

RECEIVED BY WIRE.

AT THE DEATHBED

The White Haired Bishop of Winchester Offered fervent Prayer

AND PRONOUNCED THE BENEDICTION

When the Sovereign Soul Winged Its Weary Way

BACK TO GOD WHO GAVE IT.

Queen Victoria Died on Anniversary of Her Father's Death—The End Came Peacefully.

From Monday and Tuesday's Daily. (The following telegram descriptive of the queen's last moments gives the information not clearly set forth in the telegrams of yesterday, namely: That death came at 6:30 on the evening of January 22, just one week ago this evening.)

Osborne, Isle of Wight, Jan. 23, via Skagway, Jan. 28.—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 equalled by any woman in the world's history, came in a simply furnished room in Osborne house. This most respected of 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 1837 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 the 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 the title of queen, the princes and princesses and those of less than royal designation, listened to the bishop's ceaseless praying.

Six o'clock passed. The bishop continued his intercession. One of the younger children asked a question in shrill, childish treble and was immediately silenced.

The women of the royal family sobbed faintly and the men shuffled uneasily. At 6:30 o'clock Sir James Reid held up his head and the people then knew that England had lost her queen. The bishop pronounced the benediction.

The queen passed away quietly peacefully; she suffered no pain. Those who were not mourners went to their rooms.

A few minutes later the inevitable element of materialism stepped into this pathetic chapter of internal history for the ladies went busily to 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 the queen was embalmed and will

probably be taken to Windsor Saturday. The coffin arrived last evening from London.

Recognized Relatives.
Cowes, Jan. 22, via Skagway Jan. 28.—The queen is said to have bade farewell in a feeble voice to her family assembled at her bedside at mid-day. She first recognized the Prince of Wales to whom she spoke a few words of great moment, then Emperor William and the others present filed past and heard a whispered good-bye. All those in the bedroom were in tears.

Smiled at Emperor.
Berlin, Jan. 22, via Skagway, Jan. 28.—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 here how long the emperor will stay in England.

A Splendid Picture.
Artist Kohn has painted for the S.-Y. T. Co. a large picture which was this afternoon placed in position on the front of the building surrounded by crepe, which is attracting a great deal of attention.

The picture represents the late queen, in the attitude in which she has been so often pictured, with her head resting upon one hand.

The head of the British lion is also seen in the painting, and the shield of the late monarch bearing the letters V. R.

Beneath the painting in the centre of a raised square of black is the American escutcheon.

Business Suspended

"Closed on account of the death of her majesty." "Store closed." "The Queen is dead," and various other notices posted upon the doors of nearly every business house in the city attest to the sincerity of the sorrow which actuated the ready compliance with the commissioner's request that two days be observed as a time of public mourning. That request, by the way, has been referred to as a proclamation, when, to quote the commissioner, "It was a simple request," as he had no authority to do more.

The larger houses are all heavily draped in mourning, with here and there the flags draped in such a way as to show that both people unite in expressing their sorrow.

McLennan & McFeeley's doors are closed, one bearing a heavily inked placard announcing the death of the queen, and the other her picture. The Ladue Co., the Ames Mercantile Co., the A. E. Co., the A. C. Co. and the S.-Y. T. Co. are all appropriately draped; the latter restricting the use of crepe to a simple black knot with which the American flag, hanging loosely over the front of the building, was looped up.

The front of the Savoy theater is crossed by heavy folds of black and white and the door is also draped.

Rudy Kalenborn's drug store is very neatly draped with a broad band of white bordered with black.

Milne has draped the front of his building very tastefully, and the hotels are also marked by their draping in the sombre insignia of death. In short the house that does not wear its knot, at least, of crepe is today the exception.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be held a memorial service in St. Paul's church, by the Rev. Naylor, and Thursday evening in the Savoy another service of the same nature will be held so as to admit of attendance by the public at large, as it is believed that many more would like to attend than can be accommodated in the church.

At 3 p. m. today court will formally adjourn. All members of the bar will be present, gowned as if in court regularly, and either Justice Craig or Justice Dugas will address the court, and adjourn it.

Many telegrams of sympathy and regret have been sent to the governor general at Ottawa during the past 24 hours, among them one sent by the commissioner on behalf of the American citizens. The Eagles also sent a message, and one was sent by the citizens' committee.

Special Power of Attorney forms for sale at the Nugget office.

AMERICAN CITIZENS

Meet Today at Call of Acting United States Consul TeRoller

TO ARRANGE CONDOLENCE MEETING

To Take Suitable Action Regarding Queen's Death.

WILL ACT WITH CANADIANS

And Other British Subjects at Mass Meeting to be Held in Savoy Thursday Night.

At the call of Acting U. S. Consul H. Te Roller a large number of American citizens met this noon at the Board of Trade rooms. In a few well chosen words Mr. Te Roller explained the object of the meeting, stating that as the representative of the United States of America he thought the American people might desire to take some action showing the deep sorrow they felt at the loss to the world of Queen Victoria, a woman who has earned the undying love and veneration of all people wherever the English language is spoken. The sentiment, expressed by Mr. Te Roller were heartily reciprocated by all present and after suggestions from different members of the gathering it was decided to co-operate with the Canadian people who it was learned would hold a public memorial service on next Thursday night.

On motion it was decided to have a committee of five appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy and deep sorrow at the great loss sustained by the English people as well as the world in the death of the illustrious queen, the same to be handed to Gov. Ogilvie, as representative of the English government here, and to be forwarded to the governor general of Canada. It was further decided that a telegram should precede a more elaborate resolution which would follow by mail.

Those who were present were a representative body of the American people and all took an active interest in the proceedings, evidencing the deep affection which all present felt for the departed sovereign.

Elgin Schoff vouchsafed the information that Judge Craig would deliver a short address at the courthouse this afternoon at 3 o'clock, stating that the legal profession, particularly and the citizens in general were invited to attend.

Chairman Te Roller this afternoon announced the following committee, the number being increased from five to twelve, which will confer with the British citizens regarding the details for Thursday night's meeting: H. Te Roller, F. W. Clayton, E. A. Mizner, R. M. Lindsay, W. H. B. Lyons, J. J. Delaney, M. D. Rainbow, D. B. Olson, J. O. Bonth, Thos. A. McGowan, J. J. Putrow and Clarence Berry. The committee was in session this afternoon.

Dr. Bettinger Again.

If, as is generally supposed, Dr. Joseph Bettinger was not lost on the trail, but got safely through to the outside, the following telegram from Tacoma bears out one report current here that his object in passing out inco was to shake his wife:

Mrs. Marie E. Bettinger, wife of Dr. Joseph Bettinger, who mysteriously disappeared from the Yukon trail at Ogilvie, 50 miles from Dawson, while on his way out several weeks ago, arrived here from Skagway today, and is stopping at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Grass. She is prostrated with her great misfortune, and tomorrow goes on to the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Peterson, who lives at Hillhurst.

Mrs. Bettinger stated tonight that every effort was being made by her friends in the north to locate Dr. Bettinger. If the next boat arriving from Skagway brings no news of the missing man she will either return and personally take a lead in the search or send her brother, Charles T. Peterson, an attorney of Tacoma, to do so.

Mrs. Bettinger has two theories accounting for her husband's disappearance. After leaving Ogilvie, where he last registered at the roadhouse, he may have lost his way and froze, in which event here is little hope of finding the remains until spring, or he may have suffered some mishap, breaking a leg or freezing his feet, and may now be being cared for at some miners' cabin between Ogilvie and Stewart. Acting on the last supposition, if no news is heard from Bettinger she will have these cabins searched. Mrs. Bettinger does not believe her husband met with foul play. He was well known in Tacoma, he and Mrs. Bettinger having been married here last fall.

U. S. Consul's Tribute.
I feel that the loss to the British empire in the death of Queen Victoria is to a large extent a loss to all nations, and particularly so to the United States.

We feel in view of her majesty's friendly relations which have existed between us and the United Empire is a great source of gratification to both nations.

Our hearts have been touched over and over again by the warmth and evident reality of sympathy expressed by her.

We have had the great help of her moral support, let us now give the nation our sympathy and let all the world know it.

We trust the following lines so neatly expressed may be the universal sentiment of both nations.

"Henceforth with mingled rays
Our brother flags shall blaze
Through every lane.
The Union Jack shall ride
The Stars and Stripes beside,
Proclaiming far and wide
We two are one."

H. TE ROLLER,
U.S. Consul.

What It Means

The death of Queen Victoria means much more than is generally supposed even by many who from their cradles and all through long lives sang with feeling and fervor "God Save the Queen." That she was saved so long is probably due to the fact that, even in the oldest English law books and codes is printed, wherever reference is made to the sovereign, the words "Her Majesty," all of which will now be necessarily replaced by new books in which the sovereign will be referred to as "His Majesty."

On all legal blanks now appears the following:

"Victoria, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, queen, defender of the faith, etc., etc., etc."

New blanks must now be prepared to read:

"Edward VII, by the grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, etc., etc., etc."

Nor are the above all that will be necessary to be done before the king's business may, uninterruptedly proceed. The judges of the territorial courts in all portions of the British Empire must swear allegiance to "Our sovereign king," their former oaths having been to "Our sovereign queen." This applies to all holders of public office including British soldiers and sailors, but it does not apply to the officers and members in the Northwest mounted police service, they having taken an oath which reads to "Our sovereign queen, her heirs and successors." The police magistrates, therefore, will now be called upon to readminister the oath of office to the territorial judges and other holders of public offices before such officers can legally transact official business.

It is quite likely that there will be a general re-swearing of officials possibly tomorrow.

Beyond His Comprehension.

An Indian's respect for women increases a hundredfold after his visit to England. But he finds it difficult to reconcile himself to the low necked dress which society imposes upon women, nor does he understand the ethics of an English dance which affords a friend or stranger an opportunity to place his arm around the waist of a fair lady who happens to be the wife of another. And he finds neither rhyme nor reason in the rule of society which, while permitting a lady to drink with male friends, denies her the privilege of smoking. Above all, the Indian has a horror of the new woman. She has very properly been described as the "third sex."—A Hindoo in Universal Magazine.

WAS ANOTHER GREAT SCOOP

It Was Sad News but Was Given by the Nugget

Which Received the First Message of the Queen's Death—Barracks Informed by Nugget.

Although it was a sad message that came, the first news of Queen Victoria's death to pass over the government telegraph line and reach Dawson was directed to and received by the Nugget.

It was on the strength of the news telephoned from the Nugget office to the barracks that the national salute to the new sovereign of 21 guns was fired. It was on the strength of the telegram received by the Nugget that the business-houses of the city were closed and draped and that business for the day was suspended. A comparison of the Nugget with its contemporary last evening warrants the assertion that the Nugget received the only complete report telegraphed to Dawson of the sorrowful event.

At 3:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Nugget was on the streets with the most lengthy telegram ever published in a Dawson paper, giving a full and concise account of the inducting into power and authority of the new sovereign who is now ruler of the greatest empire the world has ever known. After the Nugget had been on the street in the evening for upwards of an hour and a half, its contemporary, the News—what a misnomer—appeared. Of its appearance and contents we will say nothing. Rather we will throw over it the mantle of charity.

It must be said, however, that for a paper that owns "exclusive" telegraphic franchises and is liable at any moment to charter a fleet of steamers or lease railroads to further its news service, yesterday's issue of our contemporary was a marvelous failure. It is not to be wondered at that it decided not to issue today. It would do well to take an extended lay-off for the purpose of fixing its "exclusive" telegraphic franchises.

As a purveyor of news our Third avenue neighbor is a dismal failure.

The Zero Club Election.

The Zero Club held its final election for charter members last Saturday night, making a total of 70 members, all leading men in commercial and professional circles. This club is now the leading club of Dawson and is to be conducted on the same lines as those in the great cities on the outside. A finely appointed dining room is an adjunct of the institution where club members can be entertained and at which place guests may partake of the hospitality of their friends. Reading and recreation rooms will be maintained as well as a series of smaller rooms for card parties. The members elected last Saturday are as follows: C. C. Chateway, J. B. Tyrrell, J. H. Hartman, J. H. Hess, Frank Charman, W. H. B. Lyons, C. S. Sargent, M. A. Piska, E. J. Fitzpatrick, Geo. M. Allen, G. H. Duncan, J. D. McGillivray, James F. Macdonald, Frank Phiscator, John A. Christie, Courtland Starnes, Major Z. T. Wood.

The members elected at a previous meeting were: Dr. I. H. McArthur, F. W. Clayton, John Turner, Thomas A. McGowan, C. W. C. Tabor, C. C. McCaul, James Butler, E. C. Senkler, Herbert E. A. Robertson, W. M. McKay, C. George Johansson, R. M. Lindsay, W. H. Crowell, J. A. Aikman, J. P. Smith, William E. Burritt, Capt. Donald B. Olson, J. J. Delaney, H. D. Hulme, E. B. Condon, J. K. Macfar, J. T. Lithgow, E. M. Sullivan, Frank Stackpole, A. H. Mogridge, J. J. Thornton, Dr. Alfred Thompson, O. H. Clark, C. M. Woodworth, C. S. Barwell, L. L. James, E. W. Brown, W. D. Bruce, E. A. Mizner, D. G. Stewart, R. Butler, Wm. Butler, Judge A. Dugas, Judge James Craig, A. E. Willis, J. R. Fulda, Wm. H. Fairbanks, W. C. White, Frank J. McDougall, H. Te Roller, Dr. W. G. Cassels, H. A. Bliss, Ed. Lewin, W. L. Walsh, Arthur G. Smith, M. D. Rainbow, Fred G. Crisp, Joseph Burke, Thomas O'Brien, Charles E. G. Powell, A. G. Wissell, H. G. Wilson, F. Gwillam.

This does not close the books of the club to applicants who desire to join as the complete membership will be 100. For subsequent names proposed from now on until the 100 mark is reached an initiation fee of \$25 will be demanded and the regular dues \$10 a month. The officers are: E. A. Mizner, president; C. C. McCaul, vice-president; C. W. C. Tabor, secretary-treasurer.