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SENATOR M'LAURIN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Attack of Heart Failure Carries Off Mississippi Statesman Without Warning.

FALLS FROM CHAIR IN FRONT OF LIBRARY FIRE

Swift Summons Follows Remark About Feeling Better Than at Any Time Since Recent Illness From Ptomaine Poisoning—Sketch of Notable Career of Sixty Years.

(By Associated Press.) JACKSON, MISS., Dec. 22.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly tonight at his home in Frandon. Death was due to an attack of heart failure and came without the slightest warning at 6:35 o'clock.

When the fatal stroke came upon him Senator McLaurin was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace in his library. He suddenly fell forward, without speaking a word, and life was extinct when members of his family reached his side. The swift summons of death followed within a few moments a remark by Senator McLaurin that he was then feeling better than he had felt at any time since his recent severe illness, resulting from an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

No Funeral Arrangements. No announcement as to the funeral arrangements had been made at a late hour tonight.

As to a successor to Senator McLaurin, it is pointed out that an appointment may be immediately made by Governor Noel or selected by the state legislature, which will convene early in January.

A Notable Career.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Senator McLaurin, who was 69 years old, began his first term in the United States senate in 1894, but was elected governor of Mississippi in 1895 and served in that office four years. He was elected again to the senate in 1900 and served one term. He then returned for the term which began March 4, 1907. His present term of office would have expired on March 3, 1913.

Senator McLaurin was a lawyer by profession and began the study of law in 1868, after he had served through the Civil war as a private in the Confederate army. He was born on March 26, 1848 at Brandon, Miss., and was raised on a farm.

Soldier at Sixteen. He entered the Confederate army when he was 16 years old. Seven children survive him.

When the present session of congress opened Senator McLaurin did not come to Washington because of illness. In the senate chamber he was known as one of the strongest defenders of the South, though not as radical as some. He believed in the South, her resources and her future and he never failed to rise to her defense when she was assailed.

He did some active work on the senate committee on the Mississippi river and tributaries and was a member of other important senate committees, among them those on civil service, commerce, immigration, interstate commerce, public expenditures and the joint committee on revision of laws of the United States. Vice-president Sherman left Washington today for New York and will be in Utica tomorrow.

Sergeant at Arms Ransdell telegraphed him of the death of Mr. McLaurin and expects to receive in the morning the list of the committee appointed to attend if the senator's family desire an official funeral.

Judge Liddon Dead.

(By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 22.—Judge Benjamin Liddon, Mariana, Fla., former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Florida, died last night. Judge Liddon was 55 years old and one of the best known jurists in the South.

THREE DEAD FROM DRINKING WHISKEY

Contests of Anonymous Christmas Bottle Believed to Have Been Poisoned.

(By Associated Press.) STARKE, FLA., Dec. 22.—Samuel Hogan is dead and a negro is in a serious condition here from drinking whiskey that is alleged to have been poisoned.

The whiskey was sent to John Bennett, a well known resident and in the packing was the following: "From a friend wishing a happy Christmas."

Mr. Bennett sent the negro to the express office for the package, giving him a drink upon his return. He then passed the bottle to Hogan, who drank. The bottle was next passed to Mr. Bennett's son who drank. Presently all three were suddenly taken ill and Hogan died before medical aid reached him. The boy is better, but the negro is in a dangerous condition. The package was shipped from Jacksonville and the authorities are now investigating the case.

SUCCEEDS A. P. CONE.

W. L. Pierce Superintendent of Richmond Division of Southern.

(By Associated Press.) RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 22.—W. L. Pierce, who has for two years been assistant superintendent of the Washington division of the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Strasburg, Va., has been appointed superintendent of the Richmond division to succeed the late A. P. Cone, who was killed in the wreck near Greensboro, N. C. recently. Mr. Pierce came to Richmond today to assume his new duties. He began with the Southern as a telegraph operator.

ATTACKS THIS COUNTRY

Zelaya Protests to World Against "Meddling."

RECALLS THE SPANISH WAR

Manifesto of Ex-President of Nicaragua Compares Conduct of United States Toward Him to What Was Done in Cuba.

(By Associated Press.) MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, Dec. 22.—Ex-President Zelaya today issued a manifesto declaring that his surrender of the presidency was caused by a desire to save Nicaragua from the humiliation of outrages threatened by a powerful foreign nation which was now inaugurating decisive influence over the destiny of Nicaragua.

Because of his resistance against the imposition of tutelage, which was the forerunner of the conversion of the Latin nations of this continent into dependencies of the United States, he had incurred the hatred of that government and when the defeat of the revolutionists appeared certain, the United States government inexplicably served relations with Nicaragua through Secretary Knox's letter to the charge d'affaires. He protested before the world against the meddling of the United States and the threat to land marines.

Compared to Cuba. The former president declares that the Americans, Cannon and Groce, were executed according to law. This pretext for intervention, he asserts, is similar to that employed when the United States first intervened in Cuba for there was no proof that the Maine was blown up by Spaniards, yet this was taken as a cause for action. Nor is there any proof that Cannon and Groce were put to death unlawfully.

There are persistent rumors here that a force of Honduras, now refugees in Guatemala, are preparing for a revolution and propose to invade Honduras at Occotopaque.

Gonzales Claims Victory.

General Gonzales, in command of the government troops at Rama, in an official dispatch received here this morning claims to have won a victory. He admits having suffered severe losses. The battle began at noon Monday, the government's right wing being attacked by Chamorro and the left wing by Matati. These positions were defended until 4 o'clock in the evening by Gonzales and Castillo.

DEATH FOR THREE AT HANDS OF ASSASSINS

Officials in Widley Separated Lands Killed in Brutal Fashion.

ALL PROBABLY VICTIMS OF POLITICAL INTRIGUES

Korean Premier Stabbed; Russian Chief of Secret Police Blown to Pieces by Bomb, and British Chief Magistrate in Naxik, India, Murdered at Theater.

(By Associated Press.) Three high government officials, the most notable being Premier Yi of the Korean cabinet, met horrible death at the hands yesterday of political assassins. The crimes committed were in widely separated portions of the world and include in addition to Premier Yi, Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Arthur M. T. Jackson, in Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Naxik.

In Seoul, Korea, the prime minister of the Korean cabinet, was stabbed to death as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Korea against Japanese influence.

Col. Karpoff was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb thrown by supposedly anarchist.

Arthur M. T. Jackson was assassinated by a native for revenge and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against British official authority. In each of the countries the governing authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—Col. Karpoff, chief of the secret police of St. Petersburg, was assassinated early today. He had been enticed to a modest apartment in a remote section of the Viburg district, and there was blown to pieces by a bomb being exploded, supposedly, by his host, one Michael Vosekressensky.

The murderer dashed into the street following the explosion and was captured. An assistant of Karpoff's, who had accompanied him, was severely injured. Karpoff was appointed from Baku, where he had been chief of the secret police.

Korean Premier Stabbed to Death. SEOUL, KOREA, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, the head of the Korea cabinet, was stabbed to death early today by Yi Cham Yong, a Korean.

The attack occurred at 10 o'clock in the morning. The assailant was a young Christian, who was for many years a resident of the United States. The premier was riding in his jinrickshaw when the assassin came up with a long kitchen knife in his hand. He drove this twice into the abdomen of the premier and once into the latter's lungs.

The assassin then turned on the premier's jinrickshaw men, whom he stabbed and instantly killed.

Political Secret Society. The assassin was immediately arrested. He is a youth of about 29 years and is believed to be a member of a political secret society.

The premier was removed to the hospital. Yi was always credited with fostering anti-Japanese sentiment in Korea. He bitterly opposed the faction among the Koreans, which favored annexation to Japan, and refused to present a petition for annexation to the Korean emperor.

Highly Regarded by Its.

Notwithstanding Yi's known sentiments in regard to relations between Japan and Korea, Marquis Ito regarded Yi as an honest and conscientious patriot and refused to listen to the premier's repeated requests that he be allowed to resign his office. It is believed that the assassination is the result of political intrigues.

Chief Magistrate a Victim.

BOMBAY, BRITISH INDIA, Dec. 22.—Arthur Mason Yippts Jackson, chief magistrate of Naxik in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance last night. The motive for the murder is supposed to have been a wish for revenge upon the magistrate who had recently sentenced a criminal to life imprisonment. Naxik is a hotbed of rebellion. Jack-

son had been in the British Indian service since 1888.

HAD NO MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS.

So James L. Mock Shot Himself Through the Head.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 22.—Lack of money with which to give his wife and two children their accustomed happy Christmas is believed to have caused the suicide of James L. Mock, formerly of Newark, N. J., who shot himself through the head at his home here this morning, dying a few hours later.

Mock came to Atlanta about four months ago as agent for a typewriter concern.

KILLS WIFE, HER SUITOR, MOTHER-IN-LAW AND SELF

Jealous Miner at Pittsburg, Ky., Commits Triple Murder and Suicide.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, KY., Dec. 22.—A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, Ky., a mining village, today when William Murray, a miner, shot and killed his wife and her mother and Elbert Cole and himself. Murray's objections to the alleged attentions of Cole to Mrs. Murray are given as the cause of the crimes.

Cole, who was a son of Assistant Mine Inspector Perry C. Cole, was 22 years old. He was manager of a general store, in which he was slain. Murray entered the store and without a word shot Cole.

Then he went to his home nearby and shot his mother-in-law as she was leaving the house. He then shot his wife, who was returning from a visit to a neighbor. He dragged his wife within the yard, laid her dying beside the body of her mother, and fired a bullet through Mrs. Murray's heart.

He then shot himself and fell between the women's bodies.

MISS MARSHALL STILL ALIVE.

Girl Who Attempted Suicide at Norfolk Has Even Chance for Recovery.

(By Associated Press.) NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 22.—Margaret Marshall, the young Portland, Boston and New York woman who attempted suicide at Virginia Beach last Wednesday by putting three pistol bullets in her head, is still alive and convalescing at St. Vincent's Hospital here, and her chances for recovery were today pronounced about even. The attending physicians thought it best to defer for several days yet the operation which is necessary to probe for the bullet embedded in the root of the girl's tongue.

Miss Marshall's father went to the hospital today, but he did not see her.

MYSTERIOUS WARDLAW SISTERS ARE INDICTED

Mother and Aunts of Ocey Sneed Must Answer for Girl's Murder.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The three mysterious Wardlaw sisters must face trial in Essex county, N. J., an charged with the murder of Ocey W. M. Sneed, the East Orange bath tub victim.

Much as a matter of course, the Essex county grand jury filed into court at Newark today and reported that two indictments had been found against all three.

One indictment charges each of the sisters with being the principal in causing Mrs. Sneed's death by drowning, and charges each sister also with being an accessory. The other indictment charges the three sisters collectively with causing Mrs. Sneed "to commit self murder." The three sisters are Mrs. Carolina B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Sneed; Mrs. Wardlaw Sneed, an aunt of the victim and also her mother-in-law, and Miss Virginia Wardlaw, an aunt.

The latter is in the Essex county jail here and the two former are in custody in New York. The proceedings before the grand jury were brief. Chief of Police Bell, of East Orange, told of the finding of the body; William Kinsley, a handwriting expert, told of the "suicide notes" he had examined but just what he swore to was not made public while physicians testified as to the condition of the body.

NEWS OF ESTRADA'S VICTORY CONFIRMED

Captain Shipley, of Cruiser Des Moines, Advises Navy Department of Battle.

SIX HUNDRED KILLED OR WOUNDED AT RAMA

General Castrillo, Four Pieces of Artillery, 1,500 Rifles and a Million Rounds of Ammunition Included in Surrender of 1,900 of Zelaya's Men—Hospital Established.

(By Associated Press.) BLUEFIELD, NICARAGUA, Dec. 22.—General Estrada as won a complete victory over the government troops at Rama. A total of 600 men of both armies was killed or wounded, nine hundred of Zelaya's men have surrendered including General Gonzalez who was in command. Two Americans are reported killed. The fighting occurred outside the city limits. The wounded are being treated here.

Commander Shipley has landed surgeons from the Des Moines to care for them.

Confirmation at Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Confirmation of Associated Press dispatches from Nicaragua were received today at the navy department in a cablegram from Captain Shipley, of the Des Moines now at Bluefield, dated at 3 o'clock this morning.

The additional information is given in the navy department's advices that General Castrillo, four pieces of field artillery, 1,500 rifles and one million rounds of ammunition were included in the surrender.

The wounded have been carried to Bluefields where the hospital facilities are inadequate to the demands made by the results of the engagement.

Captain Shipley says he has established a hospital on shore employing surgeons, assistants and hospital supplies from the Des Moines and the Tacoma.

No force has been landed from the American warships, Captain Shipley says.

Zelaya Loses 2,600.

Zelaya's loss in killed, wounded and captured, the captain reports, is about 2,600.

An earlier telegram from Captain Shipley dated the 21st says that the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua had gained a decisive victory at Rama over the government forces. The telegram states that Estrada's army on the 20th began an organized attack on the government position. The outposts of the Zelaya forces under Gonzalez, were defeated and routed. The fighting continued all day.

Surrender Expected.

Captain Shipley's telegram adds that the surrender of the entire government force was expected yesterday and that Estrada is confident of complete success. Captain Shipley says further that the United States gunboat Eagle is within the harbor and is prepared at any moment to land its bluejackets, but in all probability such a course will be unnecessary.

The state department has received a telegram from United States Consul Moffatt at Bluefields, which confirms in all particulars the dispatch received from Captain Shipley of the great battle fought at Rama. He adds that a hundred and fifty prisoners brought into Bluefields yesterday were barefooted, starved and mostly young boys. They stated that they had had little or no food for fifteen days.

Panama Gets the News.

PANAMA, Dec. 22.—A wireless dispatch from Bluefields addressed to General Chamorro's father here reported 60 men killed and 1,800 prisoners and 1,000,000 cartridges captured by the provisional government's forces at the battle at Rama.

GEORGIA'S OLD "SLAVE" LAW NOT EFFECTIVE

Negro Prisoner Who Killed Fellow Convict Who Was Assisting in Whipping Gets New Trial.

(By Associated Press.) ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 22.—The old "slave" law, which prohibited a slave from striking or attacking his master or the latter's foreman, to defend himself from a whipping, is of no effect in Georgia today, according to a decision handed down here today by the State Supreme Court in the case of a convict who killed a fellow prisoner.

Cleveland Westbrook, colored, under sentence of death for killing another negro, who was assisting the warden of a convict camp of which both negroes were inmates, in administering a whipping to Westbrook, is granted a new trial.

The Supreme Court holds that corporal punishment of a convict under circumstances of a character not sufficient to authorize an assault which implies the right of defense.

If the jury decides that the whipping of Westbrook in this instance was unlawful the negro cannot be convicted of a greater crime than voluntary manslaughter.

BLAZE AT DORCHESTER.

Three Miners' Houses Go Up in Smoke.

(By Associated Press.) ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 22.—Fire broke out in the miners' houses of the Colonial Coal & Coke Company at Dorchester, Va., today and three homes were consumed before the flames were gotten under control. A fourth house was blown up with dynamite to check the fire. The loss is covered by insurance.

NOT INTERESTING NOW

Fridjof Says Cook Practically is Dead.

DISTRUSTED HIM AT FIRST

Famous Danish Explorer Thought the Doctor's Report Showed Ignorance, But Preferred to Keep Silent—Schley Still Believes in Cook.

(By Associated Press.) CHRISTIANA, Dec. 22.—Fridjof Nansen, the Norwegian arctic explorer, today broke his long silence and talked of the Peary-Cook controversy.

"It is my opinion," he said, "that Cook is no longer interesting. He is practically a dead man and ought to vanish from the consideration of the world. I never trusted him, for the first report which he made did not inspire confidence, especially his statements concerning the distance of fourteen seconds from the pole.

"This proved that Cook was ignorant of the simplest principles of astronomical observations. His later reports contained nothing of value; on the contrary they were filled with improbabilities and contradictions.

"From the first I was unable to support Dr. Cook. I therefore preferred to keep silent. As for Peary I never doubted his veracity, although I should not approve of his behavior on his return. However, it is easy to understand his indignation. He is a man and there is no comparison between him and Cook."

Schley Believes in Cook.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Reaffirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, retired, today called publicly upon Commander Peary to submit his proofs other than the National Geographic Society. This, the admiral declares, should be done at once in the interest of justice and to establish beyond question the claims of Peary.

The admiral believes that the same body which threw out and repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the Geographic Society.

"The issues are the best puted (Continued on Fourth Page.)

SHIPS MUCH LIQUOR TO THIRSTY "DRYS"

Richmond is Sending Out About Forty Thousand Gallons of Whiskey Daily.

BEST CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH AND MIDDLE WEST

Virginia Capital, as a Distributing Point for Various Sections, is Making Irrigating Record Unequaled by Any City in Country, Not Even Excepting New York.

(Special to The Daily Press.) RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 22.—As a distributing point for the entire South, as well as for many states of the middle West, Richmond at this season has shipped probably more whiskey to dry sections than was ever sent out in the same length of time from any city in the country, not excepting New York and Chicago, which are situated in territories surrounded by cities, towns and counties that have been affected by the temperance wave.

This declaration is based on statements have been consigned to individuals and on estimates furnished by representatives of the various express companies.

Bulk Goes South.

The bulk of these gigantic shipments have been consigned to individuals in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and the various dry sections of Virginia. At the same time enormous quantities of distilled spirits have been shipped to Texas, Indiana, Florida and Illinois. It is stated that there is not a state in the entire Union to which packages containing liquors have not been shipped since December 1.

The express companies have rented a warehouse especially for the handling of these shipments.

Forty Thousand Gallons Daily.

It is estimated that from seven to ten thousand cases of whiskey are being sent out by the mail order houses in Richmond and Manchester daily. The average contents of each package is from three to five gallons. This indicates that at least forty thousand gallons of whiskey is shipped from this city each day. The whiskey establishment are working night and day.

SUGAR TRUST LAWYER SUES FOR DAMAGES

Thomas B. Harned Wants 75,000 from International Magazine Co., for Alleged Libel.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Thomas B. Harned, a Philadelphia lawyer, brought suit in the United States Circuit Court today against the International Magazine Company, owned by W. R. Hearst, asking damages of \$75,000 for an alleged libel in the current issue of the Cosmopolitan magazine in an article entitled, "Tragedies of the Sugar Trust."

In this same article appeared a copy of the letter written by Attorney General Wickersham to Henry A. Wise, United States district attorney here, which in some measure was copied from an original in Mr. Wise's desk.

Harned is one of the men indicted by the Federal grand jury in connection with the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company's suit whose damages in the indictment, however, was sustained on the ground that publication was barred by the statute of limitations.