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VICTORIA THE GOOD HAS PASSED AWAY

The Longest and Greatest Reign in the History Of the British Empire Ended By Death.

A mighty Empress to Her rest has gone. A hundred nations who have loved Her sway Preserve in countless hearts for Her a throne, Which, while time lives, can never pass away.

from the Prince of Wales to the Lord Mayor is as follows:

"Osborne, 6:45 p.m. - My belove mother has just passed away, surround ed by her children and grandchildren. "ALBERT EDWARD."

The Lord Mayor sent the following

"Your Royal Highness' telegram an nouncing the nation's great loss I have received with profound distress and grief, and have communicated this sad grier, and have communicated this sau information to my fellow-citizens. Her Majesty's memory will forever live in the hearts of her people. May I respectfully convey to Your Royal Highness and to all members of the Royal Family the earnest sympathy and condolence of the city of London in you

great sorrow."

London, Jan. 23.—Shortiy before midnight an official announcement was issued calling parliament to assemble at 4 o'clock this (Wednesday) afternoon, to enable members of the House of Lords and House of Commons to take the oath of allegiance to King Edward VII. The Privz Conneil will meet in London to of allegiance to King Edward VII. The Privy Council will meet in London today, and the proclamation of the King will occur thereafter at all places required by scustom. The King will come to London to preside over the council.

From Whitechapel to Mayfair, streets usually gay with nightly festivities are dark, deserted and desolate, and this depression of the public mind is likely to continue for many days to come.

Only a few hours ago the pleasure seeking population was hurrying to the the-

ing population was hurrying to the the atres and music halls, only to find in formances had been suspended. The people thus trailed into the streets gave for a short time in une ally thronged appearance to the West said. Many turned in the direction of Buckingham Palace and Mariborough House, where absolute silence reigned. A small bill signed, "Balfour," was posted outside, an nouncing the death of the monarch.

Everywhere, in vehicles and on the streets, the one topic of conversation was what would happen under the new reign,

what would happen under the new reign, rather than the life and death of Vic-toria. Much interest was evinced in the way in which the enormous fortune of

London, Jan. 22.—(7:03)—A telegram a practical standstill. The music at all from the Prince of Wales to the Lord Marlborough House, so long the home of the monarch, Buckingham Palace, when the monarch, Buckingham Palace, where Queen Victoria made her last stay in London, and St. James' Palace, the residence of so many former monarchs are to-night all black and deserted. Cowes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 22.—No member of the Royal Family left Osborne House to-day. A changing group of correspondents loitered about the Casas of Casasianal diviging changes of the Casasianal diviging changes. ites. Occasional drizzles obscured the nerald hills beyond the castle. Greate applicity and an entire lack of any o simplicity and an entire lack of any of that pomp traditionally attached to royalty could not have been found in any country house in the Kingdom than here, where a beloved monarch was dying, and the ruler of another great nation was waiting by her bedside as grandson rather than as emperor.

Two stalwart policomer granding the Two stalwart policemen guarding the gates against intruders were the sole reminders of officialdom. They were mpelled this morning to refuse dusky visitors from India, who drov up arrayed in such gorgeous robes tha he bystanders instinctively lifted the hats, mistaking them for potentace. The trio announced themselves as lecturers in behalf of the foreign mission.

Many of the country gentry and a few titled persons appeared at the lodge and registered their names in the visitors

Down in the Solent frequent signals were exchanged between the warships and yachts on the flagging of the news from the palace.

Quietly, almost gently, upon the anniversary of the death of Queen Victoria's the Duken of Queen Victoria's content of the palace.

every part of the castle. In scarcel audible words the white-haired Bisho of Winchester prayed beside her as h had often prayed with his sovereign, f 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 ha succeeded to the title of Queen, the princes and princesses and those of less

KING EDWARD VII.

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.

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Not until Queen Victoria has been laid at rest beside the Prince Consort at Frogmore will the theatres or music halls re-open. Moreover, business will come to the world were farred. The wheels of the world were farred the men shuffled uneasily, and the men shuffled uneasily. At exactly 6:30 Sir James Reid held up his hand. The people knew that England had lost her Queen. The Bishop pronounced the benediction.

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There were few visible signs in London to-night that anything unusual had happened. A drizzling rain kept most people within doors. Those who were turned away from theatres or music halls

ndered along the streets without spel object. The shops closed as soon as bells began to toll, and the blinds of

the Mansion House were drawn down

on as the message from the Prince Wales was received by the Lord Mayor The bell tolled at St. Paul's cathedral was the gift of William III., and is only

was the gift of William III., and is only used 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 to-day, 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.

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At the usual danner of the fillary erm of Grays Inn, the master teacher said: "Amid sorrow we must follow the practice of the constitution and recite God save the King." The chapel tolled 82 times and the benchers drank the

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the Empress-Queen, and the advent

earth?
Why seem the ocean waves asleep? Why hushed is Nature's mirth?
The bells are tolling,—tolling, and the sole mn whispers spread From mouth to mouth, o'er every land,—"The Queen,—the Queen is dead!"

Hers was the Kont-awar of crowns; her heritage was great; But more she prized the virtues born in high or low estate.

Her womanhood was queenly, and, tho' chosen of her race, Less deemed she of axcestral crowns than Virtue's crown of grace.

And the eye of Majesty hath lost the lustre of command; And the heart whose pulse responded to a mighty empire's l s chilled at last, and silent.—She is dead, the mother

is dead, the Queen of Sovereigns; for each subject was a The royal blood of liberty flowed from the purple spring, and every vein was richer by the earth's most noble bloof the mother of an empire and the spring of the mother of the mother of the spring o

What is this gloom that fills the air?-this shadow o'er the Hers was the Koh-l-noor of crowns: her heritage was

dead.

But Time, the leveller of all, spared yet that sacred head.

So might the passing era clasp the era newly born:

For worthlest She to bless the night, and hall the ris-

Ah yet, the loss the grievous, there is solace in our tears! She bequeaths a proud tradition to the unbegotten years; And the mother of the infant in the ages yet to come. Oft will bless the Queen of Mothers,—roy al mother of the

hen the announcement came, but i palace at Osborne everything pur the usual course. Down in the tchen they were cooking a huge di ner preparations proceeded just as i othing had happened. The body of Queen Victoria is being embalmed to-night, and will probably be taken to Windsor on Saturday. The offin arrived last evening from London.

An incident characteristic of th n's solicitude for others occurr wo days ago, when, in one of the intervals of consciousness, she summone gth to suggest to her dresser, wh ad been acting as nurse, to take the prortunity of getting some fresh air. Monday afternoon she asked that her ttle Pomeranian be brought to her bed-ide. 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 prince and princesses and the Bishop of Winchester to her bedside. It seemed ther and princesses and the Bishop of Winchester to her bedside. It seemed ther very near the earl, 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. Four o'clock marked the beginning of the end. Again the family were summoned, and this time the relapse was not followed

London, Jan. 22.-There is little doub London, Jan. 22.—There is httle duots that the funeral of Queen Victoria wil take place at Frogmore, though nothing in regard to this matter has yet been announced. Her Majesty was so closely the fundamental than the fundamental forms of the fundamental forms. ated to the European courts, big an all, that the gathering of royalties a obsequies will be unprecedented. News of the Queen's death reached all the towns in the Kingdom a few minutes after it had been received by the Lord Mayor of London, and was quickly spread throughout the districts by the tolling of bells.

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Prince and Princess Louise of Battenberg arrived at Osborne just too late to see Her Majesty alive.

Parliament, it is said, will meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow. There is some belief in London that the Privy Council at which King Edward VII. will take the oath of accession will be held in London, and that His Majesty will start for London without delay. London without delay.

The latest bulletins previous to the announcement of the Queen's death had dispelled the last gleam of hope, and the crowds silently dispersing from in front

Mr. Henry Labouchere, in to-morrow's Truth, will have a remarkable tribute to Queen Victoria, a tribute all the morremarkable because of his democratic ideas and frank criticisms of royalty. "Among all her millions of subjects," ne will say, "there are but few who will not mourn for her loss as for one of their own household. Nor will the mourners own household. Nor will the mourners be found among her own subjects alone. It is not too much to say that never in the history of the world has a single death caused such universal grief. Alike in happiness and sorrow, she lived a life beyond reproach, without thought of self, and unreservedly devoted to the duties of the hour. Although occupying, perhaps, the proudest position ever filled by a woman, and never wanting in a certain queenly dignity, her tastes, habits, demeanor and even her dress were marked by the rarest simplicity. She has been indeed, the mother of her people, and as a mother, she will be mourned. In all the affairs of state she manifested the same wisdom that inspired her private life, nor did her own country alone enjoy the fruits of her experience and sagacity. Through her kindred and de-

endants abroad, her influence for man scendants abroad, her influence for man years has been felt in Continental politics, always on the side of peace, and is at least one crisis, she is known to have rendered service to the whole of Europe "Her sudden and lamentable breakdow was due entirely to worry and overwork the had been greatly distressed by event in South Africa, and by domestic griefs.

THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE. Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—(Special)—There is mourning everywhere in the West for good Queen Victoria. Despatches re-seived show that festivities at man ness blocks are draped. The balls an nounced by Lieut-Governor McMilla for Government House next week are postponed, and the courts adjourned.

IN EASTERN CANADA. utes Ordered by Militia Departme

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—The militia depart nem ordered a salute of 101 minute gun to be fired at Victoria, Winnipeg, Lon don, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, Que bec, St. John and Charlottetown, as sooi I the salutes will be repeated.

The cabinet to-day decided to hav he parliament buildings draped in nourning; and the ministers discusse the procedure which will have to be for lowed during the next few days. A draught of proclamations announcing the demise of Her Majesty and the accession of the new King are ready but cannot be issued until official notifi-cation is received from the Colonial Sec cation is received from the Colonial Secretary of the death of Queen Victoria. This notification had not come to-night, hence the proclamations do not appear until to-morrow. A day of general mourning will be proclaimed for the whole Dominion, probably at the day of the state funeral.

The passing of Queen Victoria and the accession of Albert Edward will necessitate many changes. The Governor-General and members of the cabinet will of course have to take the oath of

General and members of the cabinet will of course have to take the oath of allegiance to the King, and the same obligation will devolve upon every public official in Canada who by virtue of his office is required to pledge his fidelity to the crown.

Mr. Mills' mature judgment is that a new Privy Council will have to be created. The present councilors will be re-appointed in a few days. A new great seal will be required, also new

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PRINCE OF WALES **BECOMES EDWARD VII**

Intimation of Queen's Death Creates Universal Sorrow and the British Empire Mourns.

There is no change in the date of he meeting of parliament. All society functions will be ned during the period of mourning ner, no drawing-room or state ball. Yesterday Lord Minto sent Sir Henr ly's message to England. To-day th llowing reply was received:

"The Prince of Wales desires me opress his gratitude for the kind me ge from you and the Lieutenant-Gov nor of British Columbia. The sym athy of the people of Canada is warmly preciated.

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It was 7:30 to-night when His Excellency received the official message announcing the Queen's death. Lord Minto immediately indited the following telegram to the Colonial Secretary:

"The announcement of Her Majesty's death, which has just reached Canada, has created universal sorrow. My ministers desire that you will convey to His Majesty the King and members of the Royal Family the assurance that the people of Canada share the great grief that has visited them. No greater sovereign has ever ruled the British people or been more beloved and honored by her subjects than Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and by none has this love and respect been more deeply felt than by the people of His Majesty's domain of Canada."

MONTREAL IN MOURNING. Montreal, Jan. 22.—The bells on all the Montreal, Jan. 22.—The bells on all the churches were tolled, flags hoisted half mast, and many public and private buildings draped in black, when the news of the Queen's death was received. The courts were all adjourned and will remain the courts were all adjourned and will remain the courts were all adjourned and the courts were all adjourned courts were all adjourned and will remain so for some days, in all probability, as the judges and officers will be required to take the oath of allegiance to the new sovereign before they can sit again, The Mayor will appoint a day of gen-eral mourning, probably that on which the funeral will take place, and different public bodies, including the city council meet and pass resolutions soon as the news of the orders to have a Canadian flag d at half-mast on the archiepiscopal e. He also gave instructions that ig bell of Notre Dame church, the iggest in Canada, as well as the bellif the various Catholic churches in the ity, should be tolled from 4 o'clock this fternoon. His Grace will also address t once a circular on the subject to the lergy and the faithful under his juris-

tablishments, as also the council cham-bers of the city hall and assembly cham-ber of the parliament buildings.

Mayor Howland sent off a message of condolence in the name of the city council and called a special meeting for to-morrow. Probably a day of mourning will be appointed, but this is not yet certain.

IN VANCOUVER

All Places of Business Closed—Messages of Condolence to the Royal Family.

Vancouver, Jan. 22.—On the arrival of the news of the Queen's death all the flags in the city were floated at half-mast and the bells tolled for several hours. A gloom seemed to settle over the city. Mayor Townley sent the following cable to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain: "The citizens of Vancouver are stricken with grief at the death of our be Queen, and desire to request you to convey to His Majesty and the royal family our deepest sympathy."
All social and public entertainments have been indefinitely postponed. This morning the Mayor issued the following proclamation to the citizens of Vancou-

"As a token of sympathy and as an ex-pression of our feelings on the receipt of the sad news this morning of the death

of our beloved Queen, the citizens are requested to close all places of business from 12 noon to-day to 12 noon to-morrow; also that all festivities and public functions shall be suspended for one month from date and some badge of mourning be worn as a slight recognition of the irreparable loss we have all sustained. I declare that all civil offices shall be closed until to-morrow noon. (Signed) T. O. Townley, Mayor.

The merchants all responded to the Mayor's request, and many of the stores were draped with black cloth. The Province says: "The great debt has been paid and the Empire's heart is broken, for whether as Queen or woman, whether as wife or mother, Victoria commanded the sincere respect as well as the lowe of her milious of sub-

well as the love of her milions of sur-jects, and no matter what art or history will do to make her name imperishable. Her greatest monument will be in the memory of the people, for she was very close to the nation's heart."

On behalf of the Japanese of Canada, Japanese Consul Shimezu has sent a message of sorrow to the royal family, through the colonial office; and on behalf of the Chinese Reform Association, the foreign secretary, W. A. Cumyow, has



QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

As soon as the announcement was received, Mayor Prefontaine gave orders for a flag to be raised at half-mast on the city hall; and a message expressive of the sympathy of the citizens of Montreal was cabled to Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal at London.

NEWS IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 22.-The news of th Toronto, Jan. 22.—The news of the Queen's death was received in Toronto at a quarter past one o'clock, but it was not fully confirmed until two. Flags were at once everywhere half-masted, and all public functions cancelled, where not absolutely necessary. News quickly travelled over the city by bulletin and telephone, and special editions were soon on the street. At a quarter past two, the big bell in the new city hall began tolling, and was followed shortly by tolling of St. James' cathedral bells, and other

The World says: "Victoria crossed the bar on such a tide as moving seems to sleep. She has met her pilot face to face, after a life of eighty-two years. As a man measures things, there is no place too good for her in the after life. As a ruler, she wrought her people lasting good. As a woman, she was an example to all women. Millions never saw her, but all loved her."

SORROW IN NANAIMO.

ess Suspended and Signs of Mourn-

Nanaimo, Jan. 22.—(Special)—An hour after the news of the Queen's death was received, every place of business in town

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