

WAS BURIED BY LAMP LIGHT

Military Honors at the Funeral of Brig. Gen. Wesley Merritt, Held at West Point.

FIFE AND DRUM CORPS TO FIGHT EXTRADITION

Casket Was Draped in Flags and Procession Solemnly Marched Across The Snow Covered Path.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Brig. Gen. Wesley Merritt, United States Army, retired, twenty-first superintendent of the United States military academy, was buried here last night by lamp light, with the military honors of his rank.

His body was laid beside that of his wife in the Military Reservation cemetery. There was no service in the chapel of the academy, as had been planned. The special car bringing the body from Washington was delayed by the storm and the hour was so late it was deemed wise to make the ceremonies brief.

As the regulations provide, the fife and drum corps, followed by the cadet corps, fell in at the front on the appearance of the casket. The fife's breath froze on their instruments as they shrilled the slow measures of the dead march.

Then came the coffin, draped in the colors the body it enclosed had served for a lifetime, followed by the pall-bearers, mourners and attending civilians. As the long procession moved through the darkness, the flash of the minute gun glared for an instant across the shrouded fields and the dull jar of the report sounded solemnly against the mountains.

Wesley Merritt was born in New York June 16, 1836, and was appointed to the military academy from Illinois in 1858. He was graduated with the class of 1860 and almost immediately plunged into the civil war.

Gen. Merritt was six times brevetted in the volunteer service and the regular army for meritorious conduct on the field of battle.

HEAVY RAINS ALONG THE CANAL

Work Has to be Suspended at Panama on Account of the Weather.

COLON, Dec. 7.—Heavy rains on both sides of the canal zone continue and the rising of the Chagres river has halted work on the canal, causing heavy loss to property. Railroad traffic is abandoned.

ITALIAN CONSUL LOSES HIS GARAGE

Dynamite Used to Blow up His Auto House and Break His Windows.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—The garage in the rear of the home of Dr. A. J. Chillon, the Italian consul, was blown up with dynamite today and the windows of the home smashed. Several other buildings were damaged.

MEXICAN EDITOR UNDER ARREST

President Diaz Has One of His Countrymen Put in Jail in United States For an Old Charge.

INTERNATIONAL STEW

Officers Feel Insulted and Bar the School Children From Paying Visit to The Ship.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The provisional arrest of Juan Sanchez Azcona, once a member of the Mexican congress, journalist, and a member of one of the best known families in Mexico, was procured here by direction of the department of justice on representations made by the Mexican government declaring that a warrant, with a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses had been issued for him in Mexico, and that documents containing further details were on their way to Washington.

No political significance, it was said at the Mexican embassy, attaches to the arrest, but Gustavo A. Madero, supported by other friends of Azcona here, charges that the "circumstances of the case are trivial," and that "behind it all is the vengeful purpose of the Diaz administration to get possession of Azcona, because of his acknowledged connection with anti-Diaz newspaper attacks of the last three years."

Azcona is a son of the late Senor Azcona, former Mexican minister to Italy, Guatemala and the Argentine Republic. He came to Washington, November 21 from San Antonio, Texas, where his consultations with Francisco J. Madero, leader of the Mexican revolution, were an open secret. He has been associated here with Gustavo A. Madero, a brother of the revolutionist leader.

Azcona said the incident in which charges have been preferred against him took place four years ago, and that his part in the affair was merely as a witness. He asserted that while manager of a newspaper in Mexico City, many contributions were received for the entertainment of the poor of the Mexican capital. The funds were insufficient and were turned over to a committee of women for disbursement among the poor.

Azcona declared that after due judicial investigation, in which he appeared as a witness, the case was dropped. Later, he said, he founded Nuevo Mexico and began a series of attacks on the Diaz administration, which caused its suppression three times and finally its confiscation six months ago, and he, as its editor, was compelled to leave the country. He said he would fight extradition.

SMOKED HIS PIPE FOR ALMOST CENTURY

Man Reached 105 Years and Never Touched Liquor But Liked Tobacco.

EBENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 7.—Praised by friends for the reason of his good health and long age, James Gallagher, who died here yesterday at the age of 105 years, was a constant smoker. He never touched liquor and a clay pipe was his constant companion. Death was due to a stroke of apoplexy. He had never been sick a day before.

Gallagher was born in Donegal, Ireland, February 2, 1805, came to this country in 1840 and became one of the pioneers of the little mountain town in which he located. For many years he was a railroad contractor and acquired a fortune in that business.

SULTAN'S WEALTH TO BE SECURED

Young Turks Expect to Get Hold of the Millions of Abdul Hamid.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The supreme court has ordered the bank to turn over the five millions deposited by Abdul Hamid, the deposed sultan of Turkey. The young Turks will likely claim the money.

DRAW THE LINE AT JAPANESE

Society Girls of Pasadena Refuse to Dance With Jap Naval Officers at The Hotel Ball.

HIGH PRICE OF BEEF

Bill is Presented Asking That Tariff Be Removed From Cattle to Reduce The Price.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 7.—Difficulty between the United States and Japanese governments may arise because Pasadena society girls have made it known that they would not dance with Japanese naval officers at a ball to which the officers of Rear Admiral Yashiro's fleet had been invited. Because of the stand by the society girls the manager of Hotel Maryland who had arranged the ball, decided to call off the affair.

It was learned that the Japanese admiral regarded the cancellation as a direct insult to his nation and his reply was to cancel invitations to a return dance which he proposed to give on his ship. The admiral also refused to permit Long Beach school children to visit his ship.

Rumors began to reach the hotel manager's ears that Pasadena society girls had declared they would not dance with the Japanese officers. He found that the sentiment against the oriental officers practically was unanimous. As a last resort the ball was called off.

Notice that the affair had been canceled, when received by the Japanese admiral, caused him to become highly incensed. It is believed he learned of the circumstances which compelled the cancelling of the dance.

WRESTLING MATCH FOR THE EVENING

Hackenschmidt and Westergaard Will Meet on the Mat in Great Bout.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The first big wrestling bout of the year will take place tonight at the Coliseum when George Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, takes on Jesse Westergaard, who, at Des Moines, won over Dr. Roller in two straight falls. Hackenschmidt came to this country for the purpose of meeting Frank Gotch, the undefeated champion of the world, but Gotch is out of the game for good, the Iowan, who was in Chicago on private business, refusing some mighty tempting offers and declaring that he was out for good. With Gotch out of the way, Westergaard and Henry Ordemann, the Minneapolis grappler, are considered the top-notchers among the American heavy weights, and Hackenschmidt's next match will be with the Minnesotan.

Hackenschmidt plans to make quick work of Westergaard, but there are many wrestling fans who are of the opinion that the Des Moines man will give the Russian a hard battle. "Gotch lauds Westergaard highly," said Hack tonight, "but I am going to pin him to the mat and hope to do it so quickly that it will amaze even the wonderful Gotch. I am going to try and put him down twice in five minutes."

Westergaard arrived in Chicago today from Des Moines. He has wrestled two matches in three days but says he was never in better condition and will make the Russian strong man extend himself to the limit.

BOARDING HOUSE BURNED AT NIGHT

Two Women Burned to Death and Many Had Very Narrow Escapes.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Two women were burned to death when the Thompson House, a fashionable boarding house burned today. Mrs. Susan Jenkins is dead and her daughter Louise is badly burned. Scores of people fled in their night clothes. Lumber Mill Burned. WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—Fire today destroyed the mills of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., loss \$200,000.

TODAY'S BUSINESS IN CONGRESS

Secretary Ballinger is Exonerated by Committee and Declared to be a Gentleman and All Right.

FAIRY STORY BY MRS. MOORE

Testimony of Wife in the Vincennes Murder Case, is so Considered by the Prosecuting Attorneys.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Representative Sterling Illinois today introduced a resolution to amend the constitution to give congress the power to curb the trusts. He says congress does not now have enough control. Insurgents Active. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—That the insurgents in the senate will exercise a vital influence in the court appointments, was admitted today, following the calling of Senator LaFollette to the president for a conference on the appointments.

The question of supreme court appointments is the most important item in the insurgent senators' minds now. Senator Cummins has furnished the president with a list of available candidates. The insurgents favor only two of the names so far mentioned.

BALLINGER IS GENTLEMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The majority report of the Pinchot-Ballinger investigating committee was reported at noon. It exonerates Ballinger, and says he is not an enemy to conservation. The report says the Cunningham claims were legal; that he restored water power sites in good faith and is not an enemy to judicious conservation.

The summary of the report says in part: "The report is voluminous. The charges against Ballinger are chiefly from two sources, Glavis and Pinchot, and appear to have their origin in animosity. The accusers were evidently disposed to take a very unfavorable view of anyone opposed to their views. They thus came to regard Ballinger with suspicion and to regard the most innocent act as furnishing evidence of some sinister purpose. For weeks we listened to all the petty squabbles and jealousy of the forest service. The evidence has wholly failed to make out a case. All the facts together do not prove anything but that Mr. Ballinger was a gentleman, honestly and faithfully doing his duties as a public officer."

The report states that Ballinger was justified in all his acts. That his criticism of the reclamation service was deserved and that he is a friend of conservation.

DUBBED W. J. BRYAN OF GREAT BRITAIN

Lord Balfour Has Been Defeated Three Times at the Polls Over There.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Lord Balfour, the conservation leader, has been dubbed, "the Wm. J. Bryan of England," because of the third defeat of the leader by the liberals who will have a bigger majority in the new parliament than the old. Many want Balfour to resign the leadership of the conservatives.

The latest returns show that the liberals have elected 147; conservatives 107; Irish nationalists, 26; laborites, 20 or a total of 152 for coalition, an increase of one for the liberals. The Irish nationalists lost a seat to their enemies, the O'Brien's through the defeat in Cork of Wm. Redmond and A. Roache by Wm. O'Brien and Maurice Healy. Only Roache however, will lose his seat as Redmond was returned yesterday unopposed from County Clare.

STATUE UNVEILED IN SNOW STORM

Thousands of German-Americans Attend the Ceremony in Lafayette Park.

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FURNISHED FLAT FOR ONLY \$100

Clothe Child at \$700 Per Year, So Where is High Cost of Living These Days?

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—One of the features of the annual child welfare exhibit, which is given here each year under the auspices of the city government and a score of charitable organizations will be a reproduction of a completely furnished city flat showing how every necessity in the way of furniture, etc., may be provided for an average family at a total expense of \$100 and yet provide a home artistic and suitable. Another exhibit will demonstrate how a child may be adequately clad for \$7.00 a year.

STATE SOLONS WILL BE BUSY

Selection of a U. S. Senator Will not Be the Only Important Matter Before Iowa Legislature.

UNCLE SAM IS BUSY

Sixteen Firms Are Said to Have the Bath Room Supply Business Under Their Thumbs.

[Special to The Gate City.] DES MOINES, Dec. 7.—The selection of a United States senator to succeed the late J. P. Dolliver is not the only important topic for consideration to come up before the Iowa general assembly which meets here next month. There will probably be more important legislation considered than at any session for many years. Among the more important topics to come up are:

The establishment of a state board of conservation. A law regulating qualifications of automobile chauffeurs. A workingman's compensation act, providing for the payment for injuries. The abandonment of the tax commission to settle the tax question. A law providing for a change in the method of conducting tax sales.

The establishment of a public utility commission with powers similar to those of the present railroad commission governing all corporations. Amendments to the marriage and divorce laws. A law providing for the improvement of the public highways. An act providing for instruction of agriculture in high schools.

Some measure to compel cleanliness in bakeries and other factories making food supplies. A law to regulate private banks. A law providing for placing state employees under civil service. A law providing for the appointment of the clerk and reporter of the supreme court instead of having them elected as at present.

A joint resolution asking the constitutional amendment for election of United States senator by direct vote of the people. A joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment for absolute prohibition. A joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

A law reorganizing the state board of health and describing its powers. A law providing a state fire marshal. A law amending the state inheritance tax. A law providing for the establishment of a state insurance department. An old age pension law. A law regulating peddlers and vendors of drugs.

A law making the state board of parole a permanent organization the year around. A law providing a school teachers' pension. Amendment to the present laws providing punishment for criminals. Amendment to the pure food law, especially providing that correct weights be printed on the outside of every package. Amendment to the Iowa school laws. An appropriation to carry on agricultural extension work in the state. An appropriation to establish a woman's reformatory.

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TYPHOID PATIENT IN JEOPARDY

DES MOINES, Dec. 7.—Little Harold Traffrey, aged 12 years, ill with typhoid fever, is likely to die because of exposure during a fire which gutted the McNall Hat company at 606 Grand avenue. Traffrey was in a room over the factory and could not be moved because of his condition. George Owens endangered his life by carrying a can of gasoline through the flames and thus preventing an explosion. The loss is \$4,000.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION FATAL

WINTERSSETT, Dec. 7.—Mrs. T. J. Alexander, a well known resident, was seriously and perhaps fatally burned, when a gasoline stove exploded, covering her with flames. It is thought that she will die.

BATH TUB TRUST FROZEN UP

Indictment Found Against 32 Men Who Control 85 Percent of the Business in the United States.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 7.—The anti-trust campaign of Attorney General Wickersham shifted to Detroit this week, with the result that indictments were returned by the federal grand jury against sixteen firms and thirty-two individuals alleged to have secured control of 85 per cent of the annual output of enamelware bath tubs, sinks, lavatories and supplies in the United States.

The criminal proceedings grow out of a civil suit to dissolve the alleged combination begun by the government in the federal court at Baltimore, hearings being held in Chicago, Pittsburg and New York within the last forty days. The evidence adduced was presented to the grand jury by Edwin P. Grosvenor, special assistant to the attorney general; United States District Attorney Frank H. Watson of Detroit and Joseph Darling, special agent of the department of justice.

It is charged that as the result of a ten days' meeting at Mount Clemens, Mich., last April, a fund of \$7,000 was subscribed to set in motion a plan that resulted in giving the defendants control of sixteen manufacturing and nearly 400 jobbers, representing an output of approximately \$10,000,000 a year. The civil suit started at Baltimore, and the criminal proceedings begun here have been instituted under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The defendant firms in the criminal proceedings are the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company, Pittsburg, Pa.; A. Weiskittel & Sons company, Baltimore; the Barns Manufacturing company, Mansfield, Ohio; the Cahill Iron Works, Chattanooga, Tenn. Colwell Lead Company, New York City; the Day-Ward company, Warren, Ohio; the Humphreys Manufacturing company, Mansfield, Ohio; Kerner Manufacturing company, Pittsburg, Pa.; the J. L. Mott Iron Works, New York City; McVey & Walker, Braddock, Pa.; McCrum-Howell company, New York City; the National Sanitary Manufacturing company, Salem, Ohio; Union Sanitary Manufacturing company, Noblesville, Ind.; L. Wolf Manufacturing company, Chicago; Wheeling Enamelled Iron company, Wheeling, W. Va.; United States Sanitary Manufacturing company, Pittsburg.

O. G. Amen of Carthage was in the city yesterday visiting former acquaintances.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity—Fair and colder tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness. For Illinois—Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Colder north portion tonight. For Iowa—Fair tonight with colder east portion. Thursday increasing cloudiness. For Missouri—Fair tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness.

Weather Conditions. Depressions are central in Upper Michigan and in the northeastern states and there has been snow in these sections, and scattered snow flurries in the Upper Mississippi valley, the temperature continuing low from the Rockies to the Atlantic coast, including the southern states.

The crest of the southern field of high pressure is in the western gulf, and the northwestern field of high pressure has moved to the Dakotas, with the temperature below zero in Montana and the Dakotas. Conditions indicate fair, somewhat colder weather for this section tonight, and increasing cloudiness Thursday.

Local Observations. Dec. 7. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 6 7 p. m. 30.16 24 W Clear 7 7 p. m. 30.07 21 SW Clear River below low water of 1864, 1 foot, 4 inches. Change in 24 hours, fall of .5. Mean temperature, 23. Highest temperature, 31. Lowest temperature, 15. Lowest temperature last night, 21. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.