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PRESIDENT HASTENS TO SON'S BEDSIDE.

Special Car Bears Him to Groton, Mass., Where Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., Is Ill.

DOCTOR'S REQUEST IGNORED.

Trip to Charleston Postponed—Mother With the Sick Boy, Whose Condition Is Said to Be Somewhat Better.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Secretary Corteiyou, left here just after midnight for Groton, Mass., in a special car attached to the regular train over the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The train is due in Jersey City at 6:32 a. m. A special train will be in waiting in New York to take the President to Boston. It is stated that the President has no plans for returning to Washington, his future movements depending upon the condition of his son.

Late this evening the President determined to disregard the request of his son's physician and to go to his boy's bedside.

It was stated that the President felt that his presence would be a comfort to Mrs. Roosevelt and that as the critical period covers the next three days he should be near his son.

It is also stated that the trip to Massachusetts is taken on the President's own initiative and is not due to any alarming news which has reached him concerning his son's condition.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Groton, Mass., Feb. 8.—It was learned late this afternoon that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., was a little better to-day than yesterday.

His temperature this morning was 105, but during the afternoon it dropped to 103.

The presence of Mrs. Roosevelt is said to have had a beneficial effect upon the lad, and he has brightened perceptibly since her coming.

Mrs. Roosevelt reached here just after 1 o'clock this morning, having made the trip from Washington without unusual incident and without delay. The Reverend Sherrard Billings, assistant to President Peabody of the Groton School, was waiting with a carriage when the train arrived. Quite a crowd had gathered at Ayer to see Mrs. Roosevelt, but there was no demonstration of any sort as she passed to the carriage. The drive of three miles to the school took about an hour, as the roads were hilly and rough from freezing.

The mother of the sick boy was received by President Peabody, and as soon as possible she was at her son's bedside.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Roosevelt to-day formally notified the managers of the Charleston Exposition that owing to the serious illness of his son, Theodore, Jr., at Groton, Mass., he would be unable to carry out his intention of visiting the exposition at this time. He assured the Charleston people that he fully intends to visit the exposition at a later period, and added that the party would remain unchanged, with the exception that there may be a few additions. No definite date has been fixed for a renewal of the arrangements for the trip, but after consultation with the managers of the exposition and the railroad officials, it was decided to carry out the original programme as soon as young Roosevelt is out of danger and Mrs. Roosevelt can join the presidential party.

THEIR WEDDING NEXT SPRING.

Engagement of Miss Ethel Edwards to John T. Boon, Jr.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Feb. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Edwards announced to-day the engagement of their daughter, Ethel Ewing Edwards, to Mr. John T. Boon, Jr., of Kansas City. The wedding will be in the early spring.

The announcement will be of interest throughout the State, where both of the young people have numerous friends and acquaintances. Their engagement, while unexpected at this time, is not a complete surprise to their friends, as they have been for some time prepared for the announcement.

Miss Edwards and Mr. Boon belong to two of the old and esteemed families of the State capital. The father of the bride is one of the leading attorneys and until recently publisher of the Cole County Democrat.

RETURNED TWO INDICTMENTS.

Murder of Mrs. Railey and Lena Renner Charged to Sherwell.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 8.—The Vanderburg County Grand Jury this afternoon returned two indictments against ex-Patrolman Wilbur S. Sherwell, charging him with the murder of Lena Renner and Mrs. Georgia Railey on the night of November 11 last.

A few weeks ago the same Grand Jury returned an indictment against Sherwell charging him with the murder of Fannie Butler, who was choked to death in this city May 3 last in a stable. Her body was not discovered for several days afterwards.

Over 200 witnesses was examined by the Grand Jury on the three cases.

The prisoner will be arraigned before Judge Mattison of the Circuit Court Monday.

TO NOMINATE FULL TICKET.

Municipal Ownership Party Makes Preparations for Fall Election.

At a meeting of the Twenty-eighth Ward representatives of the Meriwether faction of the Municipal Ownership party, at the Lindell Hotel last night, it was decided to issue a call to the 333 Precinct Committeemen of St. Louis for a meeting to be held within the next ten days, at which a full list of nominations will be made for the fall election.

It was stated that the senatorial situation was not touched upon at the meeting. Mr. Meriwether said that as yet his party was not committed to support any special candidate. It was hinted that the Municipal Ownership party might put a man of its own in the race, but the name of this candidate was not made public.

RANSOM POST HELD MEMORIAL.

Services in Honor of General W. T. Sherman.

Ransom Post, G. A. R., held its annual memorial services at Howard's Hall, Garrison avenue and Olive street, last night in honor of General William Tecumseh Sherman and those who died during the year.

Those who have recently died are: Daniel S. Holmes, John T. Roberts, Theodore A. Meysenberg, James T. Watson, Anthony Johnson, A. August Doerner, Charles N. Stevens, Herman Huelsman, George B. Leighton, C. L. Drake, Edward Goings, Truman A. Post, R. H. Welch and Charles S. Rannells.

Charles W. Barstow, commander of the post, made a short address and James L. Blair and the Reverend Charles L. Kloss spoke.

GIGANTIC TRACTION COMBINE MAY FORM.

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburg Street Railways Said to Be Involved.

TALK OF NATIONAL COMPANY.

Whitney-Widener-Elkins Syndicate Declared to Be the Moving Spirit in the Great Consolidation Scheme.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 8.—The financial world is full of reports of impending consolidations of traction interests of the big cities of the country on a gigantic scale.

The stories of a merging of all the local traction interests has been followed by stories of a consolidation of the traction interests of other cities, notably Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and all are said to be merely preliminary consolidations of all the traction lines of these cities, and the formation of a national company, of which the Whitney-Widener-Elkins syndicate is the moving spirit.

Following the story of a local traction consolidation, dispatches from Philadelphia and Chicago say that the traction interests of these cities are to be consolidated, and the great deal for a national traction syndicate effected.

Despite the fact that details are not lacking in these stories, no verification which can be construed as being absolutely authoritative can be obtained. Mr. Whitney refused to discuss the story of a national traction scheme, contained in the Chicago dispatches, but its accuracy was denied in the office of J. P. Morgan and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The Philadelphia story has for its authority a man well informed about the plans of the Whitney-Widener-Elkins syndicate.

Besides Philadelphia and Chicago, it is said that Cincinnati and Pittsburg are included in the deal.

President Murray Carleton of the Transit Company and President Charles H. Turner of the Suburban said yesterday that they had not been approached in the interest of any scheme involving the consolidation of their respective roads with the roads of any othe city or cities. They stated that they had no knowledge of any such combinations being planned for other cities. From the office of J. P. Morgan any knowledge of either or both of the St. Louis companies being in the reported scheme was dichaimed.

Back Pay for St. Louis Letter Carriers

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Representative Joy to-day introduced a bill for the relief of Letter Carrier John W. Magann of St. Louis. The amount of $550 is claimed to be due to Mr. Magann for back pay for services rendered between the years 1873-1879.

LEADING TOPICS —IN— TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

For St. Louis and Vicinity—Continued fair and slightly colder.

For Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas—Fair.

For Eastern Texas—Rain or snow Sunday; fair Monday, except in south.

For Western Texas—Snow in north, fair in south.

PART I.

1. Bartholdt Makes Startling Charge.
2. Facts About Lighting Bill. Fight Removal of Restrictions.
3. State Committee Called Together. History of First Chapter of D. O. C. Vassar Girls Panic Stricken.
4. Kaiser Likes the Name "Meteor." Woman Carried From Burning Bed. American Hospital Needed in Paris.
5. Youthful Forger Takes His Life. Long Expected to Retire This Spring. Robbed and Tied Their Victim.
6. Fear Death of Wm. H. Vest. Arrange for a Big Euchre.
7. "Missouri Literature."
8. Editorial. May Change World's Military Tactics.
9. Notices of Deaths. School Dedicated Without Ceremony.
10. Boy Held on Murder Charge. American Embassy in London Complete. London Theatrical Managers Delighted. Question of Time May Decide His Fate.
12. East Side News.
13. Admiral Sampson Retires.
14. Lanham Opposed to Anti-Anarchy Bill. Missouri Military Academy. Prize for Football Yell.

PART II.

1. Used Phonograph Instead of Tongue. Where St. Louis Children Coast.
2. Many Society People Have Gone Southward.
3. Local and Suburban Society Notes. Beer Tax May Be Retained.
4. Notes About Society in Neighboring Cities.
5. Milady's Winsome Curl. After-Dinner Toasts.
6. Beaumont and the Texas Oil Fields.
7. Tragedy of Biddles Is Unique. Woman Admits Man Was Murdered.
8. Playhouse Novelties. Special Pension Bill for Heroine.

PART III.

1. Funeral of Firemen. Young Roosevelt Grows Better. Gigantic Traction Company May Form.
2. Railway News From All Points. Gave Life to Prevent Accident.
4. Dull Week in Real Estate.
5. Boxing Now a Higher Science Than Ever. Players' Union Issues a Letter.
6. American League's Policy. Hard Words for Charleston.
7. Form Favorites Get Drubbing. Fight Talk in General. Police Revolver Work.
8. News of the City Churches. Candidates for Congress.

PART IV.

Republic "Want" and Real Estate Advertisements, Pages 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

6. Notes of Interest Among the Lodges.
7. Uneventful Week in Grain. Securities Remain Firm.
8. Cable News From Europe.

POLICEMAN KILLED JOHN COUNCELLE.

Victim Had Held Up Spring Avenue Line Conductor and Was Trying to Escape.

COMPANION EVADED ARREST.

Watch and Money Taken From the Conductor Found in Councelle's Pockets—Robbers Were Armed.

John, alias "Shorty," Councelle was shot and killed at 12:40 o'clock this morning by Patrolman Smyth of the Fourth District while attempting to escape after holding up John W. Sollais, a conductor on a westbound Spring avenue car, in the presence of several passengers.

Councelle and another unidentified man who succeeded in eluding the police, boarded the car as it approached the corner of Fifteenth and Biddle streets, and while the unidentified man held a revolver to Sollais's head Councelle took from him $4.95 and a gold watch and chain.

The men then jumped from the car and dashed through a yardway. Policeman Tomasso and Acting Sergeant McGovern, who had been attracted by the conductor's cries for help, gave chase through the yard, while Policeman Smyth ran around to the alley. As Councelle rushed out of the rear gate, Smyth says he ordered the fugitive to halt. Instead of complying with the command, Smyth says Councelle told the policeman not to attempt to stop him or he would shoot.

Fearing that Councelle would make good his threat, Smyth says he fired at him. The first bullet brought Councelle down.

When searched the money and watch were found on Councelle's person.

The wounded man was hurried to the City Hospital, where it was discovered that the bullet had struck him in the right side and, after piercing the kidneys, passed out of his body. The wound proved fatal in a short time after his arrival at the hospital.

Councelle, the police say, had served a term in the State Penitentiary for burglary and had only recently been released.

He is said to have lived in the neighborhood of Seventeenth and Mullanphy streets. The man who helped Councelle in the robbery had not been captured at an early hour this morning.

BUCHANAN'S POSITION WITH WORLD'S FAIR

Former Director General of Buffalo Exposition to Supervise Exploitation in Latin America.

William I. Buchanan, former director general of the Pan-American Exposition, will have supervision for the World's Fair Company of the exploitation, to be performed by the diplomatic representatives of the Exposition, in Mexico and Central and South American countries. Until his present visit to St. Louis his relationship to the World's Fair has never been fully defined. The Commissioners' reports of exploitation to the Exposition management will be duplicated by them to Mr. Buchanan, who will pass his criticism and add his own observations in transmitting them to the Exposition authorities.

Mr. Buchanan has also been engaged by one of the great insurance companies to act as its South American representative. He intends to combine these duties with those to be performed by him for the World's Fair while he is in the South American field. Mr. Buchanan will bear no title in executing the mission assigned to him by the World's Fair authorities, although his powers will be fully understood by the various Exposition Commissioners who have been appointed to South American countries.

Up to the present time Mr. Buchanan's services to the World's Fair company have been confined to recommendations of various persons who have received commissions from the Exposition management. Among those whom he has highly recommended and who have been appointed to lucrative positions in the service of the Exposition are: John Taylor Lewis, Commissioner to Brazil; Palmer L. Bowen, former secretary to Mr. Buchanan, appointed as resident representative at Paris; Ernest H. Wands, Commissioner to Peru, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador; John Rice Chandler, Commissioner to Central American Republics; Frederic L. Taylor, chief of the Agricultural Department of the Exposition; Mark Bennett of the Publicity Bureau.

Mr. Buchanan will remain in St. Louis for the coming week, after which he will proceed to Washington and other Eastern points before sailing for London, and then to Brazil, the first country in which he will perform work for the Exposition. He will carry credentials and will secure from the State Department at Washington other necessary papers.

RELIEF FOR ARKANSAS DROUGHT SUFFERERS.

John Scullin of St. Louis Sent Check to Governor for $1,000.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 8.—Up to to-night Governor Davis had received $2,900 for the drought sufferers of North Arkansas. The money came from the following:

Citizens Bank of Pine Bluff, $1,000; John Scullin of St. Louis, president of the St. Louis and North Arkansas Railroad, $1,000; Sebastian County Bank of Greenwood, $500; Theodore Maxfield & Bros. of Batesville, $200; Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Company of St. Louis, $200. The last two named are donations. In sending a check for $1,000, Mr. Scullin wrote as follows:

"Honorable Jeff Davis, Governor State of Arkansas, Little Rock, Ark.: Dear Sir—In to-day's St. Louis Republic my attention was arrested by the article dealing with the deplorable condition prevailing in the northern part of Arkansas, and particularly in the counties of Randolph, Fulton, Sharp and Izard.

"While fully aware of the extent of the drought of last year, it was with surprise and regret that the undersigned learned of the general distress prevailing in the counties above mentioned. While we are not bankers, in accordance with your appeal, as indicated in attached clipping, on behalf of the St. Louis and North Arkansas Railroad, I inclose herewith a check for $1,000, to be used as in your judgment may seem best in alleviating the existing distress. Yours truly, JOHN SCULLIN."

The St. Louis and North Arkansas Railroad runs from Seligman, Mo., to Harrison, Boone County, Ark., and is now being extended eastward through Marion County into Baxter County, in which a great many of the sufferers reside.

FRIENDS WILL WORK FOR DE ARMOND.

Active Canvass in His Behalf Will Be Made in Every County of the State.

ENTHUSIASM AT HOME TOWN.

News of Senatorial Candidacy Attracted Favorable Comment Among Democrats at National Capital.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Butler, Mo., Feb. 8.—The announcement of David A. De Armond's candidacy for the United States Senate has awakened the greatest enthusiasm, and his friends will at once enter into active canvass in his behalf. The strong sentiment throughout the State which has inspired his announcement has imbued his friends with confidence. While Judge De Armond's devotion to his duties at Washington will prevent his personal participation in the campaign before the adjournment of Congress, his interests will not be neglected by his friends, who will push his campaign vigorously in every county in the State.

FINDS FAVOR IN WASHINGTON.

The Republic Bureau,
14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The fact that Judge De Armond had announced, through The Republic, that he will be a candidate for the Senate, became known to-day at the capital and attracted favorable comment.

Inasmuch as two Democratic Representatives are in the field for this honor, the other members of the delegation declined to discuss Judge De Armond's candidacy or to predict the probable outcome of the contest. To do so, they thought, would involve comments upon the relative fitness of the candidates, which they were unwilling to make. The members of the delegation agree that Judge De Armond is thoroughly equipped for the Senate and will prove a strong candidate. Senators Vest and Cockrell declined to discuss the matter.

Among politicians generally at the capital, Judge De Armond's announcement is looked upon as important. The selection of a successor to Senator Vest is regarded as a matter of more than State interest, and the prospects and campaigns of the candidates are being watched now and will be followed with growing interest as the campaign advances.

Judge De Armond is held in high esteem by all his associates in the House, and today many of them, having learned of his announcement, expressed an earnest hope for his success.

TOTAL REGISTRATION NOW IS ONLY 18,174

Election Commissioners' Office Will Be Kept Open Until 9 O'Clock Friday Evenings.

Louis Kunz, secretary of the Board of Election Commissioners, reported at the meeting of the board yesterday that the total registration up to date was 18,174.

By wards the registration is as follows: First, 979; Second, 641; Third, 502; Fourth, 537; Fifth, 465; Sixth, 597; Seventh, 650; Eighth, 429; Ninth, 540; Tenth, 1,091; Eleventh, 499; Twelfth, 738; Thirteenth, 899; Fourteenth, 412; Fifteenth, 455; Sixteenth, 609; Seventeenth, 453; Eighteenth, 583; Nineteenth, 629; Twentieth, 608; Twenty-first, 593; Twenty-second, 667; Twenty-third, 676; Twenty-fourth, 772; Twenty-fifth, 576; Twenty-sixth, 786; Twenty-seventh, 556; Twenty-eighth, 1,184.

On motion of Commissioner Hobbs the board unanimously decided to keep the office open until 9 o'clock every Friday evening to give those who cannot leave their business during the day an opportunity to register for the coming primaries.

The board called on City Counselor Bates to give an opinion as to whether it is compulsory for every political party which at the last general election cast 10,000 votes or more for Governor, to hold its primary elections under the act of March 15, 1901.

GAVE LIFE TO PREVENT ACCIDENT.

New York Central Track Foreman's Head Battered as He Signaled.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 8.—Abraham Carter, a track foreman on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, was killed while making up a train of freight cars in the Grand Central yards.

Carter was between two cars near the end and, seeing that the engineer was going too fast and might cause a crash, he stuck his head out to wave him to slow up. The train was passing the freight elevator at Forty-fourth street and Vanderbilt avenue at the time, and Carter's head hit the beam and he was knocked senseless. When picked up his skull was fractured.

While being taken to the Flower Hospital in an ambulance he died. Carter lived in Wakefield. He was 34 years old.

SOME NEW SARGENT PORTRAITS

American Artist Is Winning New Fame in London.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, Feb. 8.—John S. Sargent, the American painter now in this city, has been painting many portraits this winter, including several of the Wertheimer family, when his canvases have already given world-wide fame, and a group of three women named Hunter, which is proclaimed veritably his masterpiece by those who have seen it in his studio.

MANY CENSUS CLERKS DISCHARGED.

Six Hundred Men and Women Dropped From Payrolls.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The official ax fell with a heavy blow upon from 300 to 600 young men and women clerks at the Census Office at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Those who were dismissed were taken from the two large divisions of the department which formerly contained about 1,000 clerks each. It came as a surprise to many of them, although since the wholesale dismissals have been in progress the majority of the employes have lived in a state of continued mental suspense. No one knew at what moment the ax would fall and sever their connection with the bureau.

President Honored by Club.

New York, Feb. 8.—President Roosevelt has been unanimously elected an honorary member of the Union League Club of this city. He has been an active member of the club for about eighteen years. Presidents Harrison and McKinley were the only chief executives similarly honored by the club.

THREE WERE KILLED AND FOUR INJURED IN OLIVE STREET FIRE

Two White Men and One Negro Woman the Victims Empire Hotel Destroyed.

Empire Hotel burned; several lives supposed to be lost early this morning. The fire destroyed the hotel, a three story brick building, at the corner of Beaumont and Olive at an early hour this morning. Three persons perished in the flames, one negro woman and two white men. Their bodies were removed to the morgue.

It is said that 25 persons were in the hotel at the time the fire started, most of whom escaped. One body was taken from the burning building by the firemen. One man jumped from the third story window and was very seriously hurt.

Four persons were injured, one fatally. They were removed to the city hospital.

Henry Robinson, a negro, was one of the victims; the other three were white men.

APPROVES ALL BUT HIS OWN BREVET.

President Roosevelt Will Not Recommend Theodore Roosevelt for Honorary Promotion.

FOR NOTEWORTHY WAR SERVICE

Rank Will Be Bestowed on All Officers Whose Records Were Especially Meritorious During War With Spain.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The President has approved with one notable exception, all the recommendations made by the army Brevet Board, of which General MacArthur was president, for the bestowal of brevet rank on all the officers of the army who rendered especially meritorious service during the war with Spain and in subsequent campaigns in the Philippines and China.

The exception noted is the case of Theodore Roosevelt, who was awarded the brevets of Colonel and Brigadier General for distinguished services at San Juan, Santiago.

Under the law, these brevets require the confirmation of the Senate and the nominations have been made for transmission to that body next week, but as already stated, the list will not contain the name of the President.

It is expected that the medals of honor and certificates of merit recommended by the board for individual gallantry, which also have been approved by the President, will be announced at the War Department next week. These awards do not require the sanction of the Senate.

REPORT ON TEXAS COTTON CROP

Statement Issued by Exchange of Austin—214,115 Bales on Hand.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 8.—The Cotton Exchange of this city to-day gave out a statement of the cotton crop of Texas, which has been carefully compiled after five weeks of hard labor. The exchange says:

"We have received 306 responses from 143 towns in ninety counties in Texas. The total stock on hand in the sections reported amount to 214,115 bales, as compared with 500,679 bales on hand on same date last year, showing a shortage of 57 per cent. Where two or more reports from the same place differ as to their estimates, we have taken the average of all the estimates. We think the sections reporting, and upon which we base the above figures, can be accepted as a good indication of the situation in the entire State, because they have heretofore produced over four-fifths of the crop of the State.

"It appears to us from the above figures that there must have been rapid marketing of cotton this season, and if such has been the case in Texas, are we not justified in believing that the same was true in other portions of the cotton belt? The same reasons which operate to create a brisk demand for cotton in Texas exist in other States as well, and we are therefore inclined to the opinion that by reason of small stocks in the interior, the movement cannot continue for any great length of time, even on the present reduced scale, and the crop will not be greater than requirements for the world's consumption."

MRS. BRYANT DIED SUDDENLY.

Removal of Tumor Led to Heart Failure.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Emily Bryant, who died of heart failure at the home of her father, John Hampson, of No. 2337 Lafayette avenue, Friday afternoon, will take place this afternoon from her late residence to Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Mrs. Bryant had been in poor health for more than a year and under the constant attention of Doctor Adolphe L. Boyce of No. 2620 Park avenue. Just before Christmas she was operated on and a large tumor removed. For a time she rallied. Friday, however, she began to sink, and she died at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Her ailment was pronounced heart failure.

Two children, Kingsley, 14 years old, and Edith, 12 years old, survive, besides Mrs. Bryant's husband, C. J. Bryant, who is now in Southeast Missouri, in the mining business. Mrs. Bryant leaves also a father, two brothers, J. M. and B. R. Bryant, and two sisters, Miss Ellen, and Mrs. Josie Campbell, all of whom reside at No. 2337 Lafayette avenue.

PUBLIC FUNERAL OF FIREMEN; CHIEF THIERRY'S BUGGY IN LINE.

People With Bowed Heads Lined the Streets on Solemn March to the Cemeteries—Assistant Chief's Body Borne on Fire Truck to Its Last Resting Place.

ASSISTANT CHIEF THIERRY'S HORSE AND BUGGY DRAPED IN MOURNING AND LED BY FIREMAN BURNS.

St. Louis was in mourning yesterday for the firemen who lost their lives in the Chestnut street disaster Tuesday night.

Traffic on Washington avenue ceased, over which the procession passed, and church bells along the line of march tolled in sympathy when the funeral cortege, the largest that has been seen in this city for years, passed westward from Third street and Washington avenue to Grand avenue.

Thousands had gathered on Washington and Grand avenues to view the funeral cortege, and there was a solemn moment when truck No. 9, draped in black and bearing the coffin of Assistant Chief Thierry, came in view, followed by a train of mourners, who marched to the notes of the funeral dirge, played impressively by a band.

While the procession was forming in front of No. 23 engine-house, and as the comrades of the dead were lifting the bier to the truck, the gong inside sounded an alarm of fire. The firemen, not of the funeral party, but those who had gathered on the street to see the procession, ran to their stations, and the horses rushed from their stalls. The crowd in the adjacent streets shrank back to the sidewalks, expecting the reel and the engine to come rushing forth, but the fire was at Third and Marion streets, out of the Central District, and no "run" was necessary.

Only four of the seven heroes were buried yesterday, but the public ceremony was intended as an expression of grief for all. Chief Thierry, Charles Westenhoff, Franklin McBride and Daniel W. Steele were those buried. Services were first held at the residences, and then the various hearses and carriags containing the mourners proceeded to No. 23 engine-house, Third street and Washington avenue.

There the procession was formed. Leading, was a squad of Mounted police, in charge of Sergeants Hickman and Collins. Then came twenty carriages, and, following on foot, were fifty firemen, representing all the districts in the city. After them marched twenty-four firemen pallbearers, and Seymour's Band.

At this point in the procession was Assistant Chief Thierry's buggy and horse, the former covered with crape and the latter led by Fireman William Burns. The empty buggy made an impressive picture.

The truck followed, driven by John F. Maloney, and, with Michael Maloney as tillerman, both of Company No. 9. Resting upon the horizontal ladders was the coffin, piled high with flowers.

Several touching incidents occurred. At Seventh street and Washington avenue, the members of No. 1 Salvage Corps were lined up, with hats off, in respect to the dead. They were able to get off duty only for five minutes, and had driven over from their station at Seventh and Locust streets to pay this mark of respect.

At Twentieth street and Washington avenue were the members of Engine Company No. 32, standing in front of their engine-house. When the Assistant's Chief's body passed, they removed their caps and bowed their heads.

At Grand and Washington avenues, Fireman Steele's funeral turned south and proceeded to the St. Marcus Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. At Delmar avenue Fireman McBride's funeral turned west, proceeding to the Wesleyan Cemetery. The other two funerals divided at Page avenue, Fireman Westenhoff's going west to St. Peter's Cemetery, and Assistant Chief Thierry's continuing north to Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Assistant Chief Thierry's pallbearers were Assistant Chiefs Busch and Hellenkoetter, Martin Tierney, Henry Marcus, John Judge, Michael Tuohey, Joseph Boland and Henry Bridge. The other pallbearers were: O. N. Buckman of Engine Company No. 4, S. N. Maykovich of Company No. 8, J. B. Owens of No. 32, Owen Smith of No. 31, John W. Sexten of No. 33, John H. Busby of No. 35, J. A. Adams of No. 21, Fred Leich of No. 22, Titus Williams of No. 32, H. W. Paschedag of No. 9, C. H. Schombusch of No. 5, Lewis Baumgartner of Truck No. 11, William Conrad of No. 24, N. J. Hearden of No. 28, E. P. Price of No. 20, Joseph O. Gulim of Truck No. 4, George F. Rucker of No. 39, William Hampes of No. 8, Joseph Quinn of No. 19, J. P. Shea of No. 6, P. J. Stanton of No. 30, A. C. Schaefer of No. 23, D. A. Hogan of No. 24, J. J. Doyle of No. 19.

The funeral of Michael J. Kehoe and Charles Krenning, both of Engine Company No. 12, will take place to-day from their residences, No. 3946 Lincoln avenue, and No. 3924A North Eleventh street, respectively. Both were very popular in North St. Louis, and it is expected that the funerals will both be very large.

Chief Swingley had not recovered sufficiently yesterday to attend the funeral. It was reported, however, that his condition was improved, and that he could resume his duties within a few days.

RELIEF FUND STILL GROWS; $20,000 NOW IN THE TREASURY.

The estate of Philip Gruner, which owned the building at No. 314 Chestnut street, the collapse of which cost the lives of seven firemen, contributed $100 yesterday through Louis Gruner to the relief fund for the benefit of the wives and children of the dead firemen. The Philip Gruner Lumber Company contributed an additional $100.

Contributions continued to flow in at the Merchants' Exchange. Though yesterday was the fourth day since the fund was started, checks still came in numbers to George H. Morgan, secretary of the exchange. Before noon the total was gradually nearing the $18,000 mark, and by 3 p. m. it had passed $20,000, and was almost $21,000.

It is the impression that the limit has not yet been reached and it is thought that the total gift of the people of St. Louis to the bereaved families will exceed $30,000, instead of $25,000 as announced yesterday.

Preparations continue for the two theatrical benefits to be given at the Olympic Theater and the Grand Opera-house. Manager Garen now has all in readiness for the latter benefit. He has announced that he will provide an orchestra made up from the orchestras of the three theaters in which he is interested. A wire sent to Jake Rosenthal of "The Telephone Girl", brought a response that he would give the entire show and help along the work as much as possible. The regular Grand prices will prevail. As announced, the Olympic benefit will consist of a combination of the Century and Olympic attractions of next week.

Professor J. H. De Honey, whose dancing academy is at No. 3944 Olive street, announces that his hall is free for any who wish to give benefit entertainments there for the firemen.

WEEK ENDS WITH RELIEF FUND TOTAL $20,962.47.

Subscriptions received yesterday by the Merchants' Exchange Relief Committee for the relief of the families of the dead firemen were:

Previously reported	$12,759.75
Albert Wancott	10.00
N. Dougherty	5.00
James H. Hogan	1.00
William D. Crocker	1.00
Leo B. Sweeney	.50
John Harris	.50
Thomas Dun	.50
The Columbia Incandescent Lamp Co.	10.00
Peter H. Mellon Mfg. Co.	25.00
D. K. Myers	5.00
Joseph M. Lippman	10.00
George L. Allen	100.00
Drey & Kahn Glass Company	25.00
Emil Guckenheim	5.00
W. J. Totten	5.00
Central Telephone and Electric Co.	5.00
Giesecke-D'Oench-Hays Shoe Company	50.00
Pickel Marble and Granite Co.	20.00
Schoenthaler Manufacturing Company	25.00
Julius Pitzman	10.00
Gould Directory Company	10.00
L. Methudy	5.00
Obear-Nester Glass Company	10.00
Mrs. William M. Kohn	5.00
A. Booth & Co.	5.00
Herman Oak Leather Company	10.00
Anthony Ittner	5.00
Compton & Sons L. and Ptg. Co.	25.00
Donnell Manufacturing Company	10.00
DeLamp Bros. & Yule	10.00
William Koenig & Co.	5.00
Louis Haase	5.00
Jacob Kaiser & Co.	10.00
Louis Brinckwirth	25.00
Koehler & Reiss	10.00
J. K. Beckwith	2.00
Samuel C. Davis & Co.	50.00
Louis Obert Brewing Company	25.00
Lungstras Dyeing and Cleaning Co.	10.00
The People's House Furnishing Co.	10.00
Andrew Parle	10.00
Fehlig Bros. Box Manufacturing Co.	10.00
F. J. O'Brien	5.00
Libby & Williams Paper Co.	10.00
Frank A. Nagel	100.00
German-American Bank	50.00
William Booth & Co.	5.00
Keuffel & Esser Co. of New York	10.00
Mary J. Banks	5.00
John W. Dryden	5.00
Charles Schwickardt	10.00
W. R. Donaldson	15.00
Denham Manufacturing Company	25.00
G. Cramer Iron Plate Company	50.00
J. S. Dunwiddie	1.00
St. Louis Transit Company	250.00
Buxton & Skinner Stationery Company	25.00
David G. Evans	25.00
August Goerte	10.00
Desnoyers-Courtney Shoe Company	10.00
Adam Roeck & Co.	10.00
Collier Shop Car Works	25.00
Mrs. Julia C. January	10.00
James H. Forbes Tea and Coffee Co.	10.00
C. F. Ruske Tea and Coffee Co.	50.00
McKeigan & Watts	25.00
Jones-Pope Produce Co.	10.00
Henry Heil Chemical Company	10.00
Western Biscome & Co.	10.00
Theophile Papin	25.00
John C. Kupferle	10.00
A. C. A. Haase & Sons Fish Co.	25.00
Day Rubber Company	25.00
Christie Fire Clay Company	25.00
Samuel Cupples Woodenware Company	150.00
Mellier Drug Company	10.00
Majestic Manufacturing Company	50.00
William Homann Saddlery Company	5.00
L. L. King	5.00
J. H. Borbein	2.00
Cash	1.00
J. Kennard & Sons Carpet Company	50.00
F. M. Kiely & Co.	10.00
Barnhart Mercantile Company	10.00
Elliott Bros. & Co.	5.00
A. A. Condon	10.00
More-Jones Brass and Metal Company	15.00
John Wahl Commission Company	50.00
O. L. Lewis Mercantile Company	25.00
Paul F. Coste	5.00
John Bardenheier, president	10.00
Doctor W. E. Fischel	10.00
Charles Honig	5.00
J. W. Lewis	10.00
Amos Stickney	10.00
Doctor H. G. Mudd	5.00
Cornet Bros.	10.00
Franklin Bank	100.00
Henry Ames	5.00
Lambert Pharmacal Company	25.00
The Kennett Estate	50.00
John F. Shepley	25.00
Noonan & Kocian	10.00
Lynch & Co.	10.00
Philip Gruner Bros. Lumber Company	100.00
Estate of Philip Gruner	100.00
Crystal Water Company	10.00
The Landvogt Livery and Undertak. Co.	10.00
Mayfield Woolen Mills Clothing Co.	25.00
Fred Geitz & Sons Men's Fur. Goods Co.	5.00
Thomas F. Farrelly	10.00
Doctor William S. Deutsch	5.00
James Campbell	100.00
Tennent Shoe Company	25.00
White Metal Company	25.00
Heckfold Printing and Rock Mfg. Co.	25.00
Brown Branch Continental Tobacco Co.	100.00
J. S. Costello & Son	20.00
Miss Grace Semple	2.00
Simmons Hardware Company	100.00
James E. Withrow	5.00
Valvoline Oil Company	10.00
Fairbanks, Morse & Co.	25.00
Matthew Addy & Co.	25.00
Lincoln Trust Company	100.00
E. S. Robert	10.00
Broderick & Bascom Rope Co.	200.00
C. Hergmann Printed Company	5.00
William Duncan	25.00
Cash	10.00
Gauss Langenberg Hat Company	50.00
Crial Glass Company	10.00
H. B. Louderman	15.00
Goodbar Shoe Manufacturing Company	10.00
Hyde Park Brewery Branch	25.00
St. Louis Paper Company	25.00
Augustus H. Ewing	25.00
William H. Lee & Co.	25.00
Mechanics' Planing Mill	25.00
T. Dunn Loan and Mercantile Co.	50.00
Employes of the City Jail	11.35
Mallinckrodt Chemical Works	50.00
W. C. Butler	25.00
Langton & McCall	10.00
Meyer Bros. Drug Co.	50.00
Harry M. Coudrey & Co.	10.00
Eddy & Eddy	25.00
Cash	5.00
Thomas Meininger	10.00
Robert B. Brown Oil Co.	25.00
Cash	.60
Selimer Gas and Electric Fixture Manufacturing Co.	5.00
Riddle-Rebhein Manufacturing Co.	25.00

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