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PRESIDENT CASSATT, THE GREAT RAILWAY KING, DIES SUDDENLY

The President of the Pennsylvania System Stricken
With Heart Disease

ALL PHILADELPHIA IS
SHOCKED BY THE NEWS

Few of Its People at First Able to Credit the Report—Even Those Who Enjoyed Intimate Relations With President Cassatt and His Family Had Believed That His Condition Was Serious, Though He Had Been Ailing for Some Time—His Death Has No Perceptible Effect on the Stock Market.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—President Alexander J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, died suddenly this afternoon. The announcement of his death was made from his office shortly before 2 o'clock in the following bulletin:

"Mr. A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died suddenly of heart disease at 1 p. m. today. The symptoms were those known to the profession as the Stokes-Adams Syndrome, and, as is often the case under such circumstances, death was instantaneous."

Mr. Cassatt had been ailing ever since he came from his summer home at Bar Harbor on September 20th. While at the Maine resort he contracted whooping-cough from his grandchildren, and was still suffering from its effects when he arrived home. This attack left him in a weakened condition, and he did not go to his office at Broad street station in this city for several weeks, but, on the advice of his physicians, remained at his country home at Haverford, near the city.

The news of President Cassatt's death came as a great shock to the citizens of Philadelphia, among whom he had lived for many years. That he was so near death was not believed by many persons who enjoyed intimate relations with him or his family, and few at first credited the report. The best information the public had as to his condition was that he had a slight cold and was rapidly improving. Nothing further could be learned of his condition until shortly before 2 o'clock today, when a telephone message was sent from his private offices to the Associated Press announcing his sudden death.

NO PERCEPTIBLE EFFECT
ON THE STOCK MARKET.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 28.—The stock market was not affected perceptibly by the reception of the news of the death of President Cassatt. Pennsylvania was quoted at the top level of the day, 138 1/2, when the news was received, and sagged afterwards to 137 1/2, which was only a shade lower than was touched during the morning. Prices elsewhere halted only momentarily, and then continued the hardening movement which was already in progress.

KENNEDY IS GONE
SUICIDE FEARED.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 28.—Urged by Mrs. P. J. Kennedy, the Brooklyn police endeavored today to ascertain whether or not her husband, who is a theatrical manager, had committed suicide by jumping from a Brooklyn ferry-boat last night. Mrs. Kennedy said that her husband left his home in Manhattan early last evening muttering threats to kill himself. An hour or two later his overcoat and hat were found on the ferry-boat.

As no one had seen a man jump overboard, the discovery was not reported to the police until today. In the meantime Mrs. Kennedy had become alarmed at the continued absence of her husband and appealed

to the police for information concerning him.

Today she identified the clothing as her husband's, but the police were still in doubt whether Kennedy had really committed suicide or had taken this way of frightening his wife.

NEGRO CONVICTS
ESCAPE ON TRAIN.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—Three "trusty" negro convicts escaped from the penitentiary at Jefferson City last night and rode sixty miles toward St. Louis this morning on the "blind" baggage end of a Missouri Pacific passenger train. The passengers were panic-stricken when it became known that three convicts in prison garb were on the train. It was feared the negroes would stop the train and rob the passengers. The negroes were driven from the train at each station by Conductor W. B. Wheeler and the train crew, but as soon as the train started the trio would climb aboard the "blind" baggage.

At Kent, sixty miles west of St. Louis, they finally left the train and made off.

MANY AMONG THOSE
ARRESTED ARE WOMEN.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The "flying section" of the secret police, according to a report of Prefect Von Der Launitz, made 588 arrests in this city during the last three days. The prisoners, who include thirty-three women, are charged with "revolutionary activity and illegal election agitation." Further arrests and searches are proceeding vigorously.

The activity of the police is due to the recent attempt on the life of Vice-Admiral Douhassoff, ex-governor general of Moscow, and the assassination of Count Alexis Ignatieff, of Tver, December 22. The leaders of the revolutionists, by an overwhelming majority, have resolved ceaselessly to pursue "their just campaign of removal, intimidation being the only effective weapon against the iniquitous regime."

The more moderate members of the revolutionary party have been won over to the side of the extremists through the action of the authorities in prohibiting electoral meetings of the opposition parties.

TRY THE CASE AT ONCE

War Department Instructs
District Attorney

A Killing and a Clash Between Civil
and Military Authorities—"Force
That Gate and I'll Shoot Your
Head Off."

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28.—The war department has sent instructions to the office of the United States district attorney in this city, that the long delayed case of Lieutenant Ralph H. Drury, U. S. A., and Private John Dowd, of the Ninth U. S. Infantry, who are under indictment for the killing of William H. Crowley, a citizen of Pittsburgh, must be tried without further delay. The case has been hanging fire since the shooting of Crowley on the afternoon of September 13, 1904. The Pittsburgh police then under charge of Superintendent John P. McTighe, tried to arrest Dowd, who fired the shot that killed Crowley, and when Superintendent McTighe threatened to force the arsenal gate to capture Dowd, the sentry on duty told him that he would shoot his head off if he touched the gate.

For almost three weeks Private Dowd was in the arsenal, and after the threat of the sentry at the gate no further attempt was made to arrest him by the local police.

Later Judge Marcus W. Acheson, of the United States circuit court, decided that Private Dowd and Lieutenant Drury, who was in command at the arsenal, should be turned over to the civil authorities. This decision was sustained by the United States supreme court.

Since then the defendants have tried every means to have their cases called before the local courts or have

the district attorney set a date for their trial, but without success.

It is now hoped to have the cases tried soon after the opening of the New Year.

According to the military authorities Crowley was detected in the theft of copper roofing belonging to the government and was shot while trying to escape arrest.

THE COST OF ITHACA'S
WATER-WORKS STEEP.

(By the Associated Press.) Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The decision of the commissioners in appraisal of the noted suit for municipal ownership of the water-works system of the city of Ithaca was made known today. The case has been dragging along for two years and the costs to the city will amount to about \$57,000. The terms of the decision are that the city pay the old water company \$660,000, with interest from January 1, 1905. With the costs and the money expended for improvements since the property was acquired, the plant will have cost the city \$900,000. The decision is in favor of the water company, which offered to sell for \$805,500. The city's offer was \$450,000.

HEALTH BROKEN, HE
KILLED HIMSELF.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Dr. Charles L. Culpepper, a leading physician of Portsmouth, was this morning found dead in his office with a bullet wound in the head and a pistol lying by his side. The words "broken health" in Dr. Culpepper's handwriting were found written on a postal card upon the physician's office desk.

Dr. Culpepper late yesterday executed two deeds of gift, giving to his wife valuable property in this city and Portsmouth, and then telephoned to the clerk's office asking that they keep open until the deeds could be recorded, which was done. His body was found after his office had been broken open by his colored driver and a drug clerk, who was called from a neighboring store to assist.

Dr. Culpepper was prominent and wealthy. His wife was formerly Miss Mary O. Harwood of Richmond.

BURIAL OF BISHOP
SMITH TOMORROW.

(By the Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—The body of the late Bishop A. Coke Smith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who died in Asheville, N. C., last night, arrives here tomorrow morning and the funeral takes place from Epworth M. E. Church tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Smith was pastor of Epworth Church at the time he was elected bishop.

The funeral sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. R. D. Smart, late of Epworth Church and now of Charlottesville, Va.

The pallbearers will be laymen of Epworth Church.

A HOLIDAY QUIET
IN TRADE CENTERS.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 28.—Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate that holiday quiet has prevailed to a certain extent, but not as much as usual, while results of Christmas buying were most satisfactory.

Bank exchanges this week at all leading cities in the United States are \$2,588,719,387, a loss of only 1.8 per cent, compared with last year, when stock market operations at New York were extremely active and occasioned a much larger volume of payments through the New York banks.

SHOVED FROM PAVE
BY A NEGRO SOLDIER

(By the Associated Press.) Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 28.—Mrs. F. L. Clark of this city who was shoved from the sidewalk by a negro soldier at El Reno yesterday said that she had not been requested to go to El Reno to identify the suspects under arrest there. A message from El Reno today stated that a number of soldiers had been arrested but none proved to be the one wanted. Excitement over the matter has died down.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE
TO FLOUR MILL PLANT.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—The plant of the Quaker City Flour Mills at 3042 Market street this city was damaged by fire today to the extent of about \$80,000. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

NINE DROP AND DIE IN STORM

And Snow Still Pours Over
Great Britain

HAS HALF BEEN TOLD?

Many Narrow Escapes From Death.
Trains Buried in the Mountains.
Desperate Efforts to Reach
Starving Passengers With Food
Prove Successful.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Dec. 28.—All the members of the crew of the Japanese liner Awa Maru from Antwerp for Middlesbrough which ran on the rocks off Redcar last night were safely taken off by the life boats.

A telegram from Holyhead says an unknown vessel has "condemned off" Howelwyn Point, Wales. Distress rockets were sent up last night and a life boat put out and searched for hours but found no sign of the vessel in distress.

Nine persons have been frozen to death in roads in England alone during the past twenty-four hours. The list doubtless will be much lengthened when communication with localities now snowbound is restored.

The continuing snowfall has created practically an unprecedented situation, the worst known in thirty years in Great Britain, and the conditions existing here apparently are general throughout Europe. From all parts of Great Britain come stories of trains buried in snowdrifts; the worst case being of a passenger train bound from Dundee to Edinburgh which ran into a snowdrift at 6 o'clock last night three miles from St. Andrews and is still imbedded. A rescue train sent to the assistance of the passenger train also stuck in a drift, and all the efforts made during the night to reach them were futile; but this morning small quantities of provisions were conveyed to the starving passengers and crews. The equipment of the British railroads is quite inadequate to deal with the conditions heretofore almost unknown in this country.

Forty to fifty women had narrow escapes from death today, owing to the collapse of the snow-laden roof of a Covent Garden warehouse, but most of them were rescued from the wreckage with only slight injuries. There was no loss of life.

NEGRO FEARS TO SERVE

Clerkship in Hattiesburg Post-
office His.

Writes the Civil Service Commission
That His Life Is Threatened by a
Mob—Will Probably Be Given a
Clerkship Elsewhere.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 28.—The civil service commission has been in communication with Wilbert T. George, a negro who is the only eligible for a clerkship in the postoffice at Hattiesburg, Miss., and who has advised the civil service commission that the postmaster at Hattiesburg had tendered him a position and he had accepted, but had failed to put in an appearance for duty on account of the mob that was threatening him.

It was stated at the commission today that the postmaster at Hattiesburg had not been heard from, and it was thought the matter would remain in the position it now is until the attention of the postoffice department or the commission is called officially to the inability of George to perform the work to which he has been assigned. While the commission refuses to outline its probable action, it is thought that should George insist on performing the service of clerk in the Hattiesburg postoffice he will be transferred to some other place where the race question does not figure as now in Mississippi.

THE PRESIDENT
GOES FOR A HUNT.

(By the Associated Press.) Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 28.—On former visits to Pine Knot the morning of the first day usually found the president in the woods, but a drizzling rain interfered with his plans today. At 10 o'clock, however, the sun peer-

ed through the clouds and a message was sent to "Uncle Dick" at Pine Knot to get things in shape for a hunt after lunch, and the colored servant started for Pine Knot.

The start from the Roosevelt cottage was made at 1 o'clock, the president being accompanied by his sons, Admiral Rixey, Lieutenant Hummer and William and Joseph Wilmer. The party headed for Green Mountain, and unless a heavy rain comes up the entire afternoon will be spent in the woods, in quest of wild turkey and smaller game, although the county supervisors recently closed the bird season on Christmas eve, in anticipation of a slaughter of birds during Christmas week.

A message from Glendower, which is near the Roosevelt cottage, states that the entire party is quartered at Pine Knot, and are enjoying themselves.

TURKISH TROOPS LEAVE,
AVERTING A CONFLICT.

(By the Associated Press.) Constantinople, Dec. 28.—The energetic representations of the Persian ambassador against the Turkish occupation of Margovar and Bend, two points in Persian territory, have resulted in orders being issued for the withdrawal of the Ottoman troops, thus averting a threatened conflict between the local forces.

SYRIAN PEACEMAKER IS BEATEN TO DEATH

(By the Associated Press.) Petersburg, Va., Dec. 28.—While acting as peace-maker between two negroes engaged in a fight yesterday at Dendron, surry county, Va., Jos. Saleeby, a Syrian of New York was so badly beaten by the combatants that he died shortly afterwards. One of the negroes was captured but the other escaped. Saleeby's family resided at Petersburg, and he is survived by a wife and three children.

Their Purpose Robbery.
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Another meeting of the managers probably will be held today, at which decided action in the matter may be taken. Meanwhile the representatives of the trainmen's unions will remain and await developments.

WHO GOT BANK'S
MISSING MONEY?

(By the Associated Press.) Sedan, Kan., Dec. 28.—Otto D. Stallard, defaulting cashier of the People's National Bank of Sedan, who returned here Wednesday, has admitted to the officers of the bank that his shortage amounted to \$22,331. He declared he did not get the money and that he does not know who did.

No information has been filed against him, and he is at liberty.

STATES REPORT
ON EDUCATION.

(By the Associated Press.) Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 28.—Much of the time of the Southern Educational Association today was taken up with reports from the states. There was a remarkable showing of a better tendency as regards teaching methods, and a call for standards on the part of those who teach. It was also brought out that in most of the southern states there is poor superintendence. The delegates agreed with President Abernethy and Dr. G. R. Glenn of the North Georgia Agricultural College that it is the duty of the national government to provide two or three million dollars for education in the states. The compulsory education idea was largely favored.

SHIPS TO CARRY
FOOD TO CHINESE

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 28.—Quarter-master General Humphrey has notified Secretary Taft that he has available two transports in which supplies for the Chinese famine sufferers may be sent. These are the Buford and the Warren, both at San Francisco.

Secretary Taft, upon the reconvening of congress, will ask for authority to use one of these vessels for the relief mission.

Boni's Election Declared to be Valid.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 28.—The chamber of deputies today decided that the latest election of Count Boni De Cas-tellane to the chamber was valid.

TRAFFIC IN THE WEST MENACED

Employees of Forty-Two Roads
May Strike

DEMAND HIGHER PAY

Engineers and Firemen Meet and
Wait for Invitation to a Confer-
ence With the Managers, Who
Also Are in Session, But the In-
vitation Comes Not.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 28.—The probability of serious trouble between the forty-two western railroads and their employees who have demanded a 15 per cent increase in wages became more likely yesterday. The managers of the roads affected met and decided that no action would be taken until the trainmen made fresh overtures. Meanwhile representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers from each of the roads met to await a reply to their demands. They had known that the managers were to meet, and awaited an expected invitation to a conference, but none was received. Three waiting meetings of the two brotherhoods were held during the morning, afternoon and evening. The evening meeting broke up with the threat that "something would be doing pretty quick if they were not recognized."

Chairman Benjamin Thomas, of the board of managers' committee, refused to make any statement as to what had been done at the meeting, which was of less than an hour's duration.

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Three hundred and eighty-five factories report steam power, 81 electric, 20 water, 10 gasoline, 5 steam and electric, 1 steam and gasoline, 1 steam and water, 3 gas, 1 kerosene, 20 hand, 1 gasoline-electric, 1 "open kettle," and 32 do not report power, the 429 establishments reporting this feature show the employment of 129,184 horse power, an increase of 121,965 over last year. 530 factories report the number of persons dependent upon them for a livelihood to be 75,243, or 37,828 more than were reported last year. Four report that eight hours constitute a day's work; six nine hours, three nine and a half hours, three hundred and eighty-nine ten hours, four ten and a half hours, forty-three eleven hours, five ten to twelve and seventy-two hours. Twenty-two do not report time operated each day, but there is an evident tendency toward "shorter hours."

Seventy-four per cent of the factories report increase of wages, seventeen per cent report no change and nine per cent do not report as to this. Sixty-four per cent of these establishments pay weekly, eleven per cent pay monthly, seventeen per cent pay semi-monthly, and one per cent pay daily.

Four hundred and thirty-six factories report 32,438 persons employed, against 15,809 last year, an increase of 6,628. Highest wages per day, \$2.35, an advance of thirteen cents per day over last year. Lowest wages per day, eighty-four cents, an advance of six cents over last year. Eighty-two per cent of adult employees read and write, and eighty-four per cent of children. Seventy-one per cent answer that children under fourteen years of age should not work in factories; six per cent answer in the affirmative and twenty-three per cent express no opinion. Seventy-seven per cent favor a compulsory school law, nine per cent oppose it, and fourteen per cent do not answer the question.

Following the tables are letters from a number of manufacturers who were requested to express an opinion upon matters of public import to which attention was called in the blanks sent out by the department.

LARGE INCREASE AS TO FACTORIES

Report Just Issued Shows a
Gain of 113

AN ADVANCE IN WAGES

This Portion of the Report of Labor
Commissioner Varner Relates to
Miscellaneous Factories—Capital
Stock Shows Increase of Over
\$18,000,000, Cotton Mills and
Furniture Factories Not Included.

That portion of the report of Mr. H. B. Varner, labor commissioner, in relation to miscellaneous factories has been completed and it shows a most gratifying increase over last year. The report of the labor commissioner is got up under several different heads. Those chapters relating to the condition of farmers and the condition of trades have already been given and, in addition to these and the one given below, are chapters on cotton, woolen and knitting mills, furniture factories and newspapers. The data in regard to the last three chapters has not yet been compiled.

The following from the chapter on miscellaneous factories is of interest:

As one of the basic industries of the state, that of manufacturing continues strong and active. The year just closed has been in every respect the most propitious perhaps in the history of the commonwealth. Notwithstanding the surprisingly large increase in the class and number of miscellaneous factories reported in the last compilation, the net gain numerically and in the capital invested is ever more gratifying this year. The information from which the conclusions set forth in this chapter were reached, was furnished by the manufacturers themselves, upon request of the department through correspondence and by personal visits.

The number of returns used in this compilation are five hundred and forty-one, an increase of one hundred and thirteen over last year and the averages taken from these representative industries afford an accurate idea of conditions prevailing throughout the state.

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