

DEATH OF EDWARD H. HARRIMAN

Greatest Railroad Organizer Meets the Only Lasting Defeat of His Career

MEMBERS OF FAMILY ALL AT BEDSIDE

When the End Came at 3.33 Thursday Afternoon—Mr. Harriman Retained Almost to the Last His Brilliant Mind—From Errand Boy and Broker's Clerk to a Commanding Figure in Financial Activity.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Edward H. Harriman, the greatest organizer of railroads the world has known, met the only lasting defeat of his life today, in death. Secluded in his magnificent home on Tower hill, surrounded by members of his family, physicians and nurses, he succumbed to an intestinal disorder this afternoon after a fight against disease which will rank for sheer grit with his remarkable struggles in the financial world.

Exact Time of Death Known Only in Family Circle.

The exact time of his death is known only in that limited circle of relatives and associates who had so effectively shielded the Harvard man from all outside annoyances during his last illness. The time was given to the world as 3.33 p. m., but Mrs. Mary Simons, sister of Mr. Harriman, said that the end had come at 1.30, more than two hours previous. Whether this apparent discrepancy has any bearing on the current belief that every effort was made to lessen the influence of the financial world on the New York stock market, is problematical. But it is significant that the time of his death, as officially announced, was just thirty-five minutes after the end of the day's trading in New York.

Family at the Bedside.

Mr. Harriman died peacefully and almost to the end his brilliant mind retained its integrity. After a relapse on Sunday he sank steadily and soon after the noon hour today there came a relapse which marked the beginning of the end. His wife, his two daughters, Mary and Carol, and his sons, Walter and Roland, who had been constantly with him, assembled at the bedside and a carriage was hastily dispatched for Mrs. Simons, whose home is here in Arden, three miles from the Tower Hill mansion.

Driving hurriedly up the mountain-side Mrs. Simons entered the great silent house in time to witness the death of her brother. At the bedside she joined the wife and children, who, with Dr. W. G. Lyle of New York and Orlando Harriman, a brother, and the nurses, formed a circle around the bed. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Gerry were also present. Mrs. Gerry is Mr. Harriman's daughter.

Reverend McGuinness Not Present.

No spiritual adviser was at hand. The swiftest automobile in the Harriman garage had been despatched for Rev. Dr. McGuinness, rector of an Episcopal church at Arden parish, and Mr. Harriman's personal chaplain, but Mr. McGuinness was not at home. When found later, although rushed to the scene, he did not arrive until death had come to Arden house.

Report of Death Spread Rapidly.

With the secrecy that had been maintained at the Harriman residence in view of the very recent death of Mr. Harriman, the news of his death in New York before it came to Arden and the valley below. Then by way of New York the report spread quickly to the country, and in a matter of hours it had reached the ears of the people. During the past ten days rumors have been so persistent and variable that little credence was at first given the report, and it was not until a note on the hill replied: "Yes, that is correct. Mr. Harriman died at 3.33 p. m." The speaker was evidently an employe.

Hundreds of Workmen Quit Their Labors.

Soon afterward the hundreds of workmen engaged on the uncompleted estate learned of their master's death when a page came out on the lawn and announced simply: "You may all quit work. Mr. Harriman is dead." A hush fell over the group, and the workmen, dropping their tools, trudged silently to the front of the house. On the private incline railway that bore them from the mountain to their homes below.

Strictly Private Funeral Service Next Sunday.

While the policy of reticence that prevailed during Mr. Harriman's illness was maintained by most of his relatives and associates after his death, Orlando Harriman, whose home is in New York, discussed the funeral arrangements briefly tonight. He said that Mr. Harriman would be buried in the family plot on the little graveyard behind St. John's Episcopal church at Arden. He will rest beside his eldest son, Edward H. Harriman, Jr., who died three years ago, soon after the family first came to Arden.

There Was No Operation.

Dr. Lyle, who has been Mr. Harriman's physician throughout his last illness, has issued no statement concerning his illness or the cause of his death, but the general understanding is that there was no operation.

WORKED HARD AS A BOY AND KNEW NO LUXURIES.

Early and Later Life of the Railroad King—Struggle for Success.

New York, Sept. 9.—From early manhood, a commanding figure in a widening circle of Wall street activity, it was in 1897 that Edward H. Harriman gained a foothold in the financial world by the purchase of a company of moderately successful financiers to a place among the half-dozen financial giants of the age. At that time Union Pacific stock was being hoisted and the road was the despair of many moneyed interests whose brains and capital had failed to place it on a paying basis. Harriman, backed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Standard Oil interests, undertook the rehabilitation of the railroad. He secured a controlling interest, reorganized the management and by his transcendent business genius converted the bankrupt company into one of the best dividend payers. In this rehabilitation and later when he took hold of the Southern Pacific, Harriman's policy was one of lavish expenditures which, while not strictly profitable, were generally perfect as possible.

Cabled Paragraphs

Friedrichshaven, Sept. 9.—Count Zeppelin took up the king of Saxony for an hour's run in his airship today. The trip was uneventful and the king expressed himself as delighted.

Berlin, Sept. 9.—Miss Marie F. Montgomery of Corpus Christi, Texas, died in Berlin yesterday from heart and lung trouble. She was here studying the violin. Her only friend in Berlin was a German woman, Miss Mueller, who pawned her own violin, her jewelry and her clothes and lived on the verge of starvation in order to send her dying American friend to a hospital.

London, Sept. 10.—E. H. Harriman's death is made the leading feature of many of the London newspapers. The news of his death came too late to gather the opinions of the British financial magnates, but the general opinion in financial circles is that the death of the stock market here will be only temporary and slight, some even thinking that there may be an upward reaction in prices.

GOVERNOR'S DAY AT CONNECTICUT STATE FAIR.

His Excellency and Staff Present—The Farmer Eulogized.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 9.—Official state recognition was given to the Connecticut state fair at Charter Oak park today by the presence of Governor Wood and his staff. His excellency made an address in which he eulogized the farmer and paid tribute to his sturdy independence, which he characterized as the land's best product—the greatest factor in preserving the honored traditions of the middle states. The attractions of chief interest today were the horse show, which brought out many graceful steeds from beyond the sea, and the running races. Society was out in force for the horse show and the attendance was estimated at at least 10,000. The judging of the horses was not completed, and the running races were regarded by a large majority of the spectators as disappointing.

STRANGE COINCIDENCE.

Wedding Party Set Forth From Harriman Residence While Master Lay Dead.

Arden, N. Y., Sept. 9.—By a strange coincidence, a wedding party set forth from the Harriman residence this afternoon while the master lay dead. George Murphy, chief engineer of the estate, was the bridegroom, and the bride was Mary Spaulding, a parlor maid. They alone of all the employes on the estate were present at the ceremony. The wedding was held in St. Mary's Catholic church at Arden, and as it was Mrs. Harriman's expressed wish that her husband's death should not interfere with the plans and the happiness of the servants, they drove from the estate in Mrs. Harriman's own wagonette and did not know of the mourning on the estate until after they were man and wife.

President Taft Sends for Attorney General Wickersham.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 9.—It was learned today that President Taft sent for Attorney General Wickersham to come to Beverly on Saturday to discuss several matters of importance. It is believed that one of these has to do with the proposed reorganization of the interior and the forestry division of the department of agriculture regarding the carrying out of the conservation and public land laws.

bountiful crops which he himself in one of his last notable interviews prophesied would be one of the greatest of the year.

With the facts in mind and the general knowledge that Mr. Harriman in any event could not long continue his active career, Wall street had already prepared itself for the end of the great organizer's career. The feeling of shock or alarm, therefore, when the announcement came, beyond the sentiment of general personal sorrow, and as the hours progressed it became a feeling of relief. The representative men of Wall street left for their homes about the usual hour this afternoon. Several prominent figures as J. P. Morgan, Jacob H. Schiff, William H. Vanderbilt and George W. Perkins went to their various homes without concerted action. They all expressed a feeling of relief, and many wished to be relieved of a career so notable as that of Mr. Harriman.

No Change in His Plans Expected.

It is believed by Mr. Harriman's associates that the railroad system which he organized and carried forward to its present state would have been continued with practically no change of policy and that plans to that end were perfected by Mr. Harriman long before his death.

The World is a Loser.

Robert C. Clowry, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, said: "Everyone who has had business dealings with Mr. Harriman must feel as if he do a superfluous eulogy on his great talent. The sudden cutting off of his life leaves the world a loser."

Great Gap Left in the Financial and Railroad World.

E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchafalaya, Topoka and Santa Fe railroad, said: "Mr. Harriman was a great man. That his undertakings were too vast for any one intellect and that their colossal proportions cut short his life is probably true; yet one can but admire the indomitable courage and will power that animated the slender body, and which endured to the last. Altogether he was a remarkable man, whose departure leaves a great gap in the financial and railroad world."

PRESENCE OF OXYGEN IN ATMOSPHERE OF MARS

Indications That Such is the Case Are Announced by Professor Lowell.

Boston, Sept. 9.—Observations announced by Prof. Percival Lowell, the astronomer, here today, indicate the presence of oxygen in the atmosphere of Mars.

National Cash Register Co. May Lose Its Charter.

Columbus, O., Sept. 9.—Attorney General Denman today brought quo warranto proceedings in the Franklin county circuit court against the National Cash Register company of Dayton, O., praying that it may be ousted from its charter, that a receiver be appointed to wind up its affairs and that its assets be distributed among the stockholders. The petition alleges that the company is engaged in an illegal restraint of trade, conspiracy to form a trust and misapplication of funds.

Tributes from Prominent Men

UPON MR. HARRIMAN'S CAREER AND LIFE WORK.

BOLD, ASTUTE, ENERGETIC

The World Has Known Few Minds That Have Had Such a Grasp of Large Relations and Problems.

New York, Sept. 9.—From all parts of the country there came a flood of tributes upon Mr. Harriman's career and life work, from railroad presidents, from bankers and from men prominent in all walks of business and financial life.

Tribute from James J. Hill.

One of the finest tributes to Mr. Harriman came from James J. Hill, another giant among the railroad builders and a one-time business adversary. "I have always regarded Mr. Harriman very highly. I have done a good deal of business with him in the last few years, and some of it, as you know, has been of rather strenuous character. So I think that people who know him pretty well, he did the work of several men during his lifetime. He was one who never left anything undone, and there are few men in this country whose place it will be harder to fill. It is greatly to be regretted that Mr. Harriman could not live to complete all the work which he had set out to do.

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Representative Edward B. Vreeland, in an address before the Pennsylvania Bankers' association at Bedford Springs, urged a central bank as a remedy for defects in the currency system.

Dr. Darlington, after a conference with a New York water department official, reasserted his belief that the typhoid cases were due to the lowness of the streams in the Croton shed.

The Rio Grande overflowed its banks at Matamoros, Mexico, and half the town was flooded. No details as to loss of life could be obtained, as the town was cut off from practically all communication.

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Late Developments in the Case of Miss Maybelle Millman.

Detroit, Sept. 9.—The missing portion of the body of Maybelle Millman of Ann Arbor, which was cut up, placed in gunnysacks and thrown into Ecorse creek, after the young woman's death after a surgical operation, was found late today near Grosse Ile, where it had been washed ashore.

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James H. Hill, one of the board of directors of the National City bank said: "I have long regarded Mr. Harriman as probably the most remarkable genius that has ever developed in business life. He has been an upbuilder and has left a permanent mark upon the map and in the development of the country. The world has known few minds that have had such a grasp of large relations and problems and that in the same time such firm grasp on details and such ability for successful execution."

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Statement of Burrill, the Packer, Regarding the Expedition of 1905.

Hamilton, Mont., Sept. 9.—Edward Burrill, who has just returned from the Bitter Root mountains, says that he and Dr. Cook were the only ones who made the climb on Mount McKinley in 1905. Burrill was the assistant packer of the expedition of that year. He refused to make any statement, except to say that when Dr. Cook gets to this country he will go before a notary and make a sworn statement regarding his associations with the explorer.

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Hartford, Conn., Sept. 9.—Harry Dagnon, 14, was electrocuted in the street here tonight by an arc light wire. The lights had gone out and Dagnon had lit up a 15 year old companion to reach the wire. The latter was burned about the hands. Dagnon in reaching up to rescue the younger boy received the full force of the current and died.

Mauretania Breaks All Trans-Atlantic Records.

Quarantine, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The Cunard line steamer Mauretania broke all trans-Atlantic records tonight by making the crossing between Queens-town and this port in four days, 11 hours and 35 minutes.

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Chicago, Sept. 9.—Arthur Griffio, known to the prize ring as Young Griffe, and who was reckoned among the best of the lightweights, was adjudged insane in court here today.

Condensed Telegrams

Senator McCarren said it was not certain yet that the people wanted Justice Gaynor for mayor.

Five Men Were Indicted in Chicago on charges of approaching witnesses in the graft investigation.

Col. George R. Colton was mentioned at Washington as successor to Gov. R. H. Post of Porto Rico.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, carried off the honors at the opening of the meeting at Brescia, Italy.

Magistrate Furlong of New York was charged by a witness with having systematically divided bail bond fees in cases before his court.

Ex-President Roosevelt asked the fish commission at Washington for a consignment of black bass to be placed in Lake Naivasha, Africa.

A Message Was Sent to Glenn H. Curtiss asking him to explain C. F. Bishop's statement that Curtiss would not fly during the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

An Appraisal of the Estate of Bloodgood H. Cutter, the "farmer-poet," and one of Mark Twain's "Innocents," shows its value to be more than \$900,000.

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Dr. Cook Sails for Home

ABANDONS HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO BRUSSELS.

DUE NEW YORK IN 10 DAYS

Will Be Accompanied by Capt. Roald Amundsen—Copenhagen Papers Nearly All Support Cook's Claims.

The two explorers upon whom the world's eye has been fixed during the past few days, spent the day busily preparing for their advance to the United States. Dr. Cook, in Copenhagen, announced that he had definitely arranged to sail next Saturday on the Oscar for New York city.

Peary Delayed at Battle Harbor.

Commander Peary, according to fragmentary wireless reports, was still delayed at Battle Harbor, Labrador, probably either awaiting the completion of repairs to the Roosevelt or the arrival of coal.

Dr. Cook at High Official Function.

Dr. Cook appeared yesterday at a high official function. The University of Copenhagen conferred upon him the degree of doctor of science, thereby recognizing, it was pointed out to his friends, in an important official manner, his claim to the discovery of the pole.

Esكيمo Companions Are Coming.

Dr. Cook's plan to send a ship from Copenhagen to Greenland to bring back to civilization his two Eskimo companions on his exploration trip cannot be carried out until next year. Danish officials have informed him that it is now too late in the season for a trip to Etah. The expedition, it is stated, will be made early next spring.

Scientific Circles Await Direct Word.

In scientific circles both in America and abroad the prevailing inclination seems to be to await direct word from both explorers before arriving at a conclusion as to their respective achievements, and although a hostile and somewhat reserved attitude was shown in the two camps, open hostilities were largely suspended.

DR. COOK WILL BE HOME IN ABOUT TEN DAYS.

Sails from Christiansand Tomorrow Morning on Liner Oscar II.

Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook will sail from Christiansand Saturday morning on the Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II for New York, where he is due about Sept. 20, 21. Probably Capt. Roald Amundsen will accompany him. Dr. Cook will leave here tomorrow night for Christiansand. He has abandoned his proposed visit to Brussels on the advice of friends. The explorer is spending the night at Count Holstein's castle. With him are Dr. Egan, the American minister, and Mrs. Egan. The American minister and Mrs. Egan must wait till spring to get the Eskimos.

Dr. Cook Today Asked the Officials of the Danish Greenland Administration to Arrange for the Despatch of one of their Boats to Greenland at his Expense to get the two Eskimos who accompanied him to the pole. The officials said that it is now too late in the season for such an attempt and advised him that he must wait for spring, which he will do. He proposed to count on Brokaw, who is here with his yacht Fedora, that they make a start for Greenland immediately, but Brokaw would not agree to this.

Dr. Bay Interviews the Explorer.

The Copenhagen papers are full of the controversy. Almost all of them support Dr. Cook's claims, but throw no new light on the subject. Captain Amundsen is one of the strongest supporters of the explorer, who is now backed up by Dr. Edward Bay, the zoologist of the expedition under Captain Sverdrup in the Fram in 1881-1882. On that expedition Captain Sverdrup made highly important scientific investigations and it was over the route mapped by Sverdrup that Cook made his journey northward.

PEARY'S FINDINGS CONFIRM COOK'S STORY

In Several Significant Particulars, New York Explorers Say.

New York, Sept. 9.—Scientists and explorers here today, comparing the latest dispatches regarding the return of Peary's achievement with the reports which Dr. Cook has sent out, were very generally agreed that Peary's findings seem to confirm Dr. Cook's story in several significant particulars and thus far raise no points of disagreement. The scientists were more positive than ever that the controversy can be settled beyond reasonable doubt by an inquiry before a recognized scientific body.

CONNECTICUT WINNERS

At 19th Annual Sea Girt Shooting Tournament.

Sea Girt, N. J., Sept. 9.—The busiest day of the 19th Annual Sea Girt shooting tournament closed tonight with the Thurston match between Musicians G. W. Chesley, Connecticut, was fifth with 146. The New York State Rifle association match was won by Musician Chesley, Connecticut; score 198.

Presentation of Taft Cup to Winner of Sonderklasse Yachtraces.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 9.—Making his first formal appearance as commander in chief of the American navy, President Taft today on board the cruiser yacht Mayflower, toasted the German conqueror of the race, the German-American Sonderklasse yacht races held off Marblehead during the past ten days.

Orville Wright Made Two successive flights in the presence of 100,000 persons in Berlin.