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12.30 P.M. J. V. Schute.
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MR. SPEAKER LAID TO REST AT WESTMINSTER.

A procession similar to that which accompanied him into the House of Commons and trumpeters of the Lifeguards --- these were the last respects paid to Captain Fitzroy as six messengers of the House bore him into the Church of St. Margarets Westminster; for 15 years he had been Speaker of the House of Commons

~~If the Speaker is not in the House of Commons, it cannot sit. His office is the traditional guarantee of free speech in our Government which gave the benefit of freedom to the world.~~ A Speaker ^{has} occupied the chair in the house ^{from} ~~long ago~~ as the fourteenth century: the tradition of liberty that he represents is mainly what we are fighting for in 1943