

POTTER BREAKS SILENCE

The Millionaire Replies to the Charges Against Him.

REVIVES THE DUNNIVANT STORY

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REMARKABLE OPERATION.

Surgeons Remove a 120-Pound Tumor from a Woman.

PITTSBURGH, March 27.—One of the most remarkable surgical operations on record was performed at the Allegheny General hospital by which a tumor weighing 120 pounds was removed from the body of a female patient.

The operation was performed by Dr. W. S. Sutton, of Allegheny, and several assistants and was witnessed by a large number of medical men.

The doctors will not reveal the name of the patient, but the woman was brought to the hospital last Wednesday, and as she could not have lived much longer, an operation was decided upon and carried.

The length of time taken to remove the tumor was 45 minutes. There is some hope of the woman's recovery.

The largest tumor on record before was one weighing 112 pounds, removed from a fat body in Edinburgh, Scotland.

CAN NEVER PREACH AGAIN.

Rev. Mr. Ball Receives Notice of His Approaching Death Tranquilly.

BALTIMORE, March 27.—Rev. Wayland D. Ball has been informed by his physicians, who are eminent in their profession, that he can never again enter his pulpit.

The reverend gentleman received this notice of approaching death in a very tranquil spirit. He was prostrated while preaching some weeks ago. His physicians after a time decided that an operation was necessary and it was performed.

When the knife had opened the abdominal cavity it was found that a fibroid growth was encircling the bowels and that to attempt to remove it would mean almost immediate death. At that time the tumor was nearly as large as a man's head, and it has continued to grow.

He is 40 years of age. He has been pastor for 12 years of the Associate Reformed church.

COL. SHEPARD'S FUNERAL.

Ceremonies to-morrow Morning—Interment on Staten Island.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The funeral of Col. Elliott F. Shepard will take place to-morrow.

The interment will be at the Moravian cemetery on Staten Island. The body has been embalmed.

A death mask of the Colonel has been taken by a prominent sculptor.

New York City's Health.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The report prepared by John T. Nagle, Chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, shows that during the past week there have been 1,135 deaths, against 1,100 the preceding week. There were 16 deaths from grip; last week there were 11. The deaths from pneumonia numbered 203; from bronchitis 59; from consumption 121; from diphtheria 15, and from whooping cough 20. There is nothing in the number of deaths from bronchial troubles to show that grip has become epidemic. The typhus fever record for the week was 10 cases and 7 deaths.

Striking Miners Giving In.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 27.—Breaks in the ranks of the striking miners are reported, and unless the miners succeed in inducing the miners to come back, there will be a general resumption by the middle of this week. The men employed by Waltons, Jones, Hildale and other operators have decided to go back at the three cent rate. No concessions were made by the operators.

Liberty Bell to Go to the Fair.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—It has been decided by the Councilmanic World's Fair sub-committee that the Liberty Bell, the ringing of which proclaimed the independence of the thirteen original States, shall be taken to Chicago, the date of departure from this city being fixed for April 18. The bell will be transported in a special car and four stalwart policemen will go along as its special custodians.

Another Aged Suicide.

PELHAMVILLE, N. Y., March 24.—John Scully, aged 82 years, one of the oldest residents of this village, has been found dead in his barn by a neighbor. It is supposed that it is a case of suicide. Mr. Scully's wife is lying at the point of death and it is thought that her condition was the primary cause of the suicide.

FASTEST ARMORED SHIP

The Cruiser New York Wins That Proud Title.

RESULT OF HER PRELIMINARY TRIAL

A Great Record Made by the New Addition to the Navy—Detailed Report of the Trial—Only One Exciting Incident She Will Be Ready for the Official Test by the Government Within Three Weeks.

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—With the proud distinction of having broken the record of all preliminary trials, and the satisfaction of being the fastest armored vessel in the world, the cruiser New York has returned to Cramp's ship yard. From the hour she steamed down the Delaware until her return, naval experts have awaited with deep interest the result of the great war ship's initial performance.

Despite heavy rain squalls and a biting wind from the southeast, fully 5,000 patriotic Philadelphians were present to wish the war ship Godspeed as she backed out into the stream and stood down the river on her trial trip.

The New York was headed up the stream which at this point is only a trifle wider than the war ship herself. A strong ebb tide was running and the wind blowing half a gale.

To turn around in this narrow space was a difficulty, if not impossible undertaking, and a \$3,000,000 ship was not a toy to be played with. As soon as the moving lines were cast, however, Captain Chambers, an old Delaware river pilot, who has handled all of the Cramp ships, directed the tug Newcastle to make fast to a steel barge which was let out from the starboard quarter.

Although the powerful little boat steamed away at full speed, she had no perceptible effect upon the heavy warship, in fact, was herself towed bodily astern.

Another tug, the Frederick K. Munn, was then given a line from the port bow, so with one at each end of the lever, the New York was turned short around and headed down the Delaware.

The run down the river and bay was made with fires half banked and under natural draught.

The maximum pressure of steam carried was 120 pounds to the square inch. Starting with 45 revolutions, a speed of 10 knots was attained and held until Greenwich Point was well abast the beam.

After this the new vessel seemed to warm up to her work, the throttle was thrown open, 95 revolutions reached, and the speed increased to 17.5 knots.

This made it rather uncomfortable for the figures of Liberty and Justice on each side of the stem as they were deluged with cold spray from head to foot. The vessel seemed to glide through the water as noiselessly as a yacht, however, and there was scarcely any vibration throughout the ship.

At the end of an hour's run the steward came aft in a great state of excitement and reported the compartment in which his provisions were stored ankle deep in sea water. Careful examination of the forward part of the vessel revealed the fact that the water had been forced in through the forward torpedo tube.

At anchor, this opening is a few feet above the water line, but at a high rate of speed it is almost completely buried in the sea.

Constructor Nixon placed a watertight bucket over it in place of the temporary one, and the leak gave no further trouble. The question now arose as to how the compartment could be quickly emptied, for sea water and mess stores are not the most agreeable shipmates. Nixon cut the Gordian knot by having a small hole drilled through the steel deck.

This drained the compartment into another on the deck below—one that could not be injured by the introduction of a small amount of water.

Wednesday from the northeast. At 8 o'clock the cruiser got under way for the purpose of correcting her compasses and adjusting the compensating magnets. This accomplished, the vessel returned to her anchorage to wait for good weather to begin her trial.

By Saturday morning the wind had hauled to the westward and the weather was clear. Fires were lighted at daylight and before 6 o'clock the New York was under way running for the Five Fathom Bank lightship. The race was to be between this and the Northeast End lightship, a distance of 9.88 nautical miles, the depth of water being 12 fathoms. The following table tells the story of the two trials:

Five Fathom Bank lightship to Northeast End lightship, course north by east, distance 9.88 nautical miles. Starting, 8:24:15; finish 8:33:59; difference 29 minutes 39 seconds; speed 20.03 nautical miles per hour.

Second trial: Northeast End lightship to Five Fathom Bank lightship, course south by west. Distance 9.8 nautical miles. Start 9:18:07; finish 9:42:53; difference 29 minutes 51 seconds; speed 19:37 nautical miles; average for the two trials 19.95 miles. In the afternoon, the cruiser was headed to the eastward in search of deeper water. In a run of four consecutive hours, she maintained a speed of 20.33 knots per hour, reaching as high as 20.57 as the water deepened.

With these satisfactory results, the New York steamed back to the ship yard. She will be ready for her official trial within three weeks.

THOUSANDS REGISTER.

Women Will Play an Important Part in Kansas Municipal Elections.

TOPEKA, March 27.—Women will play a very important part in the municipal elections all over Kansas April 4.

Reports from the different cities show that the registration is remarkable for the heavy registration of women.

Thousands of them are now qualified and ready to vote.

In Kansas City the women have shown an unprecedented interest in municipal politics, and this vote will be a large factor in the election.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Senators Do Not Want a Protracted Fight.

INSIST ON FOLLOWING PRECEDENTS

E. C. Graves Will Probably be Appointed Treasurer—A Business Man for Commissioner of Pensions, No Politician—Capt. White Calls on Secretary Herbert.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The indications at present do not point to a protracted fight in the Senate over the reorganization of the elective officers. If the statements of some Democratic Senators can be taken as an index to their feelings on the subject they will capitulate without much of a struggle.

There appears not to be a consuming desire to enter into any protracted debate that will prolong the present extra session beyond the time when the President will have notified the Senate that he has no further communication to make, and certain well known Senators have said that they intend to leave the city, regardless of the fact whether there was any reorganization or not.

The Republicans say they will insist upon a strict following of the precedents, and if they have the strength to stand up for that resolution it looks as if they will be able to force the Democrats to hold off until the commencement of the regular session next December.

Senators on both sides of the Chamber are preparing to leave the city, and it is not unlikely that immediately after the decision of the contested election cases there will not be a quorum of Senators in town.

A rumor apparently well founded is current in the Treasury Department that the President has decided to appoint E. C. Graves, now of Seattle, Wash., and formerly of New York, United States Treasurer. Mr. Graves was the chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Mr. Cleveland's first administration, and was before that Assistant Treasurer under President Arthur.

WHO WILL HE BE?

President Cleveland's Views on a Man for the Pension Office.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Mr. Cleveland saw few visitors yesterday, the regular Cabinet meeting interfering.

To one of the callers, Representative Enloe of Tennessee, he made the important statement that he would appoint "no demagogic politician" to be Commissioner of Pensions. It is inferred from this significant announcement that the President will appoint to the office of Commissioner of Pensions a man more closely connected with business than with politics. In fact, he has expressed his intention to divorce the office from politics and to select a commissioner who will conduct it purely on business principles.

A number of names for appointment to the commissionership have been presented to Mr. Cleveland and it is said he was proceeding warily in the hope of selecting a man who can keep his skirts clear of the unpleasant notoriety which has come to that office in recent years.

The resignation of Representative McCreary as a member of the International Monetary Conference and the doubts raised as to whether the President will appoint new commissioners to represent the United States brought Senator John Sherman and Senator Teller, holding opposing views on the silver question, to the White House this morning. They had a talk with Mr. Cleveland on the selection of a new commissioner.

Besieged by Reporters.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Captain Wiltse, who commanded the cruiser Boston during the Hawaiian trouble, called on Secretary Herbert yesterday. He refused to talk about his conference with the Secretary, stating only that he had been besieged by reporters in San Francisco, Chicago and New York relative to affairs in Hawaii and that he had nothing to say.

Thought to be Redwine's Accomplice.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 25.—Considerable excitement here is manifested over the arrest of Mrs. Jeannette Hammond, who is supposed to be implicated as an accomplice with Lewis Redwine, the defaulting cashier of the Gate City National Bank. The officers intimate that the woman is supposed to have something like \$35,000 of the missing money. Hammond is a divorced woman, who has figured in several sensational cases.

Skull Crushed by a Falling Brick.

CHICAGO, March 25.—W. F. Weed, owner of a portion of both the Northwestern Drugstore and the Chicago Graphic, was instantly killed by a falling brick last evening. He was passing a building in which extensive alterations are being made by the Western Union Telegraph company, when a brick was dropped from the tenth story by a workman. It struck Mr. Weed squarely on the head crushing his skull.

Counterfeiters Plead Guilty.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Joseph A. Walters, Henry Hertz and William Brown, who were arrested Wednesday night for making and passing counterfeit 50-cent pieces, have pleaded guilty and are held for the grand jury. The Baumann woman, who lived with Walters in Brooklyn and who was arrested with them, was discharged.

Slipped in the Dock and Drowned.

UTICA, N. Y., March 25.—Henry M. Hayes, a mill owner and prominent business man of Constable, slipped from the dock back of one of his mills yesterday and was drowned. He was 40 years old and a member of the firm of Duggett, Hayes & Co.

High Wind in Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Fifty miles an hour was the record of the wind in Chicago yesterday. A more serious matter to the railroads was the disturbance to traffic resulting from snow and excessive rains.

Mails on nearly every road were from two to five hours late.

COL. SHEPARD'S DEATH

The Well Known New Yorker Killed by Ether.

UNEXPECTED END OF A USEFUL LIFE

The Surgical Operation Was Never Begun, as He Begun to Sink Immediately After the Drug Was Administered to Him—All Efforts Failed to Revive Him—Sketch of His Career—His Marriage—The Shepard Family—Funeral Arrangements.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Up to a late hour to-day the final arrangements for the funeral of the late Col. Elliott F. Shepard had not been made. So sudden and unexpected was his death that the family can scarcely believe that it is necessary to provide for the funeral.

It is probable that the ceremony will be held Monday afternoon in the church of which he was an officer and will be conducted by the pastor, Dr. John Hall.

Col. Elliott Fitch Shepard, editor of the Mail and Express, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his residence. His death followed the administration of ether by Dr. Charles McBurney and the family physician, Dr. J. W. McLane, who were about to make an examination to ascertain whether the Colonel's suspicion that he suffered from stone in the bladder was correct.

He had been in good health, but nearly a month ago he noticed symptoms that led him to believe that he was afflicted with stone in the bladder. He let it go, and did not consult a physician until a week ago, when he went to Dr. McLane and told him of his suspicions.

The doctor confirmed them, and advised him to at least submit to an examination and to undergo an operation should it be deemed necessary. He agreed to this, and yesterday was decided upon for the examination.

Up to the morning he had attended to his business in the usual way. He was at his office every day, and no one there knew of the contemplated operation. He merely told his manager, A. R. DeFreese, that he might not be down on Friday, but would Saturday.

In the morning about 9 o'clock before the arrival of the doctor he complained of severe pains, and said he thought he would go to bed. But first he went to the telephone, called up the office of his paper, and gave a number of instructions about the future conduct of the paper should anything happen to him.

As nobody in the office knew he was ill these instructions caused considerable wonder, but it was never the habit of anyone there to question anything he did, and not even an inquiry was made as to what might be the matter.

He had included his wife and his young daughters, Margaret and Alice, who were at home, to go off to Seaboard for the day. His son, Elliott F. Shepard, Jr., was at home.

About 1 o'clock, the nurses and surgeons being on hand, Col. Shepard said that he was ready for them, and they began the work of putting him under ether. He had inhaled the drug but two or three times when the physician detected dangerous symptoms and stopped the inhalation. He sank rapidly, and for a time it was feared that he could not be revived. Powerful restoratives were administered. At the end of an hour's work with oxygen he was restored to partial consciousness, and he continued apparently to rally until about 4 o'clock.

Then, without warning, and for no apparent reason, he began rapidly to sink. The oxygen treatment was resumed, but it was of no avail; at 4:20 o'clock he died. He was unconscious and his death was peaceful.

The cause of the death given by the physicians was oedema of the lungs.

Immediately before Col. Shepard's death messages were sent to Mrs. Shepard announcing that he was very low and that he might not live. She hurried to the city but did not reach the house until about 6 o'clock.

Immediate friends of the family began arriving at about 6:30 o'clock. Cornelius Vanderbilt was one of the first. Dr. John Hall came about 7 o'clock. Chauncey M. Depew was the fourth or fifth visitor. A string of carriages was continually at the Fifth avenue side of the house all the evening.

Elliott Fitch Shepard was born in Jamestown, Chautauque county, N. Y., July 25, 1833. He was educated at the University of the City of New York, admitted to the bar in 1858, and for many years practiced in New York City.

In 1861 and '62 he was aide-de-camp on the staff of Gov. Edwin D. Morgan, was in command of the depot volunteers at Elmira, N. Y., and aided in organizing, equipping and forwarding to the field nearly 50,000 troops. He was instrumental in raising the Fifty-first New York regiment, which was named for him the Shepard rifles.

He was the founder of the New York State Bar Association in 1896, which has formed the model for the organization of similar associations in other States. In March, 1898, he purchased the New York Mail and Express.

In 1867 Col. Shepard became acquainted with Margaret Louisa Vanderbilt, the eldest daughter of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, whose father, the Commodore, was then the head of the family. It was at a reception of the Governor's staff. He fell in love with her and after a long courtship proposed marriage to her. It is said that the union was opposed by Miss Vanderbilt's father, but the daughter had her own way, and in 1868 they were married.

Mrs. Shepard, at the death of her father, inherited \$12,000,000 as her share of his estate. The property is safely placed in the securities of the New York Central railroad, with the other Vanderbilt property, and is so arranged that the principal can not be touched. The income of the family is about \$1,000,000 a year.

Col. Shepard was largely interested in religious work and was a leading member for many years of Dr. John Hall's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church.