

DEATH COMES OFF CONQUEROR

Germany's Mighty Monarch is at Last Vanquished.

FEELING AT VARIOUS CAPITALS.

The New Emperor's Condition—Telegrams of Sympathy From Crowned Heads and Loyal Bodies.

Succumbed at Last.
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BERLIN, March 9.—New York Herald Cable.—Special to the Bee. For two hours the sorrowful family group sat watching the end which all now knew must be a matter of hours only. At 8 a hurried summons brought to the bedside all the family and those officials who had remained in the palace. The emperor had lost consciousness some time before his last sentence being: "It is well to have service, for it is long"—a half-conscious comment on Dr. Koegel's prayers. His last words were when Koegel read the 33d psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd, etc." The Kaiser listened attentively and said, "That is wonderful." Then he fell into a sleep from which he never roused himself, although the physician all present sank upon their knees and amid sobbing which almost rendered the minister's prayer inaudible the noblest soul ever granted by God to Germany passed away from the world forever.

Without struggle, without pain, laying in his accustomed half-seated position on his soldier's bed, the Kaiser died so quietly that scarcely any one looking at him was conscious that he was dead. The only change was that his face lost its haggard, aged look and became young again—a veritable emperor in death, even as he has been always in life. For several minutes after his death all remained kneeling and there were few, whether men or women, ashamed to have tears in their eyes.

Through it all the empress preserved her strength and nerves to a wonderful extent. At a signal from Prince William the higher officials rose tearfully to kiss the hand of their dead master and pass out leaving the family alone with their dead.

Bismarck and Moltke, by a misfortune, could not be detailed in time to take their last farewell.

THE DEATH CHAMBER.
Towards 11 o'clock to-day Painter Herr Anton Von Werner and Sculptor Herr Von Ockel were admitted to the death chamber. The body, in the mean time, had been arranged and placed in a half sitting position, while the Grand Duchess of Berlin had strewn flowers over the bed. Herr Werner made a sketch of the body and its surroundings and Prof. Beza came later on to take an impression of the dead emperor's face. A photograph was also taken during the day, and a photograph of the emperor was taken in the morning. An immense concourse of people is gathered outside the palace.

Eye-witnesses of the scenes at the death of the emperor state that during the last few hours of his life he suffered no pain. Shortly after 8 o'clock all members of the family staying at the palace, the court dignitaries, general assistants, and household servants were summoned to the chamber in which the emperor lay dying. The emperor was in a half sitting position on his camp bedstead. All members of the royal family took their places at the bedside. The room was crowded. Prince William stood nearest the emperor, half kneeling over the couch. He earnestly watched the face of the dying monarch until he expired.

The emperor's remains lie covered with a white cloth on the bed on which he died. The body is surrounded with candles. The expression of the face is extremely peaceful and placid. Members of the imperial family left the palace at 10 o'clock.

THE MESSAGE INFORMED.
When the reichstag met to-day, Prince Bismarck, with deep emotion, informed the members of the death of the emperor. He also announced that the new king would assume the title Frederick III.

When Bismarck entered the reichstag this afternoon he deposited the imperial order closing the session. The order was the last official document signed by the late emperor. The house received the communication with evident satisfaction, more so because Von Puttkamer, in announcing the death of the emperor to the lower house of the diet, had not alluded to the new emperor. This omission has created a painful impression. Bismarck declared from what he had observed during the last few days, that Emperor William had found consolation in these trying hours in the sympathy of the whole world shown in the suffering of his son, and a consolation in the national unity which found expression in the unanimous passage of the military bill.

Bismarck, in the closing of the late emperor's decree dissolving the reichstag, said: "Under the circumstances I assume that it would be in accordance with the wishes of the reichstag as well as of representatives of the federal governments, not to separate just now, but to remain in session until after the arrival of his majesty, the emperor, therefor do not make any use of the imperial authorization beyond depositing it in the archives as a historical document and requesting the president to induce the adoption of resolutions which will reflect the feelings and convictions of the reichstag."

The Reichstag sitting was an event of his importance never likely to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Prince Bismarck controlled his feeling only by violent efforts. He was only able to force out a few words at a time. Sometimes he could hardly speak at all and was obliged to take long pauses to suppress the tears which he tried to hide by lifting his portfolio or a glass of water.

LAST WORDS OF PEACE.
The evening papers contain what are reported to be the last words spoken by the emperor. They are: "Alexander has promised me that he will not make war against us." It is reported that the emperor also said: "I am convinced that we ought not to go to war with Russia, with whom a most friendly attitude ought to be adopted."

THE NEW KING WAS PROCLAIMED Frederick III. He signs "Frederick" without reference to emperor or king.

FRÉDÉRIC'S MESSAGE TO PRINCE BISMARCK. The Reichstag printer prints the text of the message from Emperor Frederick to Prince Bismarck as follows: "At this moment of deepest sorrow at the decease of the emperor and king, my beloved father, I must express my thanks to you and to the ministers of state for the devotion and loyalty with which you all served him. I rely upon the assistance of you all in the arduous charge which has devolved upon me. I leave here to-morrow."

"FRÉDÉRIC."
The emperor also forwarded the following

OMAHA, SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 10, 1888.

DEATH OF THOS. J. POTTER.

A King Among Railroad Managers Called to Eternity.

THE UNION PACIFIC'S LOSS.

Sorrow and Regret Expressed By His Former Associates Over His Untimely Demise—Sketch of His Career.

Death of Manager Potter.
WASHINGTON, March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Thomas J. Potter, general manager of the Union Pacific railway, died at Welcker's hotel here at 11:30 this morning. Mr. Potter's death created no surprise. It was expected hourly for several days by all who knew his presence here. The attending physician, Dr. Hanson, who came with Mr. Potter and family, had steadily refused to give out for publication the condition of his patient during the present past week, further than that he was no better. This was done to allay the apprehensions of Mr. Potter's daughter, who is at the old home in Burlington, Ia. Enough was learned early in the week, however, to anticipate that he would not recover. Mr. Potter suffered for many months with dropsy, and came here in his private car just two weeks ago to-day to take advantage of the smooth asphalt streets and bright sunshine for outdoor exercise, his condition being too critical to ride the ordinary rough thoroughfares. But he didn't get right, he had no rest, and he grew weaker immediately. It was his intention to proceed to Florida after recuperating in this city. He had been here less than twenty-four hours, when Dr. Hanson said to the Bee correspondent that his patient would never get to Florida. Mr. Potter's condition became perceptibly more critical late last night, he anticipated that from that hour his death was almost momentarily anticipated. He was feverish at times, but was rational to the very last. His family were at the bedside when death came. Within fifteen minutes the death was known in Wall street, and throughout the city. Many men from railroad magnates and brokers, asking for a confirmation of the report, and others bearing condolence to Mrs. Potter. The chief of the morning mail, Mr. G. W. King said he had received over three hundred telegrams for Mrs. Potter already.

The railroad manager of the Union Pacific has not only lost a vice president and general manager in the death of Mr. Potter, but one of the most faithful and careful officers to be found in the country. The remains of Mr. Potter were put on his private car at 8 o'clock to-night and left for their destination, Burlington, over the Pennsylvania line.

Comments of the French Press.
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PARIS, March 9.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to the Bee.]—No official mention of the emperor's death was made to-day in the French chambers, but in the lobbies and in parliamentary circles generally it was the object of excited, earnest conversation. About 2 o'clock a number of deputies might have been seen in eager conversation discussing the good and evil which might be expected to result from the great event. Taking it for all and all the comment was respectful. It was even sympathetic as far as the person of the dead sovereign himself was concerned. Great satisfaction was naturally felt and expressed at the final outbreak of the plans and plots attributed to the cancellor.

Republicans and monarchists by a tacit understanding, however, repressed all too pronounced or patriotic outbursts.

De Cassagnac was correct, even chivalrous, in discussing the situation. Floquet was reserved. Emmanuel Arémen and a number of other republican deputies were singularly guarded in their talk. All joined in the hope that the new emperor might be spared to use his influence in the interest of liberal reform. The news was known in French official circles fully two hours before the telegram from the chancellery reached Count Munster. It was nearly noon when the ambassador received direct intimation of the calamity. Soon after carriages began to drive up to the door of the embassy and from then till evening Count Munster was fully occupied in receiving the condolences of the political and social celebrities of Paris.

Count Munster touched the bell in his study and announced that he was about to retire for the night. The Rue de Lille was soon deserted and the silence of death reigned in the cold and stately court yard of the embassy. The excitement of the previous night had taken the edge off the interest which Paris felt in the event. Most of the popular papers published full accounts of the death hours before it happened and special editions were sold on the boulevards. Later they found comparatively few readers.

An innocuous pamphlet was hawked about the streets giving a burlesque account of the emperor's agony but it had hardly made its appearance when it was seized by the order of the minister of the interior. The press is quite alive to the solemnity of the moment and though it has not succeeded in suppressing the patriotic feeling, it has, except in the cases of a few well known papers, kept within diplomatic limits.

By far the most important press utterance is that of the Temp. After paying a eulogistic tribute to the memory of the dead kaiser, it asks what the consequences of his removal are likely to be. Germany, it thinks, will not be greatly changed by his death. Circumstances and tradition outweigh the personal wishes of princes. "We are not yet," it says, "near the beginning of a new era."

The Nation is bitter. It brands the dead kaiser as an anti-liberal, a sort of mystic and ferocious apostle, and sees in the advent of the new emperor and his English wife, serious hope of peace.

Charles Laurent, in Le Paris, is more dignified but not less bitter. He warns his countrymen against giving way to sentimental regrets, and says, "Let Germany mourn for the dead sovereign as she may, France has only to stand by and watch his funeral."

Liberte says: "Silence, meditation and patience."

A pessimistic tone marks the comments of Le Figaro, which says: "The time has come for settling up accounts."

Lord Salisbury sends telegrams to the new emperor and Prince Bismarck expressing the deep grief of the British nation at the death of the emperor and condolence with the new emperor and his people.

At Other Capitals.
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LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Miss Annie Sam Jones, daughter of Sam Jones, the evangelist, has left the female college in Millersburg, Ky., under singular circumstances. Rev. Joe Jones, brother of Sam Jones, is conducting a revival at Millersburg. A few nights ago, at the close of the preaching, he called on J. B. Sheekley, a student in the Wesleyan theological school at Millersburg, to pray. The prayer was a most touching one, and after an invocation of the divine blessing, besought that while Samuel Jones was going about the world to preach the gospel, he might bring salvation to his daughter, who was going to perdition as fast as she could. Miss Jones, who was sitting by the side of the church, and later, saying she would not stay in a community where women were not safe from insults, left for her home at Atlanta, Ga.

Granted a New Trial.

SANTA FE, N. M., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A young man, Frank Logan, was indicted for robbing the St. Louis and New Orleans land office here and his punishment assessed at \$5,000 fine and imprisonment for a year. The execution of the sentence was stayed pending the hearing of a motion for a new trial. This motion was argued before Judge Long this week and yesterday at a chamber sitting. Judge Long granted a new trial but stating that the defendant should have reached another result had the defendant shown satisfactory disposition of his money.

Will Go to Law.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—James Whitefield, of the American association base ball club, returned to-day from the meeting of the joint association committee in New York City, which states that while nothing at all was done regarding the difficulty between the two Kansas clubs, it was decided by the American association that the matter should be taken into the courts, and this will be done.

The Public Defense Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—After several weeks' deliberation the house committee on military affairs recommended for passage the Cutcheon bill, amended in one respect, appropriating \$7,475,000 for public defense. The original bill was amended by diminishing the appropriation for guns by \$2,500,000, and by increasing the appropriation for torpedoes by \$1,000,000. The committee also recommended that the secretary of war be authorized to make contracts with responsible steel manufacturers for the supply of rough bored and tempered steel in forms suitable for heavy ordnance and finished steel for armor and projectiles in quantities not less than 100,000 gross.

Rapid City Elated.

RAPID CITY, Dak., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Considerable excitement was caused here this morning by the receipt of news from James Kittrill, that a contract for grading 170 miles of road west of Chamberlain, Dak. had been let by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company. This will bring the track within a few miles of Rapid City. The line is graded and staked in this place.

Fatal Quarrel of Rival Merchants.

NEW ERA, Tenn., March 9.—Rufus Kittrill and his son George quarreled with a rival merchant named Ferris Ercestein and his son. A fight followed in which old man Kittrill was killed and young man Kittrill mortally wounded. Ferris Ercestein was also wounded. The Kittrills were desperate men.

RECEIPT OF THE TELEGRAM ANNOUNCING THE SAID EVENT OF THE UNION PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WAS LOWERED TO HALF MAINT.

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THE NEWS AMONG RAILROAD MEN.

THE NEWS IN THIS CITY OF THE DEATH OF MR. POTTER created profound sorrow, especially among the railroad men. Immediately upon receipt of the telegram announcing the sad event the flag on the Union Pacific headquarters building was lowered to half mast. In every office of the great building an impressive pervading, and the employees conversed in low tones. From the highest officer to the humblest employe the dead man was respected and loved. His death will be regretted by all who know him.

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The Georgia Evangelist's Daughter Grossly Injured While at Church.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Miss Annie Sam Jones, daughter of Sam Jones, the evangelist, has left the female college in Millersburg, Ky., under singular circumstances. Rev. Joe Jones, brother of Sam Jones, is conducting a revival at Millersburg. A few nights ago, at the close of the preaching, he called on J. B. Sheekley, a student in the Wesleyan theological school at Millersburg, to pray. The prayer was a most touching one, and after an invocation of the divine blessing, besought that while Samuel Jones was going about the world to preach the gospel, he might bring salvation to his daughter, who was going to perdition as fast as she could. Miss Jones, who was sitting by the side of the church, and later, saying she would not stay in a community where women were not safe from insults, left for her home at Atlanta, Ga.

Granted a New Trial.

SANTA FE, N. M., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A young man, Frank Logan, was indicted for robbing the St. Louis and New Orleans land office here and his punishment assessed at \$5,000 fine and imprisonment for a year. The execution of the sentence was stayed pending the hearing of a motion for a new trial. This motion was argued before Judge Long this week and yesterday at a chamber sitting. Judge Long granted a new trial but stating that the defendant should have reached another result had the defendant shown satisfactory disposition of his money.

Will Go to Law.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—James Whitefield, of the American association base ball club, returned to-day from the meeting of the joint association committee in New York City, which states that while nothing at all was done regarding the difficulty between the two Kansas clubs, it was decided by the American association that the matter should be taken into the courts, and this will be done.

The Public Defense Bill.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—After several weeks' deliberation the house committee on military affairs recommended for passage the Cutcheon bill, amended in one respect, appropriating \$7,475,000 for public defense. The original bill was amended by diminishing the appropriation for guns by \$2,500,000, and by increasing the appropriation for torpedoes by \$1,000,000. The committee also recommended that the secretary of war be authorized to make contracts with responsible steel manufacturers for the supply of rough bored and tempered steel in forms suitable for heavy ordnance and finished steel for armor and projectiles in quantities not less than 100,000 gross.

Rapid City Elated.

RAPID CITY, Dak., March 9.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Considerable excitement was caused here this morning by the receipt of news from James Kittrill, that a contract for grading 170 miles of road west of Chamberlain, Dak. had been let by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company. This will bring the track within a few miles of Rapid City. The line is graded and staked in this place.

Fatal Quarrel of Rival Merchants.

NEW ERA, Tenn., March 9.—Rufus Kittrill and his son George quarreled with a rival merchant named Ferris Ercestein and his son. A fight followed in which old man Kittrill was killed and young man Kittrill mortally wounded. Ferris Ercestein was also wounded.