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RICHARD H. DAVIS.

Author and War Correspondent Dies Suddenly.



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RICHARD HARDING DAVIS IS DEAD

Mount Kisco, N. Y., April 13.—Richard Harding Davis, author and war correspondent, died at his home here from heart trouble. His body was found several hours later and he apparently had been stricken while at his telephone.

He had gone into his library to dictate a telegram to a friend in New York city. His wife assumed, when he did not return, that he had seated himself to read and did not visit the library for several hours.

Mr. Davis had been in falling health for some time and had sought quiet at his country place, Cross Roads Farms, under the care of his wife, who was Bessie McCoy, the actress.

Mr. Davis, one of the most popular of American writers, a playwright also, and a veteran correspondent of five wars, including the present, was born in Philadelphia in 1864, the son of L. Clarke Davis and Rebecca Harding Davis, also a writer.

GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax.
Duluth, April 15.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, \$1.19; No. 1 Northern, \$1.16½@1.19; No. 2 Northern, \$1.12@1.15. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$2.08.

St. Paul Grain.
St. Paul, April 15.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.19½@1.22½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17@1.19½; No. 2 Montana hard, \$1.16½@1.17½; corn, 75½@76½; oats, 42½@43½; barley, 64@72; rye, 93@94c; flax, \$2.12.

South St. Paul Live Stock.
South St. Paul, April 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; steers, \$5.00@9.00; cows and heifers, \$5.00@7.75; calves, \$4.50@9.50; stockers and feeders, \$5.00@8.25. Hogs—Receipts, 9,500; range, \$9.35@9.60. Sheep—Receipts, 100; lambs, \$5.50@10.75; wethers, \$6.00@8.50; ewes, \$2.50@8.00.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.
Chicago, April 15.—Wheat—May, \$1.15½; July, \$1.14½; Sept., \$1.12½. Corn—May, 75½c; July, 76½c; Sept., 76½c. Oats—May, 44½c; July, 43c; Sept., 39½c. Pork—May, \$23.07½; July, \$23.00. Butter—Creameries, 32@24½c. Eggs—18@20½c. Poultry—Springs, 20c; fowls, 18c.

Minneapolis Grain.
Minneapolis, April 15.—Wheat—May, \$1.17½; July, \$1.17½. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, \$1.23@1.23½; No. 1 Northern, \$1.19½@1.22½; No. 2 Northern, \$1.17@1.19½; No. 3 Northern, \$1.11½@1.16½; No. 3 yellow corn, 76½@77½c; No. 3 white oats, 42½@42½c; flax, \$2.12.

Chicago Live Stock.
Chicago, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; steers, \$8.00@10.00; cows and heifers, \$4.10@9.20; calves, \$7.25@10.25. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; light, \$9.50@10.00; mixed, \$9.60@10.00; heavy, \$9.40@10.00; rough, \$9.40@9.60; pigs, \$7.40@9.20. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; native, \$7.00@9.25; lambs, \$7.75@11.80.

Mrs. George McDonald, twenty-seven years old, who was burned in a fire which destroyed the Elmore hotel at Elmore, is dead. Three other persons were seriously burned.

GENERAL VILLA REPORTED DEAD

Carranza Troops Said to Have Secured His Body.

REPORTS LACK CONFIRMATION

Remains Are Rumored to Have Been Dug Out of Grave Two Weeks Old.

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+ Mexico City, April 17.—Villa's body has been dug up out of a two weeks' old grave by Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, the first chief of the Constitutionalists, and is now being brought by him and an escort of soldiers to the city of Chihuahua. This information was contained in a telegram received by the war department.
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El Paso, Tex., April 17.—Francisco Villa is dead and his body, disinterred some days after his burial, is in possession of the Carranza troops, according to a series of telegraphic messages received in Juarez by the Mexican officials.

For more than a week reports that Villa had died from wounds have been current both here and in Juarez.

The accounts were the most circumstantial and apparently reliable yet received.

They were accepted with reserve by American officials, including General Bell, but the Mexican officials expressed confidence in their reliability.

The messages, in the order in which they were received, were as follows:

The dispatcher of the Mexican Northwestern railroad at Juarez reported to General Gabriel Gavira, Carranza commander at Juarez, that he had heard a conversation over the telegraph wires that Villa's body was in the hands of the Carranza troops.

General Gavira notified Consul Andres Garcia here, who rushed messages to the telegraph operator at Madera and Cusihuiriachic, asking for confirmation.

The Madera and Cusihuiriachic operators answered, confirming the report and stating the body was being taken to Chihuahua City.

The telegraph operator at San Antonio, fifty miles west of Chihuahua, telegraphed Consul Garcia that Villa's body was in possession of Colonel Carlos Carranza, nephew of General Carranza, who was taking it in a special train to Chihuahua City.

In reply to these messages telegrams were sent to the Carranza generals in the field and officials in Mexico City, Chihuahua and other points, asking confirmation, but no answers have yet been received.

TWO AMERICANS AND FORTY MEXICANS DEAD

San Antonio, Tex., April 17.—It was an "unprovoked attack" on unarmed American soldiers, who had entered Parral merely to purchase supplies, that precipitated an action between Mexicans and Americans there Wednesday, according to an official report received from General Pershing. His report was the first official news that has been received of the incident, which drew from Carranza the urgent recommendation that the American troops be withdrawn.

He said that a part of the soldiers, leaving their arms at the camp outside the town, entered to buy food. They were fired upon and retreated in the direction of the camp. The troops there moved forward to meet the Mexicans, who were pursuing the retreating troops, and began a sharp fire, killing forty Mexicans.

He reported the American dead as two. No mention of wounded, either of the Americans or the Mexicans, was made.

IN CASE VILLA IS DEAD

American Troops Will Be Withdrawn From Mexico.

Washington, April 17.—American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico immediately if Francisco Villa is dead. Administration officials made this unqualified statement commenting on reports from Mexican sources that the bandit's body had been discovered and was being taken from Cusi to Chihuahua City by a special train.

Neither the state nor war department had any confirmatory advices on the subject from American sources. Reports reaching El Paso and other border points were forwarded for information, but neither American consuls nor military authorities in Mexico were heard from.

Fifty-two Boys Missing.

Chicago, April 16.—Fifty-two Chicago boys ranging in age from nine to nineteen years, have disappeared since April 1, according to police records.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Frank Trumbull
ON UNIFICATION OF RAILROAD JURISDICTION.



There is no more perplexing problem in government today than the proper regulation of railroads, and no one more capable of discussing the subject than those who finance and manage railroad properties, for experience is the handmaiden of understanding and practical wisdom the stepping stone to success.

Frank Trumbull, Chairman of the Railroad Executive Advisory Committee on Federal Relations, when asked for his views on the effect of regulation upon railroad investments, said in part:

"The desirability of regulation is, of course, admitted. Whether the regulation the railroads have had is a success is a fair subject for discussion. One thing is certain—there is at present practically no appetite for fresh investment in railroads; that is for new construction or large improvements.

"Now that an efficient banking system has been established by the Federal government, a solution of the railway problem, fair alike to investors and to the rest of the public, is first in importance among our national domestic questions. The interdependence of railway owners and employees and of the shipping and traveling public has been demonstrated so often that I do not attempt here to prove it over again.

"Are railroad managers entirely to blame? Suppose you are attempting to administer a railroad in an honest and straightforward way. Most railroads are so managed; there have been some exceptions, just as there have been wicked bankers, farmers who put their best apples in the top of the barrel, and other people who have made sharp horse trades. But in either of the cases mentioned, does anyone expect the State to penalize the banking business as a whole or the apple business or the raising of horses?

"The situation is much as if you had built a hotel in some good sized town, say, twenty or thirty years ago. Probably very few, if any, of the bedrooms were provided with bathrooms. Perhaps the furniture consisted of a bed, a bureau, a wash-stand and two or three chairs. Suppose that after investing your money in that way the State passed a law stipulating that the price per room should not be over two dollars per day. Suppose after that the State passed other laws requiring a certain number of bath rooms, additional furnishings, fire escapes, screens on all the windows, sanitary appliances, etc. Perhaps these requirements are reasonable and in the public interest, but where would you get the money for new and better hotels under such restrictions of profits? I have said that the situation of the railroads is much like that, but the hotel investment is simplicity itself as compared with investing in a railroad."

ABOUT THE STATE

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

GATHERED FROM ALL SECTIONS

Happenings of the Week Briefly Told for the Convenience of the Busy Reader.

W. H. Armstrong, justice of the peace of Luverne, died suddenly, aged eighty years.

C. C. Van Dyke of St. Paul has filed for re-election to congress from the Fourth district.

C. J. Reagan has been appointed postmaster at Appleton, ending a long fight for the place.

Two yeggman raided the Barnesville postoffice and stole \$400 in money and \$50 in stamps.

The Northwestern Good Roads congress will be held in St. Paul Sept. 6 to 8, state fair week.

Thomas Mosford, Stearns county pioneer, is dead. Mr. Mosford was born in London, Eng.

Elmore Parrott of St. Paul, aged eighteen, dislocated his jaw when he yawned on awakening.

Frank B. Kellogg has accepted an invitation to deliver the Memorial day address at Fergus Falls.

Dr. Rudolph Barton, pioneer St. Paul dentist, who was born in that city sixty-five years ago, is dead.

Moorhead will vote on a \$75,000 bond issue April 25, the money to be used in the erection of a new high school.

Frank Kinning, eight years old, was instantly killed at St. Paul when he was run over by a heavy automobile truck.

At a special election at Bird Island a bond issue of \$58,000 for erecting a new school building carried by a large majority.

Mrs. Julia C. Upson, mother of the late Arthur Upson, the Minnesota poet, is dead at St. Paul at the age of seventy-two.

Mrs. Mary Briscoe Wagner, a resident of Minneapolis for fifty-four years, is dead. She was seventy-five years of age.

Herbert C. Smith, for nearly forty years a newspaper employe of the Twin Cities, is dead at Minneapolis, aged sixty-four.

An unidentified man leaped from the Central avenue bridge at Minneapolis and his body was swept away by the flood waters.

More than 1,000,000 hogs have been marketed at South St. Paul since Jan. 1. Last year five months were necessary to reach this mark.

Rev. David Holmgren, aged seventy, was run down by a runaway horse at Minneapolis and died soon after being taken to the city hospital.

Prominent citizens of Minneapolis are discussing plans for making Fort Snelling a permanent military training camp for men of the Northwest.

Mrs. Aniela Dudek, slayer of Father Henry Jajeski at St. Casimir's Polish Catholic church at St. Paul a month ago, is insane, in the opinion of two physicians who examined into her condition in probate court. Their verdict was reached following six hours of examination and deliberation, participated in by several alienists.

The recount of votes cast at the city election of March 14 in Owatonna ended in a finding of 759 dry votes, 807 wet ballots and eight blanks.

Herbert Hoffman, foreman on a farm near Brainerd, committed suicide while brooding over a love affair. He was twenty-eight years of age.

Jesse R. Hubbard, forty-five years old, one of the best known railroad conductors of Northern Minnesota, is dead at Duluth following an operation.

Private Lester K. Spaulding, a Minnesotan, has been awarded the first distinguished conduct medal in Canada for unusual acts of bravery at the front.

Arian Paulson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Paulson of Rochester, drank carbolic acid found in a pile of rubbish while playing and died an hour later.

Herbert Emery, thirty-four years old, committed suicide at Austin by cutting his throat. Illness and financial trouble are supposed to have prompted the deed.

A daughter just born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, residing near Sherburne, is said to be the first baby girl born in the Stewart family in more than 100 years.

Sale of small tracts of land in the ceded portions of the Chippewa reservations in Minnesota is provided for in a bill introduced in congress by Representative Steenerson.

Henry Tipp, alias "Kid" Scully, convicted at Minneapolis for an offense against a young girl, was sentenced to Stillwater penitentiary for a term of from one to seven years.

Jean Duluth farm at Duluth has sold the thoroughbred Guernsey bull, May King Linda Vista, for \$4,600, said to be the highest price ever paid for a Guernsey bull in the United States.

Peter Cromberg, a member of the Great Northern section crew at Litchfield, was struck by a fast mail train and almost instantly killed. Cromberg was attempting to push Martin Martinson from the tracks when he was struck.

J. T. Johnson of Fergus Falls, who has been a member of the legislature for several years and who has frequently been mentioned as a probable dry candidate for speaker of the next house, pleaded guilty to a charge of illegal liquor selling, and paid a fine of \$75 and costs. Mr. Johnson is a druggist.

Eight rural school districts around Delevan are considering the advisability of consolidating with the village of Delevan and erecting a high school. If the plan carries the new district will have a valuation of about \$900,000 and ten school busses will be required to carry the children.

The case against William Rufus Edwards, wealthy St. Paul lumberman, on trial at Chicago on the charge of violating the Mann act in transporting Miss Ada Cox from Chicago to the Twin Cities, was taken from the jury by Judge Anderson and a verdict of not guilty entered on the records.

When Mrs. Louis M. Morissette of Minneapolis killed herself by opening four gas jets in her apartments she also caused the death of Charles Rowman, a man whom she had never seen until a few hours before the tragedy. Why she desired to kill Rowman, too, is a mystery that baffles the police and coroner.

Judge Oscar Hallam of the state supreme court has declared he will not be a candidate for the United States senate. He takes the position that a man holding a judicial position should not be a candidate for a political office, and a member of the judiciary should not resign to become a candidate for another office.

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