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OIL KING WEEPS AT CITIZENS' EULOGIES

SISTER DECLARES BROTHER MARTYR

"False and Unkind Things" About Rockefeller Gain Him Friends, She Says.

Citizens of Cleveland Pay Tribute to World's Richest Man, and He Weeps.

New York Sun Special Service.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 27.—"When a man has lived a life so pure and good as has my brother, it is time it was recognized," said Mrs. W. C. Rudd, sister of John D. Rockefeller, today.

"But all the false and unkind things they have written about my brother," the gray-haired lady went on, her voice almost breaking under the weight of her indignation, "can have no other effect than just the opposite of what was intended. They were meant to make folks hate my brother and think ill of him. They are really making people think the other way."

Parents Not Poor.

Mrs. Rudd denied that her parents were poverty-stricken when their children were young.

"This house has been the home of the Rockefeller family for forty-five years," she said. "Forty-five years ago Christmas we moved into it. My brother John, when he was just turning 19, ordered all the material and supervised the building of it. It was a pretty good house in those days Does it look as if we were poverty-stricken then?

Rockefellers Not Paupers.

"My mother lived here until the day she died sixteen years ago. She never knew what it was to want for anything. And they say we were paupers! When my brothers married they left the old home. John built a house next door. It wasn't so grand a house as this, but it was comfortable. When I married, my mother lived here with us.

"My father? No, I didn't say he was dead.

"oJhn looked after the building of the house because our father was away much of the time. But it was built with father's money and he came back and forth and stayed here whenever he could. Since they have made a mystery out of my father it can stay a mystery for all I care."

OIL KING'S TEARS FLOW

Rockefeller's Emotions Stirred by Citizens' Praise.

New York Sun Special Service.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 27.—When John D. Rockefeller came to Cleveland fifty-two years ago, a youth without money, education or experience in the ways of this world, he sought out several of the more prominent men of the city and asked for work. He got it.

Yesterday the sons and grandsons and a few of the men who were the companions of his early days, to the number of 400, stormed the heights of Forest Hill and swept down the barriers which wealth and position have built around the richest man in the world and joined with him in the celebration of the fifty-second anniversary of his arrival in Cleveland—of his start in life.

The affair was informal, and yet the message of good will and respect and the best wishes for the future were conveyed to him with such a sincerity as to move him to tears. Few men in the country have received such a delegation as Mr. Rockefeller was host of, and it left him without words, he said, to properly express his gratification and enjoyment and thanks for the honor done him.

Business Men as Guests.

The oil king's guests were merchants, bankers and manufacturers. For the old men, the friends and former associates in business of Mr. Rockefeller, and for the young men, toward whom Mr. Rockefeller said the whole world was looking for deeds that would better civilization and further the ends of Christianity, Andrew Squire spoke the hope that Mr. Rockefeller would live long in Cleveland and the world that the people might profit by his magnanimity and generosity toward the educational and Christian institutions and that Cleveland might continue to rejoice in the possession as citizen of the foremost man in the world.

Voice Broken by Emotions.

To these words Mr. Rockefeller replied in a voice broken by his emotions. His eyes slowly filled with tears and he walked uneasily forward and backward before the crowd. His voice came at last, but it was strained and forced. He told an incident of one of the first friends he made when he came to Cleveland, Stillman Witt, and how he offered all his personal money and property to support the young man then embarking in the oil business, while other men of finance refused to assist him. From this reminiscent strain he came to one of advice.

"Money Not All."

"Don't think that money is all there is in this world, for it is not," he said slowly, and clearly enunciated his words. "You have other things to which you may devote your mind and some of your attention, things that will make your last days enjoyable to you, days such as I am enjoying now here in Cleveland among you, my friends. For your coming to see me this day I thank you, I thank you, I thank you all," and he looked earnestly and somewhat wistfully into the eyes of the men about him.

The addresses were made on the veranda after each guest had been presented to Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Squire referred to the question of railway rate legislation, saying it was a question which, like many others, had been discussed glibly, and that the largest declarations came from those who knew least about the subject.

Monuments or Slurs.

He asked if it was not a question whether the men engaged in great commercial enterprises were not more entitled to monuments than to indiscriminate condemnation. Mr. Squire said the principle of the question of "survival of the fittest" is a law too firmly established to be overturned or long delayed, even by legislative enactment.

He said that since the organization of the Standard Oil company there has been no water in its stock. Its advent and history, he said, have taught a

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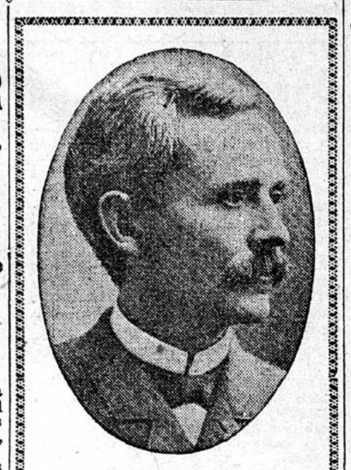

JOSEPH W. FIFER,
Member Interstate Commerce Commission Who Will Retire.

FIFER TO RETIRE TO PRIVATE LIFE

Illinois Member of Interstate Commerce Commission to Resign.

New York Sun Special Service.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Joseph W. Fifer, former governor of Illinois, will retire from the interstate commerce commission next January to return to the practice of law in Illinois. He has handed in his resignation, to take effect the first of the year. His retirement is in line with the president's determination to reorganize the commission.

It is generally believed here that Fifer's retirement will be followed in a short time by at least two of the other members, probably Commissioners Prouty and Clements. No indication has been given as to who will succeed Fifer, but it is generally expected that it will be a western man.

COLON FIRE-SWEPT GOVERNMENT LOSES

Flames Rage All Night and Destroy Panama Buildings and Property.

Colon, Tuesday, Sept. 26.—A terrific fire started in Bolivia street, near the railroad buildings at 10:30 last night, and was not extinguished until 2:30 this morning. More than twenty buildings were destroyed.

The railroad property is intact, but all the Panama government offices and leased buildings were burned to the ground. Hardly anything was saved. A conservative estimate places the damage done at $50,000.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The isthmian canal commission today received a cablegram from Governor Magoon stating that the fire at Colon had destroyed forty or fifty houses, but that no government property was included. The dispatch says that quite a number of people are without shelter and will be supplied with government tents. Governor Magoon will leave Panama for Colon today.

YANKEE MILLIONS STAKED IN CUBA

American Property in Island in Jeopardy Because of Political Conditions.

New York Sun Special Service.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Property of Americans in Cuba to the extent of $100,000,000 is at stake in the troubled condition existing in the island. Before the Spanish-American war and since the formation of the Cuban republic a great quantity of American money has flowed into Cuba and has been largely responsible for the development of the commerce of the island and the stability of the government.

During the war much capital was withdrawn, but it, together with much more, has been invested there since peaceful conditions were restored. There is grave danger that these large interests will be seriously jeopardized by political conditions.

If the liberal party should be successful it would cause trouble, because its entire campaign has been made against the Platt amendment. The liberals would make an attempt to violate the provisions of the Platt amendment. This would certainly force the United States to interfere to protect its interests.

If the liberals are beaten, and the indications are that they will be, they threaten to conduct themselves in such an unlawful and high-handed manner as to force the United States to conclude that life, liberty and property will not be safe. When such a condition arises the president will intervene.

Aside from the property interests in Cuba, the trade between the two countries is large and if the liberals succeed in stirring up trouble this trade will be lost until quiet is restored.

QUACKENBUSH CONVICTED

Former Le Sueur Banker Accepted Deposits for Insolvent Bank.

Special to The Journal.

Le Sueur Center, Minn., Sept. 27.—Livingston Quackenbush of Le Sueur was today convicted by a jury here of the crime of receiving money into an insolvent bank. He conducted the Le Sueur County bank at Le Sueur, which failed on March 5, 1904. It is expected sentence will be pronounced the latter part of the week.

PISTOL DUEL TO DEATH ON TRAIN

On Fast Run Two Express Messengers Battle for Miles and Both Will Die.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 27.—One of the most desperate encounters that ever hapened on a Wabash railroad train took place last night between John E. Ryan of Chicago, a messenger on a train due in Decatur at 3:13 this morning, and Edward C. Green of Chicago, a former express messenger and later employed by a Hammond, Ind., firm.

Both men are seriously wounded and cannot live, each having received three bullets in the fight in the car, which lasted for miles.

Greene says that he got on the express car at Forty-seventh street, Chicago, intending to go to his home at Pittsfield, to visit relatives. He was an old friend of Ryan and the latter, he asserts, permitted him to ride. He says he assisted Ryan on the trip with the express matter, and that the two began drinking. Jokes led to a quarrel and Greene says both drew guns at the same time.

Dispute Over Duel.

Ryan asserts that the shooting began west of Bemont, while Greene avers that the first shot was fired before the train reached Cerro Gorde. Ryan says that he did not see Greene in the car until the train reached Cerro Gordo, and he believed that Greene jumped in for the purpose of robbing the car. Ryan also says that when he told Greene that he thought he was visiting in Chicago, the latter told him it was none of his business and pulled a gun.

The men clinched and both, with revolvers drawn, rolled about on the car floor. The men then separated and each sought shelter in the car while waiting for the other to appear, in order to shoot.

Just as the train was near Decatur, both men fired and both went down, but were on their feet in a short time and the duel continued.

Leaped, Wounded, from Car.

When the train neared Decatur, Greene opened a door and jumped from the car. He was unable to run, and was found an hour later by the police. Ryan says that he believes robbery was the motive when he shot.

Greene's father is the agent of the Pacific Express company at Pittsfield, and his brother, Arthur Greene, is the agent for the same company at Chicago.

Greene has a bullet in the breast and another in the right lung, while a third ball lodged in the abdomen.

Green has a bullet in the breast, and another in the right lung, while a third ball lodged in the abdomen. Ryan was shot in the left jaw, in the ear and in the shoulder.

None of the trainment was aware of the terrible battle that was being waged on the train until it reached Decatur, when the car door was seen open and the trainmen found Ryan in a pool of blood on the floor.

FIVE-INCH PENCIL IN APPENDICITIS' PLACE

New York Sun Special Service.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Robert Hannars, a county hospital patient, told the doctors he swallowed a leadpencil two years ago, but they did not believe him.

"You have appendicitis," one of the physicians said. "This is what is causing you pain."

A surgical operation was performed and a piece of leadpencil five inches long was removed from his abdomen.

"It is one of the strangest cases that has been brought to my attention since I have been connected with the county hospital," said Warden Happel last night. "It is certainly remarkable."

Hannars, who is a baker and about 24 years old, will live, the physicians say.

FRANCHISE VALUES WILL BE LIFTED

State Board of Equalization Cites Public Service Corporations to Appear Saturday.

State Officers Declare for Substantial Increases — Street Railway In for It.

Higher assessments for the public service corporations of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth are advocated by Governor John A. Johnson, State Auditor S. G. Iverson and Attorney General E. T. Young.

All three of these officers are members of the state board of equalization. They met today with the board's committee on franchises and discussed the problem. There is some sentiment on the committee against any increase over last year, but this was overruled by the firm stand of the state officers. As a result, notice was sent out to the Twin City Rapid Transit company, the Minneapolis Gas Light company, the Minneapolis General Electric company, the St. Paul Gas Light company and the Duluth Street Railway company, citing them to appear at 10 a. m. Saturday and show cause why their assessments should not be raised.

The attitude of the state officers is due in part to the Western Union franchise decision, which strengthens the position of the state in taxing franchises. Governor Johnson and Attorney General Young are new members of the board, however, and start in with the impression that there should be higher assessments. State Auditor Iverson has always stood for them, and the combined influence of the three is expected to carry a majority of the board.

The street railway interests are said to be due for the heaviest raise, and an increase of two or three million on the Twin City Rapid Transit company is predicted. Auditor Iverson has calculated the present market value of the company's stocks and bonds at $33,897,000, and while no one will move for a 50 per cent valuation on this basis, the advocates of a raise will maintain that the assessment ought to be approximately a third of the valuation, which would bring it well over $11,000,000. The valuations fixed by the state board last year and the returns made by county boards this year, are as follows:

	Return for 1904.	Return for 1905.
T. C. R. T. Co.	$8,250,000	$7,987,458
Minneapolis Gas Co.	1,200,000	1,074,000
Minneapolis Gen. Electric	725,000	680,780

The assessment of the Duluth Street Railway company was returned at $600,150 this year.

The board held a short session today to hear the auditor of Le Sueur county on the merchandise valuation of that county. The board then went to Stillwater, where it was entertained at lunch. This afternoon lumber assessments were taken up again. The Shevlin interests are on the war path since the 75 per cent raise on Beltrami county, and unless this is reduced will fight for a big increase on St. Louis county and Carlton.

An effort will be made to finish up the board's work Saturday afternoon

GREAT WESTERN ISSUES STOCK.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 27.—The Chicago Great Western certified today to an increase of preferred stock from $10,000,000 to $24,000,000.

IOWA CHAPTER MASONS.

Special to The Journal.

Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 27.—The grand council of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa today elected the following officers: Grand master, Amos N. Albertson, Washington; deputy grand master, H. C. Shodbolt, Emmetsburg; grand principal conductor, S. Lawrence, Muscatine; grand treasurer, F. H. McArthur, Des Moines; grand recorder, Alfred Wingate, Des Moines.

OHIO BANK CLOSES DOORS.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The First National bank, Orrville, Ohio, today closed its doors by order of the controller of the currency, on account of a continuous run upon the bank.

JACOB LITT DIES AT YONKERS HOME

Theatrical Manager with Large Minneapolis Interests, Succumbs to Long Illness.

Jacob Litt, one of the big men of the theatrical world, whose name is a familiar one in Minneapolis because of his local enterprises, died today at his home in Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Litt was lessee of the Bijou opera house, and owner of the Grand in St. Paul. He has been in years past a frequent visitor in the twin cities and has many intimate friends here. He was one of the best known men in the theatrical world, owning or controlling houses in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and St. Paul, and because of his interest in numerous road attractions well known to theatergoers. He had been in bad health for some time owing to a nervous breakdown, but his sudden death today was an unexpected shock.

The history of Mr. Litt's rapid rise in the theatrical world is of unusual interest, the more so since it began in the west. He began over twenty-five years ago as an usher in the Academy of Music in Milwaukee, his native town. He was later advanced to a position in the box office, and in time became treasurer of the house. He became manager of Schlitz park in Milwaukee, and later purchased a dime museum, after which he embarked in the management of theaters and road companies.

Mr. Litt became lessee of the Bijou operahouse in Milwaukee and later won considerable prominence because of his revival of some of the old plays, such as the "Lights o' London." He entered the northwestern field in 1890, when he leased from Lambert Hays the Bijou theater in this city. He later built the Grand in St. Paul and, with Lac Stafford of Minneapolis, became interested in the Metropolitan and Lyceum theater buildings. In 1898 he leased McVicer's in Chicago and secured the Broadway theater in New York city.

Thru these houses he became interested in a number of important circuits and at the time of his death was a leading member of the Stair & Havlin syndicate, with a large circuit.

Mr. Litt's name has always been intimately conected with melodrama. He reproduced various popular English plays notably "Sporting Life," in America. Among his popular American plays are "Yon Yonson," "The Stowaway," "The Eensign," "The Nutmeg Match," and "In Old Kentucky," probably the most successful of all American melodramas.

Mr. Litt's judgment was always respected by all theatrical men. He was universally respected and held in high esteem by business men in all walks. For several years he has been associated with A. W. Dingwall, who later became a partner under the firm name of Litt & Dingwall. Mr. Dingwall will continue to manage the Litt ventures in the cities and also on the road.

Mr. Litt leaves his wife, formerly Miss Ruth Campbell, and two sons. Two sisters and a number of relatives reside in Milwaukee.

FIGHT ON, ROOSEVELT, IS BRYAN'S ADVICE

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 27.—In an open letter to President Roosevelt published in the next issue of the Commoner, W. J. Bryan calls upon the president to continue his fight against the railroads, high tariff and trusts. The letter is the last public utterance of Mr. Bryan before departing for his tour of the world. He tells the president that he has the contest of his life before him and says that he desires to render the president all of the assistance in his power. He closes by saying:

"They (the railroads) will tell you that effective rate legislation will disturb the harmony of your party. You can answer that a refusal to respond to the just demands of the public means not harmony, but political death."

Uncle Sam to Porto Rico: "And to think that bad boy came near being your brother!"
—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

LAWSON WILL WAGE BIG INSURANCE WAR

PRINCESS ENA OF BATTENBERG,
Favored by King of Spaniards for Bride to King Alfonso.

QUEEN CHOSEN IN A VOTING CONTEST

Madrid Newspaper's Readers Select Ena of Battenberg to Wed King Alfonso.

Madrid, Sept. 27.—The Diario Illustrad has taken a vote among its readers on the question of the most popular prospective wife for King Alfonso. It announces that 62,500 votes were cast. Of these 30,128 were for Princess Ena of Battenberg, 21,236 for Princess Patricia of Connaught, and 3,002 for Princess Louise of Orleans.

The officials here discredit the continued report of King Alfonso's approaching marriage to various princesses. It is said that no decision will be arrived at until after the king's visit to Berlin.

FIVE CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE

Gasolene Stove Explodes and the Tots Are Burned to Death.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Sept. 27.—Five children were burned and asphyxiated in the fire which destroyed the home of Frederick Adamson this morning. The dead:

EDNA, aged 10.
IRMAS, aged 8.
CLARENCE, aged 6.
ERNEST, aged 3, all children of Adamson; and
RAYMOND, the 3-year-old son of Davis Secord, a laborer.

The father had gone to work and the mother was visiting a neighbor, leaving the gasolene stove burning. The five children were upstairs playing, when the stove exploded. Several persons discovered the fire, but could do nothing, and it was with great difficulty that the mother was restrained from throwing herself in the flames. The children made no effort to leave, covering their heads with their bedclothes. Firemen were unable to enter until they had flooded the house with water. When they reached the five children they were dead.

EARTH YAWNS IN SWEDISH ISLAND

Lundby, on Hisingen, Shaken by Severe Tremors and Wide Fissures Formed.

Gothenberg, Sweden, Sept. 27.—A severe earthquake was felt at 1:30 p.m. yesterday at Lundby, Hisingen island, six miles north of Gothenberg. It cracked the walls or houses and fissured the surface of the ground. Subterranean rumblings were quickly followed by the violent rocking of houses, the splitting of inner and outer walls, driving the inmates to seek safety in the open air. In many places fissures a foot wide were opened up, while the level of the ground in the eastern part of the island sank appreciably. The disturbance lasted a minute.

NEW STORTHING IS CALLED FOR

Proposals Made Today for Settling on Form of Norway's Government.

Christiania, Norway, Sept. 27.—A resolution signed by ten deputies was introduced at today's session of the storthing, proposing:

Firstly, that a constituent storthing be summoned before the middle of November to decide on the future form of the Norwegian government; and,

Secondly, that a final decision of the matter be postponed until after the next parliamentary election in September, 1906.

MINERS KILLED BY BANDITS.

Guadajara, Mex., Sept. 27.—Manuel Parades, shipping foreman of the Buena Vista mines in the La Yesha district of Tepic, and two assistants were held up by bandits about six miles from the town of Hostorpaquillo, Jalisco, while returning to the mines with $6,000 in silver and bills for the payments of the miners. Paredes and one of his assistants were killed and about $5,000 was secured. The other assistant escaped into Hostorpoquilo with about $1,000.

LEADS BIG ARMY OF POLICYHOLDERS

Armed with 16,000 Policyholders' Proxies, He Will Call Convention.

Promises to Put Frenzied Financiers of Insurance Graft in Prison Cells.

Special to The Journal.

Boston, Sept. 27.—The end of the insurance scandal is in sight, declares Thomas W. Lawson. Thru a great convention of policyholders which he intends to call, Mr. Lawson will lead a war on the life insurance grafters, and, he says, land them in the penitentiary.

Mr. Lawson asserts that $150,000,000 has been stolen from life insurance policyholders in the United States.

Mr. Lawson holds the proxies of 16,000 policyholders. He says he has received more than 50,000 letters, among them letters from governors, members of congress, bishops, presidents of great industrial enterprises, doctors, editors, officials of foreign governments and sources so powerful that it would astonish the world were the names published

Money Kings in Cells.

"But the end is in sight," declared Mr. Lawson.

"I make the solemn and positive assertion that, before all the investigations are finished, before the sworn evidence of the financiers of the leading insurance companies in this country which have been plundered is finished, there will be anywhere from 100 to 150 men, now posing as men of affairs, Wall Street magnates and manipulators of insurance funds, doing time in state prisons for terms varying from eight years to life.

"The first thing to be accomplished is to demand and secure restitution of the millions that have been stolen. There are certain men that must be detained and placed on the witness stand before they can get out of the country with their millions.

Hyde Works Frantically.

"James H. Hyde is working night and day to dispose of all his property and get out of the United States before the law can reach him. James H. Hyde must be placed on the witness stand and forced to tell what he knows.

"I propose to the policyholders of this country that they organize and then appoint delegates, one delegate to every five, or ten or fifty policyholders in a town or county. Let this delegate come to New York and there meet 10,000 delegates from other parts of the union.

"I am prepared to bear the preliminary expense of such a movement; we will engage Madison Square Garden, in New York, and hold daily meetings.

"By such a show of strength we can command the respect of any legislative investigation committee. Such a committee would investigate along the lines desired by such an influential and intelligent body of men.

Where Are the Stealings?

"At that time I will present to that convention of policyholders—not a convention of life-insurance agents sitting down to feasts provided by McCall and Hyde rivaling the feasts of Lucullus and paid for with policyholders' money—a diagram of the buildings in New York, where the stolen funds are secreted, the homes of men built by plundering insurance policyholders, and then in red letters on that diagram I will mark '26 Broadway,' the home of the Standard Oil, the chief criminal on the list.

Over $150,000,000 Squandered.

"I shall within the next ten days issue a statement which will convince the most skeptical. I know the ways and methods of work of the thieves and public plunderers who have been preying on the policyholders, and they know that I am in possession of the facts. When John A. McCall talks on the witness stand of the paltry contribution of $48,000 to a campaign fund he mentions a bagatelle.

"I declare on my solemn word that the amount of money belonging to life-insurance policyholders in this country that has been dissipated, stolen from them, squandered like water by men intrusted with its keeping, amounts to not a penny less than $150,000,000."

SCHIFF TO BE WITNESS

Money King to Take Stand in Insurance Investigation.

New York, Sept. 27.—The special legislative committee investigating the life-insurance companies reconvened today. Chairman Armstrong announced that, owing to the serious illness of S. Fred Nixon, speaker of the assembly, the committee met under distressing circumstances.

"From information at hand," Senator Armstrong said, "it is feared he cannot recover, and in the event of his death the committee will instantly adjourn."

It was announced prior to the pending of the investigation that Jacob H. Schiff, head of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers, has been subpenaed and will take the stand for examination either today or tomorrow.

Today's morning session of the legislative insurance investigation developed a great mass of technical testimony as to the syndicate profits of the Equitable Life Assurance society. The witness who was questioned on this subject was Henry Rogers Winthrop, assistant secretary and financial manager of the society. He told of many participations of the Equitable in syndicate transactions, and detailed the profits accruing to the society therefrom, but he was unable to tell to what account on the society's books these profits were credited.

Expert accountants are now at work on the Equitable books to discover whether these profits actually went into the society's treasury.

Mr. Winthrop testified that in one of the Equitable's syndicate operations Senator Depew was a participant to the amount of $100,000. Senator Depew and Senator Dryden of New Jersey have been requested to appear before the committee. Senator Dryden, who is president of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, is not a resident of this state and therefore not subject to subpoenas by the committeee, but he has expressed willingness to testify.

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