

MILLIONAIRE PRATT'S DEATH.

Funeral of the Standard Oil Magnate to Take Place Thursday.

Was Famed for His Charities and Leaves Twenty Millions.

The offices of the Pratt Manufacturing Company, in Room 2111 at the first floor of the Standard Oil Company's building at 20 Broadway, were millionaire Charles Pratt was seized with heart disease and died last night, were closed this morning.



CHARLES PRATT.

One of the corps of assistants of the building completed a seat at the entrance to the dead millionaire's office and informed all comers that business had been suspended, out of respect to the dead man, and would not be resumed until after the funeral.

The three thousand employees of the Pratt Manufacturing Company's works at Greenpoint have suspended their labor, and the various companies in which Mr. Pratt was interested will take on similar signs of mourning.

These comprise the Hergesport Chemical Company, the Devos Manufacturing Company and the Self-Winding Clock Company.

The Standard Oil Company with its multitude of sub-companies in which Mr. Pratt was a large stockholder, will, it was said, close its offices on the day of the funeral.

No definite information could be obtained this morning concerning the funeral arrangements. Private Secretary Bedford could not be found, but an EVENING WORLD reporter learned that the funeral would take place from the dead millionaire's home in Brooklyn Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

The pall-bearers, it was said, would be composed of officers of the Standard Oil Company, and the interment would be in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Pratt was stricken down with heart disease in the midst of the activities of a busy life, and even in his death he was surrounded by the scenes of his business career. He literally died in harness.

Although he had been feeling indisposed for several days, Mr. Pratt came to his office yesterday morning as usual, and took an active part in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pratt Manufacturing Company, of which he was the President.

About 8 o'clock he complained of feeling ill and went to his private office. A few minutes afterward he was attacked with faintness, and though he revived somewhat, his son, Charles M. Pratt, and his private secretary, A. C. Bedford, became alarmed and sent for Dr. Sealy, of the Equitable, and Dr. Clarke, of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company.

When it was found that his condition was critical and that he could not be moved to his home in Brooklyn, his family and Dr. Arthur E. Falta, his regular physician, were summoned. He was sinking rapidly, however, and though he was conscious to very near the last, restoratives had no effect and he passed away at 6.37 P. M.

About the couch in the inner office when the millionaire breathed his last were his wife, his daughter Helen, his son Charles, and his brother, H. C. Pratt. His body was taken to the residence of the company, and his private secretary, Mr. Bedford, besides the three physicians.

It was more than five hours before his body was finally taken from the office in the Standard Oil Building, and was placed in a coffin at Clinton avenue, Brooklyn. The delay was caused by the difficulty in finding a member of the Board of Health, who only could grant a permit for its removal.

During the evening many of the magnates of the Standard Oil Company, who had been notified of Mr. Pratt's death, came to his home, and William Rockefeller, Henry M. Fiesler and John D. Archbold were among them.

Messengers were sent out in every direction to look up the authorities, and obtain a permit. Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Fiesler went out about 9 o'clock to search for President Charles G. Wilson, of the Board of Health, leaving the others to keep vigil in the death chamber.

It was after 11 o'clock when Dr. C. S. Benedict returned with a verbal permit from President Wilson, and a messenger returned from the house of Supt. Ewing, of the Sanitary Bureau, with the official yellow paper permit just before midnight. Dr. Ewing got out at 12.05.

The undertaker had arrived meanwhile, and at 12.15 this morning the coffin was carried out of the office and placed in the hearse which was in waiting, and an hour later the body arrived at the house in Clinton avenue.

The members of the family accompanied the hearse in carrying it to the house, and further delay was caused by the insistence of the policeman on duty that a coroner should be notified before the body could be removed. The police finally waived this right when the permit, signed by Dr. Ewing, was brought.

Mr. Pratt was born at Waterbury, Conn., Oct. 2, 1830. His father was a poor cabinet-maker. Charles was one of ten children, and he began to earn his own living at the age of ten by working on a farm.

When seventeen years old he went to Boston and began to learn the print and oil business. He was always successful, and possessed a moderate fortune when he came to Brooklyn in 1857, and started in the refining business there as junior member of the firm of Devos, Herold & Pratt.

Not long afterwards he went into business for himself, and established the Astral Oil Works in Williamsburg, where he accumulated a large fortune, which was afterwards swelled to its present proportions through his association with the Standard Oil Trust.

For many years Mr. Pratt has been deeply interested in educational matters, and has given large sums of money to the Pratt Institute for Technical Instruction, which he founded, and to the Adelphi Academy, of which he has been President of the Board of Trustees since its organization. He has also contributed generously to benevolent and charitable enterprises of all kinds, and his gifts are said to amount to \$2,000,000.

Mr. Pratt's wealth is estimated at \$20,000,000. His home is one of the finest residences in Brooklyn and is kept extensive libraries and collections of the rarest books, and his children, six sons and two daughters, The sons are Charles M., J. B., George, Herbert, John and Arthur. His daughters are Mrs. H. Bennett and Miss Helen.

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HUPE NOW HELD FOR MURDER. LADIES ARE AFTER BEATTIE.

Sympathy Expressed for Him by His Former Neighbors. They Organize a Society to Work for Cleaner Streets.

Alexander Hupe, the electrician, who battery night shot his landlady, Frank Kretschmer, of 203 East Eighty-seventh street, was this morning again arraigned in the Hamilton Court and remanded for the coroner, Kretschmer having died of his wound yesterday afternoon, as told in the EVENING WORLD'S Sports column.

While the shooting of Kretschmer was apparently a cold-blooded deed, some sympathy is expressed for Hupe on account of the circumstances which led up to the murder.

Hupe was employed by Electrician Thomas A. Edison. He is an electrician of some ability. He rented apartments from Kretschmer, at 1075 Avenue A, where he lived with his wife and children.

The electrician had a good reputation in the neighborhood. At the grocery next door he was particularly well spoken of. His work took him away from home frequently, and the bills which accumulated during his absence were always promptly paid upon his return.

Hupe was charged with the murder of Kretschmer on Saturday afternoon after a few weeks' absence. When he arrived at his home he was informed by the neighbors that his family had been turned out in a pouring rainstorm April 22 by Landlord Kretschmer for non-payment of rent and had moved to Brooklyn.

Kretschmer had the reputation of being a hard landlord. It is said that he threatened severe measures with his tenants upon slight provocation and never showed any leniency if his rent was not paid promptly.

Hupe had been engaged upon some work in Boston, from where he returned on Saturday afternoon after a few weeks' absence. When he arrived at his home he was informed by the neighbors that his family had been turned out in a pouring rainstorm April 22 by Landlord Kretschmer for non-payment of rent and had moved to Brooklyn.

Hupe was indignant, and, armed with a revolver, he went to Kretschmer's home, 203 East Eighty-seventh street. He met Kretschmer's brother-in-law coming down the steps, and inquiring whether Kretschmer lived there, he went to the brother-in-law as far as the second floor.

The door was opened, and Hupe saw Kretschmer sitting at the rear window of his dining-room. When asked why he had put Hupe's family out into the street, Kretschmer replied:

"I will take your family out; I only put your things outside, and if you don't like it you can go to law about it."

"I'll take the law into my own hands," said Hupe, and he opened fire upon Kretschmer. Mrs. Kretschmer ran in from the dining-room at about 10 o'clock and struck the pistol shot. One shot had entered Kretschmer's right side, another glanced from a button on his trousers to the wall, and the range of the pistol was deflected by Mrs. Kretschmer's action, so that the third bullet ploughed down a wall and struck the wall.

The bullet was yesterday removed from Kretschmer by the operation of laparotomy, but he was unable to recover from the shock to his system.

NEW GRANT MONUMENT FUND. Cornelius Vanderbilt Heads a New Subscription with \$10,000.

Another fund for the Grant monument is under way. It is a movement to-day that Cornelius Vanderbilt has headed a subscription paper with \$10,000, contingent upon one other signature for like amount being obtained, and that four of the requisite signatures have already been secured.

It was stated at the annual meeting of the Grant Monument Association yesterday that the fund for the monument, exclusive of the fund above mentioned, is \$1,174,000.

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HE IS CHARGED WITH MURDER. Patrick Mitchell's Wife Dies from His Blow with a Bottle.

Patrick Mitchell, a laborer living at 105 East Ninety-ninth street, was arrested this morning charged with having caused the death of his wife, Maggie.

Mitchell and his wife quarreled at their home March 24. Mitchell struck her a terrible blow on the head with a bottle, knocking her down. Neighbors rushed in and prevented him from beating her further.

She was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital, where the doctors thought she was getting better, but yesterday suddenly there was a change for the worse and she died early this morning.

Mitchell was taken before Coroner Schultz and remanded without bail.

TWO HORSES BURNED. A Jersey City Fat Rendering Establishment Destroyed.

DIETRIK. After a Painful and Lingering Illness of about FORTY-FIVE DAYS, THE DRUG AND MEDICINE COMBINE. Cause of decease AN OVERDOSE OF DIETRIK. "Requiescat in pace."

NAUTILUS IN NORTH RIVER. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SITE.

The Spanish Frigate Anchored for a Month's Stay in New York Waters. Forty Acres Beyond the Harlem Bonded for \$15,000 an Acre.

At the man-of-war anchorage in North River, off Twenty-fourth street, lies the Spanish naval schooner Nautilus. She is classed as a frigate, but is devoted solely to the training of officers for the Spanish Navy.



Plans for the removal of the University of the City of New York from its present location in Washington square to site on the east bank of the Harlem River, between Morris Dock and Kingsbridge, and for enlarging the scope of the University as an educational institution, have just been adopted.

The new site, which has been bonded till Dec. 1 next, comprises about forty acres of land belonging to the Mall estate, and can be purchased for about \$15,000 an acre.

Appeals for subscriptions to the necessary funds will be made by the officers of the University. It was announced in February last that a donation of more than \$100,000 had been pledged for the site, but the sum was not yet received.

The committee, having the matter in charge, comprises George Munro, David Banks and William F. Havens.

Another important work which has just been completed is the reconstruction of the University building in the old building in Washington square. It is now being reconstructed by the architect, John B. Thompson.

They were Bridget Buckley, twenty years old; Maggie Ransel, twenty years old, and Annie Howe, twenty years old. They were found in a house at 129 East 125th street, and a woman claiming to be a relative, identified Maggie Ransel and Annie Rowe away from the steamer.

Whereabouts of the girls are unknown and Supt. Weber says he will impose a fine of \$1,000 on the man who reports for violating the law in allowing five girls to be taken away from the vessel.

THEY FELL BY THE WAY. A Chapter of Bad Falls Which Happened This Morning.

John Fruhn, a homeless man aged sixty years old, fell this morning at 275 First avenue and knocked out five of his teeth and cut his mouth. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

Christian Sheridan, aged forty, of Bowery and Hester street, fell in front of 16 Dwyer street and broke his right leg. Chambers Street Hospital.

Mary Brown, twenty-three years old, of 415 West Fourth street, fell in front of Fortieth street, and received a scalp wound. Roosevelt Hospital.

James Fox, aged thirty-one, of 102 West Fifty-second street, fell in the airway of 108 Sixth avenue and hit his head. St. Luke's Hospital.

Not Typhus, After All. Dr. Edson reports that the case of the young Russian immigrant girl, who was thought to be typhus fever, and was removed from the Barge Office hospital to North Brothers street, has been found not to be a case of typhus.

Trampled by a Runaway Horse. Mrs. Margaret Lorenzo, of 24 Mulberry street, was knocked down by a runaway horse at Worth and Elm streets this morning and seriously injured. Chambers Street Hospital.

Bloomingdale's HOME FURNITURE. Bankrupt Stock OF THE N. Y. Novelty Co., MANUFACTURERS OF Wraps & Jackets, And recognized in the trade as one of the largest and most important manufacturing houses in America.

SHATTERED BY DYNAMITE. Two Belgian Towns Shaken—Laid to the Labor Party.

Two Belgian towns were shaken to-day in front of the residence of a well-known capitalist of the city. The explosion is said to be the work of the extremists of the Labor party.

A dynamite cartridge was placed on the doorstep, and the door and windows opening on the street were shattered. The explosion caused a great panic in the neighborhood, which is the most aristocratic quarter of this city.

More, May 4.—A dynamite outrage, which is placed to the account of the labor agitators, occurred here to-day. A miner of this neighborhood made himself conspicuous by his firm refusal to go out on a strike with the rest of the men employed with him. He was warned that he was dangerous for him to persist in this course, but he would not stir.

This morning a dynamite cartridge was in some manner placed in his house and exploded, completely wrecking it. The police are investigating the affair, but as yet they have not made any arrests.

UNCLE SAM THREATENS TO FINE THE IMMAN LINE \$1,500. Supt. of Immigration Welcomes to-day discovered that three more female immigrants who came here in the Imman Line City of Chicago Sunday had been taken away from the vessel by alleged relatives without his permission.

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THEY DIDN'T SEE THE BALLOTS. A Republican Committee Thwarted by Bridgeport's Town Clerk.

Under the law the boxes must remain sealed for six months. The time expires at 5 P. M. to-day.

Both the Democratic and the Republican State Committees have issued manifestos to the Town Committees in the different parts of the State to have representatives on hand at the time the ball boxes are to be opened.

This morning at 10.30 a self-appointed committee, of which Mayor Marlow was one and the leader of the local Republican party another, entered the Town Clerk's office and demanded of Town Clerk Watson the sealed boxes. Mr. Watson politely refused to give up the boxes or to permit them to be opened.

He said the question of the legality of these Fida Ward speckled ballots and "corrupt" ballots was now judicially before the courts, and to open the boxes for his curiosity would be manifestly improper.

"The law and that only is my guide," said the Clerk.

"When these boxes are opened, it must be done in the presence of the Committee who is ordered to give away and all an opportunity to see that it is fairly and honestly carried out," the self-appointed committee were disappointed to bluster, but Town Clerk Watson refused to open the boxes for the curiosity of the remainder of the boxes.

A significant feature cropped out in the case of the immigrants of the Committee who have also opposed a report of votes are now in the hands of the courts.

Every one understands that the proposed report will not be the only one, nor ordered by law, but the self-appointed committee will have to direct the proceedings, and the result will be a direct bearing upon the integrity of the State election.

The decision and declarations of the town authorities last November and the cases made by the State board in January were, or should have been, final and conclusive.

Victorious Walter Girls. The sixteen pretty waitresses in Bowery's restaurant on West Twenty-first street, returned to work to-day, their demands being acceded to.

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