

JAMES LAWRENCE BLAIR DIED AT EUSTIS, FLORIDA, AT 12:03 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OF CEREBRAL CONGESTION.

Body Embalmed and Will Probably Be Brought to St. Louis for Interment--Blair's Life Insurance Amounts to Almost \$1,000,000.



SHORTLY AFTER MR. BLAIR WAS REMOVED TO THE MULLANPHY HOSPITAL, MRS. BLAIR AND HER SONS LEFT THEIR COUNTRY HOME.

BLAIR CASE CHRONOLOGY TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

October 2—Mr. Blair discussed with President Francis the advisability of his resignation as General Counsel of the World's Fair. Mr. Blair, at this time, spoke of the stories aimed at his character, which had been persistently circulated for several weeks prior.

October 4—President Francis brought the matter of Mr. Blair's resignation before the Executive Committee of the World's Fair, which decided to allow Mr. Blair to resign on his own terms.

October 6—While the Executive Committee was still in session Mr. Blair put his resignation in writing and sent it to President Francis.

October 12—While Mr. Blair was in an outhouse at his country home, Mr. Blair collapsed and fell to the ground, apparently in a fit.

October 13—Mr. Blair's resignation was readmitted to the Executive Committee, which in 1903 forwarded it to the Board of Directors of the World's Fair, whose duty it was to accept or reject it.

October 15—Mr. Blair, accompanied by his wife and six children, went to the Four Courts with his wife and six children, on the charge of forgery in the first degree. Blair gave bail in the sum of \$25,000.

October 17—Blair was taken to the Missouri State Penitentiary, on a charge of criminal libel. Blair became weak while in the Circuit Attorney's office and was taken to the private car "Kinkadee," which was in waiting, on the way home. Blair collapsed and was taken to the Missouri Hospital Sanitarium, where the physicians treated him for morphine poisoning.

October 20—The Board of Directors of the World's Fair unanimously accepted Mr. Blair's resignation as General Counsel.

October 21—Judge J. M. S. Selden, who had been Blair's law partner for fifteen years, was appointed Acting General Counsel. On the same date Judge Selden announced through the newspapers a severance of the partnership which had existed between him and Blair.

October 23—James T. Roberts, former employee in Blair's office, went before the Grand Jury and told in detail the story of Blair's double life, of the funds committed in relation to the management of the flow of funds, of which Blair was accused. The Grand Jury, on the charge of forgery, returned a verdict against Blair, which was affirmed by the Missouri Supreme Court.

October 24—Blair, standing on the south porch of his home at "Airdrie," dictated a statement in his own defense. Blair collapsed and fell headlong down the stairs. Physicians pronounced the symptoms as those of morphine poisoning.

November 7—Blair was taken to Mullanphy Hospital.

November 10—Blair was taken to Eustis, Fla., by the Grand Jury on the charge of forgery in the first degree. Blair gave bail in the sum of \$25,000.

December 19—In company with his wife and a physician, he left Mullanphy Hospital for Eustis, Fla.

January 13—Blair was seized with a congestive chill, and began to show evidence of fast decline.

January 16—Blair died at Eustis, Fla.



JAMES L. BLAIR, who, it is believed, is dying at Eustis, Fla., where he went to recuperate his health shortly after his indictment by the St. Louis Grand Jury on charges of forgery.

DEATH ADDED FINAL CHAPTER TO REMARKABLE LIFE HISTORY.

Statements Made by Former Employee to Grand Jury Caused Downfall of James Lawrence Blair When He Was at the Pinnacle of His Success as a Lawyer and Had Achieved Recognition as an Exponent of Good Government.

The death of James L. Blair, formed the final chapter in a story which started every citizen of St. Louis society.

Being only 35 years old and remarkably well preserved, mentally and physically, Blair was in the prime of his existence when the story which worked his downfall was made public.

He was a lawyer of ability. In business his integrity was unquestioned. As an orator he was born and forceful and as a writer he showed expression and depth of thought.

The remarkable story of James T. Roberts, his former employee, detailing the alleged double life that had been led by James L. Blair, came as an entirely unexpected development.

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Blair bought it for his wife. He had given her everything that would tend to her comfort and advancement. Mrs. Blair was ignorant as to the source from which came the money for these expenditures. She knew that her husband had a large law practice and believed him when he explained that the money which he spent was derived from his business.

It was after the episode at the Four Courts that Blair told all his wife.

"Trust in me," she said. "I will remain with you. I don't want you to end your life. We can leave St. Louis. We can go to some distant part of the world. I will go anywhere with you. I will live with you in two rooms, without servants, and without luxuries. But don't do that which you have attempted to do. For my sake and for the children, don't do it."

And Blair promised all that his wife asked of him.

It was on October 22 that Roberts went before the Grand Jury and told "The Blair Story." It was the following day that a St. Louis paper published the statements purporting to have been told to the Grand Jury.

Blair read this story on the morning of his publication. He became irritated. That afternoon that Blair dictated a statement in his own defense to a reporter for the Republic. He talked for two hours, endeavoring to meet the charge which had been brought by Roberts.

It was while standing on the south balcony of his home, dictating that Blair for the second time took morphine.

When he was seized upon by an unconscious. Physicians were summoned, antidotes were administered and once more Blair's life was saved.

There was no defense after this. The blame, doubt themselves to colors. For many days Mrs. Blair remained at her husband's bedside. For a time it was feared he would die. Gradually, however, he regained strength.

Mrs. Blair made preparations to leave St. Louis. The personal properties at Airdrie were sold. The horses, the carriages, the furniture, all were scattered.

About November 15 Blair was taken to the Mullanphy Hospital and on December 19 he left there, in company with his wife, for Florida.

During his confinement in Mullanphy Hospital Blair was indicted by the Grand Jury on charges of forgery.

GLOVER ISSUES CAUSTIC ADDRESS

Says Conditions of His Parole Were Unendurable—Would Punish Governor Under the Law.

Chippa Creek, Colo., Jan. 16.—Former Congressman John M. Glover, who took his military parole by sending a letter to Colonel Verdeckberg and was arrested yesterday, gave out an address from the county jail to-day, in which he declares the conditions of the parole were unendurable and such as only a despot would impose. He says:

"Governor Peabody may imprison miners and obscure men and weaken their cause before the public by charging them falsely with many crimes, but he cannot do it with me. In my case the question of arbitrary power, used at discretion, must distinctly and solely arise and be settled to his ruin if he is not sustained."

"I commend to the consideration of the Constitutional Rights League the criminal charge of that act. Under it all Governor Peabody's laws and accomplices can be sentenced to penal servitude and his pardoning power will avail him nothing."

Major McClelland, with a squad of soldiers, took five prisoners from the jail pen at Camp Goldfield to-day and marching them to the eastern line of the county, commanded them to travel and never return.

TWO TRAGEDIES COME AS ODD COINCIDENCE.

While Discussing Catastrophes Men Learn That Their Mothers Are Fatally Burned.

St. Paul, Ind., Jan. 16.—A sad coincidence visited the homes of Jasper Cantrell and Argo Cantrell, living near Waldon.

The two men were seated in a store discussing the tragedies that have lately transpired, when a messenger rushed in to inform Mr. Cantrell that his mother had been fatally burned.

Cantrell and Cantrell immediately started to the former's home, but were not outside the door when a telephone message was received announcing that the aged mother of Cantrell had fallen into an open fire and had been badly burned. Mr. Cantrell's mother died a few hours later from her injuries. It was not expected that Mrs. Cantrell will live.

R. P. WILLIAMS MAY ENTER THE RACE?

Fayette Papers Say State Treasurer May Announce Candidacy for Governor.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.
Fayette, Mo., Jan. 16.—The announcement in the local papers to-day that State Treasurer R. P. Williams in all probability would announce his candidacy for Governor has created quite a stir in politics in Howard County.

For three months the Reed and Polk forces have been doing hard work, and the lines are tightly drawn. Mr. Williams' candidacy has the politicians guesing.

To Build Schooner at Mobile.
Mobile, Ala., Jan. 16.—A local dry dock firm, which recently made big machinery purchases and acquired considerable water front space for the purpose of building vessels, has obtained the contract for building a 60-ton schooner for the Makogony Trading and Transportation Company of New York. This will be the first construction of a vessel, outside the common run of harbor craft, at any port on the gulf. It is the opening contract for what will be, within six months, a shipbuilding plant capable of constructing iron or wooden vessels up to 2,000 tons register.

FAMILY AT BEDSIDE.

They went at once to the bedside of the dying man, which they did not leave until the end came.

VISIT TO FOUR COURTS.

Shortly after this occurrence he paid a dramatic visit to the Four Courts, in the private electric car "Kinkadee" of the Suburban line, ostensibly to apply for a warrant against Eugene C. Brokmeyer, on a charge of libel in publications said to have been intended to reflect upon Blair.

WORRY HASTENED END.

Nor did he appear to have great interest in his condition or the outcome of his illness. He constantly spoke of his misfortune, and his worry hastened the end. The certificate issued by Doctor Hutchins makes the statement that Blair died of cerebral congestion.

HEAVY INSURANCE.

Blair leaves life insurance policies amounting to nearly \$1,000,000 in the New York Life, Mutual Life and several other companies. Most of them have been assigned to his creditors, and those who have aided him in his financial troubles, but it is believed that a sufficient sum has been reserved for the family to insure their comfort.

ACCUSED BY ROBERTS.

Blair, accompanied by his wife and son and Doctor E. C. Kimball of the City Hospital staff of physicians, went to Eustis about a month ago. From the latter part of October, when charges of embezzlement against him by James T. Roberts of St. Louis, until he left St. Louis,

CHICAGO ALDERMAN AT TASK IN PRISON

Tying Up Bundles of Brooms, Attired in Regulation Suit—Convicted of Election Fraud.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Alderman John J. Brennan of the Eighteenth Ward, sentenced to one year in the House of Correction for complicity in election frauds, was put to work to-day tying up bundles of brooms in the shop division of the broom department.

REBELS PRESSING GERMAN GARRISON

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LUMBERMEN DEPART TO-DAY.

Annual Convention Will Be Held in New Orleans.

Delegates from St. Louis to the annual convention of the Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association will depart to-day for New Orleans, where the session will be held, beginning next Tuesday. The party expects to return the latter part of the week.

CZARINA NOW HAS PLEURISY.

First Court Ball of Season Has Been Postponed.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—It is announced that the Czarina is suffering from pleurisy. The first court ball of the season, which was set for January 25, has been postponed in consequence of her illness until February 2.

INSURED FOR NEARLY A MILLION; POLICIES LARGELY ASSIGNED.

Companies Considered Blair a Good Risk at First, But Later One Concern Alleged False Pretenses and Instituted Proceedings to Have Two Contracts Annulled.

The beneficiaries of the life insurance policies of James L. Blair will come into possession of nearly \$1,000,000.

It is not known what amount of loans have been made on these policies, nor how great an amount has been assigned to pay Mr. Blair's debts, but it is believed that after all claims against them have been satisfied a handsome sum will remain for Mrs. Blair and the two sons, Percy and Frank P.

Between \$600,000 and \$700,000 of the insurance was placed by the Mutual Life Insurance Company, \$200,000 of which was taken by that company, and the balance given to other companies. About \$200,000 was taken by the New York Life Insurance Company.

At the time the insurance was placed Blair was considered an excellent risk. He was of good general health, and found no difficulty in securing the insurance. A short time after it was reported that he had attempted to commit suicide, the Mutual Life Insurance Company instituted

ed suit in the United States Circuit Court to have two policies annulled. Their petition alleged that these policies, which were for \$200,000 and \$100,000, had been secured on fraudulent representations. The suit on the \$200,000 policy was withdrawn, but the suit on the \$100,000 policy is still pending. The money accruing from this policy probably will be the subject of considerable litigation.

It is believed that the largest assignment of the Blair insurance money is to Dick Bros. & Co., bankers of New York and Philadelphia, to cover the reported default.

The premiums on the insurance carried by Mr. Blair amounted to between \$35,000 and \$45,000 a year. All policies are in good shape and premiums paid.

A leading St. Louis insurance man said last night that no effort would be made to avoid payment on the part of any of the companies, with the possible exception of the \$100,000 policy referred to.

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An attempt made at Windhoek to relieve the garrison, which has suffered heavy losses, has been unsuccessful. Windhoek itself is threatened, and the militia has been called out.

The Hereros are well mounted and armed, having obtained horses and guns from settlers they have raided.

A band of natives is marching on Karibib, to which place re-enforcements have been dispatched. One column arrived safely at Karibib January 15, but a force commanded by Lieutenant Zuelow, with 120 rifles, appears to be in a dangerous position near Waldau.