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THOUSANDS AT STONE'S FUNERAL

Many Stand in Rain, Unable to Gain Admittance to Church for Services.

Nevada, Mo., April 18.—The First Christian church here was far too small to accommodate the thousands who came this afternoon to attend the funeral of William J. Stone, United States senator, who died in Washington last Sunday from a stroke of paralysis. Hundreds of persons, unable to crowd into the church auditorium, stood outside in a drizzling rain.

This was the late senator's home county and many of those who came to his funeral today were aged men, friends of forty years ago, when Mr. Stone was a struggling young attorney.

A special train bearing Senator Stone's body, members of his family, the congressional delegation, state officials and employees and many friends, reached Nevada early this morning. At 10 o'clock the body was taken to the church. The casket was not opened after arriving in Nevada. During the ceremony all business houses were closed and the public schools were dismissed. Burial was in the family lot in Deep Wood cemetery.

Members of the congressional delegation, who accompanied Senator Stone's body from Washington were joined here today by Senators Shafroth, Thomas and Myers and Representatives Rucker and Rodenburg, who were returning from Louisiana, where they had gone for the burial of Senator Robert F. Broussard.

Champ Clark, speaker of the national house of representatives was unable to attend the funeral after accompanying the body from Washington to St. Louis. He returned to the capital when the train bearing the late senator's body left for Jefferson City yesterday. Judge Fred L. Williams officially represented the state supreme court at the funeral. All state officials were present.

Stotts-Williams.

Oscar (Chick) Stotts, of this city, and Miss Bessie Williams, of Harrisonville, were united in marriage at the home of Rev. George Scroggs of the Presbyterian church, Saturday evening, April 20, at 9 o'clock.

The happy couple left on the evening train for Harrisonville, where they are spending a brief honeymoon with the mother of Mrs. Stotts, Mrs. W. H. Williams. Mr. Stotts will leave Sunday night, April 28, with the Bates county quota to the National army for Camp Funston and Mrs. Stotts will resume her duties at the Inn, in this city, where she will await the return of her husband from his service to his country.

Inventor of Tank Regarded as Crank by Congress in 1912.

Washington, April 20.—In 1912 the war department, the navy department and congress treated as a "crank" perhaps the greatest inventor of engines of destruction of the age. Representative Slayden of Texas declared in the house this afternoon. His name was Willard S. Isham. Not only was he the father of the tank and the depth bomb, but he was the first man to think of camouflage. Slayden said:

Six years ago this man recommended construction of 8,000 armored cars before the house military affairs committee, Slayden said.

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BOYS FROM HOME ARE FIGHTING ON EUROPEAN FIELDS

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The Germans Quitters.

During the early part of the war the Germans thought it was the finest of sport to take a few Zeppelins, fly over London or some unprotected English town and drop a few tons of explosives, serving no military purpose whatever, the only result being to kill women and children. Finally the English built enough flying machines and set up enough anti-aircraft guns to make that a rather dangerous form of amusement. Next the allies sent their air craft over into Germany and dropped a few bombs on German cities. The Chamber of Commerce of the cities immediately asked that a new treaty be signed agreeing not to drop bombs in the rear of the firing line.

Early in the war the Germans, in defiance of all rules of civilized warfare, released large quantities of gas which caught the allies unprepared for such a brutal way of fighting and many were killed and many broken in health by the poisonous fumes before a way to combat it was found. Now the Germans have found that the allied chemists can make a more deadly gas than they can. The allied soldiers are equipped with a much better gas mask than the Germans and that the prevailing winds in northern France is more favorable to the allies than to them, when it comes to gas fighting and the cry of "Kamrad" is being raised and they are asking the International Red Cross to ask that the belligerent nations sign an agreement not to use poisonous gas for the remainder of the war. Having let loose this pest of modern warfare they are now forced to cry peace when they see it about to devour them.

It is hardly likely that their efforts will have much effect in view of their taking the initiative in that sort of fighting and their well known propensity for regarding treaties and agreements as "scraps of paper" when it suits their purpose to do so.

S. W. Guttridge Dies in Idaho.

Humphrey Guttridge, of Deepwater township, was in the city Monday en route to Bliss, Idaho, in response to a telegram announcing the death of his brother, S. W. Guttridge. The telegram did not state the cause of the death, but while Mr. Guttridge was in town he received a letter, written several days ago, stating that his brother had been severely injured by being kicked by a horse, and it is supposed that this was the cause of his death.

S. W. Guttridge was born on the old Guttridge farm, a short distance east of Spruce, January 11, 1855, and made his home in that neighborhood until 1888, when he moved to Oregon and later to Bliss, Idaho. In 1878 he was married to Miss Ora E. Kash, of Deepwater township, who died a few months ago. He is survived by one son, Willie Guttridge, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Woodward, both of Bliss, Idaho.

McGinnis Ranch Sold.

The C. C. McGinnis ranch comprising 2700 acres of land five miles southeast of Rich Hill was sold this Saturday afternoon to Frank A. Strickland and Cliff J. Lane, prominent cattle feeders and farmers of this county, the price paid being \$130,000. The sale was made by John W. Jamison of the F. & M. Bank for the St. Clair County Investment company of which John H. Lucas and others of Kansas City were the late owners. This fine tract of land is mainly a stock ranch, only 400 acres being under cultivation. The ranch has been successfully managed for many years by C. C. McGinnis, a prominent farmer and stockman of this county, who also owns a fine farm west of the city.—Rich Hill Review.

May's Draft Call, 150,000.

Washington, April 17.—One hundred and fifty thousand drafted men, nearly three times the month's quota, will be mobilized during May, Provost Marshal General Crowder stated this afternoon. By June three hundred thousand men of the second draft of eight hundred thousand, will be in training camps, he said.

Men can now be supplied the camps as fast as there is room for them, he announced.

SCHOOL GERMAN INJURES LOAN

Uel. Lamkin, State School Superintendent, Criticized by Sedalia.

Sedalia, Mo., April 18.—In the Liberty Loan drive here several refused to purchase bonds until the teaching of German was stopped in the high school. Bond workers telegraphed Uel Lamkin state superintendent of schools, for advice. He answered that if German was dropped before the completion of the term, pupils studying German could not receive full credit.

This reply has created considerable comment and the state superintendent was sharply condemned today in a communication to local papers signed by Lee Looney, a lumberman, chairman of the city Democratic central committee.

"To hell with Lamkin, if he means what he says," Mr. Looney said in his communication.

The school board is being urged to take the matter into its own hands and drop German, as many other towns are doing.

"ROADS STREWN WITH DEAD"

German Losses in Early Fighting Often Equaled 50 Per Cent.

Washington, April 20.—Germany is carpeting the western battle field with dead and from many outfits has lost 50 per cent or above, according to an official diplomatic dispatch received here tonight.

The Tenth Division of reserves at Croix Du Bac lost half its forces March 26, and a company of the 370th Regiment could report only twenty-six out of ninety-six men April 10.

Other examples of the reckless wastage the boche leaders are inflicting in their gamble follows:

The 20th Regiment of the Second Bavarian Division lost 50 per cent; a company of the 77th Regiment mustered only one commissioned officer and thirty men at the close of an attack; the 5th Grenadier Regiment lost at least twenty-six officers; in the 187th Division sixteen hundred men were mowed down on March 26; the 260th Infantry of the 4th Division Reserves was nearly annihilated on April 9; the 17th Reserve Division showed 40 per cent decrease, while the 131st Regiment lost more than half in the Merris fighting.

A German prisoner's unmailed letter gives a glimpse into the bloody scene.

"The road from Arras to Cambrai is constantly under fire and our losses are beyond description," he wrote, according to the dispatch. "The ditches are piled high with dead horses and certain batteries have only two or three left. The losses in men are not less, and every day the road is strewn with dead and dying."

Germany herself is keeping figures from her people as far as possible, but the grim fact of severe losses is seeping through to Temon homes as the wounded pour back. While the military leaders have prepared the way for bad tidings, the ruthless sacrifices of the wave formations are creating a profound effect in Germany, according to the information here.

"It is not surprising that the German public is stirred by the serious German losses on the western front," commented the official message.

ANOTHER BUTLER CASE

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Commissioners Ask More Time.

The commissioners appointed by Justice of the Peace B. F. Jeter, to appraise the land in Hudson township in the condemnation proceedings of the M. K. & T. railroad and who were to report Saturday asked for an extension of time until Thursday, of this week, on account of the condition of the roads. The commission is composed of B. P. Powell, J. R. Simpson, and F. A. Strickland. The land is wanted by the railroad company for the purpose of building a reservoir to supply their new terminal below Appleton City with water.

Disloyalty in Nebraska U.?

Lincoln, Neb., April 19.—Charges that persons connected with the University of Nebraska have proved themselves to be un-American were made by the Nebraska State Council of Defense today in a communication addressed to the university's board of regents, requesting the board to "purge itself of such pernicious influences."

"Members of the Patriotic League of the university have been sneered at by those who failed to wholeheartedly support their country," says the communication.

\$15,000 for a Curl.

The other day as Mary Pickford, the movie actress, was making a Liberty Loan speech in Chicago she stopped and clipped off one of her curls, held it up and asked what she was offered for it. The bidding was spirited and the curl was finally knocked down to Herbert Hohm for \$15,000.

Rich Hill to Have Free Mail Delivery

A postoffice inspector spent a few days in Rich Hill the last of the week looking over the sidewalks in the city with a view to installing free mail delivery. After going over the city in company with Postmaster Jamison he said that he would see that the service be established.



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Common Law Husband Won.

Springfield, Mo., April 19.—With Federal Judge Van Valkenburgh ruling that George H. Grogan was the common law husband of the late Mrs. Eliza Brown, wealthy Springfield woman, Grogan, a Galveston, Tex., carpenter, is awarded an estate valued at \$75,000. The case was tried here recently and the court withheld his decision. The decision was handed down yesterday in Kansas City and was received here today. Since the death of Mrs. Brown, Grogan has been attempting to prove his right to her estate, claiming to be her common law husband.

Bars Americans From Mexico.

Brownsville, Tex., April 20.—C. C. Wood, American consul at Matamoros, refused passports today to Americans and announced that Americans would not be permitted to enter the port of Matamoros because of the Luis Caballero revolution. Passports were taken from two Americans who insisted on going in. In Mexican official circles it was reported the advance on Matamoros from Victoria, 197 miles south, was considered impossible on account of the difficulty of transporting supplies across the sparsely settled country between.

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