

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

RICHARD H. DAVIS AS HE WAS KNOWN HERE

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exclusiveness or even snobbery. This would be just as true of Theodore Roosevelt.

After reporting on the Philadelphia Press, then edited by his father, L. Clarke Davis, Richard went to New York and worked on the Evening Sun at \$12 per week. The profession was pretty loose then, a reporter was supposed to be a Bohemian. Davis did not look at it this way, but if he covered assignments in a field where the high hat he got a deal more out of them than any other news hustler. He kept his individuality and notions to the last. When he called on him in September, 1915, at his Mount Kisco home, a moving picture representative was there offering him \$10,000 for a five-reel scenario. Davis needed the money and a scenario ready, but would not sell it because the firm wanted to have "some of their staff" construct out of the skeleton a serial story. "I may never have written a masterpiece," he said, "but what is signed by me is certainly my own."

Knew Him Intimately

I had the good fortune to know Mr. Davis intimately, meeting him in a New York hotel on the evening of Sunday, South Africa, just after the Battle of Spion Kop. After half an hour before the steamer left on her way up the east coast I was in the cabin assigned to me. I came a stranger, although I recognized the well-known correspondent by his pictures. "Hello," said he, "you in here—American?"

"Sure, Mike," from me.

"I called down the passage way to Mrs. Davis. 'Come here; here's an American, and he says 'sure, Mike.'"

It turned out that they were on their honeymoon and had not encountered a genuine Yankee for some months. I took it very kindly that without any more queries Davis asked me along to meet Rudyard Kipling who was out on deck with a party, though the experience was not entirely pleasant. Mr. Kipling was rabid against the Boers and when he made a gross exaggeration, having been up among the Transvaal mountains to correct him. He swung on me one savage, crushing glance and remarked: "Young man I am not arguing; I am stating a fact. The only reason I didn't fall overboard was because of the high bulwarks. If they would call Davis 'uppish' what should one say of the other."

It is little things that display a man's character, although there was no small matter to me. When the Boers decided to evacuate Pretoria there was a desperate scramble among foreign soldiers of fortune to leave the country. Cable wires were so important owing to the hungry British conscripts that it was about impossible to secure funds from home. After a week's tramp through Portuguese Africa I found myself stranded at Delagoa Bay with many another. Yellow fever was killing off twenty or thirty persons a day. Running into Davis, whom I yet knew slightly he insisted on me accepting \$250 in gold to pay my passage to Naples, which left him with barely enough to pay the expenses of his own party. "You jump on board," he ordered, "aside my objections. I'm not going to see an American newspaperman stuck in this death hole."

Sweat Blood to Perfect Stories

I don't suppose any one can tell just how Richard Harding Davis will rank in the history of our literature, but I can attest that few worked harder to achieve a style. He literally "sweat blood" to perfect his stories. One African east coast story I asked me one day how many words I had written that day. I said about one thousand. "Pretty good," was his remark, "four hundred is the best I can do. He rarely wrote more than that, and he rewrote them carefully. He followed the latter custom from the example of Robert Louis Stevenson, of whom he was a hero worshiper. He told me in a later story several years ago of how he and some other "kid" reporters on the Philadelphia Press were so inspired with Stevenson's "Lodging for the Night" that they wrote a letter to the brave Sicilian man in the South Sea. I took a copy of the reply which is as follows:

Dear Sir: Thank you very much for your frank, agreeable and natural letter. It is certainly very pleasant to receive a letter from a young fellow who enjoys my work and gets some good out of it; and it was very kind in you to write me and tell me a tale of the suicide is excellently told; and your letter, you may be sure, is a very good one. I must find time to escape, unhurt out of your present business, you must be very sure to believe in me, and I must do my best to counteract in private by writing you the most considerable news and on the most ambitious models. And when I say "writing" I believe it is re-writing. If you will do this, I hope to hear of you some day.

Please excuse this sermon from your obliged,
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

Style Was Original

Soon as he began reporting he tried to cultivate the faculty of seeing things. "I can see clearly and deeper than others. He was helped in this by a remarkable pair of eyes, General Miles pronouncing his eyesight keener than any soldier's in the United States Army. At the port of Aden I saw him decipher a sign on shore when none of the foreign gunners could make it out. More than this, of course, he could detect and portray the human notes. One of his first stories on the Evening Sun was of a trifling fire in an East Side tenement. When the crowd, firemen and reporters, had left he found an alarm clock lying by the side of the only victim, a "bum," whose hands stopped at seven o'clock. "What time did you break in here?" he asked a policeman. "Why that clock was just going off and the sleepy cop. 'Seven o'clock.' Fire was at six-thirty." Other reporters glanced at the blackened faced, rigid form and wrote a paragraph. Davis began to look up. "The man died at 6:30. The alarm went out at 7. It was just half an hour too late." Then he wrote a column of vivid touching narrative that caused the managing editor to say:

Whole Battle in a Sentence

Being able to see things Mr. Davis had his own style of relating them. "In the first place," he once told me, "I use similes that the man at home can understand; secondly, I tell the thing as it impressed me when I first saw it; thirdly, I always tell the thing that most interests me."

Carlisle, Pa., was a semicolon talk; Mr. Davis could put a battle in Cuba or South Africa before the eyes of a Chicago reader in a sentence. In writing of the Tommies packed on a keeple he said they looked like a crowd on the bleacher boards at a baseball match. "and you could see them."

It is a great temptation of writers of travel to show off, to tell how many countries they have visited. Mr. Davis avoided this. He did not say that the pyramids are higher than the Mosque of St. Sophia, but that they "are one hundred feet higher than a Mason Square Garden." He was writing for a New York public then and he could not feel sure that a majority of his readers had seen St. Sophia. The latter he described as "about as big as the auditorium of the Fifth Avenue theater." In another place he said,

Recent Deaths in Central Pennsylvania

Columbia.—Mrs. Susan Michael, wife of Cyrus M. Michael, a well-known grocer, died at her home after a brief illness, aged 64 years.

Waynesboro.—Carris Susan Wallace died at her home here yesterday of dropsy, aged 41 years. She is survived by her father and several brothers and sisters.

Highmount.—Mrs. Levi Bentzel, aged 70, died yesterday. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and superintendent of the infant department many years. Her husband and four sons survive.

Sunbury.—Henry Bignner, aged 59, died at Turbotville of paralysis. He was an Odd Fellow for more than forty years.

Mount Carmel.—Gilbert Schlegel, aged 38, died at his home after a year's illness.

Dalmatia.—Mrs. Katherine Emerich, wife of Dr. M. L. Emerich, died yesterday. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon.

Lewistown.—James Alexander Colobine, 80 years old, died here after an illness extending over several months from a complication of diseases. He was a veteran boatman, soldier and railroader.

News Items of Interest in Central Pennsylvania

Gettysburg.—This week the East Berlin railroad resumed operation after being idle for a year and a half and a freight wreck on Tuesday evening completely tied up traffic on the road for a time.

Marietta.—The ten-day-old son born to Mr. and Mrs. James McPartridge died last night, just five days after the death of the mother.

Hallam.—Mrs. Daniel Markey, living near here, while engaged in washing yesterday with a gasoline engine had her right arm caught in the cog of the machine and badly lacerated.

Sunbury.—Clement Malick, aged 28, died at the Shamokin State Hospital of injuries he suffered when caught under a fall of top rock at the Excelsior colliery. His chest was crushed.

Carlisle.—The Rev. W. A. Nicholson, of this place, has received an invitation from Gettysburg to hold series of evangelistic meetings there in October.

Mauch Chunk.—District Attorney G. Setzer and Webster Hengen, of Weisport, will open a motor bus line between here and Stroudsburg.

Hazleton.—A two-mile tunnel will be driven from Beaver Meadow mines to the Jeannette colliery to drain the latter of water.

Hazleton.—A. Pardee & Co. found a famine in men when they reopened Crystal Ridge and Cranberry collieries here after a two weeks' shutdown to rebuild mine cars.

Lancaster.—The Presbytery of Westminster, in session here, to-day elected these commissioners to the next general assembly: The Revs. Charles A. Oliver, York; Nathaniel Chetnut, Wrightsville; R. H. Wilson, Gap, and R. L. Clark, Lancaster.

Reading.—Cyrus Wolfzang, 28, took a dose of rat poison on the street and then asked a policeman to send him to a hospital. He is in a serious condition.

Shamokin.—Girls on their way from school were walking under trestlework of a new building here yesterday when a heavily loaded wheelbarrow fell, striking Agnes Hartar, 12, injuring her so badly that death may ensue.

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WEST SHORE NEWS

SURPRISE FOR MR. KECKLER

Enola, Pa., April 13.—B. F. Keckler, of Susquehanna avenue, was given a birthday surprise at his home on Monday evening. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Keckler, the Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Oyer, son Russel and daughter Sara, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stouffer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson and son Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Bruaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beers and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Keckler.

ENTERTAINED SENIOR CLASS

Enola, Pa., April 13.—Paul Harkinson, of Perry street, entertained the following members of the senior class at a party at his home at 10:30 p.m. on Monday evening: Miss Bertha Gottschall, Miss Elta Myers, Miss Esther Neidig, Miss Helen Markell, Miss Julia Zimmerman, Miss Beulah Parks, Miss Esther Farnow, Miss Hilda Wagner, Edward Hassler, Laverna Bitner, James Minick, Iler Fisher and Paul Harkinson.

MOVEMENT FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Enola, Pa., April 13.—This evening a meeting for permanent organization of the Enola Playground Association will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building. Committees from the various churches will be appointed to cooperate with the Y. M. C. A. and arrange for a summer program. The Y. M. C. A. is backing the project and has in view a teacher from Bucknell University to instruct the children.

ENOLA CLASS MEETS

Enola, Pa., April 13.—On Tuesday evening the Ruth and Naomi Class of the Enola Methodist Episcopal Church met in the church. A large number of members and their friends were present. Mrs. Sleep made the address of the evening and Miss Verna Shaffer presided at the piano. Refreshments were served.

NEW MANAGER ELECTED

Lemoyne, Pa., April 13.—At yesterday's meeting of the Riverport Consolidated Water Company Patrick Russ resigned as general manager of the company and Edward J. Glancy, of Harrisburg, was elected to the position.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

New Cumberland, Pa., April 13.—Preparatory services will be held in the Methodist church to-morrow evening. The first quarterly communion will be held Sunday morning and evening. Holy week services will be held every evening next week. The pastor, the Rev. T. L. Wilcox, will have charge of these services.

Social and Personal News of Towns Along West Shore

Mrs. David Mohn, Mrs. Singiser, Miss Ruth Hummel and Miss Beulah Neidig were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Fauber, at Wormleysburg.

Miss Mary Swindel was the weekend guest of Miss Beatrice Hummel, at Wormleysburg.

Mrs. Wesley Mathias spent Sunday with friends at Wormleysburg.

Miss Mary Engelritz spent the week-end with Mrs. J. J. Hemmer, at Wormleysburg.

J. J. Hemmer, of Wormleysburg, spent Sunday at Philadelphia.

Miss Hazel Thayer Bride of Charles Elmer Dunkle

Duncannon, Pa., April 13.—A wedding ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Sieg, in North Market street, last evening at 6 o'clock, when Charles Elmer Dunkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dunkle, of this place, and Miss Hazel Hamilton Thayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Thayer, of Altoona, Pa., were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. W. Sholl.

"Bridisil looks like Long Island City when you come into it from the rear." That puts a man at home in Brindisi, and later, he lost a host of English friends he did not hesitate to take the Boer side when he reached Africa because he considered that the Boers had a just cause and had not been rightly represented. "To correspond to a business," he used to say, "and it is insulting to the writer to think that a glass of champagne in a club will keep a man from saying that a town needs new streets, or from disclosing that the government bonds have not paid interest for two years."

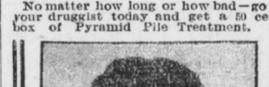
Richard Harding Davis was a clean writer and a clean man, morally and physically. He would not think of beginning the day without shaving; he would not appear at the dinner table but in evening dress. He was brought up in an atmosphere of propriety and his customs were to him second nature. So punctilious was he in conversation and conduct that a suggestive story would drive him from the room. I do not know how he will rank as a novelist, but he was the sublimated reporter. He had the responsibility that the eye report not falsely what it sees. He was a symbol of progress, a marked example of the influence of a "bum" on a pulpit, senate and college. His was a world of dramatic human interest.

When I gave him good-bye last September he was holding his dear little daughter; her fat arms cuddled around his neck. "Well, old man," he said, "here is the only real happiness."

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Program For Meeting of Whittier Literary Society

Special to the Telegraph

West Fairview, Pa., April 13.—On Thursday evening the Whittier Literary Society will hold its regular meeting in the High School room. An exceptionally good program has been arranged under the direction of John Books, president.

Roll call, answered by quotations from Robert Burns; reading of minutes; Romayne Honich, secretary; select reading, Arthur Wiestler; piano solo, Miss Beidel; debate, "Resolved, That the United States Should Increase its Standing Army," affirmative, Edwin Davis, Annabelle Eoley; negative, Fred Shaull and Ethel Hoover; referred questions will be answered by Sarah Colsher, John Brooks, Arthur Spurrier, Katharine Kutz, Margaret Gamber, Romayne Honich and Andrew Gerhart; song, Senior class of High School; historical recitation, Vernon Hawbaker; impromptu class, Frank Eberhart in charge; vocal solo, Miss Karper; essay, Joseph Wachtman; reading of Knocker, Clarence Shaffer, editor; select reading, Miss Blair; critics' remarks, Prof. E. R. Lower.

Seniors at State College Plan Memorial Gateway

Special to the Telegraph

State College, Pa., April 13.—As a class memorial, the Seniors of the Pennsylvania State College here voted to erect an imposing gateway at the campus entrance. Tentative plans call for an elaborate structure which is said to surpass any of the college gateways in the country. Two designs were drawn, one by the students in landscape gardening. The college architects will make the selection. Construction will be started in time to have the memorial completed by commencement week.

YOUNG MAN DISAPPEARS

Special to the Telegraph

Sunbury, Pa., April 13.—James Williams, aged 19, an orphan, who has been missing for two days, it was learned to-day, is alleged to have stolen a suitcase from James Weitzel, who took him in and gave him a home. A year ago Williams tried to kill himself by shooting, but recovered. Police of different cities have been asked to look for him.

Saved Her Life

The unqualified endorsement of Fruitola and Traxo in a recent letter from Mrs. S. Grandle, 5018 Mignonne St., Pittsburgh, Pa., will be of interest to other sufferers from stomach and intestinal troubles. Mrs. Grandle says:

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Victim of Hold-up Grabs Pistol and Shoots at Bandit

Special to the Telegraph

Lewistown, Pa., April 13.—Gregory Kugliados, a Greek, employed as a shoe repairman, was held up at a late hour on Sunday night in the west end of town and robbed of \$50 in money. Sheriff VanZandt and Police Officer Davis, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, soon got on the job and inside of a short time they rounded up Tony Tobeneo and Jim Harris. The latter is charged with luring the man to the spot where he was held up, while Tobeneo performed the bandit act. Twenty-nine dollars was found buried in the mud near the place where the holdup took place.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

Special to the Telegraph

New Cumberland, Pa., April 13.—A business and social meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of Trinity United Brethren Church was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Mathias at New Market Tuesday evening.

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