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FEBRUARY 11, 1901.

The House met at 12 o'clock noon. The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, once more we are forcibly reminded of our utter dependence upon Thee, of the uncertainty of the tenure of our earthly existence, by the sudden and unexpected death of one of the members of this House. Comfort, we beseech Thee, his colleagues and friends in the Congressional family, his constituents who have been called upon to mourn the loss in less than a year of two of their Representatives, and of that larger circle to whom he endeared himself as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially those to whom he was near and dear in the bonds of kinship, with the blessed faith and hope of the Christian religion, which assures us—

> There is no death; what seems so is transition.
> This life of mortal breath
> Is but the suburb of that life Elysian
> Whose portal we call death.

Help us, our Heavenly Father, to discharge our duty now and always conscientiously, that we may be ready when the call comes to us to ascend upon high. Hear us in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FEBRUARY 12, 1901.

Mr. RAY of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is my solemn and painful duty to announce the death of my colleague, Col. ALBERT DUANE SHAW, a Representative from the Twenty-fourth Congressional district, State of New York.

He died suddenly Sunday morning last, and of the visit of the grim messenger Death he had no premonition.

Colonel Shaw was born in New York State December 27, 1841, and educated at Canton University. In June, 1861, he enlisted in the Thirty-fifth Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry, and having served his term of enlistment was made special agent of the War Department in 1863. Subsequently he was a member of the legislature of the State of New York, and later still served as United States consul at Toronto, Canada, and Manchester, England, from 1868 to 1885. He served as department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, State of New York, and in 1896 was unanimously elected commander in chief of the national encampment of that organization. He was elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress in the fall of 1900 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Charles A. Chickering, and had served in this House from December 4 last only. But during that time he had won the esteem of his fellow-members and made many close friends. He was elected to the Fifty-seventh Congress at the same time. His wife died February 9, 1900, and he is survived by a son and two daughters.

In private life Colonel SHAW was honest, faithful, and active in all that made for the good of his fellow-men. His record as a soldier was without blemish. He was faithful to his old comrades and ever diligent and earnest in favoring wise and just legislation for their benefit. He was loved and respected in Grand Army circles throughout the United States. He was

a loving, devoted husband, a kind, indulgent father. In private life he was earnest, faithful, upright, and ever seeking the good of his fellow-citizens. In public life he was honest, reliable, capable, and patriotic. He was well and favorably known, honored and respected in his own and foreign countries.

Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk, and move their adoption.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolutions offered by the gentleman from New York.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has heard with deep regret and profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. ALBERT D. SHAW, a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That by his death the nation has lost a most able, devoted, and patriotic servant.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions. The ayes have it, the resolutions are adopted, and in pursuance thereof the House now stands adjourned until 12 o'clock noon to-morrow.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 9 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

FEBRUARY 16, 1901.

Mr. RAY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on the 6th day of February, by resolution duly adopted, Saturday, February 23, 1901, commencing at 4 o'clock p. m., was assigned for the consideration of resolutions of respect to the memory of the Hon. Frank G. Clarke, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of New Hampshire. The end of the session is rapidly approaching, and we are crowded with public business of an urgent nature. I therefore ask unanimous

consent for the immediate consideration of the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Saturday, February 23, 1901, commencing immediately after action on the resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. Frank G. Clarke, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of New Hampshire, be assigned for the consideration of resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. ALBERT DUANE SHAW, late a Representative from the State of New York.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.