SENIOR SENATOR SUCCUMBS

Justin S. Morrill of Vermont Dies Calmly and Peacefully This Morning.

Will be Seen No More in Congress, Where He Has Been for Forty-Five Years.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Hon. Justin Smith Morrill, the senior United States senator from Vermont, died at twenty minutes past 1 o'clock this Wednesday morning, in the 88th year of his age, after an illness of less than a week. With him when the end came were his sister-in-law, Miss Louisa Morrill, his son, James, Mr. Benjamin Ladue, for a long time associated with the senator in finance committee at the capitol, and Col. R. E. Chamberlain, an intimate friend.

Senator Proctor was in the house at the time, as were also several other friends. The senator never recovered from the unconscious state into which he lapsed early on the day, and his death was calm and peaceful. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia, which developed from an attack of grippe contracted about a week ago. The venerable senator was confined to his home but seven days.

Despite his advanced age, he attended his senatorial duties faithfully and regularly went to the capitol. About ten days ago the weather here was cold, raw and damp, and his physician thinks that exposure to its rigors brought on an attack of grippe. The day he was first adjourned for the Christmas holidays the senator was unable to leave his residence. He grew no better as the days went on, his low vitality, due to advanced age, being unable to resist the disease. Mr. Morrill's health had declined into moodiness, and from that time until the end he sank steadily.

No definite funeral arrangements have yet been made, but it is altogether likely that public services will be held in the senate chamber.

The member of Mrs. Morrill, who died during the present year, are now in a vault at Rock Creek cemetery, near this city, and it is to be that the senator's body may be deposited there pending removal to Plainfield, Vt., where a mausoleum is in course of construction.

In the death of Senator Morrill, the Senate lost its senior member in point of service, and its oldest in age. He had served continuously in the Senate for more than thirty-one years, and he was 35 years of age on the 14th of March last. With the single exception of Hon. Galusha A. Grow of the House of Representatives, he was the only man in Congress whose congressional career began prior to the beginning of the civil war, and he had the honor was in Congress whose congressional service had been continuous, covering in the Senate and the House combined, almost forty-four years.

Dunham Said to be Arrested.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—There is another arrest in this city a man whom the police have strong reason to believe is James C. Dunham, for whom is a reward of $1,000 dead or alive, at San Juan, Cuba.

The crime for which Dunham, whom Chinch is suspected of being, is a most atrocious one. At a lonely farmhouse near Sun Juan and Los Guinos, near in Cuba, Dunham, Cuba, on the night of Tuesday, May 26, 1896, James C. Dunham, now alleg the assassins of the resident of one, Mrs. Helleson, and her mother, her stepfather, her brother, a man and maid servant were asleep. They were all members of the family of Col. H. F. McGinnis.

The deed was carefully planned. Dunham came to his wife in the night and gave her a chance to write a message to those whom she believed would be spared. Then his fiancee declared around her throat and the women was strangled. Next, Minnie Helleson, a servant, was slain, her head being cleft with an axe. Mrs. Mortimer shared the same fate. The three murdered men were at Campbell when the women were killed.

Col. McGinnis came Mrs. Ar. Ap. ripping of the door he was met by a bullet. He turned to look safety in flight, and James C. Wells, his stepson, rushed to his assistance. Wells was shot through the heart and instantly killed. Jumping over his body, Dunham pursued the other man. He caught him at a nearby cabin and ended his misery. Robert A. Brown, who sheltered McGinnis, was also shot to death. Dunham escaped despite strenuous efforts to capture him.

May Not Go to Manila.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Orders have been issued by the navy department to Capt. Baker of the Oregon, the senior and commanding officer of the United States naval force and supply vessels now at Cuba, to remain at that point until January 10th next.

It appears that the orders have had orders to proceed either to Manila or to Honolulu, though it was the purpose of the navy department when they started from New York to make Manila their destination. It was not possible, however, to order them to the place without being guilty of a breach of the spirit of the agreement between the United States and Spain providing for the suspension of hostilities. Therefore, it was understood that the orders to go to Honolulu, there to receive orders which would carry them to Manila. But the orders were actually sent to Capt. Baker by cable at the ports in South America where he touched, leaving it open to the navy department to make any change in the original plan that might be deemed advisable.

No doubt the fact that the occasion for such a change has now arrived, for it is believed that there is not now the same reason for the presence of such a powerful ship away from the home stations, and before January 10th Capt. Baker is likely to be duly notified.

CO-OPERATIVE CELEBRATION.

Americans and Britons Called Observe Thanksgiving Day at Manila.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The following advices were received from Manila by the steamer China, which arrived today:

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There being no Protestant church here, special services were held in the Christian commission tent on the banks of the river Pasig, in the morning, and the canvas inclosure was taxed to its utmost to accommodate those who attended. Rev. J. T. Owen, a Methodist missionary from Portland, Ore., and Captains Orozer, Thirteenth Minnesota, and Daly, First South Dakota volunteers, officiated.

The feature of the Thanksgiving celebration was the dinner given by United States Consul General O. F. Williams to Admiral Dewey and his captains and to Maj. Gen. Otis and his generals. The inaugural Thanksgiving dinner in the Philippines was given at the residence of Mr. O. Helleson, and was attended by the most distinguished residents of the city. Among those who attended were Admiral Dewey, British Consul Rounsefe, Gen. Anderson and Gen. Otis. Dinner in the Malacanan, Cochiam of the Raleigh, Gen. Harrison Grey Otis, Capt. Lamberton of the Olympia, Capt. Sigsbee of Maria and Col. McCrae of the governor generals staff. Maj. Gen. Otis was unavoidably detained and was not present. Thirteen guests sat at the board.

At the conclusion of the banquet, Consul Williams made some interesting remarks, as he thanked those present. Pointing to an American flag, he said he hoped it would always wave in the Philippines. He remarked upon the kindly attitude of Great Britain toward America and spoke of the honor and love Britons have won in the hearts of the Americans. Ending his address, he said that he hoped that Thanksgiving day would be observed for all time in the Philippines.

Consul Rounsefe in his reply said he had stated the attitude of nations during the late war with Spain, and he felt assured that his country and America were such as to make him very proud. The French consul also responded. When consuming of the toast of peace, commerce, and unity of aim and purpose, he said that he hoped for greater statesmen and lawyers than he had advocated it, none did so with more warm personal interest.

THAT FRENCH DUEL.

Is Resumed, and After Superhuman Efforts Blood is Shed.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The duel with swords, arising out of the Drefus affair between Max Regis, the anti-Semitic ex-mayor of Algiers, and M. Lecle, one of the editors of Les Droits d'Homme, which was stopped yesterday after numerous vigorous encounters, came to a close today. The combatants being then in revolver orders, which would carry them to Manila. But the orders were actually sent to Capt. Barker by cable at the ports in South America where he touched, leaving it open to the navy department to make any change in the original plan that might be deemed advisable.

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Mexican Ambassador Has Appendicitis.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Ambassador Romero of Mexico is seriously ill with appendicitis at his residence here. A consultation of the physicians was held tonight, but it was decided to await the development of the next twenty hours before determining whether or not an operation is necessary. Considerable anxiety is felt as to the outcome of the ambassador's illness, because of his advanced age, 61 years, and his frail constitution.

Military Plot Story Denied.

London, Dec. 28.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs his paper the substance of an interview he has had with Gen. Rathibon, military governor of Paris, who denied the existence of any military conspiracy against the republic. According to the correspondent, Mr. Rathibon said:

"I believe there is no plot and there will be none, because the army is equal

SAGASTA IMPROVING.

He Spoke Bitterly Before His Illness Regarding the Peace Negotiations.

London, Dec. 28.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The dangerous symptoms of Senor Sagasta's illness are passing away. In the course of conversation with his intimate friends before the malady became serious, he spoke bitterly of the attitude which the Spanish people had and the lack of generosity on the part of the American had caused.

Regarding the Philippines, he said he thought that in five years he could effect radical reforms in all branches of the administration, and that he hoped to divide the ministry of public works, agriculture, commerce and education, which he thought would be more efficient, because the work of reorganizing the country would fall largely upon these departments.

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The dispatch intimates that the Teresa was abandoned purposely, only the ship at the time was not in a sinking condition, and that the accident, contrary to the general belief, was false.

The article goes to assert that the capture of another vessel, also visited the Teresa, when she was abandoned off Cat Island, believed to be found due to a dead reckoning.

According to the statement, there would be no difficulty in handling for off.

Gen. Brooke to Havana.

Havana, Dec. 27.—Major General John R. Brooke, military governor of Cuba, arrived here from the United States today.

ELECTRIC ETCHINGS.

It is reported at Pittsburg that the tobacco plague has broken out in the district of Kiskiminetas.

Mr. Gen. Brooke and crossing formally at Key West on the 1st of January. Weather is fine, and are cared for in excellent order.

Capt. "Archie" Hogarth, the former commander of the Indian, has been appointed to command the America's cup defender, Shamrock.

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