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GOVERNOR'S DEATH WAS PRECEDED BY HEROIC STRUGGLE

John Johnson, One of Country's Noblest Democrats Leaves Enviable Record For Young America to Follow.



JOHN A. JOHNSON OF MINNESOTA.

Sympathy more than state-wide goes out today to a small group of mourners in this little Minnesota town.

The death of Governor John A. occurred at 3.34 hospital, following an operation pernational interest.

After battling against death with determined resistance for almost a week, Governor Johnson's life had a peaceful ending.

Grouped about his bedside when the end came were Mrs. Johnson, Miss Sullivan, her personal friend, the attending physicians and two nurses. The last thing Governor Johnson did before lapsing into unconsciousness, one and a half hours before his ately by the hand and weakly whise

but I guess I've got to go." Then as the last gleam of intelli-

gence began to flicker, he present her hand gently to his check in a parting caress as he prepared to obey the di-

ROSE FROM RANKS TO GOVERNORSHIP

ST. PAUL, Sept. 21 - John A. Johnson was the first native Minnesstan tauqua assembles er than of any other feature of his career, Governor Johnson was born near St. Peter, farty-right years ago. His parents were natives of Sweden. His father, Gustin Johnson, and his mother, Caroline Hanson Haden, were both of peasant shock.

Gustav Johnson was a blacksmith and for a number of years he con-ducted his business on a farm near St., Peter. On this farm the future he had already demonstrated, and his governor was burn. About the time of loss will be felt far beyond the state the Indian trouble in that neighbors that loved him so well. I sincerely hood during the Cavil war, the Johns

sons moved to the village of St. Peter. where they re-established his shop but he failed to prosper in town and finally died, leaving his family in poverty. John worked in stores and supported his mother and in the mean 'clock this morning at St Mary's time formed the reading habit and managed to obtain a good education. Finally an opportunity was opened for him to become editor and part owner of The St. Peter Herald. His paper was popular and he was also in demand as a speculator at public meet

Elected to Senate.

In 1898, he was nominated by the democrats for the senate and was elected. Here he enhanced his reput tation as a public speaker and a stu-dent of political questions but made some enemies in his own party where death, was to take his wife affectionhe defended the American soldiers is the national administration. But it eWell, Nora, I made a good light, more from the republicans and when he lost democratic support, he gained in 1994 he was nominated for govern or by the democratic state conven tion, he was elected Two years later he was elected overwhelmingly,

When it was pareposed to nominate him for a third time the governor de clared he would not be a candidate but he was unanimously re-nominated and was again elected by a big major few years was in demand for a speaker at political gatherings and chau

TAFT'S MESSAGE.

LIMON, Col., Sept. 21,-President Taft today sent the fellowing telegrain "Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Rochester, Minn

"My heart goes out to you in sympathy in your present deep serrow Governor Johnson was a national figure of great blufity and great capacity for usefulness to his country (Continued on page four)

TRAIL OF THE SERPENT WINDS AROUND FARNUM

First Leg of the S. Carolina Charlie Lakey Digests His Dispensary Graft Case Is Now on.

the figure for the system. This is to escape afterwards. only one of the several cases against Farnum and there are nine other persons under indictment for bribery and BERLIN, Sept. 21.—The report conspiracy to defraud the state, in that Emperor William will race his

KILLED AT ONE BLOW BY FELLOW CONVICT

THTON, Ga., Sept. 21.—Charlie first of the cranetad cases krowing Lokey, a course on the Tift county bour to great the incoming Arctic out of the investigation of the late. state dispensive system was taken up this morning while sented at the this morning while seated at the state dispensive yestem was falen up to the first dispensive yestem was falen up to the first dispensive yestem was falen up to the first dispensive yestem when the first of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with this morning while seated at the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter of the daughter, Miss Marie, and little Robertal of James S Farnum, of Chartest dispensive yestem with the daughter of brewer was started. The charge upon hickory cross bar of a wagen. When distance and sent a boat for them, which Farnum was indicted was be reached his victim be raked the off North Sydney the American conbribery of a member of the board of bar, toos good alm and brought it sul, John Kehl, boarded the steamer directors of the state dispensary down with all his might. Lokey was which heard made the purchase of killed instantly. White had no chance name of his government. The stress

> REPORT DENIED. year is again officially denied.

ALL ST. PAUL NOW MOURNING DEATH OF GOV. JOHNSON

Bells Toll And Buildings Are Draped With The Trappings of Woe

WEEPING CHILDREN LINE PLATFORM

Body to Lie in State in Rotunda of The Capitol at St. Paul

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 21 - One of the most remarkable tributes ever paid to the memory of a public man Governor Johnson today.

From the hour that the governor death was publicly announced by toll-ing bells in Rochester, all usual publie activity was abandoned. All banks stores and offices were closed and buildings were draped in black and purple crepe.

Governor Johnson's body was es corted to a special train for St. Pan by a throng of citizens from ever walk in life. On the train were Mr. Johnson, a few of her persons friends, state officers and friends of the late governor. As the cortege pass ed down the street leading to the railway station the escort fined up or either side with bared heads and the hundreds of people around the depo showed a like respect. Mayor Thomp son had proclaimed it a day of publi nourning. The mayor and counciline acted as pall-bearers.

Buildings Draped. All the way along the route to St. Paul flags were at half most and buildings draped with creps. At Zombrota the entire population of the own seems to be at the station. A touching feature was the appearance a large number of weeping school children lined up along the platform, each provided with the national colors pointed downward. Similar, re ceptions were accorded the special train at other points along the route,

detachments of all the local companies of the national guard and an es-cort of police. In spite of a heavy the state capitol with the militia act ing as excert was witnessed by thou sands of people.

At the capitol the body was placed in the rotunda where it will be in tomorrow. untit guarded by four sergeants, four cor per ds and four privates,

HAVE ANY "DOINGS" OVER HIM UNTIL IT'S SETTLED

No Bands, No Music, No Flags, No Highballs Aw! No Nuttin'.

YES, HE'S SORE, HE IS

SYDNEY, N. S. Sept. 21.—Com-mander Robert E. Peary, who at rived here this morning, will accept insitations to receptions and n public honors until the question of the discovery of the North pole has been desided by selentite authorities. This he made known tonight in the follow initially actions.

Thomas H. Hubbard and Herbert L. Bridgman, president and secretary re questively of the Pears, Arctic club wish to express in) thanks to friends for their kind offers and invitation and also to say that I have decided not to recept any mediations to receptions, or any evations, until the chester, Minn. esent controversy is settled by competent authorits.

Commander Pears supplemented says that he briller stood the corrathis briefly. He was asked when the tion succeeded and it is thought that public was likely to get a decision on basebaness for a overy are good Mr this subject and he replied. Justice was operated on at a final

"I do not know but what I have to say will not be very long delayed. Whether the statement will be usued Last Meal on the Golden week or two weeks depend there was an der trouble A soon on circumstances.

The explorer will leave Syncy at the he was abwill reach his home on Eagle Islan. Friday morning.

of the steam mills and long blasts from the river craft announced the coming of the Arctic ship. Lines of report school girls were drawn up on the conspiracy to defraud the state, inthat Emperor William will race his
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A Good Man Is Dead.



EQUINOCTIAL HURRICANE MARKED WITH DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Several Lives Lost and It Is Estimated That Damage Will Run Up Into Millions of Dollars—Gulf States Were the Worst Sufferers—Sleepless Night

f to but e cuts ats of Jackson.

which devastated the gulf coast and Prom Mobile comes the tidings that left a trail of wreck and run through the steamer Pleasure Bay is missing, four states, continued on its course and the people hope that it has been with unabated fury.

driven ashore and its passengers

one can give an estimate. In New known. Orleans' alone, five are known to be. In the

tales of frightful devastation meeca of the wealthy, is still isolated ranged by The coast points. The dome of the new capital at Jackson was wrecked and JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 20.—Two

ways impassible.

ED JUSTICE IS AT THE

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Is Operated on There by Dr.

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JOHNSON PASSED AWAY

Of the ruin that it has wrought, no saved. How many are on it is not

in the pretty harbors of Pascagoula pair the damage done to the beauti- empty and the torn moorings tell of ful crescent city. It is said that the the fury of the wind and swaves, plate glass alone will cost \$190,000 Bath houses, pawillions, yacht slips From the little and aristocratic brilliantly illuminated and the renummer colonies on the Louisiana and dezvous for those who sought reluxa-Mississippl gulf coast come vague lien and amusement upon the famous frightful devastation and fears that her remains to mark their locations many lives have been lost. The weal. Another story in its hideous entirety thy summer tourists who own pleas- him not been completed. The only ure craft are wont to spend much route of messages to New Orleans outright, and Clayton died today. time upon them and it is possible yesterday and last night by an imthat many have seen lost. Biloxi, the provised service via Hattiesburg, arin mystery. Jackson, Miss., the cap- ephone line into New Orleans and was ital of the state, is still cut off to able to relay by 'elegraph to Atlanta,

were a fundle of five wires and the as a result of the storm which swept and stores flooded.

fallen trees and debris made the high- portions of Mississippi yesterday. It was a sheenless their death was caused by falling

FARMERS OF THE WEST

RAISE GOOD CROPS BUT

sweeping north at the rate of two cued. One vessel lies across the was crushed in, a number of upper hundred miles a day, the hurricane channel and has blocked navigation, rooms flooded.

The equinoctical hurricane swept upward from the Mississippi coast last night, carrying death and destruction in its wake. It is believed that other lives have been lost and property to the extent of several mil-lion dollars. Wires are down in all dead and a million dollars will not re- and Payou St. Louis, many ships are directions, and Jackson has been almost entirely out off from outside world since midnight. Train service is crippled, and no passenger trains have reached this city over the Illinois Central from the South since Monday afternoon. Two Killed.

Charles Clayton and Karl Wooster, blacksmiths, were caught beneath falling walls here last night and badly mangled. Wooster was killed

The old capital building was unroofed, several sections of the roof-ing being carried hundreds of yards. and what its fare is, is still clouded which organization had secured a tel-in mistery. Jackson, Miss., the cap- ephone line into New Orleans and was demolished and several of the exhibit buildings badly damaged. in the business district, many signs

were carried away, roofs taken from the old capital unpoofed. The streets persons were killed here last night buildings, plate glass windows broken It was a slaculous night for the en-

tire population of Jackson, and when Vessels Sunk. walls Hundreds of buildings were morning came they found the streets sunken and a third was driven away and trees uproved. The east (Continued on page four.)

MAYOR OF NEW ORLEANS dgniffennce. HAS BEEN WIPED OFF MAP BROOKLYN WILD

He Says That No Tidal Kansas Professor Declares That Middle West Folk Wave Could Possibly Spoil Their Children. Reach Crescent City.

TOO BUSY WITH CROPS EVERYTHING LOVELY

Carmers in the Middle West are as wripped up in the production of wheat and corn and in growing meaty stores and ful porkers that they are likely to neglect the updringing of their children. Such in the concluion of Professor William A. Me-"The city of New Orleans is absor-Koever, of the Kansas State Agricultural codiege. He is preparing a set of fasternes felling the fermers low i esta liberter consciunt daughters. Professor McKeever is sending his building broadcast from Manhattan,

men of the state "We have special courses in poultry railing, pig rateing and horse he said in one of these age colorest. alletine. "while patients go right on in the good old way of rearing chil-As a consequence the first children in a good many families are used for experimental purposes, and though this may be well born their prospects of a neeful career are often

Kansas, where they are printed most-

by through subscriptions of business

Professor McKeever believes in the f sons and daughters. Obedience, he finds, is generally regarded as the without the most intelligent direction the world for shipping and for human is worse than untrammelled liberty, beings,

DENIES THAT THE CITY RATHER BAD CHILDREN

> NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 21 - Taking been circulated in variets parts of for Dr. Cook's autmobile, when they the country today to the effect that were not stemming the massed thous-

a tidal wave. Mayor Behrman tonight Cook. issued the following: "To The Associated Press:

lately safe. Situated 110 miles from the gulf of Mexico no tidal ways could reach New Orleans either across the immense area of land, between the city and the gull of Mexico or the three great scaports of the world which are completely safe from the storm while of great intensity, did no greater damage than to uproot trees.

dismuntly a few roofs and create other damage of minor character. Though New Orleans was for a time had turned out to greet Cook. It was isolated so far as wire connections just at the noon hour and thousands were concerned, our situation was at octrine of work for children, coupled all times safe and more upprehension with parental attention, as the gen-val basis for rearing a better crop the city. The storm served to prove John R. Bradley, surrounded the mathat the city with its land-locked chine and Dr. Cook, Mrs. Cook and first virtue for a child, but obedience river harbor is one of the safest in crowd whooped, cheered and whistled.

COOK IS HERE AND SAYS HE BROUGHT HIS PROOF ALONG

Landed at New York Yesterday And is Greeted by Cheering Thousands

HIS WIFE WAS THE FIRST TO MEET HIM

Brooklyn Sent Her Representtative But New York Forgot to Send One

ome from the pole. I have brought my story and my data with me. I have not come home to enter into arguments with one man or fift; men, but am here to present a clear record of a piece of work over which I have a right to display a certain amount of pride.

"I am willing to abide by the final verdict of competent judges. That alone can satisfy me and the public.

"Furthermore, not only will my rewhite, but I will also bring to America human witnesses to prove that a

Such is the sum and substance of the first message Dr. Frederick A. Cook brought home in person to America today, answering his critics the world over.

At five o'clock this morning the exception plans of the Arctic club of plorer was on deck of the Oscar II, which had purposely been held back yesterday, not to disarrange the re-America, but leaving Fire Island shortly after midnight she nosed her way into quarantine at an hour too

early for everybody but Dr. Cook There was an anxious wait at quarantine while the tuga, bobbed nervously about, the newspapermen ou board shouting queries through mes-aphones at the black sides of the Oscar II, high above them. Wife Greets Him. A speck in the distance began to

assume dimensions. Presently it was recognizable as the tug bearing Mrs. Cook and her two daughters. Quickly the tug came alongside and while the heavy swell running ground her fenders against the plates of her big sister, Dr. Cook clambered nimbly down Jacob's ladder, and with no concern for the cameras trained on him. made a rush for his wife. moment, he even missed the children, who stood a few feet away, until his wife allently led him to them. as he lifted his youngest daughter to his shoulder, the silent, crowd that lined the ralls of the Ose

As Dr. Cook finally stepped ashore it was noticeable that no representative of the nation, the state nor the city was there to greet nim. Bird B. Coler, president of the borough of Brooklyn, had welcomed him on the Grand Republic for that borough, but the city of New York sent no repre-sentative. But sincere and enthusiastic to the point of tumultousness, his welcome may be best described as a neighborly affair, devoid of official

OVER DISCOVERER

NEW YORK, Sept. 21,-Brooklyn's eccution to Dr. Cook had all the elements of a riot except violence. From he moment the Grand Republic warped up to her landing the exploer, flanked by militiamen and police, fought his way into an automobile, until he left the Bushwick club to-night for Walderf Asteria in New York, the surging crowds taxed the apacity of the police, and more than once, got beyond control. Along the five miles of avenues through which the explorer passed, the mounted po-New Orleans has been destroyed by ands who seemed to have only one object-to break loose and embrace Dr.

As the Grand Republic steamed up to her dock the whistle of every craft within sight was fied down and a din that drowned out the brass bands had a run of fully five minutes. The crowd surrounded by eight militiamen of the Forty-seventh regiment came up the gangway. The police threw a cordon around the party and pushed them through the Massissippi river. New through to the automobile in which orleans. London and Hamburg are Mrs. Cook and the children were walting. A huge motor truck, loaded with a brass band, pulled out ahead and Cook's automobile followed. possibility of tidal innundation. The More than five hundred other motor ears, every one a-flutter with bunting, fell into line and the procession, more than two miles long, moved to the Bushwick club.

It was as if exerybody in Brooklyn of school children lined the streets, shouting one word in unison: "Cook!"

As the car drew up to the club, a the children stepped out, while Dr. Cook bowed and went into the house, but the people were not satis-