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LIFE HANGS BY A THREAD

Mrs. McKinley Is Still Lingerin in the Shadow of the Valley of Death.

MAY SOON PASS AWAY

Responding to the New Treatment for Low Vitality She Revived Yesterday Morning and the Anxiety of Watchers Was Turned to Joy at Encouraging Symptoms, but There Is Little Hope at the Present Time That She Will Ever Rally—Arrangements for the Return Trip Are All Made.

San Francisco, May 16.—Mrs. McKinley is in the shadow of the valley of death, and may pass away at any moment. This morning, shortly before dawn, she sank rapidly and it was feared she would die before post-operative could be administered, but she responded to the powerful heart stimulants that were given to her, and during the day improved to such an extent that hope of her recovery, slight though it is, was revived. The new treatment for low vitality, said injections into the veins, was administered to Mrs. McKinley and she responded to the treatment, but her life hangs by a thread. She has taken no solid food since she reached here on Sunday, and the physicians do not believe she could survive another ginking spell such as she experienced this morning. She suffers little, and bears bravely. During her periods of consciousness today, her mind has been clear. The president is constantly at her bedside, and although worn by his long vigil, is standing the aerial strain with remarkable firmness. Every comfort and public function planned in his honor, here, has been abandoned, and the city, with heavy heart, is watching Mrs. McKinley's battle for life. If the end should come, the president and his party will be ready to start back with the remains within twenty-four hours. The train which brought them will be used on the return trip, and all arrangements have been made to go back by the shortest route, the Central and Union Pacific to Chicago and thence via the Pennsylvania to Washington. If Mrs. McKinley shall improve, it is not believed that she will be able to travel before a week from the coming Monday. All the members of the cabinet, with the possible exception of Secretary Lodge, will remain here to the end. His daughter is very ill at Colorado Springs, and he is very apprehensive that he may be called there at any time.

The Weary Vigil.

During the long, weary watches of the night, the president did not leave Mrs. McKinley's bedside. Shortly before midnight, when Drs. Hirschfelder and Dr. Risley had down for a little rest, there was hope that her life would be spared. All day the president had watched the doctor's face and seemed the demeanor of the nurses for encouragement and they have urged him not to despair. Mrs. McKinley had appreciably rallied during the early hours of the night and at 10 o'clock was so much better that the president had gone to his room for a few minutes to attend a little reception being held there. After midnight for hours there was no sign of life in the Scott mansion except the night lamp burning low in Mrs. McKinley's room.

About 5 o'clock this morning the police patrolling outside and the little group of newspaper watchers on the opposite corner saw a stir in the house. Lights flickered here and there, a carriage with rubber tires rolled across the driveway to the door and Dr. Hirschfelder alighted. The word was whispered that Mrs. McKinley was sinking. For a time it was thought she was dying, but powerful artificial heart stimulants revived her slightly. When daylight came the doctor's condition improved, and the news of Mrs. McKinley's sinking spell was given out by Secretary Conroy, but no word of encouragement. With it went formal notification that all engagements for the remainder of the president's stay in San Francisco were canceled. The president no longer had the heart to hold out false hope that he would be able to attend any of the functions arranged here in his honor. The honors of the night were as nothing to him now. His only thought was for the wife hovering between life and death. He directed that all Mrs. McKinley's relatives be advised of the extremely critical condition of her illness and stood himself for the night.

Festivities Abandoned.

In the city the bulletins at the newspaper offices announcing that the festivities of the week were abandoned fell like a pall upon the multitude. Not much more was said of the matter. Mrs. McKinley was at doctor's door. There was no excitement, only a feeling of deepest sympathy for the head of the nation watching his wife battle for her life. The people no longer waited the president's coming. Their voices were hushed and they stood in groups on the streets discussing the brief tidings from the sick room. The flags and banners all about seemed a mockery in the presence of the dying wife of the chief executive of the country. The various committees in charge of the numerous entertainments hurriedly issued bulletins that everything had been abandoned out of respect to the president.

Meaning an air of death itself pervaded the Scott residence. Servants flitted about like shadows. Messenger boys with telegrams and cables from all parts of the world, inquiring for

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The motion was adopted by a vote of 22 yeas, 17 nays, the detail vote being as follows: Yeas—Grubb, Channing, Egan, Bell, Fox, Gandy, Gaudreau, Heidreich, Keyser, Mason, Middleberry, Neely, Quill, Scott, Sisson, Snyder, Spaul, Strouman, Stuber, Van Vugden, Washburn, Wilcox, Young, Zimmond. Nays—Beck, Cochran, Brock, Elmendorf, Flinn, Heide, Henry, Huber, Loss, Martin, Miller, Rice, Stearns, Wells, Welles, Wentz.

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A Little Girl Brings Flowers.

The ladies of the cabinet also took advantage of the slight improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition to go for a short drive during the afternoon. All day a special information regarding the nature of Mrs. McKinley's illness and the treatment she was receiving. Up to that time the bulletins issued at intervals since yesterday had been of the briefest and most vague character, and the public was largely in the dark as to the character of the trouble which has brought her to death's door.

It was at the president's distinct request that a signed statement should be prepared by the physicians and given to the press. At 1 o'clock the signed statement had not been prepared, but it was expected later tonight.

Gougers Will Be on Hand.

Washington, May 16.—President Gougers, of the American Federation of Labor, will leave Saturday for Cincinnati to be there on May 20, the date on which the order for a strike of the insoluble takes effect. Mr. Gougers and President O'Connell, of the National Association of Manufacturers, who are in Philadelphia, report the situation in that city to be very favorable. They say several times there have signed the agreement.

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Declaring the species of fish which are game fish and the species of fish which are commercially valuable for food.

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 19, Article 7 of the constitution so that a discharge of a jury for failure to agree or necessary cause shall not work an acquittal.

Providing for the extinguishment of any ground rent annuity or other charge upon real estate after twenty years, and making the same applicable in cases where the commonwealth is a party claimant the same as in the case of other parties.

Authorizing the policemen of boroughs to perform the duties of high constables.

Extending from taxation the lands, buildings and funds of free public non-sectarian libraries in boroughs and townships yielding revenues only partially sufficient for the maintenance of the same.

The following senate bills failed: Authorizing the owner, lessee and occupant of land by notices to forbid entering thereon for the purpose of shooting or taking wild animals, birds, game or fish.

Authorizing any borough on the written request of the board of health to confine and have or completely inclose any creek, run or natural waters, way other than navigable streams, and for this purpose to enter upon, condemn and take property and make it necessary to such confining and inclosing as well as the levy and collection of benefits arising therefrom and constituting such benefits a lien upon the properties upon which they are respectively assessed.

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Weather Indications Today: FAIR, SOUTHERLY WINDS.

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3 The Albany Strike Situation.
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7 Senator to Knights Templar.
8 Editorial.
9 Case of the U. S. A. Convention.
10 Local-Alleged Lawyer Law Violator Discharged.
11 Progress of the Educational Contest.
12 Local-West Scranton and Suburban. Financial and Commercial.
13 Local-Court Proceedings.

TWELVE MEN INJURED.

Explosion of Gas in Cupola in D. & H. Foundry Wrought Great Havoc Yesterday.

Twelve men were more or less seriously injured yesterday afternoon by an explosion of gas in a cupola in the Delaware and Hudson foundry connected with the East Market street shops. The East wall of the building was torn out by the force of the explosion and bricks scattered in all directions. Those somewhat seriously injured were:

- Joe Duggan, West Market street, leg broken, toes, three fingers smashed; will have to be amputated. He is a son of Captain Joseph Duggan.
William Benjamin of Peshawar, scalp wound and painful cuts.
John Grab, of William street, cuts on head and back.
David Laird, of Margaret avenue, bruises and cuts about the head and body.
Benard Williams, of Green Ridge, cuts on face and hand.
William Whitmore, owner of the foundry, face and hands badly cut.

Six other workmen received slight injuries. Foreman Whitmore ascribes the explosion to an accumulation of gas in the cupola used for heating iron.

THE TRAMP PROBLEM.

Recorder Moir Attended a Convention at Which It Was Discussed.

Recorder Moir returned yesterday from Philadelphia, where he attended the convention of mayors and burgesses held in that city on Wednesday afternoon. The entire matter of the Philadelphia Inquirer for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the solution of the problem of getting rid of the tramp nuisance in the cities of this state.

He stated to a Tribune man yesterday afternoon that he was convinced that the only solution of the problem had been reached in this city by the working of all those sentenced for vagrancy on the county roads.

"I was about the only chief executive present," said Moir, "who was able to report results. I was able to report that we are practically free from tramps in this city; that is to say, free of them in the sense that they do not camp on the outskirts of the city and terrorize the citizens, as they do in other cities of the state.

"We seem to be about the only county in which prisoners are worked on the roads, and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion at the gathering that this plan of ours was about the best plan to adopt to secure the tramps away."

The recorder has been appointed a member of a special committee which is to devise some plan which can be generally adopted throughout the state.

PARDON BOARD WORK.

Release Refused in the Case of Patrick Battle, of Lackawanna.

Harrisburg, May 16.—Pardons were recommended by the board of pardons today for William Howard Weaver, keeping a bawdy house, and Aaron L. Hall, of Lebanon, second degree murder.

A commutation of sentence of five months was recommended for Thomas J. Holland, Westmoreland, first degree murder.

Pardons were granted in the cases of John McCook, Luzerne, second degree murder, and John Edredges, Bucks, burglary.

Pardons were refused Edward Johnson, Chester, vagrancy; Patrick Battle, Lackawanna, manslaughter; Emily Winkelman, Northampton, second degree murder; Perks, embezzlement; and Harry E. Smith, York, felony.

The case of Harvey Strike, Allegheny, felony, was held under advisement. All other cases on the calendar were continued until the 18th inst.

AYRES MURDER MYSTERY.

Another Witness Who Saw Woman Leave Dead Man's Room.

Washington, May 16.—In the Ayres murder mystery today a second witness to the death of a woman on the third floor escape immediately after the shooting was found in AVILLE. A fifteen-year-old boy was seen opposite the door.

The many photographs that of Mrs. Barker, who yesterday claimed to have seen a woman descend the fire escape shortly after the shots were heard.

PORTO RICANS TO ENTER THE INDIAN SCHOOL.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, May 16.—The superintendent general of Indian Affairs, Mr. H. H. Hildreth, has given notice to the Porto Rican government, including their Porto Rican boys, that they are to be accepted as students of the government.

PEORIA PLAN IS ACCEPTED

Approved by an Emphatic Vote at 113th Meeting of Presbyterian General Assembly.

DR. MINTON MODERATOR

His Address to the Assembly—A Plea for Brotherly Love—Interesting Sessions Held in the Calvary Church in Philadelphia—Order of Business for the week.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, May 16.—The Presbyterian general assembly, which began its one hundred and thirteenth meeting here today, disposed of two important matters during the afternoon session. Rev. Henry Collins Minton, D. D., of San Antonio, Cal., was elected moderator, and, by an emphatic vote, the assembly decided to accept the "Peoria plan" of choosing standing committees, though an effort was made to obviate the system. Rev. Dr. Minton's only opponent was Rev. George T. Purves, D. D., LL. D., of New York, and of the 613 votes cast Dr. Minton received 537 and Dr. Purves 76.

The opening session of the general assembly was called to order by Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey, the retiring moderator, at 11 o'clock in Calvary Presbyterian church, where all the business meetings of the assembly will be held. Of the 650 commissioners there were but few absentees, and most of those who doubtless arrive not later than tomorrow, having been unaccountably delayed. The entire matter of the church was occupied by the commissioners and the galleries were crowded with spectators, a large number of them being women.

Calvary chapel was given over to the various local committees, who established headquarters in the building in order to be within easy access of the visiting delegates. The registration of commissioners began early this morning and from that hour until convening this evening, Dr. W. H. Roberts was kept busy receiving credentials. The opening hymn, "Love Thy Church, O God," was sung by the east assembly of delegates and spectators. Within the chapel with Rev. Dr. Dickey were Rev. Dr. J. Wilmer Chapman, of New York; Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Noble, of St. Louis; Rev. Dr. Herrick Johnson, of Chicago; Rev. Dr. Robert, of St. Louis; Rev. Dr. William B. Noble, permanent clerk, and Rev. Dr. J. Starbuck Jones, pastor of Calvary church.

Reference to Mrs. McKinley. Rev. Dr. Noble offered prayer, in which he made touching reference to the illness of Mrs. McKinley. Then came the session of Rev. Dr. Dickey, who spoke for two hours on the subject of the kingdom of Christ. At the conclusion of his sermon, Dr. Dickey constituted the assembly, the commissioners standing during the invocation. Prayer was then taken until 2 o'clock, when the roll of commissioners was called and the organization of the assembly completed.

Dr. Minton was escorted to the pulpit by Dr. Walker and Dr. Moffatt and made a brief address to the assembly. He said:

"Fathers and brethren: You will have seen since when I say 'I thank you with all my heart for this expression of your confidence. I am sure I don't underestimate its dignity and importance, nor your generosity and kindness. When I remember that you must have passed by the beloved and distinguished brother whose name was coupled with mine, I must be pardoned for expressing my genuine surprise at my election."

"I thank you in the name of Calvary in the name of home missions, I am bound to throw myself upon your indulgence. My family will be many and obvious. In the kingdom of the world they are greatest who rule. In the kingdom of Christ greatest are they who serve and serve well. I hope to see you all on deliberations."

At the invitation of Rev. Dr. Nichols to non-union in the "Peoria plan," which places the appointment of standing committees with the assembly instead of the moderator and which was adopted by the 81st Louis general assembly, elected a storm of protest. As this is the first year of the plan the assembly decided to give it a trial and Dr. Nichols' motion was laid on the table.

The "Peoria plan." By the "Peoria plan" the church is divided into election districts, each of which elects a committee of members who are to be placed on the several committees.

The commissioners select their own chairman, leaving the moderator with no authority in the matter. The committee will be selected tomorrow and reported to the assembly on Saturday. At the suggestion of the committee of arrangements the assembly decided to meet daily at 9 a. m., 2:30 and 8 p. m. There was no business tonight, the commissioners participating in the adjournment of the Lord's supper at Calvary church.