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COL. THOS. S. KENAN IS DEAD IN RALEIGH

Veteran Clerk to Supreme Court Passes At His Home After Brave Fight With Disease--The Funeral Tomorrow

BRAVE OFFICER OF CONFEDERATE ARMY

Fought gallantly for cause he loved and served in capacity of attorney-general and clerk to supreme court since 1878--Descended from statesmen, he was marked for high position and always measured up to requirements--All state mourns his death--A sketch of his career.

Col. Thos. S. Kenan, whose noble presence has graced the supreme court building since 1878, will be seen no more in his office. After a brave fight with disease for several years, he succumbed quietly at his home on North Wilmington street this morning at seven o'clock, at the age of 77 years. The end was expected at any time, for his condition had been critical for weeks, but his death is no less mourned on this account.

It can be said with truth that no man in the state of North Carolina was more beloved than he. A brave leader in the war between the sections, a noble Christian gentleman, he was kind and charitable, loved his friends and cherished no bitterness toward his enemies. So great was his hold on the affections of the people of North Carolina and so well did he perform his duties as clerk of the supreme court that when the Republicans came into power in 1896, they did not offer to remove him from his office, though there were clamors for the position from the mountains to the sea. It has been said that this was the greatest test of his sterling character and worth.

Building In Mourning.

The supreme court is draped in mourning in honor of Colonel Kenan and his chair, which he occupied for so long, is wreathed in black and white and the officers of the court speak in subdued tones. The flag over the capitol is at half-mast and the offices in the supreme court building closed at noon out of respect to his memory.

Funeral Tomorrow.

The funeral services will be held from Christ Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Milton A. Barber, and interment will follow in Oakwood cemetery.

His Career.

Had Col. Thomas Stephens Kenan lived until February 12 next, he would have been 77 years of age. He was born at Kenansville, Duplin county, February 12, 1835, in a section settled by his ancestors and in a section where the Kenans and their relatives are living today. A more courtly gentleman never graced a court than Colonel Kenan. Tall and handsome, he was conspicuous in any gathering for his physical beauty; intellectual and with a kindly humor, he was admired and loved by all who came to know him. He was a worthy descendant of the Scotch and Irish. It was natural that Thos. S. Kenan took to politics. An ancestor, Thomas S. Kenan was a member of congress in 1808-1811, and his own father,

WALTER BROOKINS MAY FLY IN CITY

Mr. Romolo A. Fanciulli of New York is in the city today in the interest of Walter Brookins, a pupil of the Wright Brothers, and is seeing officers of the chamber of commerce with reference to an aviation meet here early in January. Mr. Brookins will give an exhibition in Wilmington January 1, and his manager hopes to have him come to Raleigh. Since the Wright brothers perfected their first heavier-than-air machine in North Carolina, there is much interest in the airships built by them. Mr. Brookins is flying a Wright biplane.

CHRISTMAS NEWS NOTES

Shoppers Busy Today--Sunday and Monday at Postoffice

Handicapped for the past four days by unusually rough weather, the people of Raleigh and this section were making the best of it today and as a result the stores and streets were crowded with shoppers. Every dry goods store, jewelry store, drug store and other business places were thronged today--and the postoffice seemed to be doing the best business in its history.

Monday practically all of the business places will be closed. The banks, freight offices, state and county offices will observe Christmas day and special hours will obtain at the postoffice.

Postmaster Briggs and his force will wait on the patrons of the postoffice tomorrow between two and three o'clock. During this hour the carriers' window, the general delivery, stamp and registry windows will be open.

On Monday, Christmas day, the rural carriers will make their regular rounds, but the city carriers will make only one trip--that in the morning. Even if the postoffice authorities should have more than one delivery in the city, the patrons could not be served by carriers in the afternoon for the reason that all trains will be late and the mail would not reach the postoffice in time. Wagons sufficient to deliver all mail up to this time will be put into service.

Monday morning the general delivery, stamp and registry windows will be open until 10 o'clock.

Since everybody else will be observing Christmas, The Times paper will join in the procession, and the paper will not be issued Monday. Christmas is the one holiday in the year that this paper suspends.

CONFERENCE A FAILURE

Seems That Nothing Will Be Accomplished By Chinese Conference.

Peking, Dec. 23--There seems little doubt that the conference at Shanghai between representatives of the imperial government and the revolutionary party will prove a failure. The belief prevails that the revolutionists are planning an advance to the north via Pukow, which is in their possession.

COAL MINE FLOODED

Two Hundred Miners Endangered But Brought Out Safely.

Wigan, England, Dec. 23--The Cross Tetley coal pit was flooded by a sudden inrush of water. Two hundred miners were below in the workings. Many fatalities are probable.

Later in the day all the miners were brought safely to the surface.

PRESIDENT PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

Policemen, Clerks, and Secret Service Men Remembered.

Washington, Dec. 23--President Taft played Santa Clause to two score of policemen, more than 20 clerks, secret service men on guard at the executive office and dozens of white house employees. To each policeman and married man employed about the white house, outside of the office force, the steward was presented a fat turkey with the

NEW YORK WANTS DEMOCRATIC MEETING

New York, Dec. 23--Subscription lists were opened here today for a hundred thousand dollars fund with the aid of which New York hopes to land the 1912 democratic convention. The money will be in the hands of the state committee before the national democratic committee meets in Washington January 8.

Prominent Manufacturer Dead.

Buffalo, Dec. 23--John W. Danforth, a prominent manufacturer, dropped dead while reading a petition to a public service commission here late yesterday.

compliments of the president and Mrs. Taft. Each clerk found an envelope with a five dollar gold piece in it on his desk. The president himself acted as Santa Claus for the secret service men who have traveled with him from Boston to Seattle, from Washington to Panama and many other journeys. Each guard was given gold stick pins. One present for Mr. Taft himself that reached the white house came from Postmaster Douglass, at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It was a 45-pound turkey, one of the biggest ever sent to grace the presidential Christmas dinner.

ITALIANS SEIZE BRITISH VESSEL

London, Dec. 23--The Khedivial Mail, Steamship and Dock Company, owners of the British steamer, Menzaleh, which was seized yesterday in the Red Sea by the Italian cruiser Puglia, made representations today at the foreign office, regarding the capture of their vessel by the Italian warship. The steamer captain cabled here that besides the hundred and fifty thousand dollars aboard in the course of transit from one bank to another the Italians took possession of a large amount of Turkish parcels and goods. The foreign office will not take action until the official report is received from the British consul at Hodeida.

POSTOFFICE WAS ROBBED

Three Tramps Are Believed to Have Robbed Postoffice at Benaja

(Special to The Times.) Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 23--The passenger station of the Southern Railway in Greensboro presented an animated scene yesterday afternoon. Practically every train was late; there were crowds and crowds of people in and around the station including many dainty school girls, there were old men and old women; children and light-fingered gents. One lady was at the station to meet her two nieces. She hadn't seen them for years, and when she last saw them they were children. Naturally they had grown some, and the lady was unable to locate them. She was in much distress. Another lady dropped her handsome muff in a puddle of mud and became peevish; still another lady lost her umbrella in the station and the train was held a moment or two until she could get it back. One man was a real loser. He either lost or was robbed of his pocketbook containing

\$300. Altogether it was a day of trial and tribulation for those traveling. The postoffice at Benaja, twelve miles from Greensboro, was robbed Tuesday night, presumably by three tramps, who had been loitering about the place for a day or two. The mail from train No. 43 was looted; many letters were opened and then burnt. One box of cigars was taken from the sack. In addition to robbing the mail, the thieves robbed the store in Benaja, a gold watch and about \$500.

THE COST OF A U. S. SENATOR

What It Cost to Elect Senator Stephenson and How Money Was Spent

CLOUD ON TITLE

Committee Appointed to Make an Investigation Will Submit Its Report Some Time Not Long After The Holiday Recess Closes--Senator Stephenson Spent More Than \$107,000--Report Now Being Prepared and It Is Said Will Be In Favor of Senator Stephenson, to The Extent That No Fraud Was Used.

Washington, Dec. 23--Some time not long after the holiday recess of congress the committee on privileges and elections will submit to the senate a report upon its investigation of the circumstances and conditions surrounding the election of Senator

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A Christmas Song.

The Angels Sang In Silent Night.

Words by H. W. LONGFELLOW (Christmas Song) Music by G. EMERSON

The an-gels sang in the si-lent night, While the shep-herds watch'd and the heav-ens were bright, And they her-ald-ed in the joy-fal morn, When the Prince of Peace, as a child, was born, And so will we wel-come Thee year by year, So shalt Thou grow to our hearts more dear.

years like a ri-ver have flow'd a-long, Yet we are sing-ing the an-gels song; we look back thro' the a-ges dim, And come like the shep-herds to wor-ship him; shall no taint of the world's al-loy, Shad-ow the light of our Chris-mas joy. While

REFRAIN. Peace up-on earth and to men good will, Glo-ry to God we are sing-ing still, 'Tis true the pine and the myr-tle bough, Ere worn in Gar-lands to meet Thee now, And the Peace up-on earth and to men good will, And Glo-ry to God we are sing-ing still, While Peace up-on

earth, and to men good will, Glo-ry to God we are sing-ing still. sun-shine of Christ-mas day, Is fair-er to us than the light of May. earth, and to men good will, And Glo-ry to God we are sing-ing still. A men!