

COLONEL NELSON, JOURNALIST, DIES

Owner and Editor of Kansas City Star, Educated at Notre Dame University, Succumbs - Worked Until Near End.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—Col. R. M. Nelson, owner and editor of the Kansas City Star, nationally prominent as a journalist, died early today at his home here. He had been ill since December. Chronic poisoning caused his death. He was 74 years old. Until a month ago, he continued to take an active part in the management of his paper, heads of the various departments coming to his bedside to discuss matters of editorial policy and to receive instructions.

He married Miss Ida Houston in 1881. Their one daughter, Mrs. Irwin B. Kirkwood, lives in Kansas City. During the last month Col. Nelson was conscious only part of the time. Up to that time, he discovered his physicians by continuing his work. He dictated editorials, outlined ideas for cartoons and mapped out numerous feature stories. His doctors told him this activity would hinder his chances for recovery.

"I have been happiest in my newspaper work," replied the veteran editor. "I will not be deprived of the pleasure I get from my work."

Col. Nelson was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., March 7, 1841. He was educated at Notre Dame university. He started out to learn the cotton growing industry in Georgia, but gave up the pursuit to return to Indiana and become a general contractor. When he was 34 years old he was state campaign manager for Samuel J. Tilden. His interest in democratic politics caused him to take up newspaper work.

On Sept. 18, 1880, he started the Evening Star in Kansas City. From the first his newspaper strongly advocated paving the city streets, making large parks, building attractive houses and the planting of shrubbery and trees. The park and boulevard system of Kansas City is a monument to his incessant advocacy of civic betterment. He was the builder of a large residence district of this city. In politics Col. Nelson described himself as "independent, but never neutral." He declined more than a score of important political positions, both elective and appointive.

AVIATOR MEETS DEATH

Cecil Malcolm Peoli killed in Fall at College Park, Md.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Cecil Malcolm Peoli, an aviator of Los Angeles, Calif., Monday was killed when his airplane fell from a height of 500 feet on the aviation field at College Park, Md. Peoli, who was 22 years old, recently has figured in several daring exhibition flights throughout the country. He came here to try out a new machine, said to be the largest of its kind ever built, preparatory to making a flight from New York to Washington.

The accident is believed to have been due to a strong wind which swept against making a try out of the machine Monday. Peoli was flying in the air but a few minutes, when he lost control of the craft. His skull was fractured and he died before he could be taken to a hospital.

DRILL PRACTICE IS HELD

Red Men Team Will Take Part in Goshen Meeting Tonight.

Drill practice took place Monday night at the Red Men hall by drill team of the Montlake boys, No. 429. Order of Red Men, for the district meeting to be held at Goshen tonight at the Red Men hall, when the chief's degree, the highest degree of the order will be conferred upon 29 candidates, two of them being from the local lodge. There will probably be 50 members of the local lodge and probably 500 from the other Indiana cities present. After the initiatory work by the South Bend team a banquet will be served by the Goshen lodge. A number of the great chiefs of the state will give short talks.

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News of Indiana and Michigan

TRAINMEN TAKE TO FEDERATION IDEA

Proposition of Consolidation of All Societies Meets With Favor at Elkhart. Mayor Smith For Dry Town.

ELKHART, Ind., April 12.—A movement to federate the various railway employes brotherhoods has been suggested by New York Central Engineer Samuel G. Crawley and is receiving the hearty support of the membership of the five societies here and divisions all over the system.

Mr. Crawley's plan is such that none of the societies will lose their identity and yet each can cooperate in such a manner as to advance the railroad's cause whenever necessary demands. It is possible that the matter will come up for definite consideration at the big meeting to be held at Cedar Point in July.

Wants Dry Town. Mayor E. E. Smith has come out in the open with a declaration that he favors a dry town and during the course of every speech which he has made since the local option campaign was inaugurated he raves the saloons.

Young Men Accused. Nine young men are under arrest charged with rioting as the result of a street fight which occurred on last Wednesday night. The fight is said to have been the result of jealousy over two young women of the city.

Announcement Wedding. The marriage of Erwin M. Conley, one of the city's best known attorneys and Miss Bessie Willard of Chicago has been announced. Mr. Conley became acquainted with his bride while serving her in a professional capacity incidentally to settling the estate of her grandfather, the late George Ewigart of South Bend.

Pastor Is Changed. Although sorry to lose so able a man as the pastor of their church, Elkhart Methodists are rejoicing over the appointment of Rev. R. J. Wade to the superintendency of the Goshen district, succeeding Rev. Sumner Hill.

Young Men Meet Death. Drive Auto Under Crossing Gates and Are Hit by Train.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., April 12.—Raymond Busse, 19 years old, and Carl Yearns, 17 years old, two well known young men of Porter, met a tragic death when an auto in which they were riding was struck by an eastbound passenger train at Porter, Ind., Monday. The auto was terribly mangled, while Yearns' body was less mutilated. The auto a Buick, was completely wrecked.

It is understood that the young men were delivering mud for Emil Busse, father of Raymond Busse. It is said by eye witnesses that the crossing gates were down, but for some unexplained reason the two men got out of their car and hit the gates and then attempted to cross the tracks in front of the onrushing train. Young Busse was married and leaves a wife and child.

The train which killed the young men was in charge of Engineer Smith, who is mayor of Elkhart.

CITY OBJECTS TO PLAN

St. Joseph Prefers to Own Boat which Has Its Name.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., April 12.—The Graham & Morton Transportation Co. wants to change the name of its steamer City of Chicago to City of St. Joseph, but the municipality objects. The Chicago was partially destroyed by fire last fall and in rebuilding the craft the company thought it would be conferring an honor upon the city by giving the city's name to the rebuilt steamer. The citizens of St. Joseph declare that some day the city expects to own a boat of its own, and then will be time enough to have a steamer known as City of St. Joseph. To permit the use of the city's name at this time, it is declared, would be to give a part of the city's stock in trade to a competitor.

GIRL KILLS BLUE RACER

Big Snake Falls to Frighten Young Lady Searching for Flowers.

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind., April 12.—While Alice Meier, daughter of Mrs. John Meier of this city, and companions were in the Knisely woods west of the city looking for wild flowers, they stirred up a big blue racer that was coiled up in some old weeds. Some of the children were so close to the reptile that they almost stepped on him. He made after them, but Miss Meier stood her ground having picked up a part of a fence rail the moment she saw the snake. As he approached her she delivered a well directed blow and put him out of commission. He measured five feet eight inches in length and was as big around as a man's wrist at the largest point.

DESERTER IS CAUGHT

RICHMOND, Ind., April 12.—John E. Scott, formerly a telegraph operator on the C. & O. of Indiana railway, was arrested here and charged with deserting from the United States army. He was taken to Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, yesterday, by Detective Remmert. A reward of \$50 will be paid by Uncle Sam for the arrest. Scott recently was granted a furlough and it is said he remained away too long. While employed here he worked at the south end C. & O. passenger station. Scott has a wife and young wife here.

YOUNG WIFE ENDS LIFE

HASTINGS, Mich., April 12.—Sheriff Mann was notified this morning by Battle Creek officers that Mrs. Myrtle Darling Eddy of Battle Creek, daughter of Alfred Darling of Hastings had committed suicide by taking strychnine. She was about 28 years old and a graduate of Hastings high school. She leaves a husband and two children.

PLAN AMUSEMENT PARK

Indianapolis Syndicate of Capitalists Buy Sylvan Lake Island.

BRIMFIELD, Ind., April 12.—Kessler Island on Sylvan lake has been sold by Mrs. Ella Kessler to a party of Indianapolis capitalists and according to report will be converted into an amusement park and building lots for cottages. The island comprises 80 acres. The sale price was near \$16,000. Negotiations for the sale were completed by George S. Carrill of Indianapolis.

The island is ideally located on Sylvan at a point just above the narrows. During recent years many reports have been circulated to the effect that the island was to be sold for an amusement park but the deal never materialized.

RAILROAD ASKS FOR BOND ISSUE PERMIT

Would Raise Capital Stock from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000.

LANSING, Mich., April 12.—The railroad commission today listened to pleas for and against an issue of debenture bonds and an increase in the capital stock of the recently organized New York Central railroad.

The company wants to issue \$100,000,000 worth of debenture bonds and wants to increase its capital stock from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000. The matter was presented to the commission on behalf of the company by General Counsel Robert Gary of Chicago, while C. H. V. Penner of New York, on behalf of the minority stockholders, opposed the issue and increase. The matter is being put up to the commissions of all the states through which the system passes.

The commission is expected to be filed within a day or two. Announcement of the action of the commission on the question is not expected for a week.

RIVER CLEAR FOR TRAVEL

St. Mary's Open Above Nine-Mile Point. Is Tug's Report.

SAULT STE. MARIE, April 12.—The towing tug Illinois ran down the river to Nine-Mile point in Bay lake late Monday, encountering very little ice, and reported that navigation of St. Mary's river was a possibility by next Thursday. While the tug was at that rough ice below the point is moving. The main body appears intact, but is loosening up fast. The fields in lake 2 miles upstream beyond vision. The wind, however, veered to the northwest last night which probably will blow the ice back again.

LARGEST MAN DIES

Wayne County Citizen Weighing 415 Pounds Passes Away at Hospital.

RICHMOND, Ind., April 12.—Ellsworth Graham, 46 years old, the largest man in Wayne county, is dead at the Eastern hospital for the insane. He weighed 415 pounds at death, measured five feet 10 inches about the waist and was six feet tall. The largest casket ever seen in Richmond was made especially for his body. The casket measured six feet six inches in length, 34 inches in width and 21 inches in depth. He leaves his father, James Graham of this city, a retired express wagon driver; and a brother, Charles E. Graham of this city. His relatives are very ordinary for size, he being the only one to show any great proportions.

BRIEFS.

GAS CITY.—Fire partially destroyed the Gordon furniture establishment, causing \$5,000 damage. The tunnel grocery and meat market was damaged by water.

FRANKFORD.—B. P. Martin, 61 years old, a deputy township assessor, and former city policeman, is dead of injuries received when he was run down by an electric trolley driven by Mrs. Harry C. Sheridan, wife of the referee in bankruptcy of this district.

SHELBYVILLE.—Earl Babh was knocked unconscious and a horse which he was driving was killed by lightning. Renuis Copeland was also knocked unconscious and Ed Green had his right arm paralyzed when they were struck. These are the first injuries of the season due to lightning reported near here.

ELKHART.—Gross receipts for the two performances of the opera "Pinafore," given by the high school pupils for the benefit of the music fund, amount to more than \$300. The expenses will amount to about \$200.

LUDINGTON.—David C. Mercer was given a verdict of \$500 for injuries received in falling down a gravel pit.

HILLSDALE.—Carl Bowers of this city borrowed a gun to kill a cat. It exploded prematurely and wounded his sister, Stella.

SAGINAW.—Fred Schaurman, 69 years old, was killed by a street car when he stepped in front of one approaching. He was partially blind.

ADRIAN.—"Clem" Clement, for 46 years a Lake Shore engineer, dropped dead at his home here of apoplexy.

BAY CITY.—The trial of a suit brought by Mrs. Emma Garland, against the Michigan Central railroad for \$50,000 for injuries received when her automobile was run down by a switch engine, has been started here. Mrs. Garland is the widow of Michael Garland, sawmill machinery manufacturer.

ADRIAN.—Adrian's newly elected commissioners have taken their oaths of office and the affairs of the city changed from aldermanic to commissionary control.

Late News from Surrounding Towns

PLYMOUTH, IND.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms of N. Michigan st. left Friday morning for Lima, O., to visit their son, Foster, and family.

Mrs. Peter Richard went to Rochester Friday morning on account of the death of her brother, George Nemhart, who has been sick for three months with cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. A. E. Fink of Tynes, is at the home of Dr. Dunfee on Walnut st., where she underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor.

Miss Grace Leippert is still very ill with rheumatism. She is almost helpless and it takes several persons to care for her.

Harvey Gray, 15 years old, is down with diphtheria at his home on Sycamore street.

Mrs. Joseph Haddock of Twin lakes, left Friday for Monticello where her sister is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Grimes have left their home, corner of Pierce and Walnut sts., and moved out upon their farm about three miles east of the city.

Mrs. M. Cox left for South Bend on Friday where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Gaynard, for several days.

J. Raymond Schmidt of Indianapolis, spoke in the Christian church Friday afternoon upon the subject of temperance.

Mrs. John Leonhard is very ill at her home near this city. She ran a piano in her hand, and later it developed into lung disease.

Mrs. Hardy went to Lakeville Saturday morning to visit her parents over Sunday.

Miss Alice Hallock returned to Sullivan Saturday after attending the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Henry Hallock.

Mrs. W. H. Love went to Laporte Saturday to attend the funeral of her niece, Floy Kesler.

Mrs. Catherine Peterson left Saturday for Mishawaka, where she was called by the illness of her little granddaughter, who is threatened with pneumonia.

Miss Creed Troutman will spend Sunday with Miss Eloise Hunter in Laporte.

A number of the employees at Schlosser Bros. creamery called at the home of Mrs. George Rosner on E. Adams st. Friday evening and presented Mrs. Rosner with a handsome piece of cut glass. She was formerly Miss Vera Conger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Day went to Macy Saturday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. M. E. Day.

The Woman's Home Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. Haunrichouser.

Mrs. W. E. Jeffers returned to her home at Argos Saturday after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Phelps.

A marriage license has been issued to Norman A. Baldwin of Mishawaka and Mary Irwin of Argos.

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.

William H. Sylvester was a guest at the W. E. Proud home in South Bend, Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Gillespie visited her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Hagerty, in South Bend, Saturday. Her little grandson, James Hagerty, returned home with her for a week's visit.

Thomas Armstrong of Ohio is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jennie Armstrong.

Mrs. W. H. Wynn visited Miss Georgia Knies at the Epworth hospital in South Bend, Sunday. Miss Knies hopes to return home this week.

Miss Edith McCullough was employed as an extra clerk in Hendricks store Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Gale were guests at the Otto Larsen home in South Bend, Sunday. Their daughter, Anna, who has been visiting the Larsens for several days, returned home with them.

The social held in the new social rooms of the M. E. church Friday evening was a great success, 170 people being present, and a neat sum of money for the treasury of the Aid society. A musical and literary program was given and a dainty luncheon was served.

George Taylor visited friends in Benton Harbor Friday evening.

Mrs. Laura Phillips died at her home on Bluff st. Sunday evening after a long illness. The funeral service was held at her home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Postmaster and Mrs. J. C. Hoopinger were week-end visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. T. Payne in Nappanee.

Anron Holeman is a business visitor in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Lois Wilson visited friends in South Bend last week.

Joseph Ketchum and family have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Chicago. Sam. Colvin, Jr., took Mr. Ketchum's place as clerk in Hart's grocery store during his absence.

School opened up Monday morning after a week's vacation. Miss Maries Van Westenbrugge, principal, visited her parents in Grand Rapids and Miss Sullivan, teacher of the seventh and eighth grades, visited home people in Flint, Mich.

Miss Delores Lord has returned from a week's visit with her brother, Verne Lord, in Jackson, Mich.

Mrs. Thomas Taylor returned Friday from a few days' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Sullivan in Stevensville.

Mrs. W. A. Berkey has moved into the Fisher house on Mechanic st. Lawrence Davis of Chicago is at home for a two weeks' visit with his mother, Mrs. Flora E. Davis.

Walter Mars went to Chicago Friday, where he has secured employment in the postoffice. William Stemm of Berrien township and R. D. Painter of Oronoko township have been drawn as jurors for the April term of court, which opens April 15.

NILES, MICH.

Hiram Arthur, 52 years old, died here after a prolonged illness. He is survived by a widow and two children, Alan, Arthur, and Mrs. Louis E. Crawford, both of Dowagiac. He has been employed as a pharmacist in this city. The funeral services will be held Wednesday morning from the residence under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which he was a member. Rev. A. W. Lyons of the Baptist church will officiate. Interment will occur at Silver Brook cemetery. George Matthews and daughter.

Geo. Wyman and Co. Come and See Us

The Binner Corset is being presented to South Bend Women this week. Miss Austin, an expert corsetiere, is this week introducing the BINNER CORSET in our Corset Section. The BINNER CORSET, while new to South Bend, is not new in the corset world—rather it is known as one of the most wonderfully designed and constructed corsets on the market. Come in this week and see the BINNER.

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Former Notre Dame Man Writing - What Will You Be at 60. From Rome Says Indications Points to Italy's Joining War. Present conditions seem to point toward Italy's entering the European war, according to a letter from George J. Finnegan, a graduate of Notre Dame, now a student of theology in Rome, Italy. He states that all the favorable conditions in Italy only tend to make stronger the theory that Italy is preparing for a long fight. The war has greatly affected the condition of the people and the poor are increasing daily. The people are very fearful at this time and are expecting orders to march to the front at any time. The letter in part follows: "We hope that Italy will keep out. What she will do is as big a puzzle now as it ever was. The papers talk a lot and have repeated every possible reason pro and contra many times over. True, for the last few days they have been more open and bolder than ever. The big headlines have been of this nature: 'The Hour to Decide Has Come.' 'The Neutrality is at an End.' 'Shall We Intervene?' 'The Solemn Hour of Italian Destiny,' and so on. 'The government says little and when men like Salandra speak, it is nothing but generalities. They certainly no people in the world who can talk more and say less than these Italians. You might think that we should at least know on which side Italy would go if she did enter, but as a matter of fact we don't know that. Some say certainly against Austria. Some say certainly with Austria. The Austrian students—who know their country well—tell me that secret negotiations have been going on between Austria and Italy for the ceding of some land to the latter, but that they would go if she did enter, but as papers said that Austria refused to give anything. 'In spite of all this, there certainly seems to be something in the air. Italy has spent about a billion lire preparing her army and navy for something. Many troops have been called and more are to go in a few days. Perhaps the nearest we might come to hope for is that she is waiting to see how the tide turns. If the expedition against the Dardanelles is successful, she may move. The allies have made it plain to her that she can hope for none of the game if she doesn't help to kill it. She wants to win a war badly for she never yet won one. The socialists still hold out against any war. Poor are suffering. 'Here in Italy the effects of the restraint are felt in high prices and the poor are suffering. When bread and macaroni go up, they are the ones to feel it. Several bread riots have already taken place. Because of the shortage of grain the government has passed a law that there can be but one kind of bread sold all over Italy. It is a mixture of grain, flour, rice and white flour. We have tried it and have found it all right; coarse, but good. Luckily fruit is cheap now, fine oranges for one cent. Of course we have not felt what the poor are feeling at all.' He also states that in case Italy does take up arms that all of the students at Rome are of the general opinion that which Italy will go are preparing to leave for their own countries. At first the Americans had decided to do the same, but lately they have calmed themselves and they will not leave until advised to do so by the American ambassador. From the rest of the letter it is obvious that the people of Italy are of the general opinion that it was liable to break out at any minute, and the condition of the people as the result of the war is great oppression.

CONTINUE ATTACKS ON SERBIAN FRONTIER. Dispatches From Nish Tell of Activities of the Bulgarian Forces. LONDON, April 12.—Bulgarian forces are continuing their attacks on the Serbian frontier, according to a Nish dispatch received at the Serbian legation Monday afternoon. It states they assailed the block house at Zankovka and forced the Serbian troops to retire at Malochi. Another attack was made near Mouch Kovo, but the Bulgarians were repulsed there. 'The general impression,' the dispatch concludes, 'is that these bands were sent to provoke a conflict along the whole frontier at the moment when the attack on the station at Stromnitza occurred.'

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WANTS APPOINTMENT. Thad A. Kucharski, 222 Margretta st., West Lafayette, has filed a petition with the county commissioners asking that he be given the county appointment to Purdue university for the ensuing school year.