

## MARSE HENRY WATTERSON DIES SUDDENLY IN SOUTH

America's Greatest Living Journalist Passes Away Suddenly In Florida Early Thursday

(By Associated Press)

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Henry Watterson, one of the country's best known journalists, and former owner and publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, died at a local hotel at 8:15 this morning.

Col. Watterson's death was unexpected, though it had been known for some days that he was ill. The veteran publisher had been here about six weeks as was his custom on his annual trips to Florida. He has for years been spending the winter largely at Fort Myers. It was his intention to go to that place when his condition improved sufficiently to make the trip.

His wife, son and daughter were at his bedside when he died. Watterson's death was due to a failure, superinduced by congestion of the lungs. Thirty minutes before his death he called his wife into the room and conferred with her. His son and daughter were summoned, who said death was peaceful. Colonel Watterson having lapsed into unconsciousness again a few minutes before his death.

He was among the last surviving members of the old school of journalism and was known affectionately to friends as "Marse Henry." He contracted a slight cold Tuesday and while seated in a chair yesterday soon after breakfast suffered an acute bronchial attack and was ordered to bed by his physician. His condition grew worse during the day and night and he died early today.

Thus, "Marse Henry" passed away at "beautiful shore" where last October he wrote his commentaries on the Confederate army. He was sure "the Bonnie Blue flag would be flying at the fore, bands would be playing 'Dixie' on parade, and pretty girls would be distributing the 'Chattanooga Rebel' to groups of ragged, red-nosed angels who have not forgotten the rebel yell."

"The Chattanooga Rebel" was a paper he published during the Civil war. His body will be placed in a casket here till spring when it will be taken to Louisville for burial. Watterson is frail and thought it inadvisable to return north during the winter.

Henry Watterson was one of the last of the old time personal journalists. More than half a century his editorials, with their brilliant, original and phrase-making composition, attracted wide attention. They were commented on and copied by the press of the nation. Besides his power in molding public opinion through his editorials, Watterson's influence is credited with having shaped the platform of the Democratic party in more than one presidential campaign.

It was perhaps through an accident that Henry Watterson pursued journalism. Early in life he evinced unusual musical talent and his parents encouraged it. A mishap that crushed his left thumb, leaving that member stiff, caused the musical education to be abandoned, as the piano was his favorite instrument.

A natural bent for writing developed but even in this Mr. Watterson was seriously handicapped as an author in infancy had affected his vision. His first journalistic experience was gained on Washington, D. C., newspaper. His father, Harvey M. Watterson, for twenty years preceding the outbreak of the war between the States, was a representative in Congress from Tennessee. It was during this time that Henry Watterson laid the foundations for an elaborate knowledge of national affairs, he spending much of his time associating with party leaders of that time and in close contact with the operation of the government.

Watterson's course in letters and journalism in the national capital was interrupted just as he attained his majority by the outbreak of war. With his father,

he opposed the secession movement, but upon the declaration of hostilities, he returned to his Tennessee home and joined the army of the confederacy. He served throughout the war, except for a period of ten months, when he established and operated at Chattanooga, Tenn., "The Rebel," a semi-military paper.

Mr. Watterson served first as an aide to the famous cavalry leader, General Nathan Bedford Forrest, and later was on the staff of General Leonidas Polk. During the campaign between Generals Sherman and Johnston, Watterson was chief of scouts of the Confederate army.

"The Rebel" instantly achieved great popularity. The paper was outspoken and independent, forecasting in many things the Louisville Courier-Journal, a lineal descendant to follow it within a few years.

Abraham Lincoln was said to be the great passion of Watterson's life. His lecture on "Lincoln" was delivered in hundreds of cities and it was his pride to tell of calling on Lincoln the morning of his inauguration and of standing beside him at the ceremony.

"Let no Southern man point his finger at me," Mr. Watterson said "because I canonize Lincoln, for he was the one friend we had at court when friends were most in need."

When Watterson founded the Journal he made a plea for harmony in the South. Thoroughly reconstructed himself, he urged all to follow his course in complete submission to the Federal government.

Mr. Watterson always advocated a "Tariff for Revenue Only" phrase which he coined, and which finally was adopted by the Democratic party. He was an ardent friend of Grover Cleveland during the latter's first administration as president, but opposed Cleveland's third nomination.

His services as a public official was confined to a fractional term in Congress. He accepted a seat there in 1876-77 at the wishes of Samuel Tilden, with whom he was closely allied. Mr. Watterson refused re-nomination for the full term. Frequently urged to run for high office he always refused, maintaining:

"I shall stay where I am. Of vice is not for me. Beginning in slavery to end with poverty it is conditions to my sense of freedom."

From 1872 to 1892, however, he sat at all national conventions of the democratic party as a delegate-at-large from Kentucky. He presided over the convention that nominated Tilden in 1876 and was chairman of the platform committee in those of 1880 and 1888.

Mr. Watterson opposed Wm. Jennings Bryan in his candidacy for president in 1896, but in 1900 the Courier-Journal gave him lukewarm support. In 1908, however, Mr. Watterson denominated as the "free silver heresy" being "as dead as African slavery" in the United States, he became a warm supporter of Bryan.

Mr. Watterson also devoted some of his editorial attention to social questions. He once made a savage attack on New York society women, calling them "a flock of unclean birds." He accused them of fondness for display that ruined the men, and love of champagne and bridle.

His dashing style gave him the nicknames of "Light Horse Harry" and "Henry of Navarre." He was more popularly called plain "Marse Henry."

As effectively as he wrote Mr. Watterson spoke on the public platform. His reputation as an orator reached its climax when he delivered an address at the dedication of the Columbian Exposition when he appeared as the governments official spokesman.

Among the several books he wrote or compiled were "Oddities of Southern Life and Character," a volume of Southern humor; "The Spanish-American War," written concurrently with the events, and his latest work, "Compromises of Life," a compilation of his lectures, addresses and numerous editorials from the Courier-Journal.

Of his career, Mr. Watterson

recently said:

"I came out of the war like many of the young fellows of the South, a very picked bird, indeed. In order to escape the humiliation of borrowing from a Northern uncle, whose politics I did not approve, I went with my watch to an 'uncle' who had no politics at all and got fifty dollars on it. Along with two blanket-mates, who were as poor as myself, I started, or rather revived, publication of an old suspended weekly newspaper at Nashville. Nothing could withstand the energy and ardor which we three threw into the enterprise. We were working for bread and had to have it. When we began there were nine daily papers struggling for a footing in the little Tennessee capital. At the end of the year there were but two, and of these ours had two-thirds of the business. After two years I was called to Louisville to take an editorial position on the old Louisville Journal, the paper of George D. Prentice. Six months later Walter N. Haldeman, who owned the Courier joined with me in combining the Journal and Courier. Incidentally this led to the purchase of the old Louisville Democrat, this publication losing its identity entirely. That is about all."

The consolidation of the three papers was the first of the great newspaper combinations. It resulted in the first appearance of the Courier-Journal, November 8th, 1868. In his early years he superintended the detail of every department, and for more than thirty years "put the paper to press" every night.

He was born in Washington, D. C., on February 16, 1840. In 1918 Mr. Watterson sold his interest in the Courier-Journal to Judge Robert W. Bingham, of Louisville, who also purchased stock of other owners, and Watterson retired from editorial responsibility and place, accepting for several months the title of editor emeritus. In the spring of 1919, he resigned that position and since then he has been living a wholly retired life, interrupting only occasionally by a letter to a newspaper on a public topic or an interview granted to some roving reporter.

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## BISHOP MORRISON DIES IN FLORIDA

Rev. Dr. Henry Clay Morrison, Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for a number of years superannuated, died at his home in Leesburg, Florida, according to word received by friends here. Bishop Morrison has been pastor of nearly every Methodist church in Louisville, and of many other churches in Kentucky.

Bishop Morrison was 85 years of age. He had lived in Leesburg, the home of his two sons, for the last ten years, during five of which he had been on the superannuated list. In the later years of his life Bishop Morrison wrote a great deal. An autobiography was one volume and "The Simple Gospel" another.

Born in Tennessee, Bishop Morrison was brought up there and during the Civil War, after he had entered the ministry, he joined Gen. John Hunt Morgan's command and served as chaplain with the cavalrymen. Bishop Morrison's wife was Mrs. Mary Ray, of Marion county. Besides his widow, Bishop Morrison is survived by two sons, Horace and Dr. Harry Morrison, of Leesburg; a daughter, Mrs. James McClasky, of Boston, Ky., and a stepson, Eugene Ray.

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## PIERCY PROBABLY TRIED ON SATURDAY

Federal Officers To Finish With Him At Lexington Before He Is Returned Here

Examining trial of Lawrence Piercy, charged with abducting and trying to kill Peter W. Wells on the night of Dec. 2nd, will probably be held by County Judge W. K. Price Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

U. S. Commissioner Charles A. Wiard telephoned Wednesday night that he would bring Piercy over at once as he had promised, if the local officials desired it. He told Special Prosecutor A. K. Burnam that he would have to return Piercy to Lexington immediately after his trial here, however, in order to finish with the government cases against him there in connection with the distillery and other such offenses of which he is accused. It was then agreed that Piercy should be kept in Lexington until the federal officials are through with him on those cases. He will then be brought back to Richmond and have his examining trial and be kept in jail here unless he is able to furnish whatever bond that Judge Price may fix for his release pending circuit court action in February.

Following the trial of Keith Wednesday conjecture over the motive which prompted Piercy and his associates to endeavor to kill Mr. Wells continues keen on all sides. Keith declared when on the stand that Piercy did not call him at any time "what it will be all about." Keith declares he does not know what Piercy's motive was. He said that he went along with them because they had two quarts of moonshine. He told this to officers at the time he was arrested and not at his trial. Many believe, however, Keith has not told all he knows.

Mr. Wells continues to assert that he knows of no earthly reason why he should have been selected as the victim of such a murderous attack. Rumors that it was a subtle effort to obtain his property were branded by him as utterly worthless. He said that in the event of his death whatever property he might have would go to his mother, sister and brothers and in no way that he could imagine would any one benefit by having him killed.

Talk of a woman's jealousy, he said, was laughable. What woman, he asked, would benefit by having him killed? Even if some one was jealous of him he failed to see what could be accomplished by having him murdered.

Mr. Wells is inclined to the belief that Keith did not tell all he knows of the affair. He says he feels satisfied that Keith knew just the reason that Piercy was going to "bump him off."

Some believe that in the event of his conviction that Piercy may confess and tell the whole story but others are inclined to think that he will keep his mouth closed. Few believe that Piercy will even take the stand in his own defense when his trial is held, unless he thinks he can make someone else be the "goat."

In the federal examining trial at Lexington Piercy has been positively identified as the leader of the gang that robbed the Tyron distillery of a large amount of whisky. A dispatch from Lexington said about it:

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 22.—Examining trial of Lawrence Piercy, former Lexington policeman; Andrew Settles, Covington machinist; W. J. Wilson, real estate dealer; H. C. Fain, truck driver; J. W. Drake, cafe owner; Thomas C. Barnes, cafe proprietor, and Walter Griffey, and H. V. Lowen, Anderson county farmers, charged with complicity in the raid on the T. B. Ripy distillery at Tyron December 8, was resumed this morning before United States Commissioner Charles N. Wiard, after having been adjourned from Tuesday afternoon.

L. E. Tinsley and Carl Cooper, guards at the distillery, positively identified Piercy and Settles as two of the men who kept them "covered" in the office while the distillery was being looted. Cooper was certain about Piercy and identified Settles by his "cock eye" the rest of his face having been concealed by a high coat

## JUDGE PRICE TAKES STRONG STAND FOR MAJESTY OF THE LAW

In fixing the \$15,000 bond for the release of Mickey Keith, who confessed to have been a member of the party headed by Lawrence Piercy that abducted and tried to kill Peter W. Wells, of this county, County Judge W. K. Price made a strong statement on the necessity of upholding the law, and the protection which is expected and deserved by every citizen from the law. His exact words were as follows:

"The law of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is made to demand what is right and prohibit what is wrong. The Constitution and the Statutes of Kentucky guarantee to every man, or every individual man and woman and every child in the Commonwealth of the State of Kentucky protection of life, limb, body, liberty and property. The laws are not made to punish those who violate the law so much as to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth.

"Evidently there has been a great violation of law; there has been a tragedy enacted in Madison county, that you don't read of very often in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. It is the duty of the officials, from the Governor of Kentucky down to the Constable, to enforce these laws for the protection of the citizens in these rights that I have just spoken of. There has not only been a violation of these rights, personal rights, upon Mr. Wells, but there has been a great crime committed against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The crime that has been enacted here within our county is of a private, personal and general nature in this tragedy. It has not only been a wrong enforced upon individuals, but there has been a wrong committed against the Commonwealth, and, as I said, it is the duty of county officials and state officials, and local officials, and everybody—not only that, but of good citizens of this Commonwealth—to try to enforce these laws to prevent these tragedies and the enactment of these crimes.

"If such tragedies are allowed to be enacted in our Commonwealth, and in the borders of our county, no citizen is safe at home at night with his family, either he or his wife or his children, and it is our duty to try to protect them. That is what the laws are for, and what the officials are for.

Now, it seems like the testimony of Mr. Wells, and also from the testimony of this defendant, that while he might not have in every particular understood the objects of this trip it might be possible he was ignorant of the purpose for which these men came into Madison county from Fayette county, and might not have known these things, but, still after these things were committed, it was his duty, if he didn't consider himself a party to it, it would have been his duty when he walked up the road there—knowing what these men were going to do, to have come to a farm house and let it be known that something had happened and try to prevent it, and we think this defendant ought to be held to answer to the Madison County Circuit Court in this case in the sum of \$15,000 bond."

## TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY TOM BAXTER A GOOD SANTA CLAUS

Owing to the limited time before the election on Christmas eve for State Senator, it has been impossible for me to thoroughly canvass the district or county, and I, therefore, take this means of soliciting your support for that office.

I stand for the promotion of educational, business and social progress; for the building of more and better roads; for improvement of conditions of the farmer and laborer, those left adrift and suffering from the ravages of war, and of the State's industries; for a greater development of her resources; and for the enactment of laws to more successfully meet the changed conditions and evils with which we are confronted at this time of unrest and re-adjustment.

If the responsibility of representing you in Kentucky's next Senate shall be your favor placed upon me, I shall strive with all my efforts, brain and heart to prove true to the trust by following the guidance of right as I shall in my best judgment to me appear.

Born and reared among you, and having always made my home in Madison county, it has ever been my aim and endeavor to so work and live as to be worthy of the confidence and trust of those among whom I have lived, and to be prepared to serve their interests as the power within me may lie and as it is given me to understand and accomplish, if that opportunity shall be granted me by the vote of my countrymen. I, therefore, make my appeal to you, irrespective of party.

Respectfully Yours,  
adv. It WM. L. WALLACE

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collar and a handkerchief over his nose. Superintendent Atherton picked out Piercy and Settles and said they looked very much like the two men who guarded them in the distillery office. Ike Searcy guard, was not sure, but thought Piercy was about the same size as one of the raiders.

## CAPITAL SHIP PLAN ACCEPTED

France and Italy Finally Agree To American Program—Subs. Not Considered

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 22.—France and Italy today formally accepted the American proposals for limitation of capital ships, at a meeting of the five major powers of the Washington Arms Conference. Contrary to general expectations, the question of auxiliary craft, submarines and cruisers, was not reached at the forenoon session.

## DAUGHERTY SAYS SOME PROFITEER

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Dec. 22.—Investigation of the retail prices of food, fuel, shoes and clothing in all parts of the country was ordered today by Attorney General Daugherty. Daugherty said in many localities prices are too high and retailers' profits are "unconscionable," and that every effort would be made to put prices to their proper level. "There isn't a doubt in the world," said Daugherty, "that all our country retailers have an understanding."

## GORDON TO GIVE COAL TO NEEDY

F. H. Gordon, who has just opened up his spacious new coal yards on Estill avenue, is going to play Santa Claus to a lot of poor folks who need coal to keep them warm over Christmas. He plans to give away half a dozen or so tons of coal, altogether, and has obtained a list from the Associated Charities of deserving cases. However, he desires that all who need coal at this time, call at his office on Estill avenue and make their applications in person to him. In this way he will be able to get in touch with them and learn their needs.

## TODAY IS SHORTEST DAY IN YEAR

Thursday, December 22, is the shortest day of the year and winter began at three o'clock 8 minutes in the morning when the sun enters the constellation of Capricorn or Horned Goat, according to Dr. Henry Meier, of Centre College, who is quoted by the Danville Messenger.

Today the sun rose at 6 o'clock 31 minutes and sets at 4 o'clock 24 minutes, standard or railroad time. According to sun time the sun rose at 7 hours 12 minutes 5 o'clock and sets at 4 hours 45 minutes o'clock.

At Richmond on the shortest day the sun will be nine hours 3 minutes above the horizon and on June 21st the longest day, the sun will shine for 14 hours 47 minutes.

Sun time changes from day to day, due to the irregular motion of the earth through space. On Thursday the sun is on the meridian at 21 minutes before noon, while on the 2nd of November it was on the meridian 37 minutes before noon standard time.

Sun time has the advantage that the time can fairly closely determine wherever the sun shines, and the Kentucky mountaineer, who stated before court, that at his place they used sun-time in preference to railroad time because they were nearer to the sun than the railroad, voiced considerable truth.

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