

TEN MILLIONS FROM JOHN D

Rockefeller Makes His Final Bequest to the University of Chicago and Quits The Institution.

GIVEN AWAY \$130,000,000

University is One of the Richest in the World and Will Expand in Fields of Learning.

Table listing various educational institutions and their associated amounts, such as 'General Education Board \$55,000,000' and 'University of Chicago \$10,000,000'.

CHICAGO, Ill. Dec. 21.—With his final gift of \$10,000,000 to the University of Chicago, the total amount of John D. Rockefeller's benefactions to educational institutions in the United States reaches \$130,000,000.

The benefaction completes an amount which he has given to the university since he founded it in 1889. The school is to receive no further support from the oil king.

Announcement of the gift and the withdrawal of Mr. Rockefeller from any control of the university was made by Martin A. Ryerson, president of the Board of Trustees, at the seventy-seventh convocation of the university of Chicago today.

By the terms of the letter written by Mr. Rockefeller to President Jackson and the university trustees and read by Mr. Ryerson, the founder withdraws from the Board of Trustees his personal representatives, Fred T. Gates and John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The University of Chicago, as the result of Mr. Rockefeller's announcement, is free to use the \$25,000,000 property as it desires. The institution is independent and one of the richest educational institutions of the world.

Mr. Rockefeller has intimated his desires in regard to the investment and uses of the fund in a letter to the trustees, who will follow his wishes in the matter. It is specified that each installment is to bear income to the university only from the date of delivery.

Keynote of the Day. Breakfast is the keynote of the day. When well and duly set, at the right moment, with the right surroundings and the details in similar accord, it influences the mood, the energies, the capacity, and the results of man's labor to which he goes forth.

Truly Ethereal. As a New York man came from under an anesthetic, he exclaimed, "This is heaven." Curious, the effect ether has on a chap.

SITTING ON TOP POWDER KEG

Spain is on the Magazine and There is a Lighted Fuse Simmering Away on the Inside.

FIGHT FOR A THRONE

There Never Was a Dynasty in Greater Danger Than is King Alfonso's at the Present Time.

MADRID, Via Hendaye, Dec. 21.—Ever since the Portuguese revolution, the Spanish government has been sitting over a powder magazine with a lighted fuse simmering away inside it. It was Manuel's deposition that set the fuse to burning.

Any hour may bring a revolt in Spain. The slightest event may precipitate it. One governmental precaution too many will start trouble. Or one precaution too few will do the same thing. An indiscreet utterance of some monarchist official or the right kind of inflammatory speech by one of the revolutionary leaders will be the signal for a wide-spread uprising.

The Spanish and Portuguese republicans have long been working together. It was the intention to start the revolutions in the two countries at the same time. It so happened, however, that the movement developed somewhat more rapidly in Portugal than in Spain.

Alfonso will probably make a hard-fought fight for his throne than did Manuel. He has abler advisers than did his brother-monarch, and greater financial and military resources. It is certain, however, that the army is by no means loyal to him.

SANTA CLAUS TRAIN WAS WRECKED

Christmas Presents Worth \$150,000 Were Destroyed in the Smash-up.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Christmas presents estimated to be worth \$150,000 were destroyed in a head-on collision in the suburbs today. The registered mail car was smashed. After the crash, diamonds and jewelry were taken from the ashes in scoop shovels.

Retrial Refused. SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—The state supreme court hands down a decision denying the motion of Col. J. Ham Lewis of Chicago, attorney for Edward McCann, convicted polio inspector of Chicago, asking for a retrial.

Pretty and Careless. He—How pretty and careless Mabel's hair always looks. She—Yes, and it takes her two hours to make it look that way.

The Oldest City. Damascus has the honor of being the oldest city.

MINE HORROR IN ENGLAND

Explosion in Pretoria Coal Mine Entombed Over 300 Men, Most of Whom Are Doomed.

RESCUE WORK SLOW

Little Hope for the Men Unless They Escaped into the Adjoining Shaft From the Fire.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 21.—An explosion in the Pretoria coal mine near here, entombed over 300 and 400 miners. The mine took fire shortly after, adding a deadly peril to the work of rescue.

Owing to the impassable condition of the shaft, rescuers entered through an adjoining mine. Fire gained rapid headway until the mine became a roaring furnace, the flames mounting eighty feet from the mouth of the shaft.

It is doubtful if any of the men survive unless they escaped to an adjoining shaft. Twenty dead bodies have been taken out and eleven men were rescued alive.

There is little hope of any of the other men being rescued. The shaft was choked by the wrecked ventilators and other debris. This turned back the rescuers and interfered with the ventilation. Most of the victims found, were dead. Those still alive were badly injured.

WILL FIGHT CHURCH FIRST OF YEAR

Premier Canalejas Will Get Busy as Soon as Budget is Out of Way.

MADRID, Via Hendaye, Dec. 21.—Premier Canalejas has told the leaders of all the radical parties in Spain that he intends to take vigorous action against the church as soon as the budget is out of the way, which will be about the middle of January.

The premier has managed to stall off trouble longer than anyone had imagined was possible. The clericals have been ready to put up a fight the moment they were attacked but they have no disposition to force a conflict, in which they have nothing to gain and may lose everything if they are beaten.

It is reported that the information was finally conveyed to Senor Canalejas that there would be no further waiting—that the anti-clericals would take the offensive at once unless he showed some disposition to fulfill his promises. To this it is understood that the premier replied that he anticipated a desperate struggle as soon as he actually moved against the clericals and did not want to go into it until all his preparations were completed.

A Small Flat.

She—"So you've been up to see the Browns. Is their new flat very small?" He—"Well, they've had to exchange all their statuettes for bas-reliefs."

Things Keep Moving. "Things is bound to keep movin'," said Uncle Eben. "De fact dat one man can't come back allus gives some one else a chance to come forward."

A Sailor's Yarn. Sailor—Just at that moment my father received a bullet that cut off both his arms and legs and threw him into the sea. Fortunately he knew how to swim.—Le Rire.

Mortality in Wild Birds. Few birds live to a natural extinction of life in the wild state. It may therefore be assumed that with good care they will live longer in captivity.

Wants to Be a Chauffeur. Single man desires to learn to run an auto; understands horses, milking; speaks German and Holland; references.—Christian Science Monitor.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR RAILROAD

Charles H. Markham is Named as the Head of the Illinois Central as Successor to Harahan.

RAIL STRIKE

Never Since 1884 Has the Organization Been so Near a Big Walk-out as at Present.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Charles H. Markham, president of the Gulf Refining Co., and the Gulf Pine Co., of Pittsburg was today elected president of the Illinois Central railroad to succeed James T. Harahan.

The retirement of Harahan recalls one of the greatest battles for the control of a railroad ever seen in America. The late E. H. Harriman took over the road after a fight with Fish and the whole financial world watched the battle for the road.

Harahan will be 70 years old in January and under the rules of the pension law, was obliged to resign.

SLAVE RAIDERS IN THE SOUDAN

Largest Force Since the Fall of the Mahdi Will be Put into the Field.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—What the Pall Mall Gazette refers to as "the largest force that has been used in the Soudan since the fall of the Mahdi" is being put in readiness to take the field against slave raiders in the Dar Nuba district of Kordofan Province.

At least, it is against slave raiders that the government says it is going to use the troops. As a matter of actual fact, there is the best authority for the statement that the force is being mobilized in anticipation of the native rising which British officialdom is certain will break out in Egypt and the Soudan before the winter is over.

ANNUAL REPORT IS DELIVERED

Interstate Commerce Commission Files its Document With Congress.

BIG FIRE IN LEATHER DISTRICT

Two Were Killed and Ten Firemen Injured When Wall Topped Over.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Two were killed and several injured, including ten firemen, during a blaze this morning in the shoe and leather district.

The fire started in the seven story factory of the Krippendorf-Neill Shoe Company and spread to the seven story plant of the Taylor Poole Leather Co. Both plants were destroyed.

The walls of the former building collapsed and caused the fatalities. A fireman and a ten year old boy were killed. Of the ten firemen hurt, none are in a serious condition.

LORIMER REPORT FILED WITH SENATE

All Members of the Committee Have Signed it Excepting Two.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The report of the senate committee exonerating Senator Lorimer of Illinois of fraud, was filed in the senate by Burrows today. It is signed by all members except Beveridge of Indiana and Frazier of Tennessee.

CHIAMAS SNOW COMING

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 21.—A fierce snow storm, the worst of the season, is delaying trains and crippling the wires. The storm is moving rapidly eastward.

BENBOW CITY HAS BIG FIRE

Half of the Buildings Go Up in Flames in Second Disastrous Blaze.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Five of the ten buildings at Benbow City, Ill., were destroyed by fire today. This was the second serious fire within three weeks. Six houses were destroyed at the first fire.

WAR SCARE IS SILLY TALK

Chief of Staff of the United States Army Declares There Are No Prospects for Any Fighting.

THREE LETTERED WORD

The Army is Not Afraid of War Nor is It Filled With the Valor of Ignorance.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Maj. Gen. Leonard A. Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, in an address last night at a banquet at the Burnside Post, G. A. R., characterized the so-called war scare as "silly," declaring he neither saw any prospects of war nor had any fear of such a contingency, but simply had advocated careful reorganization of the country's "undeveloped military resources."

"All this silly talk," said Gen. Wood, "may be answered by one word of three letters, which I shall not offend you to repeat. The army is not afraid of war, nor is it filled with the valor of ignorance. Many persons like to talk about the tremendous war resources of the country, but its just like the man who has met a reverse in Wall street and offers an undeveloped mine asset. Our resources will continue to be invaluable if the other fellow gives us time, but we don't think he will."

ENGLISH OFFICERS BEING TRIED

Two of Them are Charged With Having Acted as Spies for Weeks.

LEIPZIG, Dec. 21.—The trial of Bernard Trenth and Lieut. Vivian Brandon, English army officers, charged with spying on German fortifications at Borton began today before the supreme court of the empire. The prisoners are charged with having worked as spies for many months.

Aside from the English consul, Sir William Bull, no English advisers will be permitted the prisoners nor will any Englishmen be allowed in the court room.

NEW RECORD FOR AEROPLANE

Non-Stop Flight Distance Must Now Be Recorded at 145 Miles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—An urgent demand for the passing of a law for the physical valuation of the railroads is a feature of the annual report of the interstate commerce commission delivered to congress today.

In demanding the legislation the report referred to "the well known fact that no court, commission, accountant of financial writer would consider the present railroad balance sheet."

The number of passengers killed during the year was 450, injured, 15,515; employees killed, 3,418; injured over 68,000.

PARIS HERE'S ANOTHER ONE

Here's Another One. PARIS, Dec. 21.—The world's record for distance flight was broken today by Paul Legagneux, flying in a Bleriot machine 322 miles in five hours and fifty-nine minutes without alighting. He gets a prize of \$4,000.

HALF OF THE BUILDINGS GO UP IN FLAMES

IN SECOND DISASTROUS BLAZE.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—Five of the ten buildings at Benbow City, Ill., were destroyed by fire today. This was the second serious fire within three weeks. Six houses were destroyed at the first fire.

At midnight a citizen discovered flames under the porch of a grocery store and turned in the alarm. The loss is \$15,000.

KING GEORGE IS DOMESTIC

Goes to Bed Each Night at About the Time King Edward Would be Preparing to Enjoy Life.

THE OLD NOBILITY

Edward's Friends Have Been Snubbed and Winston Churchill Was Ordered From the House.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—King George is reported on the highest court authority to have cut Home Secretary Winston Churchill off the list of his acquaintances—officially as well as socially. If there is business to pass between them, it must be through an intermediary. The king is understood to have told Premier Asquith he would never see Secretary Churchill again. As a matter of legal right, Asquith might have forced George to revoke this order, but that would have created a mighty scandal and the king would certainly have had the sympathy of his subjects in demanding that he pick his own acquaintances.

The quarrel between his majesty and Churchill is said to have arisen from the former's habit of reading over personally every state paper submitted to him to sign. Inasmuch as the Home Secretary must have a vast number of papers signed by the king, this entailed a great loss of time. So when he laid a big batch of papers on the king's desk, Churchill remarked, significantly, that they were merely routine—which was true—and need not be read. George replied with a solemn rebuke for such careless business methods. Upon this, Churchill whose worst enemy never accused him of lack of confidence in the infallibility of his own judgment, is said to have responded tartly that the king's business was to sign what papers his ministers laid before him, and that it really made no particular difference whether he ever read any of them.

Instantly (so the gossips say) his majesty bounded out of his chair with a flow of that language he learned in his early days in the Royal Navy, and ordered Churchill out of the place—and ordered him to stay out, too, as long as George V was on the throne.

Churchill is not the only one of King Edward's favorites who has practically been banished from court. Most of them, though, saw what was coming and went of their own accord. Sir Ernest Cassel, Edward's intimate and business manager, is utterly discredited. Those who used to go to him on bended knee for social advancement, now cut him in Rotten Row.

Sir Thomas Lipton will not come near the court again; he is too shrewd to expose himself to a certain snub. Lord Marcus Beresford maintains a discreet retirement among his horses at Newmarket. Mrs. George Kennel has gone for a voyage around the world that will occupy two years. Mrs. Hall Walker, wife of the multi-millionaire brewer and racing king, is staying quietly at her country home.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and Vicinity—Increasing cloudiness with snow tonight or Thursday. Warmer tonight.

For Illinois—Increasing cloudiness with snow or rain late tonight or Thursday. Rising temperature.

For Iowa—Increasing cloudiness with snow or rain tonight or Thursday. Warmer tonight; colder west and central portions Thursday.

For Missouri—Increasing cloudiness with snow or rain tonight or Thursday. Warmer tonight; colder west portion Thursday.

Weather Conditions.

There has been snow in the lower Lake Region and New England, as the eastern storm moved slowly out on the northeastern coast, and the western field of high pressure, moving to the central valleys has been attended by generally fair, colder weather in the Central Valleys and southern states, freezing temperature reaching to northern Florida.

A depression, central in Colorado, has developed in the mountain region, which is attended by higher pressure and lower temperature entering the Pacific slope.

Conditions indicate snow for this section tonight or Thursday, with warmer tonight, followed by colder weather Thursday night.

Local Observations.

Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 20 7 p. m., 30.15 20 NW Clear 21 7 a. m., 30.20 14 W Clear River above low water of 1864 4.5 feet. Change in 24 hours, rise 3 feet. Mean temperature, 24. Highest temperature, 32. Lowest temperature, 17. Lowest temperature last night, 12. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

HOFFMAN GETS FIFTEEN YEARS

Farmer Boy Who Assaulted School Teacher is Convicted of the Crime.

PEORIA, ILL. DEC. 21.—JOSEPH HOFFMAN, son of one of the wealthiest farmers in Illinois, was convicted and sentenced to fifteen years in the state penitentiary at Joliet for assaulting Miss Mazie Clark, a school teacher, four weeks ago.

ALDRICH IS SICK

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island was taken to a hospital today for an operation. He was removed in an ambulance.

LITTLE IN HIM.

"I had lunch with Skribble, the writer, today." "Is that so? Do you think there's much in him?" "No—not much! Apple pie and coffee!"

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