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THOMAS NELSON PAGE'S DEATH BRINGS GRIEF TO THE ENTIRE WORLD

Grief of World Is Voiced By
Kings And Diplomats
From Every Clime.

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

Body Of Noted Author To
Be Buried At Church
Of Boyhood.

RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 2. — Messages expressing the universal sorrow that is felt over the death yesterday of Thomas Nelson Page were pouring into the noted Virginia's boyhood home in Hanover county from the four corners of the earth today, as kings and diplomats, masters of art and literature, and men and women in all walks of life who admired the gifted author, distinguished statesman, brilliant scholar, eminent lawyer and typical Southern gentleman gave voice to the grief which was occasioned by the announcement that his voice, his influence and his pen were forever stilled.

Among the first to send condolences to the family were President Harding and former President Woodrow Wilson, under whose administration Mr. Page served as ambassador to Italy. The former voiced the sentiment of the nation and half the world when he paid tribute to Virginia's distinguished son, and the latter expressed the grief that is experienced by a devoted friend.

From abroad came eulogiums representing practically every capital in Europe, while from almost every city, town and hamlet in America, friends and admirers of Mr. Page's varied and successful career. As these tributes were pouring in from admirers and friends everywhere, the body rested in "Oakland," home of a long line of distinguished Virginians, awaiting the hour of its removal to the nation's capital for burial.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in "Old Park Church," where Mr. Page was christened and where he attended church services as a lad. After the simple funeral service in the little church, the body will be taken to Ashland and forwarded to Washington. The burial will be at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Page's final resting place will be beside that of his second wife, who died last year. Dignitaries of the state and nation will take part in the final tribute at the grave.

Flags on all the public buildings in Virginia were at half mast today in honor of the dead statesman, a state's first expression of the overwhelming sorrow occasioned by the loss of a noble son.

TOM SPARROW IS NEW MEMBER OF ROTARY

Prominent Gaston County
Dairyman Is Elected To
Membership — First Farmer
To Be Elected.

Thomas Sparrow, dairyman, was elected to membership in the Gastonia Rotary Club at the noon luncheon held today by unanimous vote of the members. Mr. Sparrow is one of the prominent farmers and dairymen of Gaston county. This is the first time in the history of civic organizations in Gastonia that a farmer has been elected to membership.

Other interesting features were talks by Drs. L. N. Glenn and Oscar L. Miller, both of whom are members of the American College of Surgeons, which recently met in Boston, and a shop talk by John Eek on "Accounting." All these talks were good and were thoroughly enjoyed.

It was decided that the club should continue its work in the Armistice Day parade, disposition of the matter to be left in the hands of a committee. The club will entertain the teachers of the city schools at the next meeting, Friday, November 10, at 7:30 o'clock. Ed Switzer was in charge of the program today.

ABDUCTOR OF YOUTHFUL SWIMMING GIRL IS HELD UNDER A HEAVY GUARD

Raymond E. Wilson Confesses
To Kidnapping Rosalie
Shanty.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Feeling Runs High A and
Heavy Guard Placed
Around Jail.

MUSKEGON, MICH., Nov. 2. — Raymond E. Wilson, of Grand Rapids, arrested last night on a charge of kidnaping Rosalie Shanty pleaded guilty to a charge of abduction when arraigned in circuit court here at noon today.

MUSKEGON, MICH., Nov. 2. — While 11 year old Rosalie Shanty lay near death in a farm house at Dublin, Mich., early today, Raymond E. Wilson, of Grand Rapids, was being held at the county jail here under heavy guard, as the man who kidnaped the child last Sunday, drove with her to the Jack Pine swamps of Manistee county and there abandoned her.

Wilson confessed, the sheriff's office reported, that he abducted the child. A formal charge of kidnaping was lodged against him and officers announced he would be arraigned on that count unless developments in the girl's condition warranted a change.

Word from Dublin this morning was that Rosalie, widely known here as the "swimming girl" through her expert exhibitions at a local beach last summer, might not recover. She still was in a semi-conscious state and suffering from a high fever, as a result of exposure in the forests, where she was found by a farmer, her clothing torn to shreds and her body scratched and bruised by the underbrush.

In his statement to the authorities Wilson was quoted as saying he entered the child into his automobile as she was leaving a church here Sunday, drove her about the city for a time, then started for Dublin. Near that town, the reported statement said, Rosalie became alarmed and asked to be let out of the car. Wilson said he left her near a farmhouse, and then returned to Grand Rapids. The prisoner said he was intoxicated when he took the girl into his machine, and was unable to explain his action.

Feeling ran high in Muskegon, when it became known today that Wilson was being held here, and numerous deputy sheriffs and police reserves were called out to guard against disorders. A strong cordon was thrown around the jail and citizens were not permitted to congregate in the streets for blocks around the building.

Wilson is 41 years old and has been married twice. Officers said he has had a police record here and had served a term in Jackson prison.

James Mills Takes Issue With Statements of Rector's Widow

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 2. — Looking up from work in a coal bin in the basement of the schoolhouse where he is janitor, James Mills, whose wife, Eleanor, was murdered with the Rev. Edward W. Hall on September 14, today took issue with some of the statements made yesterday by the clergyman's widow in an interview.

Mills said that he met Mrs. Hall at the church at 8:30 o'clock on the morning of September 15. Mrs. Hall said yesterday that she was at the church at 7 o'clock.

"I know it could not have been earlier than 8:30," said Mills, "because my children had already gone to school. The first thing Mrs. Hall asked me was: 'Was anybody sick at your home last night?' We then commented on the fact that both my wife and her husband were missing, and I said: 'Maybe they have eloped.'"

"No," was Mrs. Hall's reply. "I think something has happened to them." "At noon when Mrs. Hall came to my home, I told her I had not heard anything and she said she had not either. Then she went away. She is incorrect in her statements in stating that she did not come to my house again at 5:20 o'clock. I remember that I had just returned with some ice and was putting it in the refrigerator. She stayed only a minute.

On Trial For Life



Mrs. Catherine Rosier on trial in Philadelphia for the murder of her husband and his stenographer.

CHERRYVILLE GIRL IS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Hattie Melton, 17 Years
Old Killed When Com-
panion Drives Into Moving
Freight Train In Town Of
Cherryville.

Miss Hattie Melton, 17 years old, of the Melville Mill village, Cherryville, was killed Tuesday night when the automobile in which she was riding, steered by young Paul Beam, was driven into a moving freight train at a railroad crossing in Cherryville. The young lady's body was horribly mangled, and death was instantaneous. Young Beam was uninjured.

It seems that the couple were returning from a corn shucking out in the country from Cherryville at a rather late hour. For some reason or other, the driver of the car did not see the train and ran squarely into the last two cars. Careless driving is attributed as the cause.

The accident happened at the Main street crossing in Cherryville. Young Beam is the son of Mr. Jim Beam, proprietor of the Central Hotel in Cherryville. He is about 18 years of age.

PRESIDENT HARDING IS FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD

Chief Executive Celebrates
Event Quietly And Simply
—Receives Many Congratu-
lations.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. — President Harding today celebrated the fifty-seventh anniversary of his birth almost as quietly and simply as the average American citizen observes a birthday.

There were no indications at the White House of anything more than just an ordinary day in the life of the chief executive of the land. The president's plans called for his appearance at his office at the regular time, the usual forenoon round of conferences, the customary noonday period devoted to meeting visitors in the capital from the towns and hamlets of America who consider the moment when they grasp the president's hand and hear his word of greeting the climax of their visit, luncheon, and then perhaps a few hours of golf over the course of a nearby country club. Because Mrs. Harding still is confined to her bed although recovering from her recent illness there will not even be a birthday dinner party but the president will spend the evening with her.

The fact that today was his birthday, however, was not forgotten by the close friends of the executive or by the nation and the world at large. All day long—the beginning really was yesterday—telegram wires at the White House ticked and messenger boys arrived carrying messages of birthday greetings, many of them from rulers of other countries.

Close acquaintances of Mr. Harding remarked today on the recent improvement in his physical condition. A month ago the strain of two years—for it was just two years ago today that Mr. Harding was elected to the presidency—had become noticeable. A summer of continuous work without a vacation, the troubled industrial situation, and finally Mrs. Harding's illness, had increased the strain.

Adjournment of Congress, adjustment of the major industrial controversies and the steady progress toward recovery made by Mrs. Harding allowed the tension to lessen. Heeding the advice of his physician, the president for a month has been taking things easier, has devoted more time to rest and has spent more time on the golf links.

The result, according to associates of the president, is that President Harding is in better physical condition on his fifty-seventh birthday than he has been for months and is looking forward with zest to tackling the problems to come with the reconvening of Congress.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy tonight and Friday, probably

Laborites Resolve To Make Good Showing In The General Elections

Lost 149 Seats In Wednesday's Balloting In London And
Number In Other Boroughs—London Is Intensely Hostile
To Labor.

Young Daniels Unearths Good Story For "World"

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Declaring it obtained its information from Joseph Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, and his son, Jonathan, a student at Columbia University, The New York World today printed a story charging Deputy Attorney General Gilbert had evolved a "partisan" plan to employ republican students at the university as special deputies and investigators at the polls next Tuesday.

The young men would be paid at the rate of \$10 a day out of a \$100,000 fund authorized by the legislature for ballot purging purposes. The World charges.

Young Daniels, according to The World, heard that some of his fellow students at Columbia law school were going to make some "easy money" at election time and inquired how he might do likewise. He was referred to Miss Edith E. Fairchild, secretary to Dean Stone, of the law school, who, The World says, admitted she was making up such a list.

"But you're a Southerner and they're all democrats," Miss Fairchild said to Young Daniels, as quoted in The World.

"Why yes," he replied, and Miss Fairchild then told him it would do no good for him to apply. The young man told his father, who had occurred and the elder Daniels informed The World.

DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS ON ARMISTICE DAY TO BE BIGGEST IN THE STATE

Committee Contracts For
Large Supply Of Holi-
day Pyrotechnics.

GALA DECORATIONS:

All Preparations For Gaston's
Big Day Move For-
ward Smoothly.

Miles J. Rudisill, chairman of the fireworks and decoration committee having in charge the Armistice Day program for Gastonia, states that the fireworks on the night of the 11th will be the most spectacular and elaborate fireworks ever set off in the state of North Carolina. The committee has already purchased a large quantity of fireworks, included in the lot being 176 large pieces such as a fight between airplanes, Niagara Falls illumination, a battle scene and many other specimens of highly colored pyrotechnics. This display will undoubtedly be one of the biggest features of the Armistice Day celebration in Gastonia and will be worth coming miles to see.

REPUBLICANS SPEND MORE THAN AMOUNT RECEIVED

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Republican national committee spent \$11,856,12 more than it received during the week ending October 31, according to the second report on campaign contributions, which was filed with the clerk of the house of representatives in Washington today.

Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, national treasurer, advanced that amount to make good the deficit, the report shows. The first report, filed a week ago, showed Mr. Upham had advanced \$25,000 for the same purpose.

Today's statement shows receipts of \$19,725,50 since the previous report, and disbursements of \$31,581,62.

Samuel Insull, president of the Commonwealth Edison Company, of Chicago, led the list of donors with a \$5,000 contribution. R. W. Bliss, of Washington, gave \$3,000; E. F. Carry, of Chicago, \$2,000; Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago, \$1,900 and Hoffman Nickerson, New York, \$1,000.

LONDON, Nov. 2. — (By The Associated Press.) — Stunned by the heavy downfall of their candidates in the municipal elections throughout England yesterday, the laborites intensified the political campaign with the hope of making a better showing in the general election for parliament November 15.

In yesterday's balloting the laborites lost 149 seats which they had previously held in London and about 160 seats which they had occupied in eighty boroughs outside the capital, for the most part in such large cities as Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Derby, Nottingham, Plymouth, Southampton and Portsmouth.

Although nominally considered purely municipal issues, the local contests such as those held yesterday are generally regarded and sometimes are an index to existing political tides. This time the news was watched with intense curiosity as a possible forecast of labor's chances in the coming general election.

While it undoubtedly would be rash to assume that labor is doomed to the same fate at the parliamentary polls as it suffered yesterday, nevertheless the outcome of the local elections has certainly made labor's prospects for parliament very discouraging.

In some instances laborite representation was completely wiped out in the municipal elections, but at other polls labor held its own and even made a few gains.

London was intensely hostile to labor. The general feeling in the capital was manifested by the way the voters flocked to the polls despite the raw wind and furious rains. Ordinarily the voters in London stay indoors for the most part when municipal elections fall on such a day. This time, however, the local political fights seem to stir the electors quite deeply.

The partisan for and against labor is little stronger today than the attention focused on the wrangle between the Lloyd Georgean liberals and the conservatives. The political writers rarely do not seem to know what is going on behind the scenes. Some of them say Sir George Younger has won his fight and that Lloyd George has decided to abandon his idea of "spreading the war" against the conservatives. Others declare just as emphatically that the fallen premier has taken a very determined attitude and has decided to nominate additional candidates against conservatives.

On the whole, however, the general tendency is toward the belief that the Lloyd George threat of reprisals will not be carried out and that his trouble with the conservatives will somehow be smoothed over.

Some observers profess to see a revival of harmony between Lloyd George and his former colleagues in the statement made yesterday by Sir Robert S. Horne, who although he was one of the most faithful followers of the little Welshman, informed a Glasgow audience he was still a unionist and that if elected he would sit on the unionist side of the House and give his general support to Prime Minister Bonar Law.

The illness of Lloyd George attracts much attention. His cold and throat trouble is said by some really to be a symptom of a slower health due to fatigue. That he is tired was obvious to those who saw him during his recent visit to Scotland.

Beginning tomorrow morning the city will be decorated for the celebration in an unusually elaborate manner. Last year's decorations elicited much comment from hundreds of outsiders, but this year's decorations, according to the committee, will make last year's look like 50 cents. One of the largest decorating concerns in the United States has been employed to do this decorating and their men will start to work tomorrow.

All preparations for this big event are going ahead rapidly and smoothly. The parade promises to be not only one of the largest but in every respect one of the finest ever seen in the state. It is being staged under the direction and auspices of Gaston Post No. 23, American Legion, and the boys are all enthusiastically working to make it a grand success.

PUBLIC DEBT SHOWS INCREASE IN OCTOBER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. — An increase of more than \$265,000,000 in the public debt during October is shown by figures made public today by the treasury.

On October 31 the gross public debt stood at \$23,077,000,000, as compared with \$22,812,000,000 on September 30, and with \$23,459,000,000 on October 31, 1921.

REPUBLICANS ALARMED OVER STRENGTH SHOWN BY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Daugherty's Canton Speech
Alienated Many Labor
Voters And Hurt Ticket.

FARMERS DISSATISFIED.

In New York There Is A
Chance Of Smith De-
feating Miller.

(By C. W. Gilbert, in Greensboro News.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—There has been some stiffening up of the Democratic campaign in the last few days and an improvement of Democratic prospects in several states. The Republican campaign reached its peak last week.

This is notably true in Ohio, where the Republicans have put forth immense efforts only to feel genuinely alarmed over the prospects next Tuesday. Disquieting reports were received today from Ohio by the administration supporters.

They are unable to tell why things are going badly in the president's own state. But conditions there admittedly are much worse than in the neighboring middle western states. No one for example questions the election of Beveridge in Indiana though Indiana is a much closer state politically than Ohio while the reelection of Pomerene, Democrat, to the senate in Ohio is now feared by the Republican managers.

Politically this is not quite so serious as would also be the election of the Democratic candidate for governor, Donaghy, in addition, Pomerene is popular in Ohio. He is already senator. His success was discounted from the first. But a Democratic victory on the state ticket is now reported as probable. And this will be demoralizing to President Harding's friends.

Republicans Make Mistake.
The Republicans have made mistakes in their drive to win the president's state. It is now conceded that Attorney General Daugherty's speech at Canton on October 21 in defense of the rail strike injunction alienated many labor votes from the Republican ticket.

Labor was not pleased with either candidate for senator in Ohio. It was inclined to split its vote between the two parties but Daugherty's speech is said to have decided many Republican labor voters to go over to Pomerene.

Another weakness of the Republican ticket in Ohio is the disaffection of the farmer. Something of the spirit which is moving the farmers of Iowa and Nebraska exists in Ohio. In addition the present Republican administration of Ohio is unpopular with the farmers on account of high taxes. Donaghy, the Democratic candidate for governor, is a labor man and radical. He attracts disaffected labor and disaffected farmers alike.

In New York the improvement in Democratic chances is reflected in the improved odds on Smith, now it is granted that the fight is even. No one would be surprised to see Smith the victor.

Nebrawka is another state in which the Democrats have pulled themselves together through the mastery politics of Senator Hitecock, who is trying to succeed himself. He and Bryan have forgotten their old quarrels. Hitecock has become as dry as Bryan himself and is doing his best to elect Bryan's brother, Charles, to the governorship. In return Bryan is lifting up his voice in behalf of Hitecock.

Jim Reed Will Win.
In Missouri Jim Reed seems to have won his fight to return to Washington. And in North Dakota the combination of the conservatives on the Democratic candidate for the senatorship, O'Connor, promises to defeat the radical Republican non-partisan league Premier.

These developments, altogether, have tended to indicate more vitality in the Democratic party than a fortnight was believed to be in it. They will not, however, alter greatly the prospect the Republicans in the senate. The Republicans will retain their present majority in the upper house or increase it by two or more votes.

Democratic victories in Ohio and New York would, however, narrow the Republican majority in the house below the 40 or more upon which the Republicans are now counting. Probably 25 will be nearer the actual figure than the 40 the Republicans expect.

The moral effect of the carrying of Ohio both on the governorship and senatorship, the carrying of New York on the governorship, and of New Jersey on the senatorship by the Democrats would be very great. The minority would enter the national campaign of 1924 with the prestige of victories in important states ordinarily Republican.

COTTON MARKET

GASTONIA COTTON.
Today Receipts.....115 Bales
Price.....24 Cents

CLOSING BIDS ON THE
NEW YORK MARKET
NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Cotton futures closed steady, 35 points up.