

Youth Who Died For His Country at Vera Cruz is Buried

Kirkpatrick One of Speakers at Devorick Funeral

Iowan Who Gave Life at Vera Cruz Following the Flag

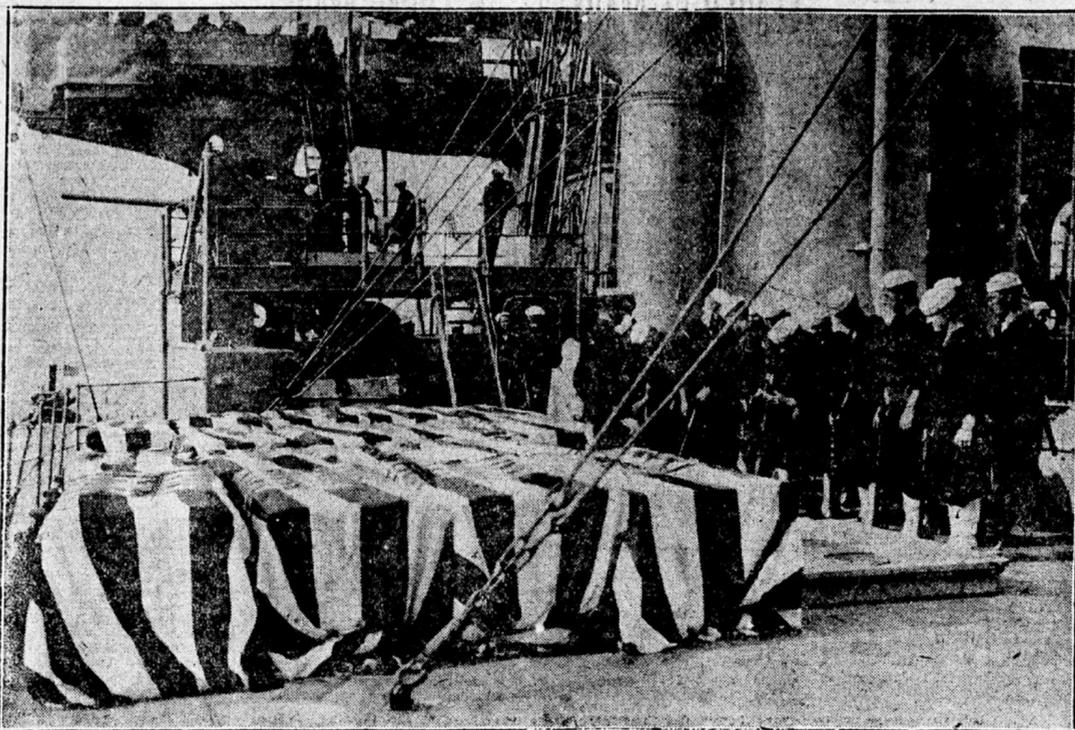
Flag Draped Caskets of Vera Cruz Dead as They Lay in State on the Deck of the Cruiser Montana on Way Home From Mexican City

Foster Parents Treasure Boy's Letter and Photo

Congressman Sant Kirkpatrick who has been home for the past week was one of the speakers at the funeral service held over Frank Devorick this afternoon. Unable to be in New York to meet the remains of the hero dead of Vera Cruz when the battleship Montana brought the bodies back from Mexico, Mr. Kirkpatrick came in person to the funeral of the young Iowan. His tribute to the departed marine is given in full as follows:



Frank Devorick, who fell a victim to snipers while marching with his fellow marines into Vera Cruz April 22. He was born in 1896 in Johnson county, and was the only Iowan to give his life in the seizure of the Gulf port city when the United States navy made entry. His remains with those of the other young men who were killed or died as the result of wounds inflicted in the seizure of Vera Cruz, were honored by thousands when the public funeral took place in New York Monday. The body of the young hero was immediately afterwards sent west to the home of his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. G. Bailey, of near Blakesburg for interment. A silent tribute to the young hero was paid by Ottumwa Wednesday and today when all of the public and many other buildings about the city, floated old glory at half mast in honor of the dead marine whose remains passed through here Wednesday morning enroute to Blakesburg. Many were at the station when the body went through.



The Montana, escorted by the dreadnought Wyoming and the Mayflower, brought to the United States the bodies of the seventeen dead of Vera Cruz under Captain Rush of Admiral Fletcher's fleet. They arrived at New York Sunday, May 10. New York turned out by the hundreds of thousands to honor them when the bodies were removed from the ship.

I am here this afternoon to assist in paying tribute in the last sad rites, to a man who but yesterday sacrificed his life in defense of the emblem that he had sworn to protect and defend. I come to place, as it were, a flower of love and reverence on the newly made grave of Frank Devorick. I shall not dwell sufficiently long at this time, to enter into any discussion as to any of the causes leading up to the unfriendly feeling now existing between this country and that of Mexico. Suffice to say that our honor was assailed and our flag defiantly insulted.

Of the immediate cause of his death, I know but little, but the record shows that he died, as all true soldiers die, with his face to the foe.

To me, an occasion like this, in a great measure, is an hour of sorrow, a never ending day of mourning; the length and breadth and depth of the wounds occasioned by the loss of this young man, is likened unto a poisoned arrow, the shaft of which has deeply pierced the heart of every true American citizen, and I might well add, that his untimely end not only calls for, but demands, retributive justice.

It was the early ambition of his life to become a soldier, but in the triumph of this desire, the summons came and the bugle blast that called him to arms, has since reverberated back, in the melody of a trumpet, summoning him



CONGRESSMAN KIRKPATRICK.

beyond the vale which separates all earthly vision from the Paradise of God. And now that he has fallen, his place in the ranks will necessarily have to be filled. He died at his post of duty and although, having gone out from among us, the heroism of this young man will live on forever.

Why he was taken, I do not know, I cannot tell. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." In this assembly, there are doubtless those who survived the horrors of the great civil war. Permit me to say to these gray haired old veterans, that we are now going down the decline on the other side. With you and me the morning of life is gone, the sombre

shades of evening are gathering closely round about us.

We have heard the reveille of the morning and listened to the tattoo of night and taps that once betokened the extinguishment of lights, now comes reverberating back as the heralds of death.

Another decade and many of us will have "crossed the bar," another score of years and nearly, or quite all of us, will have answered the roll call of eternity. Our mantles will soon fall upon the shoulders of men who, like young Devorick, are willing to offer their lives a willing sacrifice upon the altars of their country.

The young man of today is to be the hero of tomorrow, and for aught I know, I may be looking into the face of some young man who will some day preside over the destinies of this republic, and now in conclusion, let me urge that you cling more closely to the folds of Old Glory, observe the mandates of the constitution, revere the declaration, defend the Monroe doctrine and imbibe more freely the spirit of the Lord's prayer, the Ten Commandments and Christ's Sermon on the Mount, for of these you will have need in the perpetuity of good government, and may God bless you and your posterity, now and forever. I wish it were possible for me to draw aside, as it were, the veil of immortality, for in so doing, I am sure there would be wafted back from our departed comrade these words, "I have fought the fight, I have kept the faith."

"Sure when thy gentle spirit fled,

To realms beyond the azure dome, With outstretched arms, God's angels said, Welcome to Heaven's Home Sweet Home."

Secretary of Navy Sends Condolence to Foster Mother

The sorrowing heart of Mrs. Matilda Bailey who in the sunset of her life took Frank Devorick under her motherly protection and gave him a home, which later he forsook to serve his country, is somewhat appeased in the manifestations of feeling conveyed by Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy. Telegrams of condolence for the loss of the life of the young marine and one of notification of sending the remains home for burial were sent by Secretary Daniels whose words of comfort will be cherished by the saddened foster mother of the young hero, as long as she lives. Copies of these telegrams follow:

Washington, April 23, 1914. Mrs. Matilda Bailey, Albia, Iowa.

This morning's dispatches from Vera Cruz, conveying the distressing news that your step-son, Ordinary Seaman Frank Devorick, gave his life for

his country yesterday, saddens all America, as the tragedy brings gloom into your house.

My feeling, and the feeling of the president, to you in this sad hour, was expressed by President Lincoln, when on November 21, 1864, he wrote to Mrs. Bixby, of Boston, whose five sons gave their lives fighting under the American flag:

"I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

Yours sincerely, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy.

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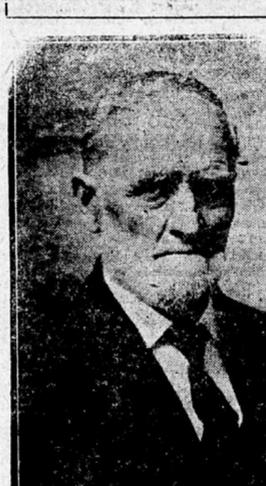
I extend deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your step-son Frank Devorick in battle at Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 22, 1914. His patriotic courage places his name on the honor

roll of our country's defenders. Josephus Daniels, Washington, April 25, 1914.

Mrs. Matilda Bailey, Albia, Iowa. Directions have been given commander in chief to send to United States remains of all naval dead. About two weeks or more it is expected will elapse before arrival at home port from which body of Frank Devorick, ordinary seaman, will be shipped in accordance with your request. You will be definitely advised by letter as soon as further information is received.

W. C. Braisted.

OTTUMWA PASTOR IN CHARGE OF SERVICE



Rev. Jonathan Lee, pastor of the Finley Avenue Baptist church of South Ottumwa delivered the funeral sermon over Frank Devorick in the Blakesburg Baptist church this afternoon. Rev. U. B. Smith of the American Home Finding association was to have assisted in the services but is out of the city attending a convention and was unable to reach home in time for the funeral.

CAPTAIN OF SHIP DEVORICK WAS ON



Captain Robert L. Russell, commanding the U. S. S. South Carolina, of the second division of the North Atlantic fleet.

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Letter of Rev. U. B. Smith.

Frank Devorick was born in Johnson county, Iowa, Sept. 15, 1896. Was with a brother and three sisters committed to the care of the American Home Finding association, March 16, 1905, and after three years and five months was placed with A. J. G. Bailey

and wife, Matilda A. Bailey. The address of his own parents is not known to us as the children were committed to the association by Judge O. A. Byington of Iowa City, and parents' names are not on our records. U. B. Smith.

FRANK DEVORICK MADE HIS HOME IN LOCAL ORPHANAGE FOR FOUR YEARS

Frank Devorick, the 18-year old Iowa lad, who sacrificed his young life in the seizure of Vera Cruz, a victim of the snipers who picked off the marines as they landed in the Mexican city, was for varying periods between his eighth and twelfth years one of the army of orphans and charges of the American Home Finding association in Ottumwa. Coming to the institution located at Fourth and Cass streets, he was under the care of Rev. U. B. Smith until he reached his twelfth year, when he was taken by his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. G. Bailey of near Blakesburg. The following history of the young hero has been supplied by Rev. U. B. Smith, head of the American Home Finding association:

Francis Patrick Devorick, the Johnson county youth, who gave his life to protect his country's honor at Vera Cruz, was born at Tiffin, five miles west of Iowa City, in 1896, of Bohemian parentage. He was the son of Charles and Mollie Devorick, and one of a family of five children. For five years the family was cared for in the Johnson county poor house. When the lad was eight years old his parents were divorced and together with his one brother and three sisters he was sent to the American Home Finding association here by Judge O. A. Byington of Iowa City, on March 16, 1905. The mother subsequently married W. F. Bridgeman and now resides in Marshalltown. Mrs. Charles Slade of Tiffin, whose husband is a brother of Superintendent of Schools A. A. Slade of Iowa City, was an aunt of the youthful hero. Joseph Devorick of Iowa City, was his paternal grandfather, and J. K. Bishop of Anamosa, his maternal grandfather. John Devorick, a jeweler in Iowa City, was also related to the

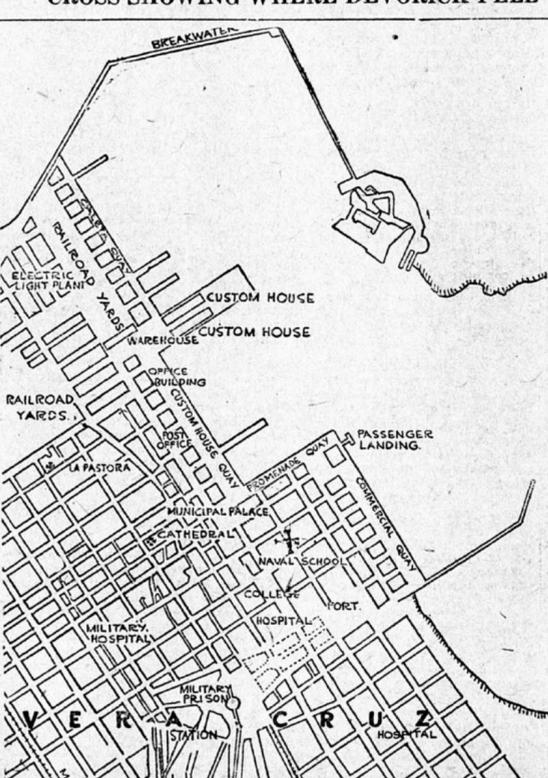


LEADER OF LANDING PARTY OF MARINES WHICH MADE FIRST ASSAULT ON TOWN



Captain William R. Rush, commander of the battleship Florida, was the officer to whom Admiral Fletcher, then in command of the navy at Vera

MAP OF PORTION OF VERA CRUZ WITH CROSS SHOWING WHERE DEVORICK FELL



Cruz, entrusted the landing of the first American armed forces to tough American soil in nearly three-quarters of a century.