

Ranks Famed Battalion Of Death Are Thinning

Most Gallant and Resourceful of All in the Group Who Fought Versailles Treaty Fell in Death of Senator Medill McCormick

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Washington, Feb. 27.—The death of Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois marks a further disintegration of the famous "battalion of death" which some 25 years ago set out to kill the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations while those instruments of the peace following the war were still in their formative stages.

Within the year Washington has seen the passing of three of the famous half dozen. Henry Cabot Lodge, plumed knight of the battalion by reason of his position as chairman of the committee on foreign relations, died last November. He had been preceded in October by Senator Frank Brandegee of Connecticut, who died by his own hand. And now Medill McCormick, in many ways the most gallant and resourceful fighter of them all, has come suddenly to his last reward.

There remain of the outstanding figures in the battalion, Borah of Idaho, who has succeeded Lodge in charge of foreign relations; Hiram Johnson of California, who has burst forth but once recently, and Jim Reed of Missouri, the Democratic ally of the Republican super-isolationists. It is a somewhat motley trio, but the work of the battalion virtually is complete. It is just a matter of days of "standing pat."

Medill McCormick was a far more indefatigable foe of the League of Nations than Cabot Lodge. He had a far more intimate first hand knowledge of Europe. He had always been an inveterate traveler. Further he was a student of the modern languages and could talk to the peoples of other countries in their own tongues. He was not all dependent upon the polite English phrases learned by education of visitors and tourists. McCormick was one of the Senators constantly building a fire under Mr. Lodge, who sometimes weakened in his resolve against the treaty, or was reported to be weakening.

Medill McCormick was one of the liveliest figures in Washington life. The capital had not mourned deeply his death for it belonged to the Senate, for it felt the young Chicagoan was too wealthy, too resourceful, too nervously energetic to remain long out of public life, and it was also known that he planned to spend a good part of each year in Washington.

Medill McCormick was never dull, never at a loss for self-motivated wit or another's. Once, when things seemed ineffably dull here at the capital, Medill turned up from some far corner of the earth wearing a beard so long and straggly and as fiery red as any hirsute appendage ever seen on Pennsylvania Avenue. It gave him such a benign expression the report spread that he had been attending the pension play at Oberammergau. After shocking and surprising his friends and being duly photographed for posterity, Mr. McCormick parted with the whiskers and they were seen no more. After that his toilet was the most immaculate in the Senate, not excepting Cabot Lodge or Tom Helin of Alabama.

The capital got another great laugh when McCormick another day and solemnly charged that the American State Department was honeycombed with "Lotophagians." That was in the pre-war puzzle days, but it sent all official Washington scurrying to the encyclopedias and the dictionaries and the gazetteers. The searchers found that the lotophagians were the exact antithesis of McCormick, who ate anything but live in dreamy indolence.

McCormick was always surprising, always delightful, and while respected as a fighter, he was none the less very universally beloved. American official life is the poorer for his going. Few men of 47 have left such an impression on the capital.

LITTLE HOPE FOR MUSCLE SHOALS NOW

Washington, Feb. 27.—There seems to be little hope of a break in the legislative jam to permit action on the conference report of the Muscle Shoals leasing bill.

INDIANA SENATORS WIN THEIR POINT

Datyon, O., Feb. 27.—The Indiana Democratic Senators won their point last night and left Indianapolis assured that the bill which caused their revolt would not pass.

EIGHTY-FOUR LOST IN FIERCE GALES

Hull, Eng., Feb. 27.—Eighty-four men are believed to have been lost in the fierce gales which have swept Iceland fishing grounds during the past four days. Several vessels have been lost.

FARM BOYS CAN WIN SCHOLARSHIP

County Agent G. W. Falls Urges Boys of Pasquotank to Enter Contest

"Farm boys of Pasquotank County have an opportunity of winning a \$600 scholarship to State College beginning with the term of 1925," says G. W. Falls, County agent.

"The Nitrate Agency has offered a \$600 scholarship to State College to the boy who produces the highest yield of corn per acre on a five acre plot.

"This offer is open to farm boys who expect to enter college during the year 1925. The prize is distributed as follows: first year \$150; second year \$150; third year \$150; fourth year \$150.

"There is no doubt that a number of farm boys in Pasquotank County contemplate entering College next year and every one should try for the prize that is being offered.

"You are sure to win regardless of the prize that is offered by the Nitrate Agency. The yield that you make will give you a greater determination to be a good farmer and a larger net profit from your crop than the average.

"The corn produced in this section costs the grower from sixty to ninety cents per bushel, while a number of boys have proven that corn can be grown for 30 cents per bushel. Therefore, with our fertile soils, some boy from this section should make a good showing or win the prize that is being offered.

"If you are interested in the above contest see your County Agent."

WHOLESALE GROCERY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Winston Salem, Feb. 27.—The wholesale grocery building of Vaughn and Company was destroyed by fire today causing a loss of \$109,000 partially covered by insurance.

BOLL WEEVIL STILL HERE SAYS SHERMAN

Foe of the Pest Urges Preparedness This Year Instead of Too Much Optimism

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—"The feeling that damage from boll weevils will be light in 1925 is the hope which has no certain basis, and it may easily result in unpreparedness and bitter disappointment," says Franklin Sherman, Chief of the Division of Entomology for the North Carolina Experiment Station. "The most important factor in weevil damage is the weather of July and August," continued Mr. Sherman. "Some lesser factors, which we already know to be true are as follows: (1) Weevils rapidly increased in numbers last fall. They were numerous at the ins. and it is more than probable that a normal number went into hibernation. (2) Thus far the winter has been favorable for weevil hibernation and we are not likely to have it cold enough to kill weevils between now and the cotton season. (3) It has been the experience of all similar states south of us that very heavy weevil injury has occurred within three years after the state was entirely occupied by the weevil; we have now passed two of those years, this is the third and perhaps we are now due for trouble."

Prof. Sherman states that the Agricultural Extension Service of State College will soon issue a printed circular on "Boll-Weevil Program for 1925," which will be sent to all county agents. Farmers, bankers, merchants and others concerned may secure copies of this circular on application. It was prepared by workers in the Division of Agronomy and Entomology, and by Director I. O. Schaub of the Extension Service.

FIGURE IT OUT

Miss Ruth Davis' marriage to her stepbrother, Andrew Jenn Stormfelt, at Kansas City, Mo., made her mother also her stepmother and her mother-in-law, and her stepfather her father-in-law. She is her own step-sister-in-law. Figure it out.

Quick, Someone, a Contract!



Queenie Thomas, who has been delighting stage audiences in London with her beauty, plans to come to America if she can get a contract. London critics call her the most beautiful English actress.

Happy In Sacrifice Of Maternity To Citizenship

Pretty Twenty-Year-Old Russian Girl Undergoes Operation and Wins Long Battle for Right to Live With Her Parents Who Are Naturalized Americans

By EDNA MARSHALL.
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New York, Feb. 27.—It is a strange spectacle being shown here—the smiling, radiant joy of a little Russian girl from Olean, New York, 20 years old and pregnant, who has sacrificed, under a surgeon's knife, the hope of motherhood for the privilege of being an American citizen—and has just heard that she has won.

Paula Patton will have few of the joys known to other girls. Love, a home of her own, and children will be denied her. Yet they are not too much to give for the privilege of living in America, away from the horrors of Bolshevik Russia, a return to which she has been fighting for 11 long years.

There was a pathetic scene in the New York hotel room where Paula had been awaiting word of Washington's final decision on her case. In order to be near the Ellis Island Immigration port if the Government still insisted she was an imbecile, and ordered her to go. Paula was so tired and worried with 11 years of waiting that she literally tottered.

Then the expected messenger arrived. The Secretary of Labor had decided she might stay. Tears rose to her eyes. Then quickly, she laughed and planned a big dinner party to which the bearer of her good news must come.

Paula came to this country in 1914 with her mother, young sister and brother to join her father, Hyman Patton, who had come years before. The other three were passed by immigration officials, but Paula was detained, declared an imbecile and ordered her to go to Koyva, Russia. She had hardly started when she was declared, her ship put back to port and she was temporarily allowed to join her family.

Followed a series of legal battles with the immigration authorities to gain permanent admittance. Handicapped by an impediment in speech induced by paralysis of the vocal chords suffered when a child, Paula tried first to get a visa, but failed at Ellis Island, and failed consistently. She could not speak the answers although she knew what they were.

Her Olean teachers declared Paula was "mentally alert," but only found speech hard. Psychologists pronounced her "bright." Her note books were shown to President Coolidge. Her friends in Olean, found her interesting. And Congressman Daniel A. Reed took up the battle for her.

Through court after court the matter was argued—with always the same result. Paula must go back to Russia where she had no friends or work. She might become a public charge, the declaration always read—although her father is a wealthy man—and she might help the spread of feeble-mindedness in this country. So she must go.

A few months back Paula made her big decision. Torn between her love of home and parents and the immigration department's de-

McCORMICK FUNERAL SERVICES ARE SIMPLE

Chicago, Feb. 27.—All stations of civil and political life of the nation, state and city were represented here today at the simple funeral services for Senator Medill McCormick. The body was entombed in the Rockwell cemetery here until the final burial at Chicago.

DRAMATIC CLUBS TO PRESENT COMEDIES

The girls and boys dramatic clubs of the Elizabeth City High school are preparing to present a highly entertaining program at the school auditorium next Thursday evening.

EMPEROR TO EDENHOUSE FERRY SERVICE RESUMED

The Coastal Highway pier at both Edenhouses and Emperor has been extended to deeper water according to reports received here, thus making possible the immediate resumption of ferry service between these points. Only 15 minutes is now required to cross the river by ferry between these points.

When the regular ferry boat plying between Edenhouses and Emperor had to go on the way some time ago, it was found that the boat put on in her place could not dock at the Emperor pier at low tide. Accordingly, the ferry had to operate from a landing between Edenhouses and Emperor, adding to the time required for the passage and cutting down the number of trips each way daily.

It was thought that the Edenhouses-Edenton schedule would have to be maintained until the regular ferryboat came off the ways, but the extending of the pier effected an earlier solution of the difficulty.

A SON IS BORN AT BILTMORE TODAY

Asheville, Feb. 27.—A son was born to Mrs. John F. A. Cecil, formerly Cornelia Vanderbilt, at Biltmore House here today.

The child weighed eight and one-half pounds. Physicians reported mother and child doing well. Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, widow of the late George W. Vanderbilt, is with her daughter, Lord Cecil, who was the first secretary of the British embassy at Washington last April, is also at home.

PICTURES FOR TONIGHT

Moving pictures at the First Methodist Church tonight will include: Workman's Tools, Pipes and Tubes, A Visit to Cleveland, and Andy Gump Comedy.

Miss Minneapolis



Home Building Goes On At A Tremendous Pace

Rents Have Not Come Down With Relief of Housing Shortage and One-Family Residences Going Up at Unprecedented Rate

EXPECT ARREST GUTZON BORGLUM

Police of Cincinnati Lie in Wait for Noted Sculptor While U. D. C. Takes Action

Cincinnati, Feb. 27.—Police here said last night that they would arrest Gutzon Borglum, wanted by Georgia authorities, who is reported on route here.

Atlanta, Feb. 27.—A resolution was passed last night by the Atlanta chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy demanding that a committee of sculptors pass upon the work already done, and that an immediate audit of the books of Stone Mountain memorial be made.

BOTH MEN CLAIMING HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP

Washington, Feb. 27.—Nicholas Longworth of Ohio and Martin B. Madden of Illinois each are today claiming the victory in the speakership contest which is to be decided tonight at a caucus of Republican members-elect of the House.

PRINCE OF WALES SENDS HIS CHECK

New York, Feb. 27.—The New York Newspaper Pressmen's Union was spared the necessity of suspending the Prince of Wales today when his check for seven dollars to pressmen's dues was received from him.

VETERANS' RE-UNION BE HELD AT WILSON

Wilson, Feb. 27.—The annual reunion of the North Carolina division of Confederate Veterans will be held here May 27, 28 and 29. The visitors will be the guests of the John W. Dunham Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and all members in the county will assist in entertaining the visitors. Committees have been appointed and plans for the reunion are going forward rapidly. It was announced here today.

REV. W. A. PILAND DEAD

Goldsboro, Feb. 27.—Rev. W. A. Piland of the Stedman circuit died yesterday at Stedman. He leaves a widow and three children, M. G. Piland, J. H. Piland, and Miss Edith Piland. The funeral was conducted here today by Rev. J. D. Bundy.

GOVERNOR MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Consolidation into one department of all revenue collecting functions of the departments of State, revenue and insurance, transfer of banking activities of the State to the treasurer, and appointment of a commission to fix the salaries of all State employees, was recommended by the Governor to the General Assembly today.

THE WOMAN PAYS IN THE WATSON AFFAIR

Charlotte, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Thomas J. Watson, wife of the man who yesterday was acquitted of second degree murder of Joseph E. Mott, was today sentenced to serve not less than a year in the Mecklenburg Industrial Home following her conviction of improper conduct.

Watson brought the charges against her on the night he shot Mullenbough. Watson was fined \$500 for carrying a concealed weapon.

JAPAN CONSIDERS LAND OWNERSHIP

Tokyo, Feb. 27.—The government has submitted to the diet a long contemplated land ownership bill. The measure is reciprocal in principle, forbidding title to national land laws of those countries exclude Japanese from ownership.

HANGED FOR MURDER OF FELLOW PRISONER

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 27.—Clarence Bailey was hanged in the county jail today for the murder of James Calpepper, fellow prisoner in Kilby Prison in 1923.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 27.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 23.35, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: March 25.07, May 25.25, July 25.57, Oct. 25.04, Dec. 25.08. New York, Feb. 27.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 25.16, May 25.42, July 25.63, Oct. 25.25, Dec. 25.26.

New York, Feb. 27.—At 11:30 today cotton futures stood as follows: March 25.13, May 25.27, July 25.63, Oct. 25.14, Dec. 25.17.