

# HEART BLOOD CLOT KILLED GEN. GRANT

Physicians Make No Mention of  
Cancerous Growth—Left St.  
Luke's Much Improved.

## BURIAL AT WEST POINT

Funeral to Await Arrival of Princess  
Cantacuzene, His Daughter, Who  
Is Hastening Here.

A clot of blood on the heart, it was declared yesterday by the physicians who attended Major Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, in his last moments, was the immediate cause of his sudden death in the Hotel Buckingham about midnight Thursday. No mention was made in regard to the report that has been persistent both in the army and elsewhere for the last few weeks that Gen. Grant's decline was the result of cancer.

It is generally understood that Gen. Grant was operated upon in St. Luke's Hospital as long as three weeks ago, for a cancerous growth in his throat, and that a radium treatment was resorted to in the effort to restore him to health. For a time he appeared to be gradually improving, and when he was moved from St. Luke's to the Buckingham, those close to him believed that he had more than a fighting chance to ward off death for some years to come.

Gen. Grant's body will be taken from the Buckingham to Governors Island some time to-day, but the funeral probably will not be held for ten days, as Mrs. Grant and her son, Capt. Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, Corps of Engineers, wanted it postponed until the arrival in this country of the Princess Cantacuzene of Russia, who was Gen. Grant's only daughter. The Princess is now on the way to the coast and will sail on the first available fast liner that she can catch.

Hundreds of telegrams were received by Mrs. Grant yesterday from persons in every part of the United States, expressing sympathy for her in her bereavement. Among them were President Taft, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Major Gen. Wood, Chief of the General Staff in Washington; Secretary of War Stimson, Admiral Dewey, Miss Helen Gould, and many other well-known people.

### Died Earlier Than First Reported.

In the death notice given to the newspapers by Lieut. Howze yesterday it was stated that the time of Gen. Grant's death was 11:30 o'clock Thursday night. It had been generally understood that the time of death was 12:17 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Grant's worry and excitement that followed the sudden turn for the worse that ended in Gen. Grant's death kept the fact from being known for more than a half hour.

The secrecy with which Gen. Grant's whereabouts and the nature of his illness had been guarded since the day he left Governors Island, several weeks ago, caused Capt. Grant to issue a statement through Lieut. Howze yesterday afternoon.

"The apparent mystery," the statement read, "connected with Gen. Grant's illness has been due only to the fact that it was hoped by withholding his address from publication to protect him from the worry incident to the receipt of mail, transaction of business, and similar intrusions."

Capt. Grant arrived from Washington yesterday. At the Buckingham he assumed charge, with Lieut. Howze, of the arrangements for the transfer of his father's body to Governors Island, and he received the messages that were coming in all day from various parts of the Union. Hundreds of New York friends called at the Buckingham, and either left cards or personally expressed their condolences.

Before the announcement was made that a clot of blood on the heart was the immediate cause of Gen. Grant's death, all manner of rumors were afloat as to the malady that afflicted him.

Neither Dr. Robert Abbe nor Dr. Edward B. Dench, the latter a throat and cancer specialist, who were the physicians who attended Gen. Grant in his last moments would discuss his illness beyond the brief mention in the death certificate made out by Dr. Abbe in which the cause of death was given as "cardiac thrombosis" or a clot of blood on the heart.

Capt. Grant conferred with Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, now acting commander of the Eastern division; Col. George Andrews, Adjutant General of the division; Capt. Fenton, an aid on Gen. Grant's staff, and Lieut. Howze in reference to the funeral arrangements.

After that conference it was announced that the body would be removed to Governors Island to-day and there placed in the Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurion to remain until the arrival in New York of the Princess Cantacuzene. There will be no ceremonies connected with the removal of the body.

From the moment the body is placed in the chapel until it is taken away for burial it will be constantly under guard of a detachment of soldiers from the Twenty-ninth United States Infantry, the garrisoning command on Governors Island. It has been decided to bury Gen. Grant in the army cemetery at West Point instead of in the Arlington National Cemetery at Washington. Gen. Grant is a West Pointer of the class of 1871. Only officers who are graduates of the United States Military Academy are buried in the cemetery at West Point.

It is understood the funeral will be an imposing one, although no announcement to that effect has been made. The body will probably be taken to West Point on one of the Government's vessels. At the ceremonies in this city all of the regular commands in and near New York will participate as well as the National Guard and the Grand Army of the Republic.

### The General's Last Moments.

U. S. Grant Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Brooklyn will bear a prominent part in the last honors to the dead General. At West Point the Corps of Cadets will have the place of honor and will be the escort of the body to the grave.

W. A. Purrington, for many years Gen. Grant's personal attorney, and one of his closest friends, was one of the few who talked yesterday of Gen. Grant's last moments. He said that he received a hurry telephone call and arrived at the hotel a few minutes before Gen. Grant breathed his last. Mr. Purrington said that Gen. Grant found great difficulty in breathing Thursday evening, and that suddenly his condition became so alarming that Mrs. Grant and the nurse tried to lift him from the bed and get him to a window in hope that the fresh air would revive him.

When Mrs. Grant and the nurse found that they could not lift the General one of them ran to the telephone and called the office. A bell boy hurried to the apartment, and when he saw the condition of Gen. Grant, ran back to the office and gave the alarm.

Mr. Purrington also said that the cause of death was a blood clot on the heart.

Here follow a few of the hundreds of messages received by Mrs. Grant yesterday. The first is from the President. It read:

Mrs. Taft and I extend to you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow. We mourn with you and cherish the memory of him that is gone, and of a long friendship for him. He rendered a loyal service to the country.

Ex-President and Mrs. Roosevelt sent the following:

We are inexpressibly shocked and grieved. You know what an affection we had felt for you both.

Secretary of War Stimson telegraphed:

I am deeply shocked to learn of Gen. Grant's death. Mrs. Stimson and I send you our deepest sympathy in your sorrow.

This was from Admiral Dewey:

Mildred and I send heartfelt sympathy, and share in your great sorrow.

Gen. Bliss, Acting Commander of the Eastern Division on Governors Island, and the staff officers there sent this expression of sympathy:

Officers of the Division Staff join me in expression of deepest sympathy with you in your great bereavement in the loss of your beloved husband and our esteemed commander. We desire to assure you of our own devotion to yourself and to his memory. Pray command us for any service we can render now or in the future.

From Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul:  
Am sorely grieved in hearing of death of

Gen. Grant, and beg leave to offer to you in your great bereavement the tribute of my deep sympathy. The army loses a most loyal and an efficient soldier.

Senator Root, who is the father-in-law of Capt. U. S. Grant, 3d, sent this dispatch:

Believe in my deep sorrow and sincere and affectionate sympathy.

This was from Gen. Wood, the chief of the General Staff:

Please accept sincerest and deepest sympathy in your great loss and sorrow. The army has lost an excellent officer and the country one of its best citizens.

Vice President Sherman telegraphed the sympathies of himself and Mrs. Sherman. There were scores of others, at least half of which neither Capt. Grant nor Lieut. Howze had time to open yesterday. Every one will be answered, and it was said that the messages have proved a source of great comfort for Mrs. Grant.

Ex-Supreme Court Justice Roger A. Pryor, who was a Brigadier General of the Confederacy, paid this tribute to Gen. Grant yesterday:

"The memory of the late Gen. Frederick Dent Grant is peculiarly dear to former Confederate soldiers. One thing they will remember of him is that, when the body of Mrs. Jefferson Davis was sent to Richmond for burial Gen. Grant detailed a company of his troops to escort her remains to the railroad station, and as they marched the military band played 'I've Gwine Back to Dixie.' As they passed my house, Mrs. Pryor, who was then living, and myself, were melted to tears, it was so touching and beautiful a tribute."