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WEATHER FORECAST

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DAVID ECCLES DROPS DEAD IN SALT LAKE CITY

STRICKEN DOWN ON HIS WAY TO CATCH A TRAIN

Falls Into the Arms of a Stranger, Is Conveyed to the Emergency Hospital and Dies Before His Identity Is Known.

APOPLEXY SAID TO BE CAUSE OF DEATH

Was the Wealthiest Man in This Region, With Interests Extending All Over the West—Body Arrives From Salt Lake at 1 O'Clock.



HON. DAVID ECCLES

The body of David Eccles arrived in the city over the Salt Lake & Ogden railway at 1 o'clock this afternoon, accompanied by his two sons, LeRoy and David C., his son-in-law, George Davis of Salt Lake, Emil S. Rolapp, secretary of the Ogden Rapid Transit company, W. H. Wattis, manager of the Utah Construction company, Joseph Scowcroft, director of the Ogden Rapid Transit company, and Apostle David O. McKay.

Immediately after the arrival of the train, the body was taken to the undertaking parlors of Larkin & Sons, where it will remain until taken to the Eccles home on Jefferson avenue. The members of the cortege repaired to their homes.

A large number of people were at the depot when the train arrived, among them being Heber and Willard Scowcroft, Henry W. Gwilliams, William Moyes and members of the Eccles family in automobiles, who were much affected.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made and the time will not be definitely decided on for a day or two, but it is not likely that the funeral will be held before next Tuesday. There are a number of relatives and friends at a distance, who desire to attend the services and they cannot reach the city before the first of the week.

It is expected that Judge H. H. Rolapp will arrive from San Francisco tomorrow or Sunday and that M. S. Browning will return by Sunday or Monday.

David Eccles, of Ogden, head of the great Eccles interests reaching to all points of the west, died suddenly last night in Salt Lake's emergency hospital, where he was conveyed after being stricken with apoplexy while walking along South Temple street, between First West and West Temple streets.

The fatal attack struck down Mr. Eccles a few minutes after he had missed a Salt Lake & Ogden train. Mr. Eccles probably over-exerted himself trying to reach the station in time for the 9 o'clock train. Mr. Eccles was taken to the emergency hospital at the police station and was still alive when he reached there.

Police Surgeon H. B. Sprague was at the emergency hospital, having been called there on another case. The doctor could detect only the slightest pulsations of the heart, and within a few moments these ceased.

Quickly Identified. The identification of Mr. Eccles was made through his bank book and

other papers and letters bearing his name, which were found in his pocket. This identification was verified by police officers, who were personally acquainted with Mr. Eccles.

Chief of Police R. E. Grant notified David C. Eccles, in Ogden, of the death of his father. A special car over the Salt Lake & Ogden railway was chartered and within half an hour after Mr. Eccles' death his three sons, David C. Eccles, Leroy Eccles and Joseph M. Eccles, were on their way from Ogden to Salt Lake. They reached Salt Lake at 11 o'clock. Just at the moment that the three sons reached the undertaking rooms of Joseph William Taylor, whither the body had been taken from the police station, Mrs. Vida Eccles, David and Lila Eccles, a student at the University of Utah, both daughters of the late millionaire, arrived at the undertaking establishment in Chief Grant's automobile. There was an affecting scene at the undertaking rooms when the sons and daughters gazed on the lifeless form of the great business man.

Friends Take Charge. Before the children of Mr. Eccles arrived, Bishop C. W. Nibley and W. W. Ritter, lifelong friends and business associates of Mr. Eccles, had learned of the sudden death and they took charge of the body.

Mr. Eccles left Ogden early yesterday afternoon for Salt Lake. He was apparently in his usual good health, though members of his family said that while he was not at all ill, they had expressed the fear that he had been working too hard. After arriving in Salt Lake he visited the offices of the Utah Idaho Sugar company, of which he was the largest individual stockholder. There he chatted with George Austin for about an hour.

Made Visit to Bank. Mr. Eccles left the offices of the sugar company about 4 o'clock and went directly to the Deseret National bank, in which he was likewise heavily interested. There he talked informally about the business of the bank with former Governor John C. Cutler and W. W. Ritter. He remained at the bank until shortly after 5 o'clock. Then he looked at his watch, excused himself and left hurriedly.

Friends of Mr. Eccles are unable to account for his movements from the time he left the sugar company until 8 o'clock. He spoke of several business appointments in Salt Lake and it is believed that he filled one or more of these appointments in the intervening time. It has not been discovered where Mr. Eccles dined last evening. His irregularity at meals was proverbial and his friends think perhaps he had not eaten dinner.

Shortly after 8 o'clock he called at the box office of the Empress theater and introduced himself to D. F. McCoy, the manager of the theater, and spoke to him relative to the construction of a Sullivan-Considine theater in Logan. Mr. Eccles spoke at some length of the advantages of Logan as a location for a vaudeville theater. Then he suddenly interrupted himself with the remark that he had to catch a 9 o'clock train for Ogden. Mr. McCoy looked at his watch and saw that it was 8:53 o'clock, which gave Mr. Eccles only seven minutes in which to catch his train. Mr. Eccles then hurried away from the theater almost in a run. Mr. McCoy said that Mr. Eccles appeared nervous and looked tired, though he was active and perfectly clear of mind.

Collapse Soon Follows. That was the last trace of Mr. Eccles, prior to his collapse on West South Temple street a few minutes later, that his friends have been able to secure. It is believed that he waited a few moments for the car and then started to run for the station. That he missed the train was evident from the fact that he fell ten minutes after the train had left for Ogden. It is believed that he hurried as rapidly as possible to the station and the finding he had missed the train, started to walk back up town. The exertion in trying to catch the train probably caused the severe strain that occasioned his death.

The funeral arrangements will be governed by the time of the arrival of children of Mr. Eccles, who are out of the state. It is probable, however, that the funeral service will be held on Monday from the Ogden tabernacle.

Mr. Eccles is survived by two widows and 21 children. The death of Mr. Eccles is the first death in either family of the Bertha Jensen Eccles, the first wife of Mr. Eccles, who lives at 2850 Jefferson avenue, Ogden, is seriously ill. She is being attended by Dr. Ezra Rich, who said her condition is critical.

The children of David Eccles and Mrs. Bertha Eccles are: David C. Eccles, of Ogden, who acted as personal agent for his father in various business transactions; Leroy Eccles, of Ogden, general manager of the Amalgamated Sugar company; Mrs. Vida Eccles, of Ogden; George Davis, of Salt Lake, wife of David C. Eccles; the attorney, who has offices in Salt Lake; Bertha Eccles, who lives at 2850 Jefferson avenue, Ogden, is seriously ill. She is being attended by Dr. Ezra Rich, who said her condition is critical.

Early Enterprise. As he grew older David Eccles secured employment from David James, who owned a small sawmill not far from Ogden. He chopped logs in the Paradise hills on the divide between the two main canyons. Later he secured a team of oxen and engaged in the logging and woodchopping business in a small way for himself.

The next year the Eccleses bought a span of oxen with which to till their acres. In the following winter the cattle died although the entire family worked day and night to feed and warm the perishing beasts. Their death was a terrible blow in those days.

In 1867 Mr. Eccles decided to go to Oregon and settled in Oregon City. For two years he worked in the timber camps. Then he returned to Ogden, working wherever employment could be found. By 1872, by arduous toil and careful saving, he found himself with enough to buy a small sawmill. Entering into partnership with H. E. Gibson and W. T. Van Noy, under the name of Van Noy, Eccles & Van Noy, he opened a lumber yard in 1874 on the site of the present big Eccles establishment. In 1880 Mr. Eccles bought out his partners and continued the business till 1889, when the present Eccles Lumber company was organized.

Takes Start in Small Way. A yoke of oxen and a lumber contract was the start of the Eccles fortune in the lumber business. The oxen were borrowed. The contract gave him enough money to buy the Gibson-Van Noy combine.

The Ogden business was profitable. Seeing a chance to expand, he invested in two more sawmills to feed the

power plant in Blacksmith Fork canyon. William Eccles, father of David Eccles, died about eight years ago, and Sarah Hutchinson Eccles, his mother, about four years ago.

Brothers and sisters of Mr. Eccles who survive him are William Eccles of Baker City, Oregon, prominent railroad and lumber man, who was closely associated with David Eccles in several business enterprises; Stuart Eccles, of Ogden, who is prominently ecclesiastically in the Mormon church, having served ten years in the Scottish mission field and at present preparing to leave again for the same mission field; John Eccles of Baker City, Oregon, a prominent lumber man; Mrs. Sarah H. Baird of 271 East Eighth South street, Salt Lake, who is at present visiting in Baker City, Oregon; and Mrs. Margaret E. Schwinger of Baker City, Oregon.

Brilliant Career. David Eccles was the foremost figure in business circles in three western states. He was one of the richest men in the entire west, and his business connection included many of the larger enterprises in Utah, Idaho and Oregon. He was a man of wonderful business acumen and made a success of practically everything he undertook. He had a keen mind, good judgment and tireless energy. His industry was a great factor in the success of his undertakings.

Born and reared in poverty, David Eccles rose through dint of perseverance. During the last 40 years Mr. Eccles accumulated a net fortune of from ten to twelve million dollars. He gave every one of his big businesses his close personal attention. His capacity for work passed all understanding of his associates.

ual mines at Scofield. These in turn were profitable. With money for investment, Eccles thought again of the forests of Oregon. He went there in 1886 and bought timber lands, foreseeing future events.

In 1889 he was one of the organizers of the Oregon Lumber company, of which he remained president and general manager, but this was not all. He saw lumber camps need railroads. C. W. Nibley, now presiding bishop of the Mormon church, joined him in the building of the Sumpter River railroad, running from Baker City to the John Day country. A second road, the Mount Hood railroad, running from Hood River City to Mount Hood, was also begun. Numerous Eccles mills began to spring up amid Oregon forests.

Profits increasing, he became in 1892 a stockholder and director in the Commercial National bank of Ogden, then with the First National bank, then with the Ogden Savings bank. He was later made president of the latter two organizations.

He first became prominently identified with the banking business in 1892 when he was elected to the directorate of the Commercial National bank of Ogden. Shortly afterward he became an official of the First National and Ogden Savings banks. From that time his rise in the world of finance was rapid. In 1900 he purchased the Ogden street railway system, then in a very crippled condition. The present efficiency of the system is due almost entirely to his efforts.

His Sugar Projects. The most important enterprise with which he became connected was the sugar industry in 1908. He was one of the promoters of the Ogden Sugar company. In the same year he organized a sugar company at La Grande, Ore. In 1901 he built the sugar factory at Logan. The next year these factories were consolidated under the name of the Amalgamated Sugar company, which is capitalized at \$4,000,000. Mr. Eccles remained president of this company at the time of the consolidation. In the past year he gave much attention to electric lines and it is believed, would have eventually been at the head of one of the largest electrical systems of the intermountain country.

Mayor of Ogden. Mr. Eccles served from 1885 to 1887 as a member of the Ogden city council and from 1887 to 1889 was mayor of Ogden. His administration of the Ogden city hall was constructed. Mr. Eccles was a staunch Mormon and was actively interested in many church corporations, though he never held any ecclesiastical office aside from being an elder and a seventy.

In 1875 he married Miss Bertha N. Jensen, a native of Denmark. Ten years later Mr. Eccles took as his second wife Miss Ellen Stoddard of Wellsville, a sister of George Stoddard of Salt Lake. His first family lived in Ogden, while Mrs. Ellen Eccles and her family lived the greater part of the time in Baker City, Ore. moving to Logan a few years ago. Both Eccles families reside in magnificent homes.

Mr. Eccles was unassuming and easily approached. He detested ostentation in every form and never desired luxury for himself. His greatest pleasure appeared to be in working hard. Occasionally his friends would suggest that he should retire. Mr. Eccles, however, appeared to fear the time when he would have to retire and frequently expressed the hope that he would die, as he did, in harness.

His Interests. Among the business connections of Mr. Eccles were the following: twenty-seven corporations, the first seventeen of which he was president and the rest a heavy stockholder. Ogden Rapid Transit company, Ogden Lumber company, Utah Construction company, Oregon Lumber company, Amalgamated Sugar company, Lewiston Sugar company, First National bank of Ogden, Ogden Savings bank, Wyoming Coal company, Lyon Coal company, Union Fuel company, Ogden Milling & Elevator company, Vineyard Land & Livestock company, Sumpter Valley Railway company, Baker City, Ore., Mount Hood Railway company, of Hood River, Anderson Sons' company, Logan, High Creek Power company, Logan, Logan Rapid Transit company, Blacksmith Fork Power company. He was director in the following: Utah-Idaho Sugar company, Home Fire Insurance company, Utah Condensed Milk company, Richmond, Thatcher Bros' Banking company, Logan, State Bank, Brigham City, Deseret National and Deseret Savings banks in Salt Lake City, Consolidated Wagon company, Utah Implement company, Utah Lumber company, Shupe-Williams' Candy company. Besides these interests Mr. Eccles was heavily interested in the Knight Sugar Land & Livestock company, a Canadian corporation, with headquarters at Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Eccles was always a friend to the working man, said Postmaster L. W. Shurtliff. "He has done a great deal of good. I think that he was a really great man." H. C. Bigelow, president of the Ogden State bank, said: "Mr. Eccles' passing is a great loss to both Ogden and the state and will be felt in many ways. I have known him for 25 years. He has grown considerably during that time. Mr. Eccles' health has grown wonderfully in the last few years and he is so connected with the affairs of this section that his loss will be felt heavily."

J. M. Browning, president of the Browning Brothers company and vice president of the Ogden State bank, said that Mr. Eccles had been a great benefactor and probably had done more for Ogden than any other man. H. H. Rolapp, legal adviser and close friend of Mr. Eccles, is in San Francisco. He will return Saturday, news of the death having been telegraphed. Speaking for his father, P. H. Rolapp said: "Father has been associated with Mr. Eccles in almost every business in which he was interested, not only as legal adviser but as a stockholder. Father will be greatly shocked."

At the First National. The flag of the United States is at half mast at the First National bank building today on account of the death of President David Eccles, and a shadow of gloom pervades the entire building. In fact, all the city mourns the death of the great financier, his sudden demise being on the lips of the great majority of the people, but under the gloom the business affairs of the Eccles interests are going on in the regular way.

Cashier of the First National Bank John Pingree states that the death of Mr. Eccles will be a heavy blow to the best interests of Ogden. "The things Mr. Eccles accomplished in the business world," said Mr. Pingree, "were simply astounding, and no one knew the extent of them. No one knew the extent of his holdings and no one can measure fully the business acumen Mr. Eccles possessed."

It was money for his new building at twenty-fourth street and Washington avenue has been set aside," Mr. Pingree continued, "and that is the way he always did things. Mr. Eccles will not be thoroughly known until some time after his death. It will be some time before his goodness and trustworthiness will be appreciated. Judge Dee was not fully understood until after his death, and so it is with other great and good men, and so it will be with David Eccles. I do not think that he left a will, as none is among his papers in the bank, and it is quite certain that no one except Judge Rolapp knows what Mr. Eccles made his last will and testament."

Judge Rolapp is on his way home from San Francisco, where he has been for the past few months. Mr. Rolapp was David Eccles' closest associate in all legal matters, the legal affairs being absolute. In the keeping of Judge Rolapp. The judge will likely reach the city tomorrow. M. S. Browning, also closely connected with Mr. Eccles in business affairs, has been advised of the death and he is expected home Sunday. He was in Cincinnati when informed by message of the untimely event.

DESCRIBES HOW ECCLES COLLAPSED. Salt Lake, Dec. 6.—Frank H. Hyde, a machinist, living at 228 Brown's court, caught Mr. Eccles as he was falling to the pavement. When seen at his home last night Mr. Hyde said: "I did not know Mr. Eccles, but was standing in front of Chep's tavern and saw him coming west toward me on South Temple street. I noticed that he was absolutely undisturbed until he was within a few yards of where I stood. He then began to stagger and groped blindly for a few steps and would have fallen had I not caught him. He did not seem hurried or excited in any way and until he started to stagger appeared all right."

As soon as I caught him into others helped me to get him into the tavern and a physician and the police were notified. The man seemed to be lifeless from the time I caught him."

LOGAN FAMILY RECEIVES NEWS. Logan, Dec. 6.—When news of the sudden death of David Eccles reached here last night his many friends and business associates were shocked and at first refused to believe it. Mr. Eccles had been closely identified with Logan and his interests for many years. He was interested in nearly every enterprise which has helped to build up the town and his business associates and friends were numerous. His second wife and her nine children live in the finest home in this city. They received the shocking information last night.

He was the directing force in many Cache county enterprises, including Thatcher Bros' Banking company, High Creek Power company, Blacksmith Fork Power company, the Logan Rapid Transit company and two sugar factories. In addition he owned many large farms in the vicinity and much business property in town.

ALCOHOL IS BAFFLING

Chief Surgeon Finds It Worst Obstacle to Progress in Army

New York, Dec. 6.—The use of alcohol among officers of the army and navy is declared the "most baffling obstacle to progress" in a report by Colonel Mervin Maus, chief surgeon of the eastern division of the army.

The report is made public in the journal of the military service, published by the officers at Governor's Island.

Dr. Maus recommends that "no one who uses alcohol beverages should be appointed to important positions, civil or military, to the command of military or naval forces, or any other position of importance and responsibility."

In reference to the evils of the use of alcohol in a military organization he says: "It lessens working capacity, marching endurance, accuracy and rapidity in rifle firing, ability to command troops and solve military problems, to navigate and maneuver war vessels, to act as members of courts and military boards, or to properly perform administrative work."

"It causes sickness, impairs health and usefulness, adds greatly to the non-efficiency of both officers and men, adds additional burden and cost to the medical department, deprives the government of otherwise valuable officers and enlisted men, and forces them on the retired or pension list, with corresponding increase of government expenditures."

"The higher powers of judgment and ability to make proper comparisons and weigh testimony is lowered under the influence of alcohol. Serious mistakes have occurred as the result of the use of alcohol by officers in land and sea forces."

THEY ENTER A PROTEST

Austria and Italy Object to Greek Attack on Avlona

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 6.—The Austro-Hungarian and Italian ministers at Athens protested to the Greek government today against the bombardment of the Albanian town of Avlona and declared that the Greek occupation of the islands of Sazou on the Albanian coast could not be considered as permanent.

Great importance is attached here to the joint action of Austria-Hungary and Italy, as it is regarded as illustrating the unity of views of the two powers on the Albanian question.

The opinion is expressed that Austria-Hungary and Italy will maintain all the forthcoming ambassadorial conferences in London, that neither Avlona, Durazzo, Scutari nor San Giovanni di Medra may be separated from Albania.

WOMAN ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Minnie Laduque today was acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband, W. H. Laduque, last summer, because of her attentions to other women.

She testified that on the day of the shooting she met him on the street and boldly challenged her place in Laduque's regard.

TEAM SCHEDULES TO BE SET FOR 1913

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 6.—Representatives of colleges in the Missouri Valley conference went into session here today to make out complete schedules for football, basketball, baseball and track and field meets. The work will not be completed before tomorrow.

COMMENTS ON THE DEATH OF MR. ECCLES

There are many expressions of deep regret by Mr. Eccles' close friends and business associates over his death. Joseph Scowcroft, president of John Scowcroft & Sons, and associated with