

M. B. JOHNSON

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Malcolm B. Johnson, which occurred at his home in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 9th, came as a great shock to Pinehurst and to this community, for Mr. Johnson had made Pinehurst his winter home for a number of years, and numbered his friends by the score. He owned a handsome cottage here and, with his family, came down early in the season each year and remained until May. He was a leading spirit in the social and civic affairs of the cottage colony; an active member of the Pinehurst Country Club and a member of its Board of Governors. He was a former president of the Tin Whistles—a social organization formed at Pinehurst to promote the game of golf. To his many friends at Pinehurst and throughout the country his loss is almost irreparable. They knew his big, human side and his keen interest and sympathy in the personal affairs and endeavors of his friends, as well as his broad intellect for business affairs.

The following interesting account of his brilliant career is taken from the *Cleveland Town Topics*:

"In the death of M. B. Johnson, which occurred at his home on Overlook Road, October 9th, after only a few days' illness, Cleveland has suffered the loss of one of the really great men of this generation—a power in the legal, industrial, financial and civic activities, not only of Cleveland, but of the country.

Mr. Johnson was born in Elyria, Ohio, December 16th, 1862, was admitted to the bar in 1883, and after practicing law in Elyria for a few years, came to Cleveland in 1886, and from that time he has been intimately associated with the development of this city.

In 1888, he, with Mr. H. H. Johnson, of New London, Ohio, organized the law firm of M. B. & H. H. Johnson, which has gained an international reputation in industrial and financial affairs.

In 1887, he was married to Mary E. Laundon of Elyria, who survives him with three sons, David L., Arthur E., and Malcolm B.

Mr. Johnson's first Cleveland business connection was The White Sewing Machine Company with which he became associated in 1886, and with which he has been active ever since, and when the same interests organized The White Motor Company, he was made Chairman of its Board of Directors. He was intimately connected with the organization of The Cleveland Machine Screw Company, (now The Cleveland Automatic Machine Company) The American Saddle Company, The American Bicycle Company, The American Fork & Hoe Company, The American Trust Company, (now merged with The Citizens Savings & Trust Company), The Allegheny Coal Company, with many of the early automobile companies, with the entire Shaker Heights land, rail and terminal development and with several of the early inter-urban tractions. He was a director in The Electric Bond & Share Company and The Electric Securities Company of New York. The Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company, The McKinney Steel Company, The

Chisholm & Moore Mfg. Company, and a member of the Finance and Executive committees of The Citizens Savings & Trust Company.

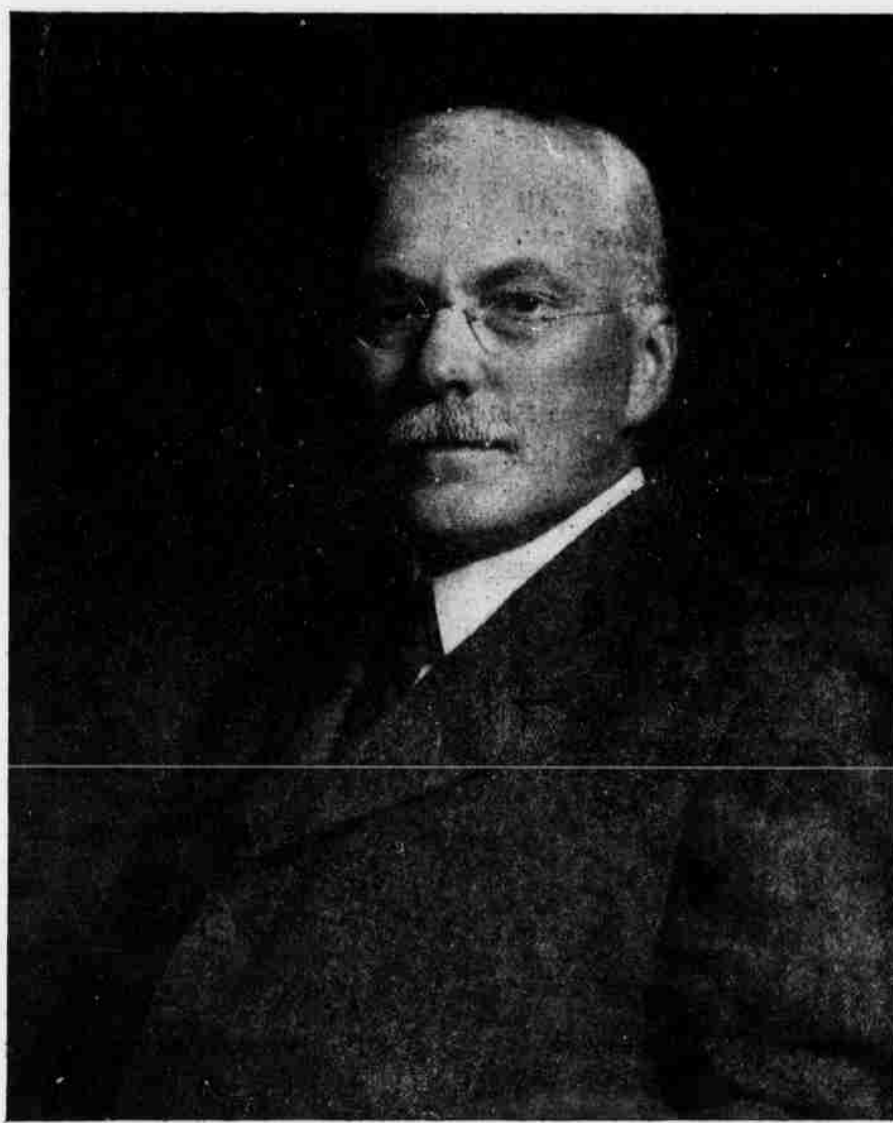
To these and a host of other companies and clients, who sought his judgment and counsel thruout his career, his loss is almost irreparable. To the problems of business and finance—not only to the intricate, legal problems, but the big, broad constructive problems—he brought a breadth of vision, a keenness of intellect, a comprehension of detail, a wealth of experience, a sincerity and tenacity of purpose, an unswerving devotion to right which made him an invaluable adviser.

When he had finished "thinking out loud" a problem presented, he had an almost superhuman ability to sum up an entire complicated situation in a few

his nature little known to the world at large. His humanness was a striking characteristic as were his keen interest and sympathy in the personal affairs and endeavors of his friends.

He never failed to find time in the midst of a very busy life to sit down and give the benefit of his counsel and experience to any young man who sought his advice regarding a proposed career and one of his great pleasures was, in after years, to talk over the successes of "his boys" as he was fond of calling the many young men whose early steps he had helped to direct.

During the late years of his life, he spent a large part of each year at his winter home in Pinehurst, N. C., a spot which he loved and where the open air and sunshine made an almost irresistible



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brief sentences of remarkable clearness and force.

Mr. Johnson never sought or accepted public recognition of his services and the limelight of publicity was particularly distasteful to him, but his intimates know the interest which he took in all civic and charitable activities and the tremendous value his services have had thru all the years and particularly during the war, when his untiring energy was devoted to the success of the Red Cross and community Chest campaigns; his example alone being an inspiration and help to others.

But it is not in the business world where Mr. Johnson's death will be most keenly felt. His many personal and intimate acquaintances have lost a friend indeed. To them was shown a side of

appeal when he was compelled to be absent. There he had a great many friends, not only in the winter colony, but among the permanent residents, and to these it was given to know him as the genial, courteous gentleman and host, untrammelled by the troubles of business.

His understanding, his loyalty, his courtesy and kindness endeared him to all those whose great, good fortune and privilege it was to call him friend, and it is given to few men to win the loving affection of so many as did M. B.

A great man gone, but one whose sincerity, strength of character, kindness and sympathy have left an indelible imprint which even time will not efface."

COLONEL R. C. SHANNON

Word has been received in Pinehurst of the recent death of Colonel Richard Cutts Shannon, which occurred at his home in Brockport, N. Y., on October 5th, at the age of 81 years, and in the passing of Colonel Shannon Pinehurst loses another devoted friend and prominent member of the Winter colony, for he had made this his winter home during the latter years of his life.

Born in New London, Conn., in 1839, Col. Shannon received his education in the public schools of that place and Colby College where he received the degree of A.B. in 1863, A. M. in 1866, and LL.D. in 1892. In college at the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted at once as a private in Company H, Fifth Maine Volunteers, and was soon appointed 1st Lieutenant of his Company, frequently acted as adjutant of the regiment, and in March, 1862, was appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of Brig. Gen. H. W. Slocum, commanding the Brigade. Later in that year he was promoted to Captain and Assistant Adjutant General of Volunteers. During the final campaign of the war, in 1865, he served with the Twenty-fifth Corps before Richmond. In June of that year he accompanied the corps to Texas as Adjutant General of one of its divisions, and remained there until the close of the year, when, at his own request he was relieved from further military duty and ordered to proceed to place of residence, where he was honorably mustered out February 10th, 1866—receiving subsequently the brevets of Major and Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1871 he was appointed by President Grant, Secretary of the United States Legation to Brazil. In the exercise of his duties he twice acted as Charge d' Affaires, ad interim. In August, 1874, he visited Europe on leave of absence, and having resigned from the diplomatic service in March, he devoted himself to the study of tramway concessions in France for which purpose he remained in that country until the end of 1875, when he returned to Rio de Janeiro and took charge of the Botanical Garden R. R. Co., an American enterprise, of which he subsequently became vice-President and General Manager, and finally the President.

Returning to the United States in 1883 he pursued a course of law at Columbia University, and in 1886 was admitted to practice at the New York bar. In 1891 Colonel Shannon was appointed by President Harrison envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the Republics of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Salvador and served until May, 1893. He was also widely known throughout educational circles and was a devoted friend and generous benefactor to Colby College. During his life the Colonel gave to his alma mater a total of \$150,000.00, and it was his final gift of \$25,000.00 last June that made possible the raising of the endowment fund.

Colonel Shannon retired from the active duties of life in 1903, and a few years later came to Pinehurst where he made his winter home with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Shannon II, up to the time of his death.