

SCENES AT CANTON.

TOMB DOORS CLOSE ON BODY OF M'KINLEY.

Last Solemn Rites Performed in the Presence of Nation's Chief Officers—Crowds Take Last View of Casket—Widow's Pitiful Sorrow.

A President was. Another President is. But the husband who has gone cannot be replaced. Guarded by soldier-sentinels and wrapped in the colors of his country, the body of William McKinley rests in the receiving vault at Westlawn cemetery, Canton. His last journey is finished, save to the McKinley plot at some future time, when his body shall be placed beside the mother and other dear ones who passed on before him.

A mourning people raises its head from the dust and goes forward encouraged and guided by the life he lived. There is one heart, though, that knows no surcease of sorrow. His widow is prostrate. The tributes of city, State and nation, the incense burned to his memory by the millions who mourn, but accentuate her plight. He was so much, he was all hers and he is gone. By broken health she was denied the widow's last and most sacred privilege of following her dear one to the grave. In the little house, whither many American people were wont to throng, hearing garlands of admiration and confidence and heaping honors upon him, she sits alone and fights with her grief.

Mrs. McKinley was too worn and weak to attend the funeral. But when the time came she summoned up all her strength and, leaning on the arms of friends, passed down the stairway to the darkened room where the body of her husband lay. The guards withdrew and for a long time she was left there alone. It was her final farewell. When they went in at last they found her kneeling, with her face pressed against the coffin, mute and tearless. Then they took her away to her room.

The guards again stepped to their places, and after a time men arrived to begin preparations for the removal of the body. The coffin, still wrapped in flags and burdened with many flowers, was lifted up on the shoulders of the pall-bearers, and carried out into the sunlight, in view of the crowd on the street. It was as though a spell had fallen upon them. There was death, in all its majesty. Under its influence the great throngs stood motionless and silent, while the hearse drew slowly away, preceded by a mounted escort and followed by marching soldiers and muffled drums.

The old gray church where the funeral services were conducted was filled to its uttermost.

Galleries, pews and seats were crowded. Very slowly the people filed in and took their allotted places. The interior was gloomed with somber hangings. All the pillars, the chancel, the doorways, the gallery railings and the ceiling were hung with shadowy restosons of black.

Statue-like soldiers stood at the head of the aisles. Into this hallowed gloom the great men of the government came and took seats. They looked old and care-worn in the dim-colored light of windows.

Tributes of Love and Honor.

The stricken President went to his grave attended by all the tributes that love and honor could bestow. At Buffalo and Washington, and through the hundreds of miles of mountains and valleys between, the people of his country had been given their opportunity to participate in his last march. The day in Canton was reserved for his family and friends. But it could not be so. The people of the whole city and State, and of the nation, too, would not be denied.

No more impressive cortège ever escorting king or emperor to the last home than the one which followed William McKinley's body to the tomb. No great historic father of a people was ever surrounded by more evidences of devotion. The flag of his country was his pall. The nation was chief mourner. Men who have won the highest prizes life can give in its varied walks were glad to walk in his funeral train. And with them walked the men and women who toil for their daily bread.

The new President was near the head of the funeral line, and with him the representatives of the highest departments of the government. The army and navy, representing the nation's strength, walked beside his bier. Governors of a dozen States took their places as citizens in the funeral parade. Ministers of all denominations laid aside their credal differences to sit beside the catafalque and unite in the last religious service.

From ocean to ocean came men and women, bringing the choicest flowers of luxury and the common ornaments of cottage gardens to decorate his long home. From every corner of the State which gave him to the nation thousands and tens of thousands came from shop and farm and factory to bear and pray and even fight for a last look at his face, and then to stand in patient silence while his body was carried by them.

And all was in honor of William McKinley, the man, without whose virtues William McKinley, the President, would have been impossible. And when the last notes of the dead march died away, and the curtain was drawn on the earthly career of the stricken chief, the big band "Lights out," good-by.

INNOVATION BY ODD FELLOWS.

Duplicate Copies of the Secret Work Will Be Provided.

The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows in session at Indianapolis decided to print duplicate copies of the secret work of the order and furnish each State jurisdiction with a copy. This is a most important step and has been up to date for discussion for years.

Since the founding of Odd Fellowship there has been only one copy of the secret work of the order. This is not printed, but is stamped on parchment. It is kept by a guardian specially appointed for that purpose. No one is allowed to cast his eyes on it unless that one is an officer or a grand representative in the sovereign grand lodge. Each State and each lodge now has the ritualistic work, which is secret also, but the signs and some other secrets not mentioned are never given except by word of mouth.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE FUNERAL SERMON AT CANTON

FROST HURTS CROPS.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

Late Corn Injured—Heavy Rains in Cotton Raising States Work Harm—Apple Outlook Generally Unpromising—Summary of Prospects.

The weekly crop report issued by the Department of Agriculture gives the following general summary of conditions:

The week has been unusually cool in nearly all districts east of the Rocky Mountains with light to heavy frosts, more or less damaging throughout the central valleys, middle Atlantic States and northern portions of the central Gulf States. Excessively heavy and damaging rains occurred in the east Gulf and south Atlantic States. On the Pacific coast the weather conditions were very favorable except in the northern portions of central California, where rains probably caused extensive damage to grain, hay and grapes.

Late corn has been damaged to some extent by heavy frosts in North Dakota and portions of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa, the percentage of damage in the last named State being very small. The crop has also suffered some slight damage on low lands in Indiana and Ohio, but the bulk of the crop east of the Mississippi river is matured and safe from injury from frost. Cutting has progressed favorably, and is nearing completion in some States.

The heavy rains in the south Atlantic and east Gulf States caused much injury to cotton, and the reports from the central and western districts of the cotton belt continue to show the unfavorable effects of the rains of the previous week, although a large part of the last named district has received only light showers or no appreciable rainfall.

In the central and eastern districts much open cotton has been discolored, and considerable beaten out, while rotting and sprouting are quite generally reported, and cool weather has checked growth. During the early part of the week picking was retarded in the eastern districts, but was actively resumed at the close of the week. In Texas picking progressed uninterruptedly, and in localities some for the sudden taking away of earthly rulers, with a roar. The people of Canton spent his last night in reveling and drink. He was suddenly struck dead by the hand of the Lord. How different was the life of our chief magistrate! No court in Europe or in the civilized world was more congenial for more refined and orderly, more from the heart of society, than the official home of President McKinley. He would have adorned any court in Christendom by his civic virtues.

The redeemer of mankind was betrayed by the most base of all human beings, may eventually make a comparison, the President was betrayed by the universal emblem of friendship. Christ said to Judas, "Friend, betrayest thou the son of man with a kiss?" The President could have said to his slayer: "Betrayest thou the head of the nation with its moon? Truly he died in the fulness of his fame."

Cardinal Gibbons' Tribute.

In the annals of crime it is difficult to find an instance of murder so atrocious, so wanton and meaningless, as the assassination of Mr. McKinley. Some reason or pretext was usually assigned for the sudden taking away of earthly rulers, with a roar. The people of Canton spent his last night in reveling and drink.

Washington saw the beginning of our national life. Lincoln passed through the night of our history and saw the dawn.

McKinley beheld his country in the splendor of its noon. Truly he died in the fulness of his fame.

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