

PRES. CASSATT IS DEAD AT HIS HOME IN PHILADELPHIA

Head of the Pennsylvania Railroad Passed Away After Repeated Denials Had Been Made of Ill Health.

CAUSE OF HIS DEATH IS GIVEN AS SYNCOPE

Great Railroad Executive Suffered Much Since Attack of Whooping Cough Contracted from Grandchildren.

[Publishers' Press.] Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, died suddenly Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The announcement of his death was made from his office in a bulletin, which stated that he died of heart disease. The symptoms were those known to the profession as Stokes-Adams syncope and, as is often the case under these circumstances, death was instantaneous.

Cassatt's health was impaired by an attack of whooping cough he contracted from two grandchildren during the summer after his return from Europe. Several times his health was reported to be in a precarious condition, and each report was emphatically denied, so that the public was not expecting to receive such a startling announcement.

Death occurred at the residence at 1202 West Rittenhouse Square, surrounded by members of the family at home at the time. Early in October Cassatt felt much better and went regularly to his office for several weeks, when he was attacked by a heavy cold. His exact condition was not publicly known and this gave rise to the many rumors of serious illness. He recovered sufficiently to resume his duties, and was at Broad street station regularly until Dec. 8, his birthday. That was the last day he was at his office. Since that time he spent much of his time traveling and at his home transacting only the most important business brought to his attention. He was out driving last Monday.

Although not feeling as well as he had been Cassatt rose from his bed Friday, but did not leave his room. The family was not alarmed, as he seemed to be in good spirits, and none had the slightest thought of death. About 1 o'clock, while sitting in a chair, the final attack came. He was instantly rendered unconscious, and his attending physician arrived only to find him dead.

MOURNING FOR 30 DAYS.

Officers of the Long Island to Show Deep Respect for Deceased Railroad President.

[Publishers' Press.] New York, Dec. 28.—The news of the death of President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania railroad, was received with expressions of deep sorrow and regret at the offices of the Long Island railroad this afternoon. Mr. Cassatt had closely identified himself with the interests of the Long Island railroad which is now owned by the Pennsylvania railroad, and frequently visited it and traveled over the line. President Ralph Peters was a very close personal friend of Mr. Cassatt, and the two were in frequent consultation, not only as matters affecting the Long Island railroad system, but concerning the work of the big tunnel of the Pennsylvania railroad under the East and North rivers and Manhattan Island, which Mr. Cassatt considered the

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FOR A CODIFICATION

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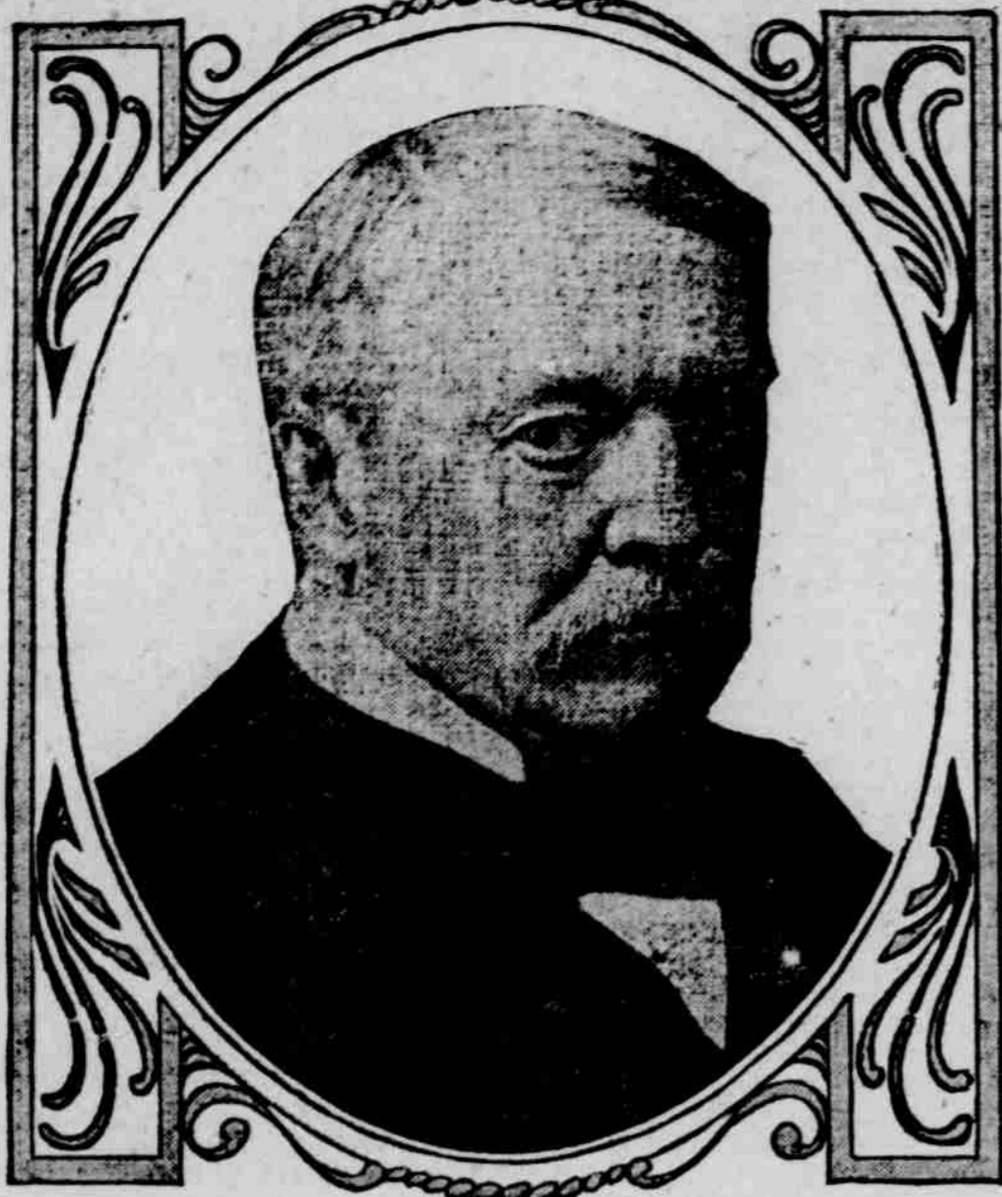
Prosecutor Jessup said yesterday that he believed the coming session of the legislature would be doing a good thing if it should order a complete codification of the criminal laws of Indiana. Prosecutor Jessup is of the opinion that there are many ancient criminal statutes still in force which little or nothing is known and which should be weeded out.

"RASPBERRY" ARRESTED

Speed Taken in by the Police on a Charge of Having Stolen Brass Castings.

Eli Speed, colored, whose nickname, "Raspberry," has brought him much notoriety, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing brass castings from the Pennsylvania railroad company. He will be arraigned today.

NOTED RAILWAY EXECUTIVE DEAD.



PRESIDENT CASSATT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA.

RELIEVED OF HIS OFFICE AT LAST

Spartansburg Postoffice Has Been Abolished by the Federal Authorities.

E. J. RICH, A HAPPY MAN

HE HAD TRIED TO GET RID OF THE OFFICE BUT HAD A HARD TIME IN DOING SO—MAIL TO BE SENT TO CRETE.

The troubles of Earnest J. Rich, the Spartansburg postmaster, who moved to Richmond last October are over, and he will not be required to make his weekly trips to that hamlet in order to settle up the business, if the dispatch received yesterday is correct, and every thing points to that effect. In a dispatch to the Indianapolis Star from Washington Louis Ludlow says: "The strenuous efforts of citizens of Spartansburg, Randolph County, to prevent the abolishment of the post office at that place have failed. An official order for the discontinuance of this office on January 15 was issued today. The mail will be sent to Crete and thence distributed by rural carrier."

Mr. Rich resigned his position as postmaster at Spartansburg the first of October in order to locate in business in this city. He thought that his resignation had been accepted as he had named an appointee to fill his place and the postoffice department sent an application blank to secure the names of the patrons of the Spartansburg office, sanctioning the man Mr. Rich had named. Mr. Rich thinking all was well moved his family to Richmond leaving his father in charge of the office. The other man named in the postoffice department at Washington, and hence Mr. Rich had to act as postmaster against his will even though he was a resident of Richmond. His appeals to Congressman Cromer of the Eighth district were unfruitful, and it was not until he had made an appeal to the Federal authorities, that the matter was finally decided. Mr. Rich received the announcement with a sigh of relief, as the office at Spartansburg was a dead financial loss to him as he had to pay the rent for the store room in which the office was located. Mr. Rich is inclined to think that the loss of the postoffice at Spartansburg will greatly enhance the business of the community owing to the fact that the farmers and merchants used the money order department of the office, as a medium for banking purposes. Over \$10,000 worth of business of this kind was done each year.

CAPITAL STOCK \$400,000

Richmond Home Telephone Company Makes an Increase From \$150,000—Notice Filed.

Because of the additional value holdings, including real estate and equipment, of the Richmond Home Telephone Company, the capital stock of the corporation has been increased from \$150,000 to \$400,000. Formal notice to this effect was filed yesterday at Indianapolis with the Secretary of State by J. W. Moore, an officer of the company.

16 WERE KILLED AND 37 INJURED

Fast Express Train Collides with Snowbound Local at Aberdeen, Scotland.

MANY EXPOSED TO COLD

Relief Slow in Reaching Injured on Account of Terrible Blizzard That Has Been Raging for Forty-Eight Hours.

[Publishers' Press.] Aberdeen, Scotland, Dec. 29.—As a result of a rear end collision Friday night between a local and express train from Aberdeen to Arbroath, sixteen persons were killed, thirty-seven seriously, some of them fatally, injured, while scores of old passengers suffered severely from exposure to the cold before they were finally rescued. The accident occurred a few miles from Arbroath, where the local train was snowbound. The signals becoming clogged with snow, refused to work and a clear track was set for the express, which followed in the wake of the local. The engineer of the express kept his train running at a high rate of speed and not until he was close upon the rear end of the accommodation, was he aware that a collision was inevitable. He immediately put on the air brakes, but they had no effect and in an instant the two trains met. Relief trains were at once despatched to the scene from Aberdeen and Arbroath, but the heavy blizzard which has been raging for the past forty-eight hours, greatly retarded the work of the rescuers. The dead and wounded were extricated from the wreck as quickly as possible and the wounded were given temporary relief by the physicians who accompanied the relief trains. They were then put on trains and taken to Aberdeen and Arbroath, where they were placed in hospitals. It is feared that several of them will not survive their injuries. A temporary morgue was erected near the scene of the wreck, where those who were killed were placed. As soon as the dead and injured had been taken care of, the work of rescuing the other passengers was taken up, but not until they had suffered severely from exposure to the cold and snow, were they taken from the wrecked trains. Both trains were a mass of wreckage, and the work of clearing away the debris continued until well into the night. The road was blocked for several hours.

TWO PERISHED IN FLAMES

Mrs. Charles Abbott, Victim of a Fatal Fire at Woodbury, N. J.—Had Visited Here.

Nathan Garwood yesterday received a telegram from Woodbury, N. J., informing him that the home of his niece, Mrs. Lewis Starr, was destroyed by fire early in the day and that Mrs. Charles Abbott, mother of Mrs. Starr, and a sister of Mr. Garwood, perished in the flames. Mrs. Abbott was about 65 years of age. She was known to a number of Richmond people, having visited here.

CLAIMS HUSBAND IS RESIDENT HERE

Mrs. Emma A. Swain Arrested in Newark on Charge of Shoplifting.

NOT KNOWN IN RICHMOND

ALTHOUGH THE WOMAN SAYS SHE FORMERLY LIVED IN CITY LOCAL POLICE KNOW NOTHING OF HER.

New York, Dec. 28, (Spl.)—Accused of shoplifting but declaring she is a kleptomaniac and that she is not responsible for her light fingers, a middle aged woman is a prisoner in the police headquarters, Newark. She says her name is Mrs. Emma A. Swain and that her husband is a wealthy citizen of Richmond, Indiana. She had been stopping in a boarding house since she arrived in Newark, two weeks ago.

The woman, who was dressed in deep mourning, was discovered by a woman detective in a Broad street department store depositing stolen articles in an opening in her skirt. When she was searched it was found that she had two pockets in her skirt, each extending nearly to the ground. They were such as the professional shoplifters use. They contained about \$200 worth of jewelry, pocket-books, gloves, and other small articles. She also had in her possession a woman's hunting case gold watch. This, she admitted she had stolen from a jewelry store in Dayton, O.

When questioned the prisoner would say little about herself, except that Richmond, Ind., was her native town, and that her husband is still there. Ten years ago he had left her, she stated, because of the unpleasant notoriety she had brought on the family through her weakness for taking what belonged to others.

NOT REMEMBERED HERE.

If Mrs. Emma A. Swain, whose arrest in New York, is detailed in the above dispatch, ever resided in Richmond, none of the numerous persons of whom inquiry was made by the Palladium last night, have any recollection of her. It is evident however, that the woman formerly resided here but undoubtedly the name of Emma A. Swain is fictitious. It is regarded as likely that she would give an assumed name under the circumstances.

G. W. DICKINSON IS DEAD

OUTCAST FROM HIS FAMILY

Well Known Character About Town Died Yesterday at the Reid Memorial Hospital—Trustee Took Charge of the Remains.

George William Dickinson, aged about fifty years, a well known character about town, died at Reid Memorial hospital yesterday morning. He was a charity patient at the hospital and it is said that his death, indirectly, was due to dissipation. Dickinson was a cripple and dissolute habits rendered him an outcast of his family. As neither relatives nor friends claimed the body, the hospital authorities notified the Township trustee yesterday afternoon and by the order of that officer the body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Dean & Klute, South 8th street. No funeral services will be held, but the interment will take place this afternoon.

GOING TO INDIANAPOLIS

Demas S. Coe Will Take Position on Staff of the News During the Legislature.

Demas S. Coe who has been a member of the reportorial force of the Palladium for the past year, has resigned and next week will go to Indianapolis to take a place on the staff of the Indianapolis News during the session of the General Assembly. He will return to Richmond in the spring.

A DELIGHTFUL BANQUET

Young People's Christian Union Held Social at Reid Memorial Church Last Night.

One of the most delightful social events at the United Presbyterian church in several months was the banquet and social held last night in the dining hall of the church, the members of the Young People's Christian Union participating. The tables were beautifully decorated and a sumptuous repast was served. Following the banquet officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Pres.—Jeanette Von Pein. Vice Pres.—Sherman Brown. Secy.—Martha Scott. Treas.—Forrest Farrow.

DRUNKENNESS HEAD LIST

POLICE REPORT FOR YEAR

Up to Yesterday 634 Arrests Had Been Made by the Department, 269 of Which Were of Liquor Victims—The Other Charges.

The report of the police department for the fiscal year which will end with the close of December, shows that a total of 634 arrests have been made, up to and including yesterday. Drunkenness headed the list of causes, there having been 259 victims of intemperance who were arrested during the period. Five arrests were made for forgery; seven for grand larceny; twenty for petit larceny; three for assault and battery with intent to kill; three for highway robbery; one for burglary and one for murder. For violations of the liquor law there were 42 arrests. Vagrancy, suspicion, assault and battery and various other minor causes are designated for the remainder of the arrests.

TO RETIRE FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS

President James J. Hill Announces He Will Quit Harness July 1, 1907.

A REMARKABLE CAREER

HIS ELDEST SON WILL SUCCEED HIM—HILL'S LIFE SPENT IN HELPING TO DEVELOPE EMPIRE OF NORTHWEST.

[Publishers' Press.] Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway and probably the most picturesque and remarkable character of the railroad and financial world today, will retire from active business and active management of his many mammoth enterprises July 1, 1907. This announcement comes from Mr. Hill himself. His successor will be his eldest son, Louis W. Hill, now first vice-president of the Great Northern, who possesses in large degree the exceptional genius of his father and who will still have at his disposal the guiding hand of "the Empire builder of the Northwest." From time to time in the past few years there have been rumors that Mr. Hill was planning to retire. The definite time for the retirement has never been announced until today when Mr. Hill himself named the date for getting out of the harness. "I have planned to retire as soon as I could safely do so," he said, "by that time I shall be able to leave the work of a lifetime and the business here is on a safe and sound basis that will endure."

T. J. NEWKIRK IN CITY

Declares That Southwest is a Great Country—Tells of the Mild Weather There.

Thomas J. Newkirk, formerly of Richmond, now in the land department of the Rock Island, was in Richmond yesterday a short time transacting business. He is now located, temporarily at least, at Little Rock, Ark., and he declares that the Southwest is a wonderful country for those seeking investments. "We are but a step from the good-old summer time, even in winter," said Mr. Newkirk. "Last week on the days when zero weather prevailed in Indiana I was driving along a country road that was dusty and in the door yards of farmers I saw roses in bloom."

INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK

First National Bank of Hagerstown Shows Signs of Prosperity After Short Life.

The First National Bank of Hagerstown will soon increase its capital stock from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The institution is about one year old and took the place of the Commercial Bank, a private institution, which went to the wall as a result of the misappropriation of its funds. The First National of Hagerstown is one of the solid banks of Eastern Indiana and in an unusually short time has established an enviable reputation.

TASTE OF TURKEY AND GOOD THINGS

Three Hundred Poor Children Enjoy Annual Feast of the Penny Club.

SHORT TALKS WERE MADE

THE REVS. CASE AND WADE SPOKE A FEW WORDS IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT OF THE HAPPY OCCASION.

Between 250 and 300 children, whose ages range from five to fifteen years, were the delighted guests of the women of the Richmond Penny Club in the Pythian Temple yesterday afternoon.

The occasion was the annual Christmas entertainment and dinner for the poor boys and girls of the city and the expenses of the affair were met by Daniel G. Reid, of New York, in accordance with his custom.

Perhaps yesterday's affair was the most successful ever held. The children began to reach the temple early in the forenoon and they displayed remarkable patience in waiting for the dinner to be served and for the distribution of toys, dolls and candy which followed.

Short talks were made by the Rev. Mr. Wade of the First Methodist church and the Rev. Clarence M. Case, of South Eighth street Friends' church. There were numerous visitors who seemed to derive great pleasure in witnessing the merry making of the children. The dinner was sumptuous. Two hundred pounds of turkey were consumed in addition to all the trimmings that combine to make a Christmas repast complete. The children displayed marvelous appetites and as a rule they missed nothing that was on the menu, from turkey down to pie. In addition to the toys and dolls that were distributed, each child received a bag of candy and an orange. The little folks left the temple with light hearts and if they had any troubles of their own, they were buried under the thoughts of the happy day which the Penny Club and Daniel G. Reid had provided.

TAKES BLAME HIMSELF

GEORGE HICKS CONFESSES

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George Edward Hicks, the young negro, who tried the "get-rich-quick" scheme, raising a \$3 check to \$50, but failed to push it through the bank when he offered it, will be arraigned in the Wayne Circuit Court. When arrested, Hicks implicated his brother, Findlay Hicks, declaring that though he made an endeavor to cash the fraudulent check, the actual work of raising it was done by Findlay. Yesterday Findlay was taken into custody, but it was but for a short time. It was evident from the stories of the two men that Findlay was telling the truth when he denied all knowledge of the transaction and that George Edward was adding another crime to the first one by his false accusation. Before the inquiry had proceeded far, George Edward made a clean breast of the whole affair and said that his brother Findlay was innocent. Hicks will plead guilty when arraigned in the circuit court and will ask for leniency.

K. G. E. ELECTION HELD

William Isenhour is Named Past Chief—Installation to Take Place Next Thursday.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle have elected the following officers: Past Chief—William Isenhour. Noble Chief—A. W. Noss. Vice Chief—William Bricker. High Priest—Nate Blue. Clerk of Exchequer—Henry Harris. Keeper of Exchequer—J. B. Beckwith. Master of Records—J. H. Bailey. Sir Herald—W. H. Moon. Venerable Hermit—H. Barker. Trustee—J. H. Bailey. All members are requested to be present next Thursday, as officers are to be installed.

Poor Season for Trappers.

Milton, Ind., Dec. 28, (Spl.)—The trappers report the poorest season for several years. A few days ago Clark Brattain and Cyrus Philpott dug out 7 skunks from one den. The price of the odorous animals sold for \$10.50.

FORGERY CHARGED AGAINST PERKINS AND FAIRCHILD

Former Vice President and a Trustee of the New York Life Company Indicted by the Grand Jury.

HAND OF LAW FALLS ON HIGHLY PROMINENT MEN

Perkins Gives Bond in \$10,000 for His Appearance and Fairchild is Now in Europe—Careers of Officials.

[Publishers' Press.] New York, Dec. 28.—George W. Perkins, formerly vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, and Charles S. Fairchild, a trustee of the New York Life Insurance company, were indicted by the grand jury on a charge of forgery in the third degree.

The indictments were based on what is known as the Prussian bond transaction, in which it is charged that a false statement was made by the New York Life Insurance company, in order to satisfy the government of Prussia as to the securities held by that company. Perkins is a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Fairchild was secretary of treasury in the Cleveland cabinet, after the death of Daniel Manning in 1887, until the end of the term in 1889.

Perkins appeared in court and gave bail in the sum of \$10,000. Fairchild is in Europe. When Perkins was arraigned he entered a plea of not guilty, reserving the right to withdraw the plea at a later date. He was given until Jan. 21 to file demurrers. Bail for Perkins was furnished by J. P. Morgan, Jr., who pledged the house at 229 Madison avenue, valued at \$300,000, and Cleveland H. Dodge, who pledged six acres of land valued at \$50,000.

The grand jury's investigation of the affairs of the New York Life Insurance company, which resulted in the indictments was a direct outgrowth of the investigation of the insurance companies by a legislative committee a year ago. So voluminous was the testimony taken by the legislative committee that District Attorney Jerome was occupied several months examining it. George W. Perkins, a former director of the company, was arrested on a technical charge of larceny, but that proceedings was merely a test case, which was permitted to go through to the highest court in the state without any opposition from the accused.

The pressure on District Attorney Jerome to proceed against high officials increased rather than diminished as time went on. During the spring months the public demand for action was reinforced by Justice O'Sullivan of the court of general sessions who in a sensational charge to the grand jury directed it to take up and investigate insurance matters with the assistance of the district attorney, if he choose to give assistance, or without it if he did not. The question was considered to some extent by that jury, but no definite conclusion was reached, and the work begun was left unfinished when it was dismissed. By request of the district attorney, a special grand jury was drawn for the sole purpose of taking up the insurance cases. The real activity, however, began only a few weeks ago, after the conviction of George W. Burnham, Jr., general counsel for the Mutual Reserve company, on the charge of forgery. The indictment of Burnham and two other high officials of the Mutual Reserve followed the insurance investigation. The verdict against Burnham convinced Jerome so he announced that there might be grounds on which he could proceed against officials of the New York Life. As a result the matter was once more placed before the grand jury and pressed vigorously.

Among present and former New York Life Insurance officials examined by the grand jury are George W. Perkins, Edmund D. Randolph, treasurer; F. H. Shipman, assistant treasurer; Woodbury Langdon and George A. Morrison, who were members of the finance committee in 1903-04, and Milton M. Mattison, head bookkeeper of the treasury department of the company. Another witness was Alexander Webb, Jr., secretary of the New York Security and Trust company. It has been said that when Perkins was a witness before the grand jury he was warned of his legal rights, but it is understood that he told all he knew of his connection with the various transactions of the New York Life Insurance company.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

INDIANA—Fair Saturday; Sunday, snow or rain.

OHIO—Cloudy Saturday and Sunday, possibly rain Sunday; light variable winds.