Osborne cottage and the rectory to bring all the princes and princesses and the bishop of Winchester to her bedside. It seemed then very near the end, but when things looked the worst, the queen had one of the rallies due to her wonderful constitution, opened her eyes and recognized the Prince of Wales, the Princess and Emperor William. She asked to see one of her faithful servants, a member of the household. He hastened to the room, but before he got there the queen had passed into a fitful sleep.

Beginning of the End. Four o'clock marked the beginning of the end. Again the family were summoned, and this time the relapse was not followed by recovery. The Prince of Wales was very much affected when the doctors at last informed him that his mother had breathed her last. Emperor William, himself deeply affected, did his best to minister some-

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON

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

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.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S LIFE.

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

ENGLAND'S NEW KING.

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

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. 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.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. 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. The lord mayor replied to the Prince of Wales as follows: Your royal highness' telegram announcing the nation's great loss I have received with profound distress and grief, and have communicated this most sad intimation to my fellow citizens. Her majesty's name and memory will be held in reverence and respect.

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 NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather indications today. Fair, rising temperature. 1. General—Queen Victoria Is Dead. Congress Passes Resolutions of Sympathy on Queen Victoria's Death. How the News Was Reported at Washington. 2. Local—Text of the Proposed Charter for Second Class Cities. 3. Local—Closing Session of the Architecture. Superior Court Hands Down a Big Batch of Opinions. 4. Editorial. Note and Comment. 5. Local—Sad Tragedy in a South Side Family. Superintendent of Transportation Daily Reports. 6. Local—West Scranton and Suburban. 7. General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 8. Local—Live News of the Industrial World.

SENATE CONFIRMS NOMINATIONS

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

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JUSTICE STERRETT DEAD.

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

MCKINLEY'S MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

Sincere Sympathy of the American People Is Offered.

Flag at Half Mast.

TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Ratified in Executive Session of the Senate at Washington.

May Move Muhlenberg College.

Steamship Arrivals.

Decision for Bobby Dobbs.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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.

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The action of the house was particularly impressive, that resolution was adopted without a word of dissent or debate. The resolution followed the precedents and was in almost the identical language of the resolutions adopted upon the occasion of the deaths of the president of the French republic and the czar of Russia.

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SENATE'S ACTION.

The announcement of the death of Queen Victoria, today conveyed unofficially to the senate, was recognized by that body in the adoption of an appropriate resolution, which was ordered to be engrossed and forwarded to the prime minister of Great Britain.

BRYAN'S VIEWS IN DEMAND.

A Proposition to Have the Silver Orator Give Opinions on Currency Bill.

UNITED STATES SENATORS ELECTED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Topeka, Jan. 22.—R. H. Burton, Republican, was today elected United States senator to succeed Lucien Baker.

Decision for Bobby Dobbs.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Memphis, Jan. 22.—Bobby Dobbs was awarded the decision over Young Peter Jackson, of San Francisco, tonight, at the end of the twentieth round.

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.