OUR GREAT LOSS

POPULAR TRIBUTES TO HIS MEMORY

Last Moments of the Great Confederate

LEXINGTON, October 12.

This community was plunged into profound sorrow upon the announcement of the death of General Lee. The various church bells were tolled, and a general suspension of the duties of Washington College, the Virginia Military Institute, and the minor schools took place. They will not resume business until after the funeral of the great chieftain. Every business house was closed, and crape affixed to the doors. Even the colored barbers shut up their shops, and a general expression of grief was visible.

Washington College, the college chapel, the Virginia Military Institute and the Episcopal Church, where General Lee worshipped, were draped in mourning a few hours after his death.

General Lee had been almost entirely unconscious since Monday night, and expired very peacefully at half-past 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. He was first taken sick on Wednesday evening, September 28, while just about to sit down to tea, when he suddenly sank in his chair insensible. He soon revived, and in the course of the next ten days steadily improved, until it was hoped was out of danger; but on Monday evening last he became suddenly and rapidly worse, and continued to sink until Wednesday morning. During the early part of his sickness he slept much and spoke but little; but was rational when awake, and always recognized those who approached him. At times his mind seemed for a while to wander, and on several occasions reverted to the army. He once ordered his tent to be struck, and at another time ordered that Hill should be sent for. He suffered but little, and died without a struggle. He will be buried on Saturday, October 15, at 12 o'clock, The place selected for his interment is a vault beneath the college chapel, which stands in the midst of the college grounds. This was the first building erected after his removal to Lexington, General Lee having declared that it was proper that the first thing the college did should be to dedicate a house to the service of religion. Here he will appropriately rest, surrounded by the monuments of his later years, his remains sentinelled by the mountains of that Virginia upon which he has conferred such imperishable fame. The corpse was removed to day from his residence to the chapel, where he will lie in state until Saturday.

To-day the faculties of the various colleges held meetings and passed appropriate resolutions.

RICHMOND, October 13.

Richmond presents to-day a scene of mourning hardly witnessed in his generation. The stores and public buildings are closed, the bells in all parts of the city are tolling, and on many doors are pictures and photographs of General Lee draped in crape, with evergreens. The citizens are standing in groups in the principal thoroughfares, and talk in subdued tones of the sad event. The feeling that he ought to be buried here at the State's expences is universal, and the Legislature, in making this request of his family, reiterated, public opinion. The City Council met to day at the call of the Mayor. Governor Walker sent the following message to the General Assembly:

It is with unaffected grief that I announce to you the painful intelligence of the death of General Robert E. Lee, at Lexington, on yesterday morning. He died as he had lived, a noble exemplar of the sublime principles and teachings of the Christian religion. He goes down to the tomb amid the lamentations of an affectionate and sorrowing people. Of exalted public and private virtue in his life, he fited the full measure of our conception of a man. A stricken family, a bereaved State, an affectionate people, bow with reference and humility before this visitation of Divine Providence. It is fitting that you, the representatives of the people, should take such appropriate action as the melancholy occurrence suggests. I believe you would but give expression to the universal desire of the people should you solicit the interment of the remains upon the gounds owned by the State in Hollywood Cemetery, where they may raise a monumental shaft commemorative alike of their sincere and lasting affection for the man and their profound appreciation of his greatness and goodness.

After reading the Governor's massage a joint resolution was unanimously passed, expressive of the deep sorrow of both houses at the sad event, and requesting that the body be turned over to the State for interment at Hollywood Cemetery, near the city; that a joint committee, consisting of five members of the House and three of the Senate and three presiding officers, be appointed to go to Lexington and escort the remains here, if the request be granted. The legislature then adjourned.

The Tobacco Associatiyn held a meeting and suspended its session as a mark of respect to the memory of General Lee. The City Council also met and adopted a series of appropriate resolutions, and appointed a committe to act in concert with the legislative committee. The flags of the shipping and public buildings were at half mast.

NEW ORLEANS, October 13.

The death of General Lee cast a gloom over the city. The morning papers were dressed in mourning, the flags throughout the city and shipping both foreign and home, were at half mast, and many places were draped in mourning. The Board of Brokers adjourned last evening in respect to General Lee, and Judge Dibble this morning adjourned the Eighth District Court, as a tribute of respect to the deceased. In the course of his remarks the Judge said his purpose was to honor a heroic and noble citizen, who by his bearing had won the admiration and affection of every heart in the land. The motion to adjourn was made by John H. Low, who delivered at ouching tribute to hss memory.

The following card has been signed by many of the most prominent merchan s and business firms in the city:

We, the undersigned merchants, suggest to our fellow citizens that all busi-

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