

ROCKERFELLER IS TAKEN BY DEATH AT FLORIDA HOME

ORMOND BEACH, Fla., May 27.—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., founder of one of the world's most colossal private fortunes and benefactors of humanity, died in his 98th year Sunday at his winter home, "The Casements."

Death came to the aged capitalist, who 14½ ago had withdrawn from the tumult of the financial world, at 4:05 A. M. (EST), in the quiet of a Sabbath dawn.

His physician Dr. Harry L. Merryday, attributed it to sclerotic myocarditis, a hardening of the heart muscles.

It was, for the man who had fought his way up from the farm, who had seen wars and panics, booms and depression, a peaceful, painless death.

Unexpectedly—he had been in comparatively good health since coming south last October—he drifted off into a coma at midnight.

Only once did he rouse himself, and that was to whisper something to his valet and personal servant of 20 years, John Y. Yordi, at about 2 a. m.

He asked to be raised higher in his bed, and when it was done he murmured "that's better." Yordi said his master apparently had no realization the end was near.

When Dr. Merryday arrived at 3:30 o'clock the frail patient, wasted by the ravages of age, was unconscious. Gradually his pulse grew weaker, finally stopped.

The man who pyramided his savings from a \$4.50 a week job into the Standard Oil Trust which once controlled three-fourths of the country's output, was dead.

He once wrote: "I believe it is every man's religiously duty to get all he can honestly, and to give all he can.

True to that cardee, he bestowed more than a half-billion dollars on carefully chosen philanthropies, transferred much of his holdings to the present head of the clan, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and died leaving what a family spokesman described as a "relatively small, very liquid" estate.

Four Basque Battalions Captured In Foothills

WITH GEN. MOLA'S REBELS OUTSIDE BILBAO, May 27.—Four Basque battalions comprising 2,500 men were trapped in the Azubian foothills south of Bilbao Sunday night when Gen. Emilio Mola's rebel columns surprised them in a "nutcracker" attack.

The panic-stricken loyalists encircled by thousands of troops and crawling through brush under a curtain of machine gun and artillery fire, had the choice of surrender or annihilation.

Mola's officers said they had only scant chance of escaping from the trap.

Bilboa defenders abandoned their mountain-rimmed positions around Maneria along the Ochanliano-Durango highway as Mola drove his troops upon the city from Arquiola. They fled westward in disorder, attempting to reach Dima, six miles away. There they found their companions scattered, their retreat cut off by another insurgent column moving upon Bilbao.

SUIT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid of Bellevue visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wood on Saturday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Reid also visited the Hiwassee Town site in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Goode, of Ducktown, spent Saturday night with Mrs. Goode's mother, Mrs. J. M. Patterson.

Mrs. J. J. Rose made a business trip to Murphy Saturday.

Messrs Fred Ware and Cloyce Keenum attended the decoration services at Hopewell Sunday.

Mrs. Locke Woodward, and daughter, Mattie Ruth, returned to their home at Bryson City Saturday after spending a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. McNabb.

Mrs. J. F. Wood's and family attended the singing convention at Epworth, Ga., Sunday.

Mr. Haden Crowe returned to the CCC camp at Morganton, last week after spending several days with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Crowe.

MANY ARE KILLED IN BILBAO BY WAR PLANES ON FRIDAY

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, May 27.—Rebel warplanes swept upon Bilbao Friday night machine-gunning and killing many Basque women as they huddled in groups outside food shops, frontier dispatches said.

Basques charged that scores of black winged German Heinkels suddenly appeared over Bilbao after a squadron of Russian-made Loyalist planes from Santander bombed and scraped rebel troops around Munguia Heights seven miles northeast of the capital.

The rebel planes, according to the Basques, first bombed the shattered capital, then swooped low over the crowded streets and riddled lines of women obtaining their nightly distribution of food.

The attack came after Loyalist planes raked the rebel lines without opposition. Then they disappeared toward Santander.

The rebel air raid was the first reported machine-gun attack on Bilbao since the six week siege began.

A Basque communique said that rebel Gen. Emilio Mola lost 50,000 dead and wounded since the start of his drive on Bilbao. Five thousand casualties were reported on the Sollowe Heights.

A regiment of Asturian cavalry, used for the first time in northern Spain, was wiped out in a charge against strong insurgent entrenchments at Una and Maranna on the Leon front to the west a rebel dispatch said.

Seven hundred Asturian cavalrymen were killed or wounded, it asserted.

Wally Will Be Given Royal Title June 3

MONTS, France, May 27.—American-born Wallis Warfield is assured of becoming her royal highness, the Dutchess of Windsor "before noon June 3"—the day of her wedding—Herman L. Rogers, spokesman for the duke and his fiancée, announced.

Rogers indicated the British government had compromised with the former King Edward VIII and granted his future bride a royal title that will make her eighth ranking woman of the British Empire, ahead of all the peeresses of the realm.

The Duke had insisted not only that his bride become "H. R. H." but that members of the British royal family attend the wedding at the Chateau De Candé. On the latter point apparently he lost after the government had conceded the former. No members of his family will be present at the simple marriage rites.

TENNESSEE WILL VOTE ON LIQUOR SETPEMBER 23

NASHVILLE, May 27.—Citizens of Tennessee will go to the polls on September 23 to decide by direct vote whether to abolish Tennessee's 28-year-old prohibition statutes or to retain them.

Both houses of the legislature, with only six hours of the 1937 regular session left, agreed to a compromise referendum bill after a day of intense discussion and sent the measure to Gov. Gordon Browning for signature.

The governor said he would sign the bill.

Funds For Parkway Are Voted Wednesday

WASHINGTON, May 27.—By a vote of 141 to 59 the house of representatives Wednesday adopted the Doughton amendment to the interior department appropriation bill making \$4,500,000 available for construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway during the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Following this action of the house, by a vote of 101 to 72, defeated another amendment by Representative Ford (D., Miss.) which would have made \$5,000,000 available for the parkway next year and \$5,000,000 for the Natchez Trace parkway in Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi.

This later proposal would have replaced the Doughton amendment and had it prevailed, there is every reason to believe that on a roll call the Blue Ridge parkway increase would have been defeated, house leaders said.

Unemployment Field Representatives Here

Two weeks work has been completed in Cherokee county by field representatives of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation commission.

Those working for the commission in this county were: James L. Blum, of Winston-Salem, and Frank D. White, of Lenoir.

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5:15 PM	Lv ASHEVILLE	Ar	9:15 AM
6:35 AM	Ar WASHINGTON	Lv	7:00 AM
7:43 AM	Ar BALTIMORE	Lv	5:42 PM
9:14 AM	Ar PHILADELPHIA	Lv	4:05 PM
10:55 AM	Ar NEW YORK	Lv	2:25 PM

With this change of time of departure from Asheville, passengers from this section will be able to leave Asheville at 5:15 PM and will reach New York at 10:55 AM.

Train No. 10 for Florida will be changed to leave Asheville at 3:40 PM instead of 3:00 PM effective on above date.

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