



## MRS. DAVIS SUCCEUMBS TO A SHORT ILLNESS

### Aged Lady Passes Away in New York Hotel Surrounded by Her Immediate Family.

## ONLY DAUGHTER AT HER BEDSIDE

### Widow of President of Confederacy. Earlier in the Day Rallied from Sinking Spell of the Night But Towards Evening She Lapsed into Unconsciousness and Died at 10:25 p. m.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the President of the Confederacy, who had been ill for a week at the Hotel Majestic, in this city, died at 10:25 o'clock tonight.  
Death was due to pneumonia induced by a severe cold, which Mrs. Davis contracted upon her return from the Adirondacks, where she had spent the summer months.  
Although grave fears were felt from the first, Mrs. Davis' wonderful vitality which brought her safely through a similar attack a year ago, gave hopes of ultimate recovery until last night, when a decided change for the worse was evident, and the attending physicians announced that the end was near.

### Rallied Early in the Day.

It was then believed, that Mrs. Davis could not survive the night, but she rallied slightly during the early hours of today. Shortly after seven o'clock, this morning, she had a similar spell, and Rev. Nathan A. Seagle, rector of St. Stephen's protestant Episcopal church, was summoned to give religious comfort to the patient in her last moments of consciousness. The clergyman remained some time and an hour later it was announced that Mrs. Davis had lapsed into a state of coma.

The period of unconsciousness continued to the end.

### Family at Bedside.

At the bedside, when death came, were Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, of Newark, N. J., the only surviving daughter of Mrs. Davis; Jefferson Davis Hayes, a grandson, who is a student at Princeton University; Mrs. Charles E. Bateson, a niece, Dr. and Mrs. Gustave Webb, the latter a grand-daughter, and Dr. Robert H. Wylie, who with Dr. Webb, had cared for Mrs. Davis, throughout her illness.

J. Addison Hayes, husband of Mrs. Davis' only living child, had been summoned from Colorado Springs and was hurrying across the continent when a message announcing Mrs. Davis' death intercepted him.

Mrs. Davis has for some years made her home in this city, where she had a wide circle of friends. Throughout her illness, solicitous inquiries regarding her condition were continually made at her apartments.

### To Be Buried in Richmond.

Definite plans for the funeral had not been made tonight, but it is understood that services will be held here by her pastor, and it is definitely known that the body will repose beside that of the late president of the Confederacy in Richmond.

At the Majestic, tonight, it was said that the body will be taken to Richmond, Va., on Thursday.

## D. & H. LOSSES RAILROAD.

### Independent Stockholders Regain Control of Property.

(By Associated Press.)  
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 16.—After a protracted struggle lasting until after 10 o'clock tonight, independent stockholders of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad Company, succeeded in taking the control of that company from the Delaware and Hudson Company.

The members of the old board of directors, were candidates for re-election, but were defeated.  
The Albany and Susquehanna is leased by the Delaware & Hudson Company.

## ROOSEVELT KEEPS HANDS OFF.

### President Refuses to Mix Up in the California Campaign.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct. 16.—In reply to a letter written to President Roosevelt by R. C. Dale, of Kern county, a former assemblyman asking if the President intended to declare his interest or preference in the State gubernatorial campaign. The following letter has been received:  
"White House, Washington, D. C., Oct. 5, 1906.  
"My Dear Sirs:—  
"The President has received your letter of the first instant, and directs me to express his regret, that it is not possible for him to do as you desire. He has been asked to interfere in the local contests in almost every

State in the Union, but has declined to do as you wish, but he is sure you will understand how impossible, it would be for him to respond in one case, and not in another.  
"Very truly Yours,  
(Sig.) "Randolph Foster, acting secretary to the President."

## WOMAN SHOTS HUSBAND.

### He Was Chasing Her With a Butcher Knife.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILLS., Oct. 16.—In the presence of her daughter and a party of children, Mrs. Sarah Aleopa shot and killed her husband, John A. Aleopa, early today, at their home.

The shots were fired to save her own life. Aleopa was chasing her around the house with a butcher knife, and she ran into her bedroom, took a revolver from the dresser and fired two shots, one striking the man in the left temple and the other in the lung. He died instantly. Aleopa was a cigarmaker, 39 years old. His wife is 39 and there are two children.

Jealousy of John Minerino, a roomer at the house, is said to have caused the shooting. Mrs. Aleopa was arrested.

## BALL PLAYERS REWARDED.

### Cubs Get Big Sums From the Management of the Team.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILLS., Oct. 16.—The members of the Chicago National League baseball team, were the guests of the Chicago Board of Trade at the Auditorium hotel tonight. Five hundred of the team's admirers attended the dinner.

President Murphy stated that about \$7,000 had been divided among the players in addition to the losers' end of the money in the world's series.

"We voluntarily gave the men nearly \$3,000 from exhibition games," said Mr. Murphy, "and today we divided between \$3,000 and \$4,000 more in bonuses and presents."

## NOTE A DEEP MYSTERY

### No One Will Tell What Was on Paper That Stopped Contest.

## SECRETARY TALKS A LITTLE BIT

### Dead Man's Confidential Employee Refuses to Disclose What He Knows About the Yellow Parchment—Daughter Gets Fortune.

(By Associated Press.)  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 16.—Much interest has been aroused as to the nature of the mysterious paper which halted the Weightman \$60,000,000 will contest in the Orphan's Court yesterday.

Edward T. Davis, the confidential secretary of the late William Weightman, said today:  
"Before going into court yesterday, I remarked to my wife, 'the will contest will not last as long as some people think; in fact, it will end with my own testimony. If a certain paper written by Mr. Weightman, to which I was the only witness, is still in existence, and is in the possession of Mrs. Walker. This paper, if called for and produced, will explain why Mr. Weightman made his daughter, Mrs. Walker, his sole legatee in his will of 1895, and so conclusively satisfy the attorneys of Mrs. Wister, that no codicil exists, that they would most likely abandon the case.' This proved to be the result."  
When asked, what was written on the paper, Mr. Davis said:  
"Having served Mr. Weightman for more than twenty-five years, I see no reason, why I should violate his confidence now because he is dead."  
Mrs. Jones-Wister, who was the wife of William Weightman, a son of the millionaire chemist, but who, remarried after the death of the younger Weightman, instituted the suit, to set aside the will of Mr. Weightman, on behalf of her minor daughter, Martha Weightman. Under the terms of the will as probated the entire estate was bequeathed to Mr. Weightman's only surviving child, Mrs. Walker.

## INSURANCE MEN INDICTED

### High Officials Charged With Having Committed Perjury.

(By Associated Press.)  
ELKHART, IND., Oct. 16.—The grand jury returned indictments today against Carl Barney, president; Samuel Stewart, secretary, and Chas. Barney, treasurer, and manager of the American Mutual Life Insurance company. There is one indictment each against William Barney and Stewart for perjury in their report to the state auditor.  
Barney is indicted for subordination of perjury in each case. There also is one indictment against Carl Barney for embezzlement.

## SUBMARINE BOAT LOST IN 130 FEET OF WATER

### While Maneuvering Off Tunis French Craft Goes to Bottom and Fails to Come up.

## NINE MEN ON THE LITTLE VESSEL

### Little More Than a Year Ago France Lost a Diver in Which Fourteen Lives Were Sacrificed—Great Britain Has Had Three of These War Crafts Wrecked.

(By Associated Press.)  
BISERTIA TUNIS, Oct. 16.—The French submarine boat Latia left this port this morning for plunging experiments. Signals received at 10 o'clock tonight reported her disappearance.  
Two torpedo boats and three tugs have gone out in search of the submarine. No further news of her has been received. She sank in 130 feet of water.  
The Latia is a single screw steel submarine boat, built at Rochefort in 1901. She carries a complement of nine men. She is 135 feet long, and has a displacement of 185 tons.

### France Lost Another Boat.

The reported loss of the Latia recalls the catastrophe to the French submarine boat Farfadet, July 5, 1905, at the entrance to the port of Sidi Abdallah, Tunis. Commandant Rotia, of the Farfadet, noticed at the moment of plunging, that one of the doors was not closed properly, and rushed to try to adjust it. He was too late, however, and the boat sank. Fourteen men perished.

### British Boats Sink.

On March 19, 1904, the British submarine A-1, was run down by a steamer, while submerged near Portsmouth. All her crew were lost.

On February 5, 1905, the British submarine A-5, sank off Queenstown, only one of her crew being saved.

A third British submarine sank off Plymouth, June 8, 1905, after an explosion on board. Fourteen of her crew were killed.

## REPORT CONFIRMED.

### Boat Goes Down in 130 Feet of Water.

PARIS, FRANCE, Oct. 16.—M. Thomson, the minister of marine, has received an official dispatch from the naval commandant at Bisertia concerning the sinking of the submarine boat Latia. The message says:  
"The submarine Latia, while exercising off the jettes disappeared from the view of the accompanying tug. Search and dragging operations were begun immediately and resistance was felt at a depth of 130 feet near the place where the Latia sank."

## SOLDIERS HELP ROBBER

### German Town Treasury Looted by a Lone Bandit.

## TROOPS ARREST THE OFFICIALS

### Kaiser's Fighting Men by Forged Order Are Forced to Become a Party to One of the Boldest Crimes Ever Perpetrated in the Fatherland.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, GER., Oct. 16.—A unique and daring robbery was committed at Coepenick, a small town near Berlin today.

The robber, in the uniform of a captain of the guards met twelve men in Berlin, who were returning from target practice. He produced a forged cabinet order authorizing him to take command.

The men recognized his authority, and he then ordered them to march to Coepenick, where they arrested the burgomaster and the treasurer and took possession of the cash, \$1,000.

The robber detached several of his men to conduct the prisoners to headquarters in Berlin and ordered the remainder to hold the town hall. He then rode off alone with the money.

The burgomaster and the treasurer soon learned that the ostensible captain was a fraud.

### Two Gold Miners Blown Up.

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 16.—Burgess Fox and Bill Frazier, white men employed in the Gold Hill mine, fifteen miles from here, were killed last night by an explosion.

## BANKERS IN SESSION DISCUSS PROTECTION

### American Association Delegates Consider Plans for Safeguarding Depositors.

## TWO SECTIONS HOLD MEETINGS

### Representatives of Trust Companies Take Up the Matter of Municipal Bond Issues—Savings Banks Division Delegates Demand That Guilty Officers be Prosecuted.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. LOUIS, MO., Oct. 16.—The American Bankers Association convened today for its thirty-second annual convention, when the trust companies section was called to order at the Olympic theatre, simultaneously with the gathering of the savings bank section at Schuyler Memorial hall. The meeting of the Association as a whole, will not take place until tomorrow.

Hundreds of prominent bankers, representing every State and Territory, as well as the United States dependencies, are here as delegates and officers of the association place the total attendance, including delegates and visitors at four thousand.

### Trust Companies Section Meets.

The principal meeting of today, was the eleventh annual assembly of the trust companies section, which was called to order by Mr. Clark Williams, vice-president of the Columbia Trust Company, of New York, and president of the section, Rev. William J. McKittrick delivered invocation, followed by the address of welcome, made by Mr. Festus J. Wade, president of the Mercantile Trust Company, of St. Louis.

President Clark, Williams, replied to the address of welcome and delivered his annual address.

The annual report of the executive committee, was delivered by Chairman Phillip S. Babcock, vice-president of the Colonial Trust Company, of New York.

### Municipal Securities Considered.

One of the important matters considered by the executive committee, was the necessity of devising some plan for safe guarding the issues of municipal securities. A committee of three was appointed to act jointly in conjunction with the executive committee in bringing about some feasible and proper plan for safe guarding the issuance of municipal securities, and Mr. Babcock stated the method devised will be reported during the deliberations of the convention.

The report of the committee on better protection for municipal securities was delivered by Chairman H. P. Mc-

Donald, president of the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Hon. Pierre Jay, of Massachusetts, addressed the convention.

The convention was addressed briefly by Hon. William Harrett Ridgeley, comptroller of the currency. He said in part:

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"There should be the closest bond of sympathy even if there is friendly rivalry between the national bank system, state banks and trust companies. There is a place for each kind of bank, and each has a field. It is not so much a question of quantity of banking business done as it is the quality done. Whatever success the trust companies of the United States have achieved, has not been especially so because they were ably managed as because they were honestly managed, and they have made a remarkable record."

Mr. Breckenridge Jones, president of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, St. Louis, who inaugurated the trust company section of the Association, was introduced and spoke briefly.

### Officers Elected.

At the afternoon session of the trust company section, Festus J. Wade, president of the Mercantile Trust Company of St. Louis, was elected president and Phillip Babcock, vice-president of the Colonial Trust Company of New York, president, Ralph W. Cutler, Hartford, Conn., was chosen a member of the executive committee. The section then adjourned.

Tonight a banquet was tendered the general officers, executive council and executive committees of the trust company and savings bank sections.

The savings bank section meeting, held in Schuyler Memorial hall, was presided over by President Edward E. Duff, of Pittsburgh, Pa. In his annual address, he advocated the expenditure of large sums to prosecute bank officials, who rob depositors.

### CRUISER FLEET IN ORIENT.

Four of the best ships in Service Join Asiatic Squadron.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—Four of the most powerful cruisers of the American navy today joined the Asiatic fleet, thus making it more formidable than it has ever been before.

The special service squadron, consisting of the West Virginia, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Maryland, left Suez today for the Orient.

The department today issued an order announcing that Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson has assumed the duties and title as commander in chief of the United States Asiatic fleet with the West Virginia as his flagship.

### Highwayman Kills Y. M. C. A. Man.

(By Associated Press.)  
SPOKANE, WASH., Oct. 16.—Reno Hutchins, secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, was shot last night by a highwayman at Seventh and Howard streets in the best residence section of the city.

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## BRIGHT FOR PHYSICIAN

### Fellow Practitioners Believe Woman Died From Natural Causes.

## PTOMAINES POISONING IS BLAMED

### Witness Admits That He Told the Nurses They Were Talking Too Much About Their Patient—Case Will Go to the Jury Today.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOMS RIVER, N. J., Oct. 16.—When the court adjourned today at the trial of Dr. Frank Browner, for the murder of his wife, all the testimony was in, and it only remained for counsel to sum up and the judge to deliver his charge before the case would go to the jury.

Dr. E. McL. Forman was called today for the defense and examined at length.

He said that there was not a single symptom in Mrs. Browner's case that could not be ascribed to ptomaine poisoning. Dr. Forman said, that the conditions being as described he would say that ptomaine poisoning had been the cause of death.

Under cross-examination Dr. Forman admitted that on November 15, 1905, he signed an affidavit setting forth that the cause of Mrs. Browner's death, was unknown. He explained this by saying that he was not then positive as to what had actually caused the woman's death. He admitted, that he had told Miss Lippincott and Miss Dudley, two of the nurses, who attended Mrs. Browner, that they were talking altogether too freely about the case and that their conduct was unprofessional and might do them harm.

Dr. Forman denied that he had told any one that Mrs. Browner's death had been caused by Bright's disease.

Dr. I. H. Hance of Lakewood, was called and in answer to a hypothetical question, gave it as his opinion that death was the result of ptomaine poisoning.

Dr. George W. McMillan, of Lakewood, being called, made a similar reply to the same question.

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## COMMISSION PROBES ELEVATOR BUSINESS

### Armour Interests Control Many Big Plants in Chicago and Elsewhere.

## DEALERS EXPLAIN TRICKS OF TRADE

### Broker Asserts That There Are No More Honorable Men in World Than Grain Dealers—Texas Cattle Shippers Complain About Unjust Rates Which are Doing Great Harm.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILL., Oct. 16.—W. S. Jackson, former president of the Chicago Board of Trade, called before today's session of the Interstate Commerce Commission, to testify as to the practice of owners of elevators storing grain contrary to law, asserted that he has known of cases where grain has been stored in elevators as charged.

In such cases, he stated, however, it is the custom, to transfer the title of the grain before storing it, thus, in a way complying with the letter of the law. After the grain is removed from the elevators, he asserted, it is re-transferred to the original owner.

### Common Practice in the West.

Several other grain men testified that that such a practice is in vogue, and stated that they do not consider it a violation of the law.

Secretary James of the Armour Elevator Company, and Armour Grain Company, said the Armour interests control; the Neola Elevator Company, the Milwaukee Elevator Company, and the Southwestern Elevator company and that the officers in the companies are practically the same.

### Prices are Not Fair.

George Marcey, president of the two companies bearing Mr. Armour's name, declared that the rule of the Chicago board of Trade fixing prices to be bid on county grain, is not fair and that he voted against it.

I. P. Rumsey, for fifty years a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, took the stand and declared that he is unqualified in favor of the Grain Dealers Association, and of discouraging farmers in the elevator business. He concluded his testimony, with the remark:

"The grain dealers are the most honorable men, as a class in the world."

## CATTLEMEN COMPLAIN.

### Texas Railroad Hold Up Livestock Shippers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—A hardship, it is claimed, in a complaint filed today by the Texas cattle Raisers Association, with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway Company, the International and Great Northern Railway Company, and the Texas and New Orleans Railway Company is worked on "cattle shippers from Texas points to New Orleans by reason of the cancellation by the defendants of through rates.

The cancellation, has resulted in an advance of from \$15 to \$35 a car, and it is alleged that shippers of live stock, under the new rates, will suffer serious damage. The Commission is asked to establish just and reasonable through rates, from Texas points to New Orleans.

## ANOTHER RACING RECORD.

### Rosen Goes Seven Furlongs in 1:22 Flat.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—D. C. Johnson's Rosen, carrying 126 pounds, created a new world's record for seven furlongs in the fastest race at Belmont Park today. He stepped the distance in the fastest time ever made on an American race course, 1:22.

When he finished, and the phenomenal time was hung out by the official timer the big crowd arose and gave the great sprinter a rousing cheer which lasted for several minutes, in spite of the fact that he was quoted at 1 to 80 in the betting, and they were unable to bet on him.

## GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATED

### Norfolk Couple Observe the Day Surrounded by Their Children.

(Special to the Daily Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Oct. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. James T. Borum, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage last night in their home in Portsmouth.

Those present were their three children, James A. Borum, Mrs. V. G. Culpener and Mrs. Sallie Day. Seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Borum was a member of years a prominent business man in Norfolk,