

# IN EXTREMIS.

### All Hope Abandoned of Mr. Blaine's Recovery.

### IN THE GRASP OF BRIGHT'S DISEASE.

Admitted By Physicians That the Dreaded Malady Has Possession of the Distinguished American—An Alarming Attack.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—All day yesterday the life of James G. Blaine hung trembling in the balance. For more than an hour in the forenoon hope was abandoned and the end was momentarily expected by physicians, family and friends. All simulation was thrown aside in the apparent imminent presence of death, and the suppressed facts of his illness—the long denied but now admitted, Bright's disease, the occasional intervals of delirium, the long hours when he has been incapable of speech or motion, and other distressing features of his illness, all incident to the one overpowering organic trouble (Bright's disease), aggravated of late by a cold and by malarial fever—were tacitly admitted.

The physicians assert that there have not been any hemorrhages. The first crisis was reached between 10 and 11 a. m., when a sinking spell set in from which the worst was feared. His family was called round the bedside and physicians sent messenger after messenger to the nearest drug store with prescriptions requiring hasty attention. His pulse, which had almost ceased to beat became fitful. At 2 o'clock his physicians, Drs. W. W. Johnson and Hyatt, considered him so much improved, however, as to render their constant presence at the bedside unnecessary. Although there had been no marked improvement, and no change in his condition upon which hopes of ultimate recovery could be based, the immediate crisis had passed. At 2:30 a reporter saw James G. Blaine, Jr., at the family residence. He said that his father's attack was very bad. His condition had become so that it was feared that in the event of a recurrence death must be the consequence.

Mrs. Hale, wife of Senator Hale, of Maine, one of Mr. Blaine's closest friends, was at the house for several hours during the day, and made a second call late in the afternoon. About 5 o'clock she left, and soon after Mr. Hale called. He remarked that Mr. Blaine's condition seemed more comfortable than it had been early in the day, but his condition appeared to be critical.

"It may be," he said, "that he will recover, but those who have an interest in him have reason to be alarmed. In fact his condition is alarming. It is difficult to name the trouble. It is general, rather than the ordinary complications. His mind is perfectly clear." The house was lighted up early and all the lower shutters closed. Drs. Hyatt and Johnston, who were to meet at the house for a consultation between 7 and 8 o'clock, were sent for just before 5 o'clock. Dr. Hyatt was the first to arrive. He reached the house about five minutes after 5 and was followed by Dr. Johnston.

A little after 6 o'clock both doctors left. Dr. Hyatt said Mr. Blaine's condition showed a slight improvement over the morning. They did not consider it necessary to issue another bulletin similar to the one of Saturday night. Dr. Hyatt said that he thought that there was no doubt that Mr. Blaine would live through the night. At the same time he is undoubtedly critically ill and any complication that may arise would doubtless cause a fatal termination of his illness.

A little after 6:30 o'clock Mr. J. G. Blaine, Jr., came out and said to the reporters: "We think that father is considerably better than he was in the morning. He was dangerously ill during the afternoon; however, he seems to have rallied somewhat. The physicians have been here this evening and we now think that he will live during the night and we hope for the best. Still, it must be said that he is very dangerously ill." These were the strongest statements that had yet been made by the family and physicians as to the condition of the ex-secretary.

President Harrison, accompanied by his private secretary, Mr. Halford, walked over from the White house to the ex-secretary's residence last evening to personally inquire as to his condition, and expressed relief and gratification at being informed that there had been some abatement of the more alarming symptoms. The excitement throughout the city was intense as the news of Mr. Blaine's condition spread, and though it was Sunday the papers issued extras, which found a rapid sale. From an intimate friend of the family it was learned that it was only when Mr. Blaine was suddenly seized with a sinking spell in the morning, which threatened for some minutes to terminate in heart failure, that this family suddenly realized how near he was to death. For a few seconds he seemed to be in extremis, and the watchers bent anxiously over him. The emaciated face of the dying statesman was white as marble and his features sadly drawn. At times he scarcely seemed to breathe and at others gasped for breath. The physicians who had been hastily summoned were in the meantime not idle. They plied him with stimulative cordials, the trained nurses chafed his extremities and it was only after working over the patient for upward of thirty minutes and the application of every art known to the medical profession that Mr. Blaine slowly revived.

Drs. Johnston and Hyatt called at the Blaine mansion at 12 o'clock and found Mr. Blaine doing so well that they told the family that they had no apprehension of dissolution taking place within the next twenty-four hours. After they left the family retired for the night. At 1:30 the mansion was shrouded in darkness with the exception of the sick chamber, where a dim light was burning.

# THRILLING SCENE.

### A Convict in the Idaho Penitentiary Makes a Desperate Attempt to Murder His Keeper and is Killed.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 19.—A thrilling tragedy, resulting in the almost instant death of Samuel Halton, a noted desperado, occurred in the Idaho penitentiary. The man who did the killing was Howard French, turnkey of the prison, and a coroner's jury indorsed his action. Halton occupied a cell in the topmost gallery of the main building of the penitentiary ever since his incarceration in 1885. He had been unruly and rebellious, and during the past month had been closely confined and fed upon bread and water. The turnkey, accompanied by a trusty, had gone to Halton's cell with the latter's breakfast, which the vicious fellow refused to receive. French left the cell, but before he could close the grated door Halton sprang upon him. French is a powerful man, but he was but a child in the grasp of the maiden convict. The trusty fled, leaving the two men engaged in a deadly struggle. The gallery is fifty feet above the stone floor of the prison and is surrounded by a low iron railing. Halton forced French to double his head over it and break his neck. He exerted terrible pressure and the tendons of the officer's neck fairly cracked under the strain. Seeing that he could not kill French by this cruel method, he tried to throw him over the railing upon the adamant floor beneath. Halton had all but accomplished his deadly purpose, when the timid trusty stepped up and pulled him away from his intended victim. Halton turned upon the trusty and the latter fled. The murderous convict again grappled with French, making a superhuman effort to throw him from the lofty gallery, when French drew a bowie-knife and stabbed him to the heart. The convict staggered back, cried out, "Send a letter to mother," and fell dead.

During the progress of this terrible struggle ninety convicts were at breakfast in the same building, in plain view of the combat. They became panic-stricken, and yelled like maniacs. The smell of human blood seemed to set them wild, and a sanguinary insurrection seemed probable, but French, with characteristic nerve, confronted the convicts and commanded them to sit down. They obeyed the order and were quietly marched to their cells.

# CONTROVERSY OVER.

### Bishop Wigger and Father Corrigan Make Up Rather Unexpectedly.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 19.—The controversy between Bishop Wigger, of Newark, and Father Corrigan, of Hoboken, was rather abruptly terminated. Bishop Wigger surrenders unconditionally. The trial is stopped and the charge withdrawn. Bishop Wigger appointed a committee of priests to visit Father Corrigan and endeavor to induce him to apologize. To this proposal Father Corrigan makes the following reply:

Right Reverend Dear Bishop: Having received kindly suggestions from mutual friends who have consulted you and extended to me advice that I highly appreciate, I am glad to yield whatever may justly be expected from me, to put an end to this controversy. Nothing will give me more annoyance than to have been guilty of violating the respect due to you and also to the Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Corrigan, and where I have unintentionally gone beyond the proper bounds, I hereby express my regret for it, and pray both of you to overlook it.

I believe that you have tried to be just in the administration of your diocese and I am satisfied that whatever mistakes you have made did not proceed from malice. As regards the future, you need have no apprehension that I have any intention of attacking yourself or your government in the papers. YOUR SERVANT IN CHRIST, PATRICK CORRIGAN.

Bishop Wigger acknowledged the receipt of Father Corrigan's letter in the following communication:

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 17.—Dear Father Corrigan: I hereby accept cheerfully the apology that you have written and which Very Rev. Dean and Father Coak have just brought to me. I hereby discontinue the trial and wish you every blessing. Yours very sincerely, WILLIAM WIGGER, Bishop of Newark.

# OPPOSED TO THE SCHEME.

### Reason to Think That Congress Will Not Indorse the Nicaragua Canal Proposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Sentiment is rapidly forming in congress against the proposition to have the country indorse \$100,000,000 worth of bonds to be issued by the Nicaragua Canal Co., of which Warner Miller is the head. Many who favor the idea of the canal are still against the scheme of having the government guarantee the bonds of a private corporation, however public its purpose.

"It looks to me," said Representative Ryan, "like one of those schemes where the government is asked to stand the risk of loss, while the profit, if any accrues, will go to Warner Miller and his associates. The government might as well borrow \$100,000,000 itself and build this canal as to indorse or guarantee these bonds. I am against the proposition." Bryan is one sort of the opposition. There is another, of which such railroad senators as Stanford, Wolcott and Washburn are specimens, who oppose it because they do not want a canal at all for fear of lowering transcontinental traffic rates the moment boats could be canalized through the isthmus. The proposition will have a hard time between these two allied forces.

# PAWNBROKERS' SHOPS.

### These Loan Offices For the Needy Had Their Origin With Franciscan Monks.

The continental monte de piete had their origin in the Italian mont di pietà, large numbers of which were founded in Italy throughout the sixteenth century and the objects of which were, in the first instance, essentially charitable, the avowed purpose of the institution being to counteract the injurious effect of usury by lending money on deposits at an almost infinitesimal rate of interest. The Franciscan monks were the first to lend money on goods, and in 1515 they were allowed by the pope to receive a moderate amount of interest; but in process of time the Italian mont di pietà became extensive banking corporations, which were occasionally plundered or half ruined by forced loans exacted by tyrannical princes, and sometimes brought to entire collapse by injudicious financial speculations.

The Paris monte de piete, which was not established in France until 1777, was suppressed at the revolution, but re-established in 1804 by Napoleon I. It has been ever since a business carried on under the direct control of the state. To the central office only the poorest classes of the population resort, and they are as little inconvenienced by shamefacedness or "mauvaise honte" as their congeners in London; while for those who may be described as "gentle" the thoughtful provision has been made of installing the "commissaires de monts de pieté," or branch pawnbrokers, in offices which are generally up three pairs of stairs, in houses inhabited by numerous other lodgers. A tri-colored flag projecting from an upper story informs ladies and gentlemen in circumstances of temporary financial stress of the whereabouts of the commissaire's bureau; but the staircase is common to all, and the lady or gentleman who wishes to pawn diamonds worth a good many thousand francs slips in unnoticed, and may, for aught the passers-by are aware, be bound on a visit to the tailor on the first or the milliner on the second floor.

—London Telegraph.

# A Definition.

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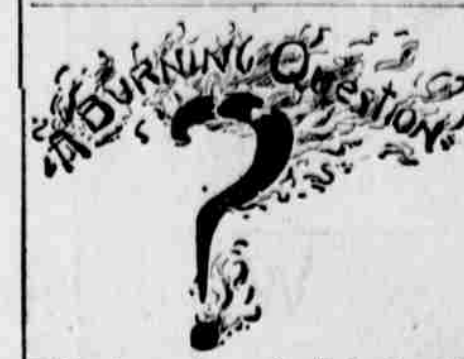
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