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## CENTENARY OF POET POE

First Exercises Held at University of Virginia.

### TUESDAY IS ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday Marks the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of the World Famed Author of "The Raven" and "The Bells."

Washington, Jan. 16.—With the opening of the room of Edgar Allan Poe at the University of Virginia, where the poet was educated, as a Poe museum the national celebration of the centenary of the great writer's birth began today.

#### Jefferson Society Celebration.

The Jefferson Literary society of which the university's greatest literary genius was a member, held appropriate exercises.

There will be no one great central celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the poet's birth, which occurs Jan. 19. A number of separate celebrations, however, will be held in his honor—one in Boston, where he was born; another at Providence, R. I., where, after the death of his wife, he wooed Mrs. Sarah Helen Whitman, also a poet; another in New York, where he lived the closing years of his life, and one in Baltimore, where he died three years ago.

Tuesday the celebration at the university will reach its climax and assume an international importance. Poe's influence not only on American

literature and letters, but on foreign literature, will be the subject of addresses by prominent men.

#### Exercises in Poe Cottage.

Two celebrations will be held in New York city on Jan. 19, one at Columbia university, where Thomas Nelson Page, the Virginia author, will be one of the speakers, and another at Fordham college and New York university.

The exercises at Poe's cottage at Fordham will consist of a reception in the poet's tiny home, where his wife died, and the dedication of a tablet in Poe park. This will be followed by a memorial meeting in the auditorium of New York university.

Professor George E. Woodberry, a biographer of Poe, will preside, while the speakers will be Dr. Hamilton Wright Mable and Henry Noble MacCracken. A poem written for the occasion will be read by its author, Edwin Markham.

#### THAW'S MENTAL CONDITION.

Judge Will Pass Upon the Question of Sanity or Insanity.

Nyack, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Harry K. Thaw will be given a trial at New York city to determine whether he is sane or insane. An order to that effect has been issued by Justice A. S. Tompkins, to whom the appeal asking for the trial was made by Thaw's mother.

Under Justice Tompkins' decision Thaw will not be given a trial by jury, but will be heard before a court or judge at New York city, and with or without the assistance of a referee as the trial judge may decide.

#### EARTHQUAKE IN ARKANSAS.

Occurs in Diamond Section and Tremors Last Three Minutes.

Delight, Ark., Jan. 16.—An earthquake occurred here Friday night. The tremors continued three minutes. Although no damage was done, the whole earth seemed to be in a quiver.

Delight is in the center of the Pike county diamond fields. Considerable excitement prevailed.

#### Opposition to Keefe.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Considerable opposition to the confirmation of Daniel Keefe of Michigan, who was nominated by the president Dec. 1 to succeed the late Frank Sargent as commissioner general of immigration, has developed in the senate under the leadership of Senator Gore. The objection advanced by Mr. Gore, is the fact that the report has been made to him by certain labor leaders that Keefe received his appointment as a reward for breaking with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, during the recent presidential campaign.

#### Train Leaps Into River.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 16.—A delayed west bound Canadian Pacific passenger train hauled by two locomotives struck a snowdrift while in Frazer canyon, 110 miles east of here, and leaped into the Frazer river. Engineers Foster and Kincaid were the only persons killed, but thirty-three were injured. The locomotives and four cars fell eighty feet into the river.

#### Priest Possum Partaker.

Atlanta, Jan. 16.—Father Gunn of the Sacred Heart church was one of the distinguished guests present at Taft banquet, being Friday, like all good Catholics, meat was tabooed for him, but wired Bishop Kelley at Savannah and from him obtained a dispensation to eat possum with the other guests.

#### Noted Composer No More.

Toulon, Jan. 16.—Louis Etienne Ernest Rey, better known under the nom de plume of Royer, a musical composer of note, died here. Rey was born at Marseilles in 1873. Among his best known works are "La Statute," "Erstrate," "Sigurd" and "Salambo."

#### Miscegenation Measure.

Washington, Jan. 16.—If Senator Milton of Florida has his way, miscegenation in the District of Columbia will hereafter be treated in the courts as a crime punishable by imprisonment for ten years and a fine of \$1,000. The Florida senator introduced a bill to this effect.

#### Planter Slays Salesman.

Artesia, Miss., Jan. 16.—E. A. Laurent, a traveling salesman, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., was shot and killed here by Charles R. Smith, a prominent planter.

#### Hains Will Write Novel.

New York, Jan. 16.—Thornton Hains says he will soon write a novel on the "unwritten law."

## SUBMISSION MATTER.

First Test of Question Scheduled For Monday.

Austin, Jan. 16.—In the house Saturday the joint resolution providing for the prohibition amendment was made the special order for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The question is to be on adoption of majority favorable report of the constitutional amendment committee or unfavorable minority report. The adoption of the majority report means the resolution will be up for consideration in the house, while the adoption of the minority report kills the resolution. A resolution was adopted fixing salaries of all officers in the house at \$5 per day.

A petition was received in the house from Grayson county citizens asking the legislature to submit a constitutional amendment permitting garnishment of 25 per cent of wages by a creditor.

Robertson of Travis introduced two joint resolutions validating school district boards and reforming county line school districts.

The senate was not in session Saturday. Among bills introduced in the house were these:

By Ballance: Establishing five agricultural high school, and experiment stations, subsidiary to agricultural and mechanical college, appropriating \$30,000.

By Jenkins: Creating a legislative commission and bureau of information.

By Maxwell: Providing a commission form of government for Waco.

By Strickland: Creating a bureau of labor statistics.

By Porter: Raising age of consent to eighteen years.

By Brookshire: Invalidating securities, such as notes, bonds and mortgages, unless rendered for taxation.

#### DEATH LIST GROWS.

Greater Part of the Fatalities Occurred in the Chair Car.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 16.—The death list caused by the collision of a freight and passenger train near this place was estimated at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon to be sixty-eight in the chair car, all passengers, only one escaping, and she soon dying, and six employees of the Denver and Rio Grande railroad.

To add to the horror, a second relief train en route to this city with wounded was detained by a derailment of freight cars.

The one human being to escape was a six year old girl, who was found under the dead body of her mother, and who too near dead to even say her name, farther than that it was "Alice." The dead in many instances are so horribly mutilated that identification will be very difficult.

#### Adverse to General Appropriation.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The house committee on rivers and harbors voted against the general appropriation bill for rivers and harbors improvements. The committee will report a bill providing for carrying on important work already begun, for surveys of urgent projects proposed and for any emergencies which may arise. This bill probably will not carry to exceed \$10,000,000.

Burgess of Texas, member of the committee, will ask four surveys for Texas, as follows: Galveston, for 35 feet; Sabine and Port Arthur, for 30 feet; Aransas Pass for 20 foot harbor, and 9 foot depth and 100 feet wide for entire intercoastal canal.

#### Man Does Terrible Work.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 16.—W. C. Conroy, a white man, thirty years old, shot and, it is believed, fatally wounded J. L. Butler in the latter's home here. Butler's daughter and others went to the rescue of Butler and attacked Conroy with a hatchet, cutting him in the head. Conroy was taken to jail and he may not live. It is said Conroy was intoxicated when he entered the Butler house, where he boarded, and started a disturbance.

#### Inspection Opposed.

Gulfport, Miss., Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the Naval Stores operators' association, representing about 90 per cent of that entire business in Mississippi, held here a unanimous stand was taken against the bill now pending in the United States senate to provide a system of national inspection for naval stores.

#### Bodies of Cheney's Found.

Messina, Jan. 16.—The bodies of A. S. Cheney, American consul at the time of the earthquake, and his wife have been found in the ruins of the consulate.

#### Military Burial.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The remains of the late Admiral Rojevsky were interred in the Alexander Nevsky monastery with full military honors.

#### Eighty-Two Arrested.

Messina, Jan. 16.—Eighty-two persons have been arrested for stealing during the confusion incident to the earthquake disaster. They will be tried by martial law.

## THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

Returns thanks to its friends for their continued support during the year 1908.

The present magnificent condition of the Bank is largely due to its army of devoted friends who lose no opportunity to say a good word for us and for which we are profoundly grateful.

We are in better condition than ever before to care for the Farmers and Merchants of Brazos County and we cordially ask you to come and do your Banking business here.

G. S. PARKER, A. W. WILKERSON,  
President, Cashier.  
E. H. ASTIN, E. W. CRENSHAW,  
Vice-Pres. Asst.-Cashier.

## FRAUDULENT MAIL USE.

Three Former Bank Officials Thus Charged.

Dallas, Jan. 16.—Indictments charging fraudulent use of the postoffice department were returned by the federal grand jury against Fred Fleming, former president of the Western Bank and Trust company; D. A. Templeton, former vice president, and A. J. Elliott, former assistant cashier.

All three were in court with a host of friends and immediately gave the required bond of \$3,000 for each of first two and \$1,500 for Elliott.

The date of the trial was fixed by Judge Meek for Jan. 25.

The indictments are based on an alleged circular letter sent out Jan. 11, 1908, to depositors who had given notice of the withdrawal of their savings accounts, advising them the panic was over and if they would cancel their notices, interest would be allowed on the deposits April 1, just as if no withdrawal notice had been given.

Alleged letter was signed by D. A. Templeton as vice president. The indictment sets forth that as the result of this letter the defendants profited to the amount of \$25,000. The copy of the circular letter sent to Miss Myrtle Staiff of Dallas.

Jan. 16, 1908, the bank failed. Fleming lost his entire private fortune in the failure.

The hand of fate has rested heavily on Templeton the past twelve months. He gave up his private fortune, his wife died, he was investigated by three grand juries, he was poisoned by ptomaines and he has but recently recovered from an operation for appendicitis. In court today he was but a shadow of his former self.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is eighteen months and \$500 fine.

#### Flames Rage at Granbury.

Granbury, Tex., Jan. 16.—Fire in the business section caused a loss of \$14,000. The fire originated in the Tinnou grocery. The heaviest losers are I. C. Tinnou, Aston & Juliff, Odd Fellows, T. Rainwater, Dr. A. Carmichael, J. F. Nutt and Knights of Pythias. A strong wind made the work of preventing the spread of the flames difficult.

#### Safe Blown to Pieces.

Hartshorne, Okla., Jan. 16.—The safe in the store of the Reed Mercantile company was blown all to pieces. The robbers escaped with \$100 in cash and twice that amount in mining scrip.

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#### Contract Let For Station at Denison.

Denison, Jan. 16.—The contract was awarded to Stewart & Stewart for the erection of the union station here. The building will cost \$250,000. It is expected to complete the structure within six months after work starts, which will be soon.

#### Nearing Palestine.

Palestine, Tex., Jan. 16.—The state railroad from Rusk to Palestine is nearing completion. Grading is finished within three miles of this city and track within seven miles. A station is also being erected. The road will be in operation in a few weeks.

#### In Honor of Quanah Parker.

Fort Worth, Jan. 16.—The directors of the Acme, Red River and Northern will meet at Quanah Jan. 21 to change the name of the road to the "Quanah Route" in honor of Indian Chief Quanah Parker. The chief owns stock in the line, which will be extended to several cities during the year.

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