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CLARKSBURG, W. VA., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1911.

# LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE IS PROCLAIMED BY CHINA

Battle is Engaged in at Nanking and Rebels Are Repulsed.

**BIG IMPERIAL ARMY**  
Strongly Entrenched on Purple Hill But Attack Will Be Resumed.

SHANGHAI, China, Nov. 8.—Fighting commenced at Nanking today with the Manchus strongly entrenched on Purple hill, which commands the city.

Unless they grow disheartened, their position is believed to be impregnable.

The military government today issued a proclamation calling on all Chinese to join in a life and death struggle and to regard the rights of foreigners. Chi Fu has requested an American warship and a wireless from Hankow says that the imperialists there are losing heart. Tai Chow surrendered to the revolutionists today.

NANKING, Nov. 8.—Several thousand raw troops attacked Purple hill and were repulsed with the loss of 100 killed. They now occupy the lower ground and are preparing to renew the assault. The battle is likely to be prolonged, although it is reported that there is much disaffection among the imperialists.

TIEN TSEEN, Nov. 8.—Peking was still loyal this afternoon, but hundreds of persons are fleeing from the city as an uprising is feared at any moment. International troops are held here in readiness for any emergency. If they act, they will be commanded by a Japanese general as senior officer.

## FALL REUNION

Of Scottish Rite Masons Will Be Held November 27-30—Program Being Issued.

The annual fall reunion of the Scottish Rite Masons will be held in the Wheeling cathedral, November 27, 28 and 29, and a large attendance is expected from all points of the jurisdiction.

The program for the three days' reunion is being prepared and it will be mailed to members within a few days.

## WAGE INCREASE

Is Finally Granted to Telegraph Operators of the Baltimore and Ohio.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—An increase of wages approximating six per cent, reduced working hours and sharing the lump sum of \$75,000 have been granted the telegraph operators of the Baltimore and Ohio and the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern systems. The agreement was reached through mediation under the Erdman act.

## FRANCHISE REJECTED.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 8.—By a vote of 30 to 6 the city council late last night rejected a fifty-year water franchise sought by the present company. The present franchise has two years to run. The public meeting was held condemning the franchise. Considerable sentiment is shown for municipal ownership.

## HIS INJURIES FATAL.

ELKINS, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Abraham McCauley, aged 65 years, a section foreman on the Coal and Coke railway, died at a local hospital late at night, having been run down by a shifting engine, which cut off both legs, crushed his chest and injured him otherwise.

## RUSSELL DIES.

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 8.—William Clark Russell, famous writer of sea tales, died here today. He was born in New York.

## CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Wheat closed at 95 1/4; corn at 83 1/8; oats at 46 1/4.

# FREE MAIL DELIVERY HERE TO BE EXTENDED

## READY

To Report to the Republican State Committee is Its Sub-Committee.

Ready to report to the Republican State Committee is the sub-committee which held sessions here two days to draft rules and regulations for the holding of a state-wide primary election with the state as the unit June 4 next. The sub-committee completed its labors Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock and adjourned to make its report to the state committee a meeting called by Samuel V. Matthews, chairman of the state committee, in the Chancellor hotel at Parkersburg next Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The sub-committee deemed it best not to make the rules and regulations public before the state committee passes on them as that body may make changes and confusion would be caused in the minds of voters by premature publication.

## MR. WHITEMAN

Of Little Rock Camp Near Wallace is Claimed by Death.

WALLACE, W. Va., Nov. 8.—Thomas P. Whiteman died at his home on Little Rock Camp Tuesday night after a lingering sickness of several months. Interment will be made Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Brown cemetery. He is survived by a wife, a son, Lafayette S. Whiteman, two daughters, Mrs. H. C. Jones and Mrs. S. T. Flanagan, all living on Rock Camp; five brothers, John B. Whiteman, of Wilsonburg; William Whiteman, of Brown; Temple, Jacob and Jonathan Whiteman, all living on Little Rock Camp; and three sisters, Mrs. T. V. Carson, of Delia; Mrs. Carlin Hall, of Wallace; and Mrs. Cal Lynch, of Salem.

## "SPEAKEASY"

Said to Have Been Operated by Slav and Federal Officer Gets Him.

Michael Kusco, a Preston county Slav, was held under bond of \$300 for the next federal grand jury at Phillip Wednesday morning by Alexander C. Moore, United States commissioner here, on a charge of operating a "speakeasy" at Flora near Camp Fire, Preston county.

E. D. Hupp, federal deputy marshal, arrested the man at that place and brought him to the county jail here Tuesday night. Michael could not furnish the required bond and the commissioner committed him to the Barbour county jail. Mr. Hupp will take him there Wednesday evening.

## FUNERAL

Of Mrs. Nellie Jane Kidd Held in M. E. Church at Adamston.

The funeral services, over the body of Mrs. Nellie Jane Kidd, wife of A. C. Kidd, who died Monday night of typhoid fever, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church at Adamston, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. A. M. Hammond, pastor of the church, leading the services.

The church was crowded with friends of the deceased woman and the casket banked with beautiful floral designs, which had been received from all parts of the city. The burial followed in the Green-lawn cemetery.

## STATUTE UNVEILED.

FRANKFORD, Ky., Nov. 8.—The Lincoln statute was unveiled here today in the presence of a great throng. President Taft was among the speakers.

Provided Residents and Suburbs Comply with Ruling of Department.

Edward I. Allen, of Parkersburg, postoffice inspector, is spending a week here looking into the practicability of extending the free delivery mail service to adjacent territory, where there are good sidewalks and houses numbered. Residents of Stealey Heights, Haymond Heights and other suburbs of the city have petitioned the postoffice department at Washington for this service.

Inspector Allen finds that neither the city nor Broad Oaks has street signs posted at intersections of streets, which the department requires and he states that the department will not extend the delivery to any house unless the house has a slot cut in the door or a box erected by the door outside the house as a depository for mail delivered by carrier.

The new ruling of the department is to save time as under the old system the carrier was required to ring a door bell or knock on the door for occupants of the house to appear for mail. Mr. Allen states that any kind of a box will answer the purpose. He emphasizes the fact that the department will require the city to post the names of streets at their intersections.

The department order concerning mail boxes or receptacles reads as follows:

By direction of the postoffice department, the attention of the patrons of this office is invited to the advantages of providing facilities for the receipt of their mail by erecting conveniently accessible boxes or cutting suitable slots in their doors. Such action would enable the postmaster to give a prompter and better delivery service with the means at his disposal, since the carriers can cover much more territory in less time if not compelled to wait for answer to their ring. Private receptacles for mail are also a great convenience to the householder, obviating the necessity of responding to the carrier's call at inconvenient moments and permitting the safe delivery of mail in the absence of members of the household. They also prevent the occasional necessity of a carrier's proceeding on his route without delivering mail because of failure to answer his ring within a reasonable time, and enable him to make delivery to patrons living on or near the end of the route at an earlier hour.

It has been shown by actual experience that the benefits derived by patrons of city delivery from the use of such receptacles far outweigh the small expense involved. As this office is interested in furnishing the best possible service at the least expense, your compliance with the foregoing suggestions will be much appreciated.

## FOUR JURORS

Immune from Challenge in Box in the McNamara Case Now.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Nov. 8.—Four full fledged jurors immune from challenge or future elimination were in the jury box today, when the McNamara trial was resumed.

## HOMeward BOUND.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Clarence Moore, formerly of Clarksburg, and Mrs. Moore, who have been abroad since early in the spring, have sailed from Europe and are expected at their home in Washington in a few days.

## FIRST CHILD BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finley are the proud parents of their first child, a daughter, born Wednesday. Mr. Finley is an employe in the railroad yards and he resides at Adamsion.

# HOT RECEPTION GIVEN OFFICERS

When They Take Boy from Mother at Salem by Court's Order.

Constable William Post, of this city, and David A. Gains, police chief of Salem, met with a warm reception Wednesday morning in the latter city when they took into custody Odber Booth, aged 10 years, for the purpose of turning him over to his father, Henry L. Booth, of Hall, Upshur county. This reception was at the hands of Mr. Booth's former wife from whom he is divorced and who was recently married to another man at Salem.

The constable and police chief had an order from the circuit court of Upshur county authorizing the action in accordance with the divorce decree, which gave the father custody of the boy. The mother tried her best to keep the officers from taking the lad. She locked him up in a room and threatened to shoot the men. It was necessary for them to smash in a window of the room and take the boy out through it in order to perform their duty. They departed with the youngster without any further incident and turned him over to Mr. Booth, who awaited them a square or so away.

# ELECTION

Of Republican as Governor of Maryland Now Seems a Certainty.

Election returns from a number of states today clear up uncertainties apparent in last night's late reports. Governor Ross, Democrat, is re-elected in Massachusetts by a largely decreased plurality. All the other state officers are Republican. Returns from New Mexico indicate that the Democrats carried the state but the legislature which will elect two United States senators looks Republican. In Ohio, the principal cities elected Democratic mayors, and the Socialists made gains. James Bennett McCreary is elected governor of Kentucky and Representative Ollie James will be sent to the Senate. New York and New Jersey replaced Democratic general assemblies by Republican assemblies. The Democrats elected the governor and state officers in Mississippi and the Republicans in Rhode Island.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The New York state assembly will be overwhelmingly Republican with one Socialist.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 8.—Returns today indicate the election of Goldsborough, Republican, for governor.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 8.—Overcoming a normal Republican majority of 100,000 Rudolph Blankenburg, Independent Republican, was yesterday elected mayor of this city.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 8.—Basing his opinion on the election results in Massachusetts, Kentucky and Ohio, Governor Judson Harmon today predicted a national Democratic landslide next year.

## SHOW DATES.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 8.—The Morgantown Poultry and Protective Association has decided to hold its annual show in connection with a short course in agriculture to be given January 31, February 1, 2 and 3 at the state university. S. G. Case, of Shreve, O., is to be the judge.

## LITTLE GIRL BETTER.

Little Miss Frances Leggett is getting along nicely in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Leggett, on South Third street as a typhoid fever patient. She has been ill three weeks. Her many friends, big and little, are glad to have such encouraging news.

## MCCARTEN DEAD.

SISTERSVILLE, Nov. 8.—Acute indigestion has caused the death of Miles E. McCarten, one of the Eldom, being secretary of the board.

# HENRY WATTERSON TALKS ON LIFE OF THE LINCOLNS

GREAT ATTENDANCE IS NOW LOOKED FOR

At Big Road Congress to Be Held in the City of Richmond Soon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—Advanced views on the subject of road improvement and the relation of good roads to national progress and prosperity, will mark President Taft's address at the first Congress of the American Association for Highway Improvement to be held at Richmond, November 20-23.

The foremost engineers, road officials, traffic experts, legislators, railroad officials, manufacturers, contractors and agriculturists who have been devoting their attention to the problems of road construction, maintenance and administration, will be brought together at Richmond.

In the field of road construction, intricate problems have arisen to puzzle farmers as well as automobilists, especially with regard to the adaptation of construction to meet the destructive effects of modern traffic.

Director Logan Waller Page, of the United States office of public roads, has made various experiments which have shown the best types of road for the various kinds of traffic, but the results of these experiments are not generally known throughout the various states. Mr. Page, who aside from his official position at the head of the government office of public roads, is the president of the American Association for Highway Improvement, will tell something of these experiments at the road congress.

Announcements of equal importance will be made by road officials of the various states who expect to find profit in an exchange of views.

Every state in the union is vitally interested in the road building and maintenance problem and practically every state will be represented either by its governor or some other high official. Road officials of most all the states likewise will be present.

Road maintenance has been almost entirely neglected in the United States, with the result that deterioration of the best constructed roads represents a preventable loss aggregating millions of dollars annually.

Just now there is a tendency towards remedial action looking to the adoption of continuous and systematic maintenance and the great road congress at Richmond is expected to co-ordinate this part of the road movement, and help to bring about better maintenance of roads throughout the country.

It is also expected that efforts will be made to develop more uniformity in legislation passed by the various state legislatures and to show the advantages of bond issues for road building and maintenance.

The official program, just announced, includes a "National Day" at which President Taft will be the principal speaker. Among the other speakers on this day will be Governor Mann, of Virginia; Dr. Walter Page, editor of World's Work; W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway Company; General Coleman Du Pont, who is representing the state of Delaware a \$2,000,000 boulevard extending across the state; and Congressman J. Hampton Moore, president of the Atlantic Deepwater Waterways Association.

In addition to "National Day" there will be an "Engineers and Contractors Day," a "Manufacturers' Section," "Road Users' Day" and "Association Day." The governors of Virginia and West Virginia has issued proclamations for a "Good Roads Week" to precede the congress and the governors of other states would probably do likewise. By concerted action, the farmers of the various states will show what can be accomplished in actual road building in one week's time.

## MEMORIAL SPEAKER

For the Elks' Lodge This Year Will Be Prominent New Jersey Man.

Samuel R. Bentley, Will H. Cole and A. J. Smith as the Elks' memorial committee are working on a program for the annual memorial services of the lodge this year. The services will be held in the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night, December 3, at 8 o'clock. It is announced that Alfred T. Holley, of Hackensack, N. J., attorney general of his state, will be the speaker on that occasion. General Bentley is prominent in the Elksdom, being secretary of the board.

## FOOT TRICK

By a Telephone Operator Arouses the People of the Town.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 5.—Although gagged and bound upright in his chair, with his hands behind him, and looking down the muzzle of a couple of 45's, W. L. Good, a 'phone operator at the Farmers' Ranch, Tex., kicked a switch on the bottom of the board, which rang every 'phone in the village, nipping in the bun a daring bank robbery.

The robbers rode in town at midnight, two of them going to the telephone exchange, taking possession of the board, while the others entered the bank. Good was "covered" and told to keep his hands off the board. To make sure he would not give the alarm he was gagged and bound, but allowed to remain in his chair. Though silent as the tomb Good edged his foot to a switch, slowly pressed it on, setting jingling every telephone in the town.

This aroused the sleeping village and frightened the robbers who fled before the townpeople, exchanging shots as they ran. They secured about \$1,500 but left \$50,000 in their haste.

## FIRE APPARATUS

In Three Large Cities Are Inspected by Dr. Goff of the Fire Committee.

Dr. W. P. Goff, a member of the city councilman's fire department committee, has returned from a week's trip to Cincinnati, Columbus and Detroit, where he inspected different pieces of fire apparatus and consulted engineers in regard to the adaptability of the same to Clarksburg. He will make recommendations to the city council within the next few days and the probability is contracts will be signed for the early delivery of such apparatus as is selected.

## BIG GASSER

Is Drilled on the Maxwell Farm in the West Union District.

In West Union district, Doddridge county, the Acme Carbon Company has drilled No. 10 on the Lewis Maxwell farm through the Gordon sand and has a gasser with a capacity of 7,000,000 cubic feet a day. On Tenmile creek, Eagle district, this county, the Hope Natural Gas company has drilled a test on the C. A. Stewart farm through the sand and has a fair gasser. The same company's test on the M. F. Robey farm is a light gasser in the same formation.

## HAS DIPHTHERIA.

Master Bernard D. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills, of Lee Clarksburg hospital from injuries severe attack of diphtheria. It is hoped by all of his young friends that he will be out of danger in a few days.

## BURIED AT FAIRMONT.

MT. CLARE, Nov. 8.—The funeral of Edgar Malone, who died in a Clarksburg hospital from injuries received by falling under the wheels of a freight train Saturday here, will be made at Fairmont Thursday. It will be held at Fairmont Thursday.

## BEATTIE IS MOVED.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 8.—Henry Clay Beattie, convicted of the murder of his wife and condemned to die November 24, was removed from the county jail to the penitentiary today.

Pays Eloquent Tribute to Martyr President and the Latter's Mother.

## TELLS OF INAUGURAL

At a Time When War Clouds Hung Very Low over the Nation.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 8.—Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier Journal, delivered an address here today on Abraham Lincoln on the occasion of the unveiling of the Lincoln memorial. Mr. Watterson's oration was devoted mainly to the "personality, the origin, and spiritual life and character" of Abraham Lincoln. He gave a minute account of the Lincoln and Hanks families derived from documentary evidence; disproved the falsehood touching Lincoln's birth and traced his noble qualities of head and heart to his mother. In concluding his passage he said:

Tomorrow there will assemble in a little clearing of the wildwood of Kentucky a goodly company. It will embrace the greatest and the best of our time and land. The President and the Chief Justice and the rest will gather about a lowly cabin, whose unbroken logs like the serried battlements of Elmore gave prelude to the swelling of these yet more imperial, to consecrate a shrine. Of him that was born there the final earthly word was spoken long ago; but, Mother of God, shall that throng pass down the hillside and away without looking into the Heaven above in unutterable love and homage with the thought of a spirit there which knew in this world nought of splendor and power and fame; whose sad lot it was to live and die in obscurity, struggle, almost in penury and squalor; whose tragic fate it was after she had lain half a lifetime in her humble, unmarked grave, to be pursued by the deepest, darkest calamity that can attach itself to the name of woman; the hapless, the fair-haired Nancy Hanks?

No falses, fouler story ever gained currency than that which impeaches the character of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. It had never any foundation whatsoever. Every know fact flatly contradicts it. Every aspect of circumstantial evidence stamps it a preposterous lie.

It was a period of heroic achievement tempered by religious fervor. It was a plous, God-fearing neighborhood of simple hardworking men and women. Debauchery was unknown. Double living was impossible. Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, as I have shown, came of good people. Historically, it would not matter who were the parents of Abraham Lincoln any more than it matters that he whom the English monarch is proud to call his progenitor was a bastard; but it offends the soul of a brave and just manhood, it should arouse in the heart of every true woman a sense of wrong that so much as a shadow should rest upon the memory of the little cabin in which Nancy Lincoln gave the world an immortal son, born in clean, unchallenged wedlock, nor thought of taint or shame anywhere.

Let no one of those that gather there go thence without a heart salute to the gentle spirit of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, that maybe, somewhere beyond the stars among the angels of the choir invisible, will look upon the scene, serene and safe, at last in the bosom of her Father and her God!

His story of the love-life of Lincoln and his relation with Joshua Fry Speed, an uncle of the donor of this statue, in the early days at Springfield, Ill., was illustrative and interesting. He said:

It is of record that he stood closer to Joshua Fry Speed than to any other. The ties of early manhood between the two were never broken. To the end Lincoln could turn to Speed certain to get the truth, equally sure of sound counsel and unselfish fidelity.

"He was one of those men," says John Hay, "who seem to have a surpassing degree the genius of friendship, the Pythias, the Platon, the Horatios of the world. It is hardly too much to say that he