

A. J. CASSATT DIES.

President of Pennsylvania Railroad Has Passed Away.

Alexander Johnstone Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and one of the foremost railroad men and financiers in the country, died suddenly at his residence in Philadelphia on Friday.

Mr. Cassatt, who was a little more than 67 years of age, was stricken with heart disease shortly before 1 o'clock and died before assistance could be given him. He was a victim of an acute heart attack, known professionally as "the Stokes-Adams syndrome."

Though Mr. Cassatt's death was entirely unexpected he had been in ill health for nearly a year. His condition was aggravated by an attack of whooping cough, which he contracted from his grandchildren while at Bar Harbor, in September. He never entirely recovered from the effects of the attack and when he returned to Philadelphia he remained for several weeks at his country home in Haverford before he resumed his management of the railroad and its allied interests. He continued attending to important matters until his birthday, December 8. On that day he was 67 years old, and after celebrating the event with his family he never returned to his duties at the railroad office. Mr. Cassatt spent much of his time driving, and he was out as late as last Monday. Subsequently he was known to have been confined to bed, but even then his condition was not regarded as alarming. While not feeling entirely well Mr. Cassatt arose this morning, but remained in his room. He seemed to be in good spirits.

Dead When Physician Arrived.

Shortly before 1 o'clock, while sitting in a chair in his apartments, he suffered an acute heart attack and became unconscious. His wife and daughter, Mrs. Plunkett Stewart, were with him, and his physician, Dr. J. H. Musser, was summoned, but he was dead when the physician arrived. Dr. Musser said that death had been almost instantaneous.

The news of Mr. Cassatt's death was at once telephoned to Broad street station and was flashed through the financial and business sections of the city, causing much astonishment, since the public and even his closest business associates were given to understand that he was not seriously ill.

The effect of his death upon the local stock market was not as great as might have been expected. Pennsylvania was quoted at 138 1/4 when the news was received, and the stock dropped only 3/4 on the report.

Some months ago Mr. Cassatt made changes in the organization of the company which put new duties on some of the higher officials. Among these was Samuel Rea, the third vice president, and it was suggested at the time that the act was equivalent to placing Mr. Rea in line for promotion to the presidency, but there is no official authority to sustain such an inference, and pending the election of a successor, First Vice President Green will assume charge of the affairs of the railroad company.

The operation of the railroad in the last year is said to have had much to do with the breaking of Mr. Cassatt's health.

He had just gone to Europe for a rest when the sensational developments in the Inter-State commerce commission investigation of rebates brought him back home and he threw himself into the breach in an effort to bring about an amicable settlement of the questions at issue. Deprived of his rest abroad he plunged into routine work until he went to Bar Harbor.

Was a Multi-Millionaire.

Aside from being the head of the Pennsylvania, Mr. Cassatt was president of six other companies, and a director in twenty-three concerns, principally transportation companies, banks and trust companies. His wealth is estimated at between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000.

Mr. Cassatt was born in Pittsburg in 1839, was educated in Germany and at the New York Polytechnic Institute. He entered the service of the Pennsylvania in 1861 as a rodman. In 1867 he became superintendent of motive power and machinery, and in 1878 became general superintendent for the Pennsylvania system. From this time on his rise was rapid and in 1880 he had become first vice president. In 1882 he resigned and did not again hold an official position in the company until he was elected to the presidency of the company in 1889. Mr. Cassatt began his railroad career in the engineering department and never lost his interest in that branch and the planning and starting of the great New York city tunnel system for the company was due to him. Mr. Cassatt had resided in Philadelphia

for many years and his family had been very prominent socially in Philadelphia.

NEGRO MOB BEATS OPERATOR.

Five Hundred Men Respond to Appeal For Succor.—Bloodhounds Sent to the Scene.

Spartanburg, December 29.—Five hundred men, sworn in as officers, and led by Sheriff Nicholls, are scouring the woods around Mount Zion, a telegraph block station on the main line of the Southern Railroad, six miles from here, searching for members of a negro mob that surrounded the telegraph station tonight shortly after 7 o'clock, shot out the windows and lights in the office and beat and choked Telegraph Operator Porter.

The trouble originated this afternoon when a drunken negro was put off the train. The negro grew obstreperous and became involved in a difficulty with the operator. The negro then left Mount Zion, but returned early tonight with a crowd of negroes, who surrounded the little station and threatened to kill Porter.

Being alone Porter wired the operator at Spartanburg that he was surrounded, and the negroes were shooting into the block house, and begged that aid be sent at once.

Whipped and Choked Operator.
Just as he finished the message the door was forced open and a gang of negro men rushed in, seized him, and, dragging him outside, whipped and choked him.

Deputy Sheriff White and an armed party left here early tonight on a special train and later he was followed by Sheriff Nicholls and a party of citizens. Assistance was also sent from Cowpens, a party getting on the fast mail, No. 97, and being let off at Mount Zion. Large crowds gathered from Clifton and Converse.

It is said that fully 500 citizens went to the scene of the trouble, but when they arrived the negroes had dispersed. The woods are being thoroughly searched for the negroes who took part in the outrage, and it is expected that several arrests will be made. Sheriff Nicholls has perfect control of the posse and there will be no lynchings or killings.

Bloodhounds Sent.
At midnight the posse is still searching for the negroes. A pack of bloodhounds have been sent to the scene of the trouble.

Mount Zion is a small telegraph station in a lonely section of country, on the main line of the Southern. It is located in a negro community.

Forced Operator to Dance.

Charlotte, December 29.—A long distance telephone message to the Observer from Spartanburg states that a crowd of drunken negroes entered at station at Mount Zion and with pistols forced Operator Porter to dance and otherwise hazed him. Porter was injured to some extent by the hazing, but how badly cannot be ascertained. The negroes made their escape before the posse of citizens reached the scene.

"AND GOD PLANTED A GARDEN IN EDEN."

James T. Bacon in News and Courier. "And God planted a garden"—between Hiddekel and Euphrates. This was the garden from which has been evolved proud Charleston, South Carolina! Almost all the world has long believed this. The few who do not yet believe it have simply never yet visited Charleston. We do not jest. The Ashley and the Cooper were Hiddekel and Euphrates. They are still there, compassing "the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold." The deep, dear, diamond-hearted News and Courier has come down a straight line from the note (written, we imagine, on a fragment of her ample petticoat) that Eve wrote to poor Cain in Nod, telling him that she had troubles of her own, and that Seth was a burden to her. And The News and Courier's shining staff, from whom have they come? From Adam, and Abel, and Enoch, and the cherubim that bore the flaming sword "which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life." From the day of Eve's note to Cain in the Land of Nod the Charleston News and Courier has been keeping the way of the tree of life. Reincarnations of Adam and Abel and Enoch and the cherubim, we salute you on the portal of the New Year! We would call your dear names but in Eve's note to Cain there were neither personalities nor society news, nor the airing of family matters and names, and you have kept the faith through all these six thousand years. And it is well. But nevertheless we would that you lived in garish Columbia or Augusta, that we might be permitted to pen your beloved patronymics. Ah, descendants of the cherubim! and ah, gable ends on Broad street, direct evolutions from Noah's Ark, "with lower, second and third stories," and a door "set in the side thereof," we salute ye also; ye under whose portals passed Shem and Ham and Japhet and the elephant and the kangaroo; ye from whose upper windows still fly forth the doves of peace, soaring the earth around. We salute you all, and pray that He who rules the year may rule it happily for you.

MR. BRYAN ADMITS HIS CANDIDACY.
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 27.—In an interview today William J. Bryan virtually admitted that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the next Democratic national convention.

"While I have not yet announced that I would be a candidate," said Mr. Bryan, "I have not stated that

would not be a candidate. Such a high honor as the presidential nomination is something that no American citizen should decline."

Mr. Bryan said there was no foundation for the story to the effect that he would, if nominated, favor the selection of Senator William J. Stone of Missouri as chairman of the Democratic national committee.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEWBERRY, IN THE PROBATE COURT.

James F. J. Caldwell, as Executor of the last will and testament of Martha Caroline Caldwell, deceased, Petitioner,

against
Francis W. Higgins, Martha Caroline Hardy, Elizabeth King, Harriet (or Hattie) Trail, Hayne W. McCrary, Annie M. McCrary, John W. Clary, Mrs. Sarah A. M. Russell, William C. Gilliam, Sarah C. Clifton, Mary E. White, Francis Z. Wilson, John O. Caldwell, and all heirs at law and distributees of the said Martha Caroline Caldwell, deceased, whose names and places of residence are unknown, Defendants.

To the defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer, on or before the thirtieth day of February, 1907, the petition in this proceeding, which is filed in the Probate Court for the said County and a copy of which is herewith served upon you; and you are notified that on that day, beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon, a trial will be had in the said Court of Probate for the said County and State of all matters described and all issues involved in the said petition to establish in due form of law certain instruments of writing as the last will and testament of Martha Caroline Caldwell, deceased.

Hunt, Hunt and Hunter, Petitioner's Attorneys.

(Seal.)
J. C. Wilson,
J. P. N. C.

The defendants:
Mrs. Sarah A. M. Russell, William C. Gilliam, Sarah C. Clifton, Mary E. White, John O. Caldwell and all heirs at law and distributees of the said Martha Caroline Caldwell, deceased, whose names and places of residences are unknown. You will please take notice that the summons of which the foregoing is a copy, and the petition in the above title action was filed in the Probate Court of Newberry County on the tenth day of December, 1906, and is now on file there.

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