

SAMUEL J. TILDEN DEAD.

THE VENERABLE STATESMAN PEACEFULLY PASSES AWAY.

His Death Occurs at Greystone This Morning—The End Peaceful and Quiet—Congressional Action—Mr. Cleveland Sends a Message of Condolence.

New York, August 4.—Samuel J. Tilden died at his home at Greystone, New York, at 8:45 a. m. to-day. Mr. Tilden had been in feeble health for some time, yet his sudden demise this morning was entirely unexpected. The end was peaceful and quiet. The immediate cause of death was failure of the heart, following an acute attack of diarrhoea and nausea. There were present at the time Mr. Tilden's niece, Miss Gould, and Doctors Charles E. Simonds and Samuel Swift.

Paralysis and the bodily infirmities incident to old age had reduced Mr. Tilden to a mere skeleton, and his last days were marked by extreme feebleness. The routine of his daily life for a year past, at his beautiful residence on the Hudson, was about as follows: He usually awoke in the morning about 4:30. An electric bell at the head of his bed summoned his valet, who gave him his medicine, which he took as regularly as he did his food. Afterward he would be about until 8 o'clock, seemingly dozing, though when his valet, thinking him asleep, approached the bed, he found his bright eyes open and watching him. If he felt well he was assisted down to a 9 o'clock breakfast, which usually consisted of milk and some rich broth. Owing to paralysis Mr. Tilden was unable to close his lips, and his mouth was continually open. His right hand, from the same cause, was nearly useless, trembling all the time. He had not even the power to raise it to his mouth. His left hand was but slightly affected by the stroke of paralysis and he had the partial use of it. In eating he used his left hand to hold up his lower jaw. His faithful companion, Miss Anna Gould, who is a sister of the wife of Mr. Henry Tilden placed to his mouth every particle of food he ate.

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