

DOG'S BURIAL FOR AMERICAN IN GUATEMALA

Physician on the Liner Newport Tells of Inhumanity to Consular Agent

Says He Was Permitted to Die Without Aid and Body Was Dumped in Latrine

Washington Discredits Story Which Involves Consul General and Captain

REFUSED by a fellow countryman the aid that few men would withhold from an ailing dog, and dying, unattended, at his post under a tropical sky, E. P. Thompson, United States consular agent at San Jose de Guatemala, was buried September 5 in the public latrine of that port.

Russell Not on Ship The story of Thompson's death was brought to port yesterday by the Newport, of which, on the previous voyage, Captain Russell was master.

Until recently the American consul general at Guatemala City had the appointment of the American consular agent at San Jose de Guatemala. This patronage was taken away, Kent's appointment was removed and E. P. Thompson of New Jersey was sent out by the state department to represent the United States at the Guatemalan seaport.

Doctor Kept on Board When the Newport, on the voyage before the one ended yesterday, called at San Jose, word was sent to the ship that the American consul, Thompson, was seriously ill and in need of medical aid.

Could Not Have Been Saved "Thompson was suffering from Bright's disease," said Dr. Harden yesterday, "and nothing that I could have done at that time would have saved his life. As a matter of humanity, however, I should have been allowed to do what I could to make the dying man comfortable."

When the Newport called at San Jose, southbound, Thompson was still alive, but very low. Captain Saunders sent Dr. Harden ashore to do what he could for him, but he was then past aid. When the ship returned the agent was dead and buried. It was learned that at the time of his death the port officials at San Jose notified the consul general of the death of his countryman and brother official and asked him to arrange for the burial, which in that tropical land must follow close upon the heels of death.

NEEDS FOR AMERICANS It was buried in the public latrine and since then, say the people on the Newport, the poorest native in the Guatemala seaport feels at liberty to sneer at every American he meets.

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JAPANESE COMMISSIONERS VISIT GRAND RAPIDS GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 29.—The Japanese commercial commissioners who are making a tour of the United States arrived here early today and were officially welcomed by Mayor George E. Ellis.

They were also greeted by the American ambassador to Japan, Thomas J. O'Brien, who hurried back from Europe to welcome the Japanese visitors to his home city.

After an informal reception the commissioners were taken out on an automobile tour. There was a banquet this evening.

TITUS IS SUED FOR A DIVORCE FOR DESERTION

Complaint Filed Secretly in Oakland by Attorney for Wife of Capitalist

Head of Claremont Hotel Company Refuses to Discuss Action of Spouse

OAKLAND, Sept. 29.—Louis Titus, capitalist, attorney, head of the Claremont hotel company, and former president of the People's water company, was defendant in an action for divorce secretly filed by Mrs. Lottie H. Titus today.

Mrs. Titus' action, though unannounced, did not occasion surprise among friends of the couple. For several years they have been separated. Titus moved long since from the family home, 2500 Durant avenue, Berkeley, to Oakland.

The complaint which was filed in the county clerk's office on behalf of Mrs. Titus by her attorney, Guy C. Earl, was of the most perfunctory character, alleging merely desertion as the ground for divorce.

Family Differences Known Among those who have known something of the family differences, it has been whispered that the troubles were due to temperamental causes. In 1906 Titus left his beautiful Berkeley home and went to live with relatives in Oakland. For some time after that Mrs. Titus and the children lived at the Berkeley place, but they left there a year or so ago, after a mysterious burglary, in which some valuable papers were stolen.

At the time of the burglary it was revealed that Titus and his wife were living apart, though neither the capitalist, his wife, nor relatives on either side would admit that a serious situation existed.

Titus has been an extremely busy man the last few years. When the really syndicate interests with which he came into relations through the Contra Costa water company deal on San Pablo creek watershed took over the Contra Costa water company, Titus was made president. He held this position until the recent reorganization of the directorate. He has resumed attention to his law practice. He is a member of the San Francisco firm of Wright, Titus & Creed.

No Contest Is Expected Titus married in 1892 in Tulare county. His wife was Lottie Hill, the daughter of Dr. Kate Childs Hill, who lives at 2921 Pine avenue, in the Claremont district. There are three children, Dorothy, 10 years of age; Lyman, 7 years old, and Katherine, 4 years old, all with their mother.

It is said that Titus will make no contest and that a settlement of property interests has been effected. Titus refused to talk concerning the divorce suit, saying: "I know nothing about it. I have nothing to say. In fact, so far as I can see, there is nothing to be said."

Mrs. Titus is in Santa Barbara.

BIPLANE GOES AROUND STATUE AT HIGH SPEED

Aviator Makes Three Sensational Flights at New York Celebration

Curtiss Less Successful and the Dirigible Balloons Are Failures

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Wilbur Wright encircled the statue of liberty in his aeroplane today. While this is not the most important flight he has made it was one of the most picturesque and one of the most spectacular sights ever witnessed in New York.

In the upper part of the city two huge dirigible balloons failed ignominiously in their task. This, the first day of the flight of the Hudson-Fulton celebration, was a victory for the heavier than air machine.

Both Wright and Glenn H. Curtiss soared successfully from the aerodrome on Governors island in their motor propelled biplanes, both great dirigibles, manned respectively by Captain Thomas Baldwin and George L. Tomlinson, and entered in the New York World's \$10,000 New York to Albany race, were forced to descend because of mechanical difficulties before they were well under way.

Wilbur Wright made three sensational flights and Curtiss made one brief though successful test spin of 20 seconds' duration. Baldwin with his dirigible landed in the Hudson river less than an hour after the start, while Tomlinson, after remaining in the air from 11:36 a. m. until 1:30 p. m., came down to earth near White Plains, N. Y., 22 miles from his starting point.

Neither of the dirigible pilots was injured, nor was their craft seriously damaged.

Curtiss was the first to leave the earth and at a time when dawn had hardly broken. He passed the night on Governors island and at 7 o'clock rose, but only for a brief flight.

Two hours later Wright made his first ascent, encircling Governors island and remaining in the air for seven minutes. After an hour's rest Wright again went aloft, this time remaining in the air for 6 minutes and 30 seconds, attaining a speed estimated at 50 miles an hour, and with a glorious sweep out over the bay, passing entirely around the great emblem of liberty.

Wright made a third flight at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon before a big crowd.

Speed Is Greater The Wright machine showed greater speed than that of Curtiss, but the Curtiss flyer seemed to keep its equilibrium better and remained on an even keel. Wright, in fact, met with one slight mishap in his flight, when a wing tip struck the ground on landing and considerably jarred the machine.

Wright's action in encircling the statue of liberty today is taken, as a challenge to Curtiss, for Curtiss, it will be recalled, was the first to mention such a flight. From now on it is expected that the two aviators will strive to outdo the other, although neither will do anything reckless.

Wright's second flight lasted 6 minutes and 30 seconds. While returning from the statue with the wind behind him he made approximately 50 miles an hour.

In starting the machine went along the monorail for the entire distance of 165 feet and then turned upward. Ascending as he circled about, Wright heading his machine directly toward the statue of liberty.

At a height of 30 feet he flew over the water with the wind coming slightly over the port side. He climbed gradually as he approached the

SAILS AROUND LIBERTY WRIGHT IN RARE FLIGHT

Wilbur Wright and the aeroplane with which he made a spectacular flight over New York bay yesterday and encircled the Statue of Liberty. These are the best photographs of Wright and his aeroplane yet sent out to this coast.



MAUDE FEALY IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Actress No Longer the Wife of Lewis Hugo Sherwin, Dramatic Critic

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 29.—Secretly as she was married, Maude Fealy, known here as Denver's own actress, has been divorced. July 15, 1907, she was married to Lewis Hugo Sherwin, a dramatic critic. When her mother, Margaret Fealy Cavallo, was told of the marriage she went into hysterics, and when she saw her son in law she called him a scoundrel and ordered him from the house. His stepfather was equally indignant. He said that Sherwin could not keep her in gloves. The result was that Maude is said to have promised not to live with him for a year.

Sherwin went to New York and has never been seen here since. The actress kept the wedding secret for a short time, having been married under her real name, Maude Hawk. After her marriage she kept up her stage career. She was under a five years' contract with John Cort.

A year ago she and her manager became involved in a controversy. Cort sued for an alleged broken contract. Cort also sued Raffaello Cavallo, her stepfather, for \$19,000 he says he lost while making a star of Maude. She has appeared in leading parts with Henry Irving, Richard Mansfield, William Gillette and others.

Sherwin's stepfather is Hugo Gorlitz, one-time manager of Paderewski, and his mother is Amy Sherwin, a celebrated prima donna.

The divorce was granted last Saturday in District Judge Allen's chambers on the ground of nonsupport and desertion.

BREAKS LEG FOR FIFTEENTH TIME

Victim of Accident Muses Philosophically on His Hospital Record When Picked Up

John Douglas broke his leg yesterday for the fifteenth time in almost as many years.

"Broke again" was all the horse wrangler said, as he was carried into the Mission emergency hospital. Douglas was driving a wild colt. At California and Eugenia avenues a car came whizzing along; the colt leaped across the track in front of it, there was a crash and Douglas rolled out into the street.

IMPERIAL VALLEY IS IN DANGER

Ten Thousand Settlers Are at the Mercy of the Erratic Colorado River

Should the Stream Take One of Its Tangents Water Famine Would Be Complete

Huge Dam Filling With Silt Faster Than Dredgers Can Keep Canal Gate Clear

Ballinger Ties the Hands of Reclamation Service With Red Tape Regulations

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The people of the Imperial valley do not know how slender is the thread upon which they hang for their lives and property, a government official said today. "If the Colorado river should go on one of its tangents the entire region would starve for water within 48 hours. The canal people realize their danger and have indicated that they want government assistance, but there is no help for them as matters stand. The situation is, indeed, very dangerous."

The foregoing statement has astounded Washington and calls public notice to the fact that 10,000 persons, residents of Imperial valley, Cal., with 500,000 head of cattle, are in imminent danger of dying of thirst, while the government officials who can aid them are powerless to do so, their hands tied by red tape.

Death Trap Imminent The dam on the Colorado river, which supplies the arid region with water, is filling with silt and becoming more clogged every hour, despite the efforts of two giant dredges, working night and day. The Colorado river, which is casting the silt into the dam, threatens to cut out a new bed in the shifting sand, and if this occurs the Imperial valley must be depopulated within 48 hours or become the death trap of its residents.

Overtures have been made by the California development company, which supplies the valley with water, for water from the Yuma dam, but this plan has been opposed by many of the citizens of the valley, who do not fully realize as yet the situation in which the treacherous Colorado has placed them, and the reclamation service itself can not act because of certain ironbound rules Secretary Ballinger has distributed to the officials of the interior department, which prohibit them taking any action without specific warrant of law.

Depend on the Colorado The 10,000 men, women and children in the Imperial valley are dependent entirely upon their canal from the Colorado. No wells can be sunk in the district and there is no other source of water. The river has changed its channel slightly and threatens to move still farther away from the canal intake, leaving it with a ridge of sand perhaps a mile wide between it and the canal.

Dredgers at Work A dredger is fighting to keep the canal gate open and another to dredge out the dam itself.

Should the river dig out a channel even a very few feet farther the water will be stopped and the efforts of the men and machines made futile.

In the event of a water famine the railroads would have all they could do to remove the people. The cattle would have to be abandoned.

Every effort will be made to reach Secretary Ballinger and secure aid for the inhabitants of the valley.

SUICIDE'S RICH WIDOW SUEED BY PHYSICIAN

Mrs. L. R. Tuttle Is Made Defendant in Action

SAN RAFAEL, Sept. 29.—A suit for \$125 for medical services was brought today by Dr. Annie F. Anderson, a physician of Mill Valley, against Mrs. L. R. Tuttle, whose husband committed suicide in the doorway of his home at Mill Valley two years ago.

PETTY THIEVES CAUSE OF WORRY TO POLICE

P. Miller, night clerk in the Hotel Niles, 144 Eddy street, reported to the police that early yesterday morning, the safe was opened and \$45 stolen. He suspected William Gardner, a bellboy, who he alleges, took his keys while he was in the basement and opened the safe, took the coin and disappeared.

From the basement of Mrs. John Paul Schellen's residence, 488 Waller street, tools and other articles were stolen.

J. O. Hannum's candy store at 300 Brazil avenue was entered and a sack containing \$8.50 stolen.