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THE DEATH OF PHILADELPHIA'S LOCAL BOSS.

Israel W. Durham, Republican boss of Philadelphia, is dead. His end came very suddenly, doubtless precipitated by the severe weather of the last fortnight. He was only fifty-two years old, and in recent years had been gradually passing over the reins of Republican control to James P. McNichol, his colleague in the State senate and co-boss in the city.

Durham is described as a remarkable sort of boss; yet study of him indicates that in fact he was quite an ordinary one. Rather a more attractive type of man personally than Cox or Croker, he bossed in much the same way and for much the same ends—the profits of it. He began, like almost every city boss, in the lowest ranks. Lorimer was a street car conductor and packing house laborer; Croker was a pugilist; Cox was a saloon keeper, and Durham was a bricklayer. It is not difficult to understand why such men as these, from such beginnings, rise to control politics in great cities. They rise because they are able; and in the process of rising, their knowledge of the people, through every stratum from lowest to highest, always stands them in good stead. These men know that after all the votes are mainly cast by the people who are never in the newspapers, whose views of civil duty constitute a curious complexity of personal sentiment, of imagined interest, and of political prejudice.

Like almost all bosses who rise to the first rank, it is agreed of Durham that he never lied or dodged. He made his word good with everybody; slow in giving it or in otherwise committing himself, he was determined in making it good. He was wonderfully loyal to his friends, which ordinarily is also characteristic of the successful boss. This stock of human qualities Durham capitalized into the control of politics in his city. He was a fighter, and he had many an opportunity to display his metal and his generalship. The prize of it all was the franchises, the contracts, the jobs, the power, the ability to make and unmake. He made Penrose and never wavered in loyalty to him. Philadelphia paid a tremendous price in taxes and in all the evils of bad government for Durham's privilege of bossing it, and of making magnificent fortunes out of exploitation of its contracts and its public service rights. The shame of Philadelphia, the city of homes and churches, and, putative at least, of more of the simpler virtues than usually may be found in a great city, is a peculiar condition. Philadelphia would seem at first blush to be the very city in which appeals in behalf of good government would most surely bring response; yet it has been the most shamelessly exploited.

Durham was a corruptionist. In primaries and at elections, the ballot was no more sacred to him than is the sucker's interest to the operator of a shell game. Utterly cynical, he ruled in the interest of his machine alone. So firmly did he establish his power, and so far did he carry his work of transferring it to a chosen successor, that it may be doubted whether his passing will much change conditions for the better. Philadelphia, in a civic sense, is the lotus eater of the cities.

THE CHEERFUL SIDE OF THE WEATHER MANIFESTATION.

The whole country is in the throes of an extreme hot wave. If misery loves company, the edge of discomfort ought to be considerably dulled by this fact. There has been every reason to anticipate such a scorching time, because the spring in this region at least, was an unusually temperate season, and experience has shown that a spell of extreme heat may be looked for as compensation for the delights of a comfortable and salubrious vernal season. Further than this, the rule is that a period of such extreme heat as is now passing over the country is likely to be followed by a more moderate temperature the rest of the summer. The

law of averages nowhere is more rigidly observed than in nature's distribution of her caloric favors. It will not last long, and when moderation comes there will be ground for hope that it will stay the rest of the season. The period of extreme heat has come just at the right time for crops. The country needs nothing so much as a generally good yield of the products of the soil, and every day of this sort of weather at this season adds to the assurance of a great outturn of all crops. It is even possible that if the corn crop is big enough, the price of meat may come down to where a steak may be observed without using a \$10 bill and a telescope.

As to the physical discomforts and dangers of it, if people will only adapt their diet, and hours and methods of work—But there, what's the use lecturing them about it. Advice about what not to eat and drink and do is only less offensive than inquiries whether it's hot enough for you.

Still, it isn't possible to refrain from one suggestion. Go about your usual occupations in the usual way, work and sleep at the usual time, keep your mind on something besides the weather, and you will be surprised to note how little you will mind it. And keep away from the kiosk; it's an unnecessary reminder. In fact, a bas the kiosk!

SUGAR TRUST LIKELY TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION.

The net result of all the scandal about the Sugar trust which has been coincident with the tariff legislation, is likely to be absolutely nothing of results. Twelve years ago there was a scandal about the alleged speculations of Senators in sugar stocks, and it required a most edifying investigation by a Senate committee to decide that the trust hadn't been proved to have given any bribes, and that Senators had not been proved to have done anything very discreditable. There was a suggestion of the Scottish flavor about the verdict, and the whole affair left a very bad taste in the mouth.

Recently the Federal authorities in New York have been looking into the procedure by which the trust got control of and suppressed the Segal sugar refinery in Philadelphia. It appears that between the statute of limitations and other technicalities, it is probable no indictment can be secured. The officers of the Sugar trust have expressed willingness to help the Government chase down the weighing frauds at the Havemeyer & Elder docks, and there is still the cheering possibility that the poor devils who for a gratuity of \$5 per week operated the weighing frauds, may be brought to book. The willingness of the Sugar trust officials to give assistance in this matter may be set down as indication that none of them now living can be involved in the nauseous affair.

Meanwhile, Congress is going calmly ahead with the pleasant business of renewing the trust's tariff license to rob the public. The Senate has adopted the sugar schedule in Committee of the Whole. It is to come to a second vote in the Senate proper, but there is little to suggest possibility of reversal of the former decree in favor of the trust. The worst thing about this sugar tariff business, the most hopeless, and the most scandalous, is that personal conversations with Senators develop that hardly a man among them feels that the trust ought to get away with its tariff graft any longer. They tell the interviewer with the utmost frankness that "the Sugar trust is the rottenest of them all"; that it is no less than an outrage against decency to pass this schedule again; "but what can I do about it?" they wind up, shrugging their tugged shoulders. "I've got to take care of my things in this bill, and if I break away on sugar they'll punish me."

Who does this mysterious "they" encompass? Who is it that has the Senate so far terrorized that it dare not rise up in its indignation and decency, and shake off the grip of the foul-smelling combination of greed and graft? And by what power do "they" manage to subjugate all the better instincts of Senators who would like to emancipate themselves?

Let it be said, just as earnestly as may be possible, that the scandals of sugar are not yet all over. Public men who refuse to do the duty which they admit conditions impose, will surely have to answer for that dereliction sooner or later. The country at last knows. It is aroused. There will be a shedding of soiled togas by some of these gentlemen who put clothespins on their noses and vote for the trust schedule.

Senators, is there not among you a majority of self-respecting and courageous men who will stand out against this proceeding? It needs but a change of six votes from the Sugar trust side to the people's side, to prove to the country that even a trust may get its deserts at the hands of the Senate. Don't you imagine it would be a refreshing thing to show the country that one—just one—rapacious and criminal combination can get treated as it deserves? Defeat the Sugar trust's grab, break down the protection behind which it robs the country, smash its complication of incentive and opportunity for fraud, and there will be rewards, not punishment, for you. The mysterious "they" of the Senate will not dare retaliate against you for doing so just and righteous an act.

Capital Tales

John G. Carlisle still wears that old white stovepipe hat. He had it on when he went to the White House to make an argument before the President on the subject of what is whisky. It may not be the same hat that Mr. Carlisle wore in the days when he was a member of the Cleveland Cabinet and when he was a familiar figure along Pennsylvania avenue. But it is either the same one or an exact duplicate. Mr. Carlisle has worn a white tile for so long he would feel lost without it. His appearance at the White House, sitting the lobby of the executive offices alongside of Joseph G. Choate, the two being at the very top of the American bar, attracted much notice from the crowd of callers, members of Congress, and others.

Even Love nodes once in a while. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge undertook the other day to mix poetry and tariff and got his poetry mixed. He started to quote the lines, beginning: "Tis sweet to hear the watchdog's honest bark." But he left out the word "honest."

It remains to be seen whether this will hurt Senator Lodge's standing up Boston way. Some suggest that it may slip him in his race for re-election to the Senate.

They call Warner, Warren, and Wetmore the "three squawmen" of the Senate. They constitute a sort of rear guard to the Aldrich army of votes. Their names come last on the roll call and they are always found voting on the side of Senator Aldrich and the Finance Committee and making victory for that side the more complete.

Senator Bailey's critics about the Senate are jubilant over the outcome of the set-to between the Texas Senator and Senator Hughes of Colorado the other day. They think the speech of the Colorado Senator in which he threw a few bricks at Bailey was in the language of the street, hot stuff. The fact that Senator Bailey is assuming the leadership of the Democratic side of the Senate is resented by a number of the Democratic Senators though they do not publicly speak out in meeting about it. Hence Hughes had a lot of sympathy.

Opulent Editors. Senator Gore, the other day, in discussing wood pulp, talked about the charge that there are opulent editors. He contended it was unjust. "A letter was read here this morning," said he, "which seemed to cast an unwarranted and unprovoked reflection upon the publishers of this country. The letter charged that from wealthy but there is a vast majority, approaching high to unanimity, who were born poor and have held their own ever since. Bailey's speech would not have to journey to Africa in order to find the tracks of the wolf. There are many wealthy editors, I know, who have to wrestle with the bread question like St. George of old with the dragon."

Representative Edolph Cole of Ohio is telling on Vice President Sherman, who is a baseball enthusiast. He went to see the game between Boston and Washington. The hard-hitting Gessler, of the Red Sox, swatted a hard hit to Outfielder Milan, of the Washingtons.

The bleachers and grandstand stood up, an excited fan in front of Mr. Sherman watched the fair sex in the ball. Milan caught it. "He has it! He has it!" yelled the fan. "What the hell kind of baseball language is that?" demanded Mr. Sherman. "He's got it!"

Senator Tallaferra of Florida has succeeded in getting the tariff on pineapples raised. He did it against the opposition of Senator Aldrich, at least Aldrich appeared to oppose it. This is how Tallaferra did it: Not long before the schedule came up he imported from Florida a lot of the finest pineapples he could find. He sent two to each Senator, and he put an exhibit in the cloakrooms. He demonstrated that the Florida fruit was so good the country didn't need Cuban pineapples.

The moral of this," said a Senator, "is that it pays to advertise." Since the hot weather struck Washington, the visitors to the Capitol have fallen off. The tariff debates are listened to by comparatively few visitors. While the weather was cool, the galleries were filled with listeners, especially with members of the fair sex in their best clothes. Now, the number has fallen away to but a fraction of the former attendance.

"MAYOR" IS KISSED BY BEVY OF GIRLS

South Boston Notable Given Sweet Send Off for His Trip to Africa.

BOSTON, Mass., June 29.—Martin Tuohy, "the mayor of South Boston," stood bravely in the heat and humidity, and was kissed by 150 of South Boston's fairest young women. So prolonged was the kissing bee, that the Fall River 6 o'clock train for New York was delayed. The South Station reverberated as from a battery of galling guns. Mr. Tuohy now holds the record, at least in Boston, for being kissed 150 times in a minute.

Mr. Tuohy, accompanied by Henry Arley, of Roxbury, is to sail tomorrow on the Mauretania from New York for a three months' trip through Europe. While the late ones were kissing Mr. Tuohy, some of the girls surrounded the conductor, kissed him and held his hand so that he could not start the train.

ENGINEER BAND CONCERT IN GARFIELD PARK

THIS EVENING AT 7:30 O'CLOCK. Julius Kamper, Ch.-f. Musician. PROGRAM: March, "Old Faithful".....Holzman Overture, "French Comedy".....Keler Bela Intermezzo, "La Danseuse".....Von Blon Selection, "The Bohemian Girl".....Balfé Waltz, "Wiener Blut".....Strauss Gems from "The Three Twins".....Hoschna (Ayl), "The Glow Worm".....Linke Selection, "Mam'selle Napoleon".....Luders "The Star-Spangled Banner."

MISS MILDRED SMITH IS BRIDE OF THE REV. JOSEPH WILLIAMS

Ceremony Takes Place at Summer Home of Her Parents.

Miss Mildred Fearn Visiting at Warrenton, Virginia.

A wedding of interest to Washington took place at noon today at Whitehall, the country home of the Rev. C. Ernest Smith and Mrs. Smith, at Aquasco, Prince George county, Md., when their daughter, Miss Mildred Smith, became the bride of the Rev. Joseph Egbert Williams of North Carolina.

The father of the bride performed the ceremony. He was assisted by Canon Austin, assistant rector of St. Thomas' Church, Washington, of which Dr. Smith is rector. Miss Smith wore a handsome bridal gown of white satin and duchess lace with a tulle veil arranged with orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Marcella Smith was her sister's maid of honor and only attendant. C. C. Durkee acted as best man for Mr. Williams, and the groomsmen were W. T. Warner and L. Powers. Only a small family gathering and a few intimate friends attended the ceremony and the wedding breakfast, which was served immediately afterwards at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. and Mrs. Williams will make their home in North Carolina at the conclusion of their bridal trip.

Miss Mildred Fearn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee Fearn, has gone to Warrenton, Va., to visit for a month Mrs. Gaylord Clarke, of Mobile, who has taken a cottage there for the summer.

Mrs. John Paul Jones and Miss Ruth Jones have returned to Washington from New York, where they spent a short time. Mrs. Jones will take possession of her country place at Woodbine, Md., within a few weeks and will have as her guests for a few days Mrs. John R. Williams and Miss Francis Williams.

Mrs. Howry and Miss Mary Howry, wife and daughter of Judge Howry, will leave Washington tomorrow for Syracuse, N. Y., where they will be members of a house party for several days. They will then go to York Harbor, Me., where they will be joined by Judge Howry for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter will arrive in Washington Thursday to spend a few days with Mrs. Leiter's mother, Mrs. John L. Williams before sailing for Europe to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Kubel have issued cards for the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Monday evening, July 3, from 8 to 10 at 1000 East Capitol street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Broadhead closed their residence at Connecticut avenue this morning and left for their home in Pennsylvania, making the trip in their motor car. Later they will go to the Massachusetts North Shore for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean went to New York yesterday and sailed from there today. They will spend the summer traveling in Europe. Mrs. Charles A. Munn, who will also spend the summer abroad, was a passenger on the same ship.

Will Visit Choates. Miss Josephine Durand, daughter of the former British ambassador, who has been visiting in Lenox, left there yesterday for Mr. Kissel, where she will visit Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, Jr., son-in-law and daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver.

Miss Marion Oliver, who is visiting in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Roberts, on E street northwest. The ceremony, which will be attended only by members of the immediate families, will be performed by the Rev. Donald C. MacLeod, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Lee B. Underwood, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Moxley Underwood, was married to William Lloyd Sudwarth this morning at 7:30 o'clock in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the assistant pastor, the Rev. Ignatius Fealy, officiating.

The bride, who was unattended, wore a white serge suit with a white straw hat trimmed with plumes, and carried a bride's roses. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sudwarth left Washington for a Northern wedding trip.

Former Vice President and Mrs. Levi P. Morton sailed from New York today on the Rotterdam to spend the summer abroad.

The Austrian Ambassador and Baroness Hengemuller, who have been abroad since early spring, will return to this country in September and will spend the fall at Lenox, where they have taken apartments at the Curtis Hotel.

G. Lake Champlain. Mr. William Belden Noble and her daughter, Miss Yulee Noble, will have Washington Monday for their camp on Lake Champlain, where they will spend some time, going later to Bar Harbor for the remainder of the season.

Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Reeves Russell will leave Washington soon for a cottage for the summer. They will be accompanied by their wife, daughters, the Misses Russell, and by Mrs. Russell's daughter, Miss Bessie Sessions.

Mrs. Francis B. Moran entertained a small party informally at luncheon today at the Chevy Chase Club.

General and Mrs. Sternberg have returned to their home on Massachusetts avenue from Atlantic City, where they spent the last few weeks. They will leave Washington shortly for the fashionable resorts on the Massachusetts North Shore for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Ida S. Wright announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Mabel W. Wright, to Ernest Bateman. The wedding took place Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the First Congregational church, the pastor, the Rev. S. H. Woodrow, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman left Washington immediately after the ceremony for a Northern bridal trip, going to Boston and the Great Lakes by water.



MISS MILDRED FEARN, Washington Girl, Now Visiting in Warrenton, Va.

several weeks. They will then be joined by Fay Inspector Heap and will spend the remainder of the summer touring the White mountains in their motor car.

Summer in Europe. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Noyes and their daughters, Miss Ruth Noyes and Miss Elizabeth Noyes, have sailed for Europe and will spend the summer touring in Switzerland and the Tyrol.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Butler have closed their Washington residence and gone to Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Butler will return to Washington early in July.

Mrs. Edward S. DuVall has gone to Berkley, Va., to be the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. H. Wren.

Mr. and Mrs. George Appleby will leave Washington soon for Bar Harbor, where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston have returned to their home in Norfolk for a visit to Washington and Clifton Springs, N. Y.

McGuire-Roberts. The marriage of Miss Myrtle D. McGuire to G. Robert Roberts, Jr., will take place tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Roberts, on E street northwest. The ceremony, which will be attended only by members of the immediate families, will be performed by the Rev. Donald C. MacLeod, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

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In the Mail Bag

The Times will accept for publication in its Mail Bag columns, short, vigorous letters on questions of public interest. It cannot undertake to publish letters exceeding 250 words, and reserves the right rigidly to condense communications which are of greater length. Letters must contain the name and address of the writer, but these will not be published if request to that effect is made.

Common Sense And Motor Boating.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: The appalling accidents that are almost daily reported in connection with the running of gasoline motor boats, would suggest that too often ordinary precautions are disregarded by boat owners. That such sometimes is the case is evident from the accounts that some of the casualties. The overlooking of launches obviously is a senseless proceeding, for which there is absolutely no acceptable excuse. Every experienced person understands that an open launch in rough weather always is more or less unseaworthy, and when overloaded is a veritable death trap. The classes of accidents that arise from leaky tanks and piping are, of course, due to conditions which only can be guarded against by regular and frequent inspection of these necessary appurtenances to the running of launches, but if this were systematically and carefully done there would be fewer cases reported of loss of life as the result of loose gasolene taking fire and tank explosions.

Another source of danger is in the steering of motor boats. It was understood last season, in this locality, that Government regulations made it obligatory that each power boat be provided with a suitable whistle, to be used according to the prescribed rules of navigation. Both small and large launches, it was said, came within the provisions of the regulation referred to. The requirement perhaps was not intended to be enforced to the letter, although such was the impression at the time the order was issued.

The following incident of recent occurrence would suggest the necessity for exercising greater care in the handling of power boats, particularly at points on the river where good seamanship is needed.

A motor boat coming up the river, steered by a careful pilot, who has had many years' experience in handling both sail and power boats, turned into the mouth of the Georgetown channel, and observing that a power boat, after mostly with women and children, was coming down, he blew his whistle once to indicate that he was directing the course of his launch to the right of starboard side. As there was no corresponding whistle from the downcoming launch, he continued on his course, and the boats were nearing each other. There was no response as before.

Suspecting that the downcoming launch was not providing the usual whistle, the steersman of the launch that was bound up the channel watched it with great anxiety. The launch did not alter her course, concluded that it was the intention of her pilot presently to go to the right of starboard side before turning into the main channel of the river. When the two boats were only a short distance apart, however, the pilot of the downcoming boat suddenly altered his course without any warning and turned sharply to the left or port side. The result was that a collision between the two boats, running at high speed was very narrowly averted.

Undoubtedly there would have been a serious accident in the instance cited, with possible loss of life, had not the pilot of the launch which was provided with a whistle had not been experienced in such a situation. The fact that the pilot of the launch which was without a whistle had not been experienced in such a situation, certainly it should also require that each amateur navigator learn the proper use of his whistle and carefully employ the same, particularly when running his boat at a high rate of speed.

BEER PRESCRIPTION FOR E. H. HARRIMAN

Physicians Declare That Financier Must Get Fat Before He Can Improve.

SEMPERING, Austria, June 29.—Beer, much beer, and then some more beer is what the physicians of E. H. Harriman prescribe for the financier. The fact that they have carefully examined his heart and his lungs and his liver and his stomach, and after consultation they have come to the conclusion that the only thing for Mr. Harriman to do is to get fat, and that to get fat beer is the proper thing. They do not prescribe any particular kind of beer except that it shall be malt.

He has also been directed to consume large quantities of bread and milk, with quantities of cereals and much meat.

BROWN'S GOURD DIP.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 29.—Gov. Joseph Brown, who was inaugurated last Saturday with unusual simplicity, today brought to the capitol a gourd dipper with a long handle. He placed this primitive drinking cup at a water cooler in the reception room.

White House Callers

Senators Daniel of Virginia, Taylor of Tennessee, Representatives Vreeland of New York, Denby of Michigan, Former Representative Watson of Indiana. The members of the Cabinet.

MARINE BAND CONCERT ON POTOMAC DRIVE

THIS AFTERNOON AT 5 O'CLOCK. William H. Santelmann, Leader. PROGRAM: March—"The National Fencibles".....Souza Overture—"Poet and Peasant".....Suppe Hungarian Fanf. sia, "No. 2".....Tobani Grand scenes from "Merry Wives of Windsor".....Nielsen Waltz—"Bei Uns a' Haus".....Strauss "Reminiscences of Meyerbeer".....Godfrey March—"Lincoln Centennial".....Sanford "The Star-Spangled Banner."

SHOOTS RIVAL AND HIMSELF.

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo., June 29.—Rivalry between J. W. Head and Otis Bush, neighbors, for the hand of Mrs. Dennis Kelley, led to a double tragedy near here. Head shot and killed Bush as Bush was seated in a buggy with Mrs. Kelley. He then shot himself and died a few hours later. At the coroner's inquest it was developed that the two men had quarreled previously.