

KATE CHASE SPRAGUE DEAD.

A Chief Justice's Daughter and a Power in Washington.

SHE WAS QUEEN OF SOCIETY.

After Her Divorce From Rhode Island's Was Governor, Mrs. Sprague's Fortune Waned—Her Father's Friends Saved the Homestead for Her.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague, wife of a former governor of Rhode Island, and the daughter of the late Salmon P. Chase, governor of Ohio, secretary of the treasury and chief justice of the United States supreme court, died at her homestead, "Edgewood," in Washington's suburbs, early this morning. She was 59 years old. For three months she had been ill, but had consented to medical treatment only ten days ago. She grew steadily worse and the end came a few minutes after three o'clock this morning. At the bedside were her three daughters, Miss Kittie Sprague, who lived with her mother; Miss Portia Sprague of Narragansett Pier, and Mrs. Donaldson of Brooklyn.

The death ends a career of extremes. Until her brilliant marriage with the war governor of Rhode Island, the daughter of the chief justice had had an universally happy life. After that time she had little except sorrow. Four years ago the old Chase homestead, Edgewood, was saved from passing from her only by the kindness of the father's friends. It was expected two months ago that the place would go to auction.

Early in her childhood Katherine Chase was left motherless. Her beauty, rare intellectual abilities and endearing qualities made her the idol of her distinguished father. When he was in Washington as secretary of the treasury during the war, this young daughter presided over his establishment. The town house of the great war financier, on the corner of Sixth and E streets, is to this day universally known as the Chase mansion. The cabinet in those days was not very strong socially, and Kate Chase ruled it absolutely. Mrs. Lincoln was simply swept into the corner when this imperious young beauty appeared, leaning upon the arm of the great secretary. No strong was the desire to make her father President, that it is often said she married ex-Governor Sprague of Rhode Island to carry out this design. But she might well have considered him a worthy match in those days. He was the youngest war governor of all the states. He was in the United States Senate. He was worth millions, and he could give her Canonchet, which was then the most superb home in this country, and he was one of the handsomest men of the age.

Mrs. Chase was in many respects one of the most remarkable women ever known to Washington society. In the days of her prime there was no disputing her leadership. She was actually the queen of society. No child was ever born under more favorable auspices than was Willie Sprague, eldest child of this marriage. The mother of Senator Sprague settled a large sum on the baby, but before he was old enough to understand the full value of the great things to which he was born they were slipping away from him. Misfortune pursued him and he committed suicide seven or eight years ago in the far West, poor and among strangers.

As long as Chief Justice Chase lived his brilliant daughter continued to be a power in Washington, socially and politically. The failure of the Republican party to nominate Salmon P. Chase for the Presidency gave the death blow to the ambitious hopes of his brilliant daughter. It is said also that this disappointment seriously affected the health of the chief justice. However this may be, Katherine Chase Sprague was never the same in the world of Washington after her father's death. The troubles between Governor Sprague and herself became matter of public gossip, in which the name of Roscoe Conkling figured extensively.

When bankruptcy came, ex-Governor Sprague lost at once his political importance, which was purely fortuitous and depended entirely on his former great fortune. With loss of fortune and position, the weakness of the man showed itself. He became dissipated, idle, slovenly in dress, the last creature in the world to hold a brilliant and imperial woman like the spoiled daughter of the great secretary of the treasury. His discontent and her contempt culminated in a divorce. He married soon after a woman of inferior position.

Mrs. Sprague's fight for Canonchet with her three little daughters is yet talked of in the neighborhood. The three daughters, Ethel, Kate and Portia, went with the mother, while the son, Willie, remained with his father. To Mrs. Sprague was given authority to resume her maiden name of Chase.

Confederates No. 87,000. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Aug. 1.—A vigorous effort is made here by the Confederate camp and daughters of the Confederacy to raise the \$10,000 fund for the erection of a monument in the Confederate cemetery here. The various camps of the state have raised about \$7,000.

Canada's sympathy for the Unionists. OTTAWA, Ontario, Aug. 1.—The House of Commons has adopted a resolution expressing Canada's sympathy with the Unionists of the Transvaal.

TRAIN GOES INTO A DITCH.

Landslide Causes Bad Wreck on the Erie Railroad.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Aug. 1.—The accident on the Erie railroad, growing out of the landslide a mile east of Lackawanna, Saturday night, was not as serious as at first reported. Only the fireman and engineer of the derailed engine of the westbound Chicago express, which turned over on the track, were killed, though a number of passengers on the express, the vestibule passenger train for Buffalo and Cleveland, which left New York at 7 o'clock Saturday, were injured. The wreck, which occurred shortly before midnight, was preceded by a cloudburst and storm which lasted two hours. A section of the bank fell on the eastbound train, directly in front of the freight train. Several trees went down with the rocks and earth, and the freight cars and engine were turned over directly across the westbound tracks of the Erie road. Sixty freight cars constituted the train, but only twenty-two were derailed, and the debris was piled up on the westbound tracks just as the Chicago express put in an appearance, running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The engine of the express train crashed into the wreck, and the baggage car, combination and buffet car and two Pullman sleepers were piled up on the tracks immediately in front of the wrecked freight cars. The first sleeper was split into two parts and the passengers were thrown thirty feet down the bank. Fire at once broke out and four cars of the express train and nine of the freight cars were burned.

Several thieves from Port Jervis, who it is supposed reached the scene of the wreck on the relief train, ransacked the clothes of the passengers during the period of excitement. After several hours' search the bodies of Engineer Outwater and Fireman Sells were found under their engine by employes of the wrecking train. Both bodies had been burned to the waist. The men were identified by their watches.

HATED IN DEATH.

Assassins of President Heuereux Attempt to Seize His Body.

PUERTO PLATA, San Domingo, Aug. 1.—The situation is critical. An outbreak is momentarily expected. The friends of the government are under arms and ready for action to protect property and preserve the peace. A feeble attempt was made to seize the body of President Heuereux by the assassins, Ramon Caceres, Manuel Caceres, Horacio Vasquez and Domingo Richardo, who are in the country about Moca with their followers. The burial of President Heuereux was conducted with fitting honors. Kingston, Jamaica, July 31.—A private cable dispatch received here by way of Cape Haytien reports that the revolution is progressing favorably. The dispatch says that the real reason for the detention of President Heuereux's body at Santiago was that the country between Santiago and Porto Plata is occupied by the insurgents, who, abandoning their plan of occupying Moca as a base of operations, are concentrating to attack Porto Plata, which is feebly garrisoned.

LUETGERT AT REST.

Thousands Attended the Funeral of the Chicago Wife Murderer.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—Thousands of persons attended the funeral of Adolph L. Luetgert, the wife murderer, who died at the Joliet penitentiary. Prominent in the group about the bier at the Northwest Turner hall were Luetgert's three children, near the floral pillow with the inscription: "Our Father's Words, 'I Am Innocent.'" Lawrence Harmon, former counsel for Luetgert, delivered an address, at the close of which he said: "He is dead, but his wife lives. I call upon Louisa Luetgert, the missing woman, for whom he suffered, without even uttering an unkind word regarding her, to come forth and remove the unmerited stain from the name of the father and her innocent children."

Sick Kansans Return.

HONOLULU, July 31, via San Francisco, July 31.—The United States hospital ship Relief arrived yesterday, eleven days from Yokohama. After coaling she will proceed directly to San Francisco. Probably four days will be occupied in coaling and nine days in the trip to San Francisco, so that the Relief will hardly arrive at that port earlier than August 4. The Relief has on board 300 sick soldiers from Manila, including the following commissioned officers, who are invalided home: Captain John F. Zertinger, First Nebraska; Captain William J. Watson, Twentieth Kansas; Captain Adna G. Clarke, Twentieth Kansas; First Lieutenant John C. McArthur, Third Infantry; Second Lieutenant Collin H. Hall, Twentieth Kansas; Second Lieutenant Oliver C. Lapp, South Dakota.

Champ Clark Talks.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 1.—"Nothing short of death can prevent Bryan from being the next Democratic nominee and nothing but the intervention of the Almighty will keep him from being elected," declared Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri in an interview here.

With Mother Doves.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—President McKinley will give a reception to Admiral Dewey at the White house when the latter arrives in Washington.

Fatal End of Rebellion.

HAVANA, Aug. 1.—During an exhibition in Central park by the Havana-drummen following the parade yesterday, two men were killed and one injured.

NEBRASKA AND UTAH MEN.

San Francisco Gives Returning Soldiers a Great Welcome.

FLAGS AND BUNTING GALORE.

The Troops Looked Very Well as They Marched From the Transport Through the City to the Presidio—Reviewed by General Shafter and the Governor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—The disembarking of the First Nebraska infantry and the Utah light artillery from the transport Hancock to-day gave San Francisco a second opportunity to welcome returning soldiers from the Philippines. Early in the day the streets in the lower part of the city and on the line of march to the Presidio, where the boys will go into camp, became crowded.

Flags and bunting streamed from nearly every building and many of the persons along the line of march carried American flags which waved constantly as the veterans marched toward the Presidio. Whistles were blown from the time the men started on their march till they passed from the business section of the city into the fashionable residence quarter along Van Ness avenue and out to the Presidio. Added to the noise of the whistles was that of clanging bells, the firing of cannon and the explosion of fireworks. Market street had been cleared of all traffic and it was nearly 10 o'clock before the head of the procession turned into that thoroughfare. General Shafter had provided an escort of artillery and this body of soldiers, with a band, headed the procession.

As the regimental officers of the Nebraska turned into Market street a mighty cheer was given. The band came next playing lively airs and then followed the men in their campaign uniforms. The soldiers looked very well as they marched along. The sight of the battleflag of the Nebraskans seemed to arouse all the enthusiasm the spectators could muster. The hospital corps brought up the rear of the Nebraska regiment and in the ambulance were several wounded men.

Then came the Utah artillery, headed by Major Grant. The band followed and then came the diminutive mascot of the Utah boys, a little chap perhaps 12 years, attired in a uniform of the regiment and carrying a silver flagon. The Utah artillery followed and the welcome they received was fully as demonstrative as that given the Nebraska boys who had preceded them.

Bringing up the rear of the procession was Troop F of the Sixth cavalry and a detachment from the Third artillery.

In the reviewing stand on Van Ness avenue were General Shafter, Governor Poynter of Nebraska and several members of his staff, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and their friends and ladies. As the Nebraska and Utah boys passed the stand they cheered for General Shafter and Governor Poynter, and the gentlemen and ladies returned the compliment by saluting and waving handkerchiefs and flags. Everything was in readiness for the reception of the soldiers at the Presidio. The camp had been partially prepared for them, and by night they will be comfortably quartered. They will remain in camp until they are mustered out, the exact date not having yet been determined.

SIBERIAN ROAD TOO LIGHT.

A Belief That It Will Not Stand the Unexpectedly Heavy Traffic.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—W. F. Dixon, manager of the Sarmov Engineering company's locomotive works at Nijni Novorod, Russia, which company employs 10,000 men, is visiting his home in Paterson, N. J. "The industries of Russia," said Mr. Dixon, "are all thriving. The Russians are a slow moving people, but they are steady and sure. The trans-Siberian railroad is now completed from Moscow to Irkutsk, a distance of about 1,800 miles. East of Irkutsk the road is in operation in patches, as it were. That is to say, it has not yet been connected all the way through to Vladivostok. An unfortunate thing about the building of this road is that very light rails have been used and the ties are too wide apart. When construction was begun nobody realized the immensity of the undertaking. The traffic has been greatly in excess of all expectations and I fear that the road will not stand the wear and tear. It would cost an enormous sum to rectify the mistake at his late date."

'Hold Up' a Boat.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 1.—The excursion steamer J. W. Spencer landed at the foot of Felix street last night, bringing passengers from the Wahneha Chautauque. Soon after two men boarded the boat and "hold up" the clerk, who had the day's receipts in a valise and was preparing to go ashore. The robbers got away with the valise, which contained \$400, without having been recognized.

Two Put to Death in Sing Sing.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Louis Patterson and Michael McDonald were put to death by electricity in Sing Sing prison to-day. Patterson, who was a negro, was taken to the electric chair with a 201 and a current of 1,120 volts strong was turned on at 8:22. After 3 seconds he was declared to be dead by the attending physicians. McDonald was put to death at 8:47, a current of 1,170 volts being turned on at that time and continuing for 21 seconds.

CANADA MAKES BIG DEMANDS.

The Real Importance of the Alaskan Territory Under Dispute.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 1.—Dr. Thomas C. Mendenhall, president of the Worcester Polytechnic institute, made the survey of Alaska on which the boundary line, now a subject of dispute between the United States and the Canadian government, was fixed by this nation. Speaking of the controversy, Dr. Mendenhall said: "The actual value of the land of which Great Britain, through the Canadian government, desires to possess itself is insignificant compared with the importance of the seaport privileges that country would secure if its claims were granted.

"The greatest benefit which Great Britain expects to derive from a settlement of the boundary question in her favor is to acquire an open sea coast for her great Northwest territories and to weaken us by breaching our exclusive jurisdiction north of 54 degrees.

"With one or more seaports leading out to the Pacific ocean, Great Britain would come actively into competition with American shipping interests, to the great disadvantage of the latter, which are now pre-eminent in the territory in question. Over the waterways and the passes embraced in the disputed territory an immense amount of emigration and supplies for the Canadian Northwest territory now goes through American hands.

"The right of complete jurisdiction over this coast, exercised so long by Russia without protest from Great Britain, became ours by purchase and for many years after that Great Britain acquiesced in our exercise of authority over the territory as Russia exercised it.

"It was not until 1897 that the Canadian government issued an official map showing that it claimed its boundary line from the outer edge of the islands, instead of running parallel to the coast line reckoned from the coast to the mainland. To concede to Canada's claim would be to give her all of value that the United States purchased from Russia in Southeastern Alaska."

Athenian Champion a Morning Paper.

ATLANTON, Kan., Aug. 1.—The Athenian Champion, with H. P. Waggener as its backer, will appear as a morning paper after to-day. It is understood that the paper will be greatly improved and have telegraphic service.

More Volunteers Hall.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—More volunteers are on the way to San Francisco from Manila, according to this dispatch from General Otis: "North Dakota, Wyoming and Idaho on the transport Grant, ready to depart. Desire to delay until to-morrow to receive monthly pay, permitted.—Otis."

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Only a Small Force Used to Save Calamba From Insurgents.

MANILA, Aug. 1.—Insurgents tried to recapture Calamba on Laguna de Bay, which Hall's forces took Wednesday afternoon. The rebels numbered 2,400 men and the attack was made simultaneously from the north and south.

It was not even necessary to employ the whole American force to drive the Filipinos off. Two companies of the Twenty-first infantry, a squadron of cavalry and one gun sufficed to repulse the attack from the north, while the 400 men of the Washington regiment, comprising part of General Hall's command and a detachment of cavalry, drove off the rebels who had advanced from the south.

CUBANS GETTING RESTLESS.

Liberators Parade the Streets and Demand for Independence.

HAVANA, Aug. 1.—A mass meeting was held yesterday under the auspices of the Sociedad Democratica, a branch of the Cuban National Society of Independence. A procession paraded the streets for two hours, headed by a band and bearing banners with the inscription "Cuba Is and By Right Ought to Be Free," and "Peace Work."

Two girls dressed to represent Cuba and America rode in the procession. Cuba Libre was represented by a girl with broken chains on her wrists. Few American flags were to be seen on the streets, but hundreds of Cuban emblems were displayed. A number of speeches were made at the meeting, all in favor of absolute independence and union and urging the furtherance of work to secure this result.

Eagan Is Hospital.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—The World says: "J. J. Eagan, a wealthy sugar merchant of Honolulu, is in the city. According to Mr. Eagan, ex-Commissary General Eagan, of the United States army, who is visiting his son in the Hawaiian islands, expects to have his sentence of suspension revoked by President McKinley within the next few weeks and to return to the head of the commissary department."

Murdered at Dawn.

WEBB CITY, Mo., Aug. 1.—John Thornton, a well known resident of this city, and one of the most efficient engineers in the district, was murdered at an early hour yesterday morning at McKinley mine, on the Connor ground in South Carterville. His throat was cut from ear to ear. His wife, from whom he was separated, is suspected of the crime.

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