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H. H. ROGERS IS DEAD

SUDDEN SUMMONS COMES TO STANDARD OIL MAN.

Prominent as a Capitalist--Chief Promoter and Moving Spirit in Amalgamated Copper Company and Assistant to John D. Archbald.

Henry H. Rogers, the Standard Oil capitalist, died at his home, 3 East Seventy-eighth street, New York City, about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Rogers arose, as he usually did, about 5 o'clock. At 6 o'clock he complained of feeling ill and a physician was hurriedly summoned. His heart action was weak and it was apparent he was suffering from a stroke of apoplexy. In spite of all that could be done for him, Mr. Rogers sank rapidly and the end came peacefully at 7 o'clock. This was the second illness of this nature suffered by Mr. Rogers, the other having occurred in July, 1907. Following the seizure of apoplexy his affairs in order and he has been out of the stock market entirely for months. His interests in all of the corporations with which he had been identified have been placed in other hands during the last year. This step was taken in order to safeguard his properties in the event of sudden death.

The news of the death was a surprise to Wall Street. Mr. Rogers was at the office of the Standard Oil company Tuesday and appeared to be in good spirits. His health had been falling somewhat for several years and he had curtailed his financial operations to some extent on that account, but he continued to perform the duties of vice president of the Standard Oil company.

Mr. Rogers was for many years one of the most prominent financiers of the country. He took a leading part in all of the enterprises undertaken by the Standard Oil group of capitalists, was vice president of the Standard Oil company and was the active spirit in the organization of the Amalgamated Copper company, of which he was president up to the time of his death. He also was interested in a number of railroads, serving as a member of the board of directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the Union Pacific.

DICKINSON BECOMES ILL

Mayflower Sails at Once from Havana on Way Home.

The visit of the American secretary of war, Jacob M. Dickinson, to Havana has been cut short, owing to his illness, and the United States converted yacht Mayflower, on which he arrived there Tuesday, sailed at 10 o'clock Wednesday night with the secretary and party aboard. Secretary Dickinson will be taken direct to Washington.

It was the original intention of the secretary to remain in Havana until Friday to await the arrival of Postmaster Gen. Hitchcock, who left Washington Tuesday. Maj. Gen. Franklin Bell and the other members of the party went ashore Wednesday morning and called upon President Gomez. They visited Camp Columbia and other points of interest.

TRIAL OF JAMES SHARP.

Selection of Jury to Pass on Fanatic's Case Progresses Slowly.

"I guess these people in the court room criticize me and believe I am heartless because I don't take interest in what is going on here," said James Sharp, or "Adam God," as he calls himself, at Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday in the criminal court, where he and his wife are on trial accused of the murder of a policeman in the religious riot in Kansas City last winter.

"I don't put my faith in lawyers or men," Sharp continued. "I do what God tells me to do and follow where he leads. It grieves me to see the lawyers, the judge and the jurors groping in the dark. They are blind. They can not see God as I see him."

The securing of a jury is progressing slowly.

Salvation Army Officers Meet.

Four hundred officers of the Salvation army were in attendance at the annual national congress of the western American district, which opened a five days' meeting at Chicago Wednesday.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.55. Top hogs, \$7.15.

Coal Steamer Aground.

The Italian steamer Lazio, from Philadelphia for Genoa with 6,900 tons of bituminous coal, has beached on the Delaware river, forty miles below Philadelphia. The steamer struck an obstruction.

Ohio Town Nearly Wiped Out.

The town of Alger, twelve miles west of Kenton, O., was almost entirely wiped out by fire Wednesday. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

MILLION DOLLAR COLLAPSE.

Firm of Tracy & Co. Goes Into Receiver's Hands.

In the appointment Monday of a receiver for Tracy & Co., members of the New York stock exchange and the Chicago board of trade, Wall Street had a million dollar failure. While no announcement as to the exact cause of the failure has been made, E. A. Benedict, the receiver, said Monday night that he understood that money lost in backing a local taxicab concern figured in the outside ventures. The firm has no stock exchange obligations. The total liabilities are estimated at \$1,000,000; the assets at \$200,000. The sums are approximated.

News of the firm's failure came out with the filing of an involuntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court Monday afternoon, but as it was rather late no official notice was received at the stock exchange. Mr. Benedict was quickly named as receiver and gave bond for \$50,000.

There were but three petitioning creditors and their claims, as stated, are inconsiderable.

The firm of Tracy & Co. was organized in 1905. It consists of William W. Tracy, R. D. Covington and Frederick W. Parker. Mr. Parker was the board member. Messrs. Tracy and Covington were in conference with the receiver during the afternoon, but they declined to make any statement. Mr. Parker has been abroad for several months.

Among stock exchange houses with Chicago connections the embarrassment of the firm caused little surprise. The situation is regarded by friends of Mr. Tracy as a result, at least in part, of proposed taxicab legislation pending before the local board of aldermen. As no official notice was received the firm was not suspended from the stock exchange Monday afternoon. Besides New York offices, the firm has maintained branches in Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Ky.; Milwaukee, Wis., and New Haven, Conn.

MADE INSANE BY "GHOST."

Murderer Thought Man He Killed Had Returned.

Redeemed insane by the appearance of the twin brother of his victim, whom he believed was the ghost of the man he had murdered, Antonio Aguilera, of Zacatecas, Mex., fell to his knees pleading for mercy and babbling the story of his crime. Until that moment the murder of Eustacia Aguilera had been veiled in mystery. Eustacia's twin brother, Juan, who had been absent from home for years, returned to the city Sunday and accidentally met his uncle, Antonio. The latter did not know of the return of Juan and when he saw him on the street his resemblance to the murdered man was so striking that he thought that the spirit of the nephew he had killed had returned to haunt him. Prostrating himself, he begged to be killed. He was taken into custody and is believed to be hopelessly insane.

SIX SAWMILLS SEIZED.

Federal Court Charges Timber Depredations in Oklahoma.

Deputy United States Marshal Bacon Monday seized 5,000,000 feet of lumber, six sawmills and other property of the Pine Hill and Walker Hopkins Lumber companies and other small concerns in Oklahoma.

The deputy acted in accordance with writs issued by the United States district court after an investigation by J. M. Mueller, a special agent of the department of the interior, relating to conditions in the timber reservation of the Choctaw nations. The Mueller report is complete and will be filed next week. The investigation was caused by charges of unlawful depredations of timber on the reservation.

Murders His Wife.

George Burgo, a carpenter out of employment, returned to his home near Atlanta, Ga., Monday, and entering through a rear window, went to his wife's room and stabbed her to death. He then went to the room of his stepson and after a desperate struggle stabbed and seriously injured him. Burgo then made his escape.

Maine Lumber Cut.

With the season's lumber cutting operations practically at an end, it is estimated that the cut in Maine this year amounted to about 700,000,000 feet. As compared with other seasons these figures show no appreciable change. Much of the lumber cut will be taken to the pulp mills to be converted into paper.

Negro Killed by Officer.

A negro who threatened to kill the officer as he was placed under arrest while disposing of gold watches was shot and killed Monday at California, Pa., near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dies of Yellow Fever.

Dr. Wm. Wightman, of the American marine hospital service, died at Guayaquil, Ecuador, Monday of yellow fever after an illness of five days.

Shoots Her Brother-in-Law.

Mrs. Herbert Burnett of Carmel, Ill., shot and killed her brother-in-law, John Burnett, after he had stabbed her husband and threatened to murder the whole family.

Tents for Grand Army Men.

Resolutions were passed by the house Monday authorizing the secretary of war to loan tents and tents for the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City.

RAILWAYS TO FIGHT.

Seven Lines Seek to Enjoin Commerce Commission.

A petition was filed in the United States circuit court at Chicago Tuesday by seven western railroads asking an order restraining the interstate commerce commission from enforcing its order reducing class rates on merchandise shipped from Chicago and St. Louis to Denver.

The order of the commission will become effective June 1. It was issued in the Kindel case March 28. The railroads seeking relief from this are the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy; the Chicago and Northwestern; the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe; the Missouri Pacific and the Wabash.

The directors claim that the new rates will give Chicago shippers an advantage of 25 cents a hundred pounds in rates over Missouri river shippers and an advantage to St. Louis shippers of 23 cents a hundred pounds. It is alleged in the petition that the loss to the seven railroads annually will amount to \$1,000,000 if the commission's order is allowed to become effective.

The railroads maintain that the middle west has grown as a result of the existing rates and that the commission now seeks to change the system with a result tending to give advantage to the east.

The lower rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission are alleged by the seven railroads to be unreasonably low and are in violation of the constitution. It is charged that they will destroy the Missouri river territory as a rate basing point, overturning the basis upon which the commerce and business of that territory have been conducted since the building of the railroads. The new rates, it is said, will prove so revolutionary as to disturb all commercial conditions of the middle west.

PRISON DOORS ARE OPENED.

Stoessel and Nébogatoff Freed by the Czar.

Lieut. Gen. Anatole Stoessel and Rear Admiral Nébogatoff have been released from confinement in the fortress of Port Arthur to the Japanese. The health of both men has been gravely affected by their confinement.

Gen. Stoessel was found guilty by court martial of surrendering the fortress of Port Arthur to the Japanese and was serving a sentence of ten years' imprisonment. Nébogatoff was sentenced to be interned in a fortress for the same length of time for surrendering to the enemy at the battle of the Sea of Japan. Stoessel began his sentence on March 26, 1908, while Nébogatoff took up his quarters in the fortress on April 15, 1907.

Rear Admiral Gregorieff and Lieut. Smynorsk, subordinate officers under Nébogatoff in the Russo-Japanese war, were pardoned and released from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul a month ago. These officers had been sentenced to death for having surrendered their commands, but in view of extenuating circumstances their sentences were commuted.

SHUNNED THE WORLD.

A "Wild Man" is Captured in the Swamps of Mississippi.

Sheriff John Laird has captured in the swamps near Prentiss, Miss., a man who had shunned all civilization for five years, and whose occasional presence in isolated communities near there, with his unkempt and almost weird appearance, earned for him the title of the "wild man." He was covered with only a scanty portion of garments, his nails were five inches long and his hair and beard reached almost to his waist. He refused to eat cooked food when it was offered him. He was identified as Marvin Whitehead, whose relatives have long been in search for him.

Chicago Fires Work of Incendiary.

Four fires in Chicago Tuesday, believed to have been of incendiary origin, and in which one life was lost and property valued at \$100,000 was destroyed, caused increased activity in the search for Andrew Hanson, a pyromaniac, who recently escaped from the asylum at Elgin.

Will Pay Life for Murder.

The sentence of death against Claude Brooks, a Kansas City negro, was affirmed by the Missouri supreme court Tuesday. Brooks, who murdered Sydney Herndon, will be hanged at Kansas City June 30, according to the decision of the court.

George Meredith Very Ill.

George Meredith, the English novelist, is seriously ill. The octogenarian author was taken ill May 14, since when he has gradually grown worse.

Alfonso Opens Exposition.

King Alfonso inaugurated the Regional exposition at Valencia, Spain, Tuesday. It was followed by a flower fête.

Drinks Acid on Day Set for Wedding.

While his 19-year-old bride to be, Miss Elizabeth Constable, waited anxiously for him to come to take her to the church at Lees Summit, Mo., where they were to be married Tuesday, Benjamin Irvine, aged 34, a farmer, took carbolic acid in his home near there and died a few hours later. No cause is known for the suicide.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

LOW COMBINATION RATES.

Western Railroads Probably Will Reduce Fare to Chicago.

That the western railroads will soon announce a combination passenger rate to New York and other eastern points on the basis of a \$16 round trip fare to Chicago from Missouri river points is the belief of W. H. Howland, of Omaha, traveling passenger agent for the Pennsylvania lines.

The regular round trip rate to Chicago from Omaha is now \$20.50, and a corresponding rate is charged from other Missouri river points. It is proposed to cut this fare to \$15 on business destined for extreme eastern points.

It is not only declared that the roads are planning to make this combination rate from Missouri river points, but that they will put these tickets on sale at cities farther west, the reduction, however, to be in effect only east of the Missouri river.

According to Mr. Howland, the many conventions being held in the west this year are turning the course of travel in that direction. The roads leading east are preparing to offer inducements which will take some of the traffic eastward. The Pennsylvania lines have announced special rates from Chicago to New York and other eastern points, and it is understood that they are willing to co-operate with these eastern lines in making low rates from the middle west.

LAND OWNERS FAVOR DRAINAGE.

Nemaha River Commission Makes Progress in Its Work.

The committee selected at the drainage meeting in Tecumseh a week ago to select the land owners along the Nemaha river bottoms in Johnson county has put in a good week's work. The reports are most encouraging. Almost every one of the committee members finds the land owners for the most part to be in favor of the project to completion. It will mean much to the county in general and to the owners of bottom lands in particular. It is possible to prevent the Nemaha from bottom overflowing, and a pertinent opinion is to the effect that it is a large per cent of the very richest farm lands in the county will be reclaimed.

The possibilities in the way of crop production on these rich lands, with the water kept off the fields, is almost incomprehensible. The values of these lands would double the moment it is demonstrated that the water is controlled, and the outlay to secure the result in proper drainage would amount to but little. If the figures of experienced men can be counted.

REV. MR. CROFTS DEAD.

Neligh Congregational Pastor Expires at Advanced Age.

Rev. G. W. Crofts, D. D., pastor of the Congregational church at West Point, died Monday of pneumonia in that town at an advanced age. His health had been failing for some time, but his demise occurred quite unexpectedly, his friends and the congregation looking forward to his complete recovery on the advent of warm weather. The doctor attending to him at West Point two days ago from Beatrice, and from the day of his arrival established himself firmly in the esteem of the community. He was a man of profound learning and deep piety and possessed the happy faculty of making friends everywhere by his cordial and unaffected manner and his Christian life. He leaves an aged widow and a married daughter. The remains will be taken east for interment.

SOLD FEED AND DRINK, TOO.

Farmer Gives Up Name of Man Who Sold Him Liquor.

Frank Riess, a German farmer, who was arrested Saturday night at Beatrice, informed the police after he had been fined \$25 and costs that he had purchased liquor of Henry Fretz, who operated a feed store at Beatrice. The officers visited Fretz's place and searched the premises. They found a barrel of pint bottles of whiskey and two quarts of beer. A warrant was sworn out for Fretz's arrest, charging him with selling liquor without a license. Riess' fine was remitted after he told the officers who sold him the liquor.

Nebraska Boy Special Agent.

Louis K. Sunderland, a former Tekamah boy, has been appointed by the United States government as special land agent to investigate land frauds in the state of Oregon at a salary of \$2,280 per annum. He has been located at Portland, Ore. Mr. Sunderland prepared for college in the Tekamah public schools.

Storn Prevented Man from Hearing It Approach.

A man by the name of Peter Johnson was run over and killed by the westbound Schuyler train. Mr. Johnson had been fishing in the Metagar creek about one-fourth mile east of Cedar Creek. When the storm came on he was running on the track for home and did not hear the approaching train. His body was badly mangled.

WIDOW IS GIVEN \$1,000,000.

"Lucky" Baldwin Heirs Effect Compromise and Save Estate.

Mrs. E. J. Baldwin is to get \$1,000,000 from the estate of the late E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin. His daughter, who at the time of her father's death was not known to be his child, Mrs. Rosella Robinson Selby, of Oakland, is to get \$225,000. The lawyers who arranged the compromise divide a fee of \$400,000. According to the terms of the will Mrs. Baldwin was left a one-third interest in property in San Francisco found to be worth only \$30,000. Mrs. Selby was left a parcel of land which was said to be worth about \$25,000.

BIG DITCH TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

Will Drain Big Area of Farm Land in Hutchinson County, S. D.

A dredging company has commenced the work of constructing an immense drainage ditch in Hutchinson county, South Dakota, southwest of Sioux Falls. The ditch will drain a large area of valuable farm land which is now out of commission because of being flooded, and will entirely remove a lake covering 1,555 acres of ground, which also will be reclaimed and made to produce crops during future seasons.

Omaha Man Dies.

J. J. Philbin, for many years a prominent ticket broker in Omaha, died Sunday night after a brief illness of hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Philbin at the time of his death was proprietor of the Midland hotel. He leaves a widow.

No Deaths from Tornado.

Delayed reports from the tornado swept section of southern Nebraska shows there were no fatalities and only two serious cases of injury. Some stock was killed and one house and a number of outbuildings were wrecked.

Gibbons to Celebrate.

Gibbons will celebrate the fourth year and is looking for challenges from neighboring baseball teams for match games on that day. The largest amount of cash ever raised there for a celebration was raised recently.

8 TO 16 YEARS IS SENTENCE FOR HAINS

Captain Convicted of Killing W. E. Annis Gets Indeterminate Term in Prison.

JUDGE DENIES A NEW TRIAL

Defendant Seems Overcome by Court's Words and Father and Brother Deeply Affected.

Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. S. A., convicted of manslaughter in the first degree for killing William E. Annis at the Bayside Yacht Club last August, was sentenced Monday by Justice Garretson in the Supreme Court in Flushing, L. I., to an indeterminate sentence of not less than eight years, nor more than sixteen years, a hard labor in State's prison.

John F. McIntyre, counsel for the defendant, made the usual motion for a new trial on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence and also contrary to law. Justice Garretson denied these motions. Mr. McIntyre then raised the point of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court over the defendant, contending that he had never been released from jurisdiction of the federal government and therefore the case was not properly before the court. Mr. McIntyre also stated that Dr. Brush, who had been an expert witness for the defense, had examined Capt. Hains since he was convicted and found him insane. Justice Garretson said there was no evidence to that effect before the court and he declined to consider the motion in regard to jurisdiction.

KILLED BY AN AUTO.

Nebraska Official Run Down Near the Capitol in Lincoln.

Christopher Shavliand, secretary of the state board of equalization, was run down and killed by an automobile at 11 o'clock Sunday night near the state capitol in Lincoln, where it is presumed he had just left his office. The machine, a large touring car, struck him full and his skull was fractured. He was placed in the car and hurried to the hospital, but died before reaching there. Herman Bernecker, the young man driving the car, had as companions another youth and two young ladies. They claimed they were moving at a low rate of speed, but admitted they had taken the automobile from the garage, where Bernecker is employed, without the knowledge of the owner. Bernecker was detained at the police station. Secretary Shavliand has been a state house attaché for over a year and was well known and a popular official.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE FAILS.

Frederick Diertz, Farmer Near Centru City, Takes Poison.

Frederick Diertz, a well-to-do German farmer, living east of Palmer, attempted suicide Saturday by taking poison. For some time he had been overdone or an underdose of the stuff, for soon after he took the drug he threw it off, and when the doctors arrived two hours later he was out of danger. Unfortunately when the man took the poison, Dr. Minnich, of Beatrice, could not be reached. Dr. Paxton could not reach the scene until two hours after the man had made the attempt to take his life. However, he was cared for by the neighbors, and with the assistance of the doctors who arrived later, he is now experiencing no ill effects. Dependency over ill health is given as the cause of the attempt.

ATTACK ON A MINISTER.

Thayer Residents Excited Over Note of Warning.

The town of Thayer is greatly excited over an attack upon Rev. M. O. Pfing, pastor of one of the churches and also teacher in the Thayer schools, Saturday night a note was written in red ink as follows and left on his doorstep:

Rev. Pfing: You are hereby requested to get out of the country in twelve hours or stand the consequences.

The note was ornamented with skull and cross bones. The sheriff of Thayer county has posted deputies, who are guarding the minister's house. Some people of the town accuse Rev. Mr. Pfing of improper conduct toward some of the pupils in the school, but he denies harm was done or intended.

PITCHER IN RAGE KILLS MOTHER

Charles Rapp of South Bend Stabs Himself to Death After Crime.

Charles Rapp, aged 32 years, well known as a former pitcher of the old South Bend Green Stockings, a crack independent base ball club, Saturday evening murdered his mother with a hammer and butcher knife and then committed suicide with the same knife, death occurring at the county jail in South Bend, Ind., where he was taken by the police. The murder was most revolting and brutal, and beyond a statement made by Rapp just before his death, that he intended "to get the whole family," there is no explanation for the crime. Until Rapp fell a victim to the liquor habit, he was one of the most popular young men in the city.

MANY HURT IN ALTON WRECK.

Train Bound for Bloomington, Ill., Leaves Thrilly in Missouri.

Between thrilly and forty persons were injured, some of them probably fatally, by the wreck of Chicago and Alton train No. 14 near Odessa, Mo., Saturday morning. The train, which left Kansas City at 8:15 p. m., was a local, bound for Bloomington, Ill. The wreck happened at Walnut Row Schoolhouse, two miles east of Odessa. The cause of the accident is not known. The train was to a up for 400 feet. The train was made up of three cars and engine. All the cars and the tender left the track. The engine stuck to the rails.

Makes Millions Aids Church.

Joseph N. Shenstone, a millionaire of Toronto, Canada, at a meeting of the laymen's missionary movement in connection with the southern Baptist convention in Louisville, declared that he had made enough money during his lifetime and that he was now going to devote his fortune and the remainder of his days to the service of God and man.

Carry Powder from Fire.

The Beamer Handle Company's factory at Manor, Pa., was destroyed by fire, which caused a loss of \$100,000. Not far away is a powder magazine, which contained 300 kegs of powder. During the progress of the fire the roof of the magazine was found to be on fire. Headless of the danger, the firemen rushed in and carried out the explosives.

Texas Prairie Fire Sweeps Country.

A disastrous prairie fire swept Country in the Panhandle of Texas, Saturday and Sunday, and Col. T. K. Herring of the firm of Herring & Laid, Amarillo, was the heaviest loser, the flames sweeping thirty sections on his ranch.

TURIST WHO SENTENCED BOYLES.



GEORGE MEREDITH IS DEAD.

Succumbs in London to Attack of Heart Disease at 81.

George Meredith died at 3:35 Tuesday morning in London. The news of the great novelist's illness caused deep and widespread regret and it had been generally feared that because of his great age—he was past 81—the chances of recovery were slight. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, following grave symptoms that developed early in the evening. Mr. Meredith's illness began on May 14 and he steadily declined since that time.

George Meredith was born Feb. 12, 1828, in the county of Hampshire, England. He was educated in Germany, but returned to England after qualifying for a university and read for the bar. He gave up this for literature after meeting with success in articles written for prominent reviews of his time. In 1851 Meredith published "Poems," his first volume of verse, and since then throughout his active literary life he published poems and books every few years. Recognition, however, was slow, and not until 1885, when "Diana of the Crossways" appeared, did he receive the recognition which was to be his until his dying day. After the success of "Diana of the Crossways" Meredith's early works were recognized as masterpieces and his novel, "The Order of Richard Laverel," is now ranked as one of his best efforts. Of his many prose works those which are declared by critics to be certain of undying fame are "The Egoist," published in 1879, "Rhoda Fleming," published in 1865, and the two books already mentioned.

FIGHT FOR THE PENNAITS.

Standing of Clubs in the Principal Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

W.	L.	W. E.
Pittsburg . . . 17	9 Boston 11	13
Chicago 12	12 Brooklyn 11	13
Phil'd'phia . . . 12	11 New York 10	13
Cincinnati . . . 13	15 St. Louis 12	17

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

W.	L.	W. E.
Detroit 17	7 Chicago 11	14
Boston 14	9 St. Louis 10	14
New York 14	9 Cleveland 9	15
Phil'd'phia 13	9 Wash'gton 6	17

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

W.	L.	W. E.
Milwaukee 18	9 Minne'polis . . . 13	14
Louisville 17	12 St. Paul 11	14
Ind'n'polis 17	14 Toledo 12	17
Kan. City 13	14 Columbus 12	19

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