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OUT BEHIND THE GARAGE



GENERAL RUCKER DIES.

Oldest Retired Officer of United States Army 98 Years of Age.

Gen. Daniel H. Rucker, the oldest retired officer of the United States army that ever lived, died at his home in Washington, D. C., aged 98 years. He was born in New Jersey and joined the army from Michigan.

Gen. Rucker was appointed second lieutenant of the First United States dragoons on Oct. 13, 1837, and ten years later became a captain. He took part in the Indian campaigns in the West and a squadron and later commanded a squadron of cavalry in the Mexican war with such gallantry that he was breveted a major. In 1861 he was appointed a brigadier general of volunteers and was again breveted major general for gallantry. For several years he was quartermaster general of the army, being retired at his own request in 1882 after more than forty years' active service. The officer was married twice. Gen. Phil Sheridan was his son-in-law.

BOY SLAYS TWO ROBBERS.

Florida Lad of 17, Guarding Building for Father, Fires Fatal Shots.

In a struggle with two safecrackers, Paul Sauls, 17 years old, who had been left to watch the postoffice building in Tallahassee, Fla., shot and killed them both in the basement of the building. The boys were only slightly injured. The crooks have not been identified. Young Sauls was on duty for his father, night watchman at the building, when he heard a knock at the door. He took up a pistol before opening it. When he did undo the fastenings he found himself looking into the barrels of two pistols. Then the men pounced on the boy. "I managed to get my pistol in a strained position and fired," said young Sauls. "The shot evidently took effect, for then only one of the men clung to me. I placed my pistol on my shoulder and fired to the rear several times, after which I was freed." A complete outfit for safe-robbing, consisting of drills, nitroglycerin, fuses, caps, soap, wax and electric searchlights, were found on the bodies of the bandits.



Carrying out the Taft plan for an economical administration, the postal committees in Congress have come to the conclusion that economies can be effected in the carrying of the mails, taking the position that the present outlay of \$40,000,000 a year on this account is excessive.

Gov. Noel of Mississippi announced the appointment of Col. James Gordon of Oklahoma to the seat in the United States Senate vacated by the death of the late Senator McLaurin, but with the understanding that it is temporary, or until the Legislature can elect a Senator to fill the unexpired term. Col. Gordon, who is 74 years old, and who served in the Confederate Army, was suspected of connection with the conspiracy against the life of Lincoln. He escaped to Canada, but later satisfied the federal military authorities that he had been wrongly accused.

Judge Young, of Dallas County, Texas, has made public a letter from Vice President Day of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, refusing to buy bonds offered by that county on the ground that certain "extraordinary laws" enacted in Texas had driven his and other life insurance companies out of the State. On that account he said that none of them would invest in Texas securities, although he admitted that the Dallas bonds were all right as an investment. The law chiefly objected to was that which requires the companies doing business in the State to invest 75 per cent of their reserve in Texas business or Texas securities.

HONORS LEW WALLACE

Indiana Unveils Statue of Soldier, Author and Diplomat in Nation's Capitol.

PROMINENT MEN SPEAKERS.

James Whitcomb Riley Reads Original Poem and Grandson of General Draws Canvas Aside.

In commemoration of his services to his State and country a statue of Gen. Lew Wallace, soldier, author and diplomat, has been placed in the capitol at Washington, making a notable addition to the galaxy of great Americans whose effigies adorn Statuary hall. Oliver P. Morton, war governor of Indiana, is the other citizen who has been honored by the Hoosier State in this manner. The unveiling was made the occasion of an imposing ceremony. Captain John P. Megrew, who served as an officer in General Wallace's command in the Civil War and is president of the Lew Wallace statue commission, presided. The figure was unveiled by Lew Wallace, Jr., grandson of the general. Gov. Thomas H. Marshall of Indiana accepted the statue on behalf of his State from the commission which had charge of its preparation.

Others who delivered eulogies were Senator Beveridge, A. Rustem Bey, charge d'affaires of the Turkish embassy, and W. H. Andrews, delegate from New Mexico. One of the most notable features of the ceremony was the reading of an original poem by James Whitcomb Riley. The statue is the work of Andrew O'Connor of Paris. It is seven feet high and the figure is clad in the uniform of a major-general of the United States.

ONE KILLED IN ST. LOUIS FIRE.

Fireman Burned to Death and Six Are Hurt in Hotel Blaze.

One fireman was burned to death, six others were injured, several women were overcome by smoke and 200 hotel guests were driven into the street with the temperature near zero early the other morning, when fire broke out in the Cambridge and Barnum hotels, in the heart of the business district of St. Louis. Harry Tasche, a lineaman, and Assistant Fire Chief Haynes broke open a door and Tasche was burned to a crisp almost instantly in the sheet of flame that shot out. Haynes fell unconscious, but was rescued. The loss was \$100,000.

OHIOANS WAR ON CIGARETTE.

Law Forbidding Youth Under 21 to Smoke in Public Places.

If a bill soon to be introduced in the Ohio Legislature becomes law, no person under 21 years of age may safely smoke a cigarette in any public place, in the State, and persons older than that will have difficulty in procuring even "the makings." The International Reform Bureau of Cleveland is preparing for a big fight against the cigarette.

Murders Bane and Ends Life.

P. B. Jones, general manager of a publishing house, shot and killed his 5-year-old child and then committed suicide in Nashville, Tenn.

Brewer Commits Suicide.

Prohibition having deprived him of a livelihood and death of his wife of many years, Frank Pabst, head brewer for the Capitol City Brewing Company in Montgomery, Ala., until put out of business by the law, placed a shotgun against his breast and killed himself.

Canadian Census 7,350,000.

The Canadian bureau of census estimates the population of Canada at the close of the year 1909 at 7,350,000. The Province of Ontario leads with 2,619,025.

INSURGENTS BEAT CANNON.

Aided by Democrats, They Take Selection of Committee from Speaker.

The first skirmish between the Republican insurgents and standpatters in Congress came off in the House the other day and the insurgents won a victory. Twenty-six Republican progressives, voting with 123 Democrats, overrode 148 Republican conservatives and took from Speaker Cannon the privilege of appointing the House representatives on the joint committee which will investigate the controversy between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Gifford Pinchot, ousted chief forester. By this close vote of 149 to 146 the House decreed that its members of the joint committee should be elected. How remains to be determined, but it probably will be by resolution prescribing the method of voting. Speaker Cannon will have absolutely no voice in the selection of the House members, except insofar as he and his organization are able to control the election.

SLAIN BY "BLACK HAND."

Masked Men Kill Merchant in Home in Wife's Sight.

Benedetto Senesi, 60 years old, a wealthy Italian merchant with a store and residence at 500 West Oak street, Chicago, was dragged from bed and murdered in the presence of his wife by three masked men, whose demand for \$5,000 in the name of the Black Hand had been ignored. As the terrified wife, 54 years old, covered under the muzzle of a revolver held near her face by a third masked man, imploring the assassins not to kill her husband, the man was seized while asleep and thrown on the floor. Then the murderers fired at him repeatedly with two revolvers. He was shot twice through the head and once through the heart.



The entire island of Lanai has been sold by W. G. Irwin to a company in Honolulu for \$25,000. Lanai is one of the smallest islands of the Hawaiian group and has an area of 150 square miles. It is the intention of the purchasers to raise cotton and other agricultural products.

A report from Constantinople states that twenty-six moslems were executed at Adana recently in connection with the April massacres. Great crowds witnessed the executions and the relatives of the condemned men, together with thousands of others joined in the manifestations of grief.

Capt. Chavez, the first Nicaraguan to reach American protection at Corinto, gave to the press by cable the first account believed to be authoritative concerning the manner of the death met by the American soldiers of the insurgent army, Cannon and Groves. It was the company commanded by Chavez which captured the Americans, Gen. Medina had caused them to be whipped and had then reported their capture to Zelaya, who wired: "Lose no time in shooting them." After an excuse for a court-martial, composed of two officers, they were condemned and Chavez was ordered to execute the sentence. He refused and was himself sent to prison. Then four soldiers of Capt. Constantino's command were told off to do the murderous work. Both were buried in the same grave.

W. Sanford Evans, formerly editor of the Toronto Mail and Empire, has again been elected mayor of Winnipeg. From the British government Canada has now purchased the cruiser Rainbow for \$929,000, to be used as a training ship in Pacific waters, while other vessels to constitute a Canadian navy are being purchased or constructed.

King Leopold, of Belgium, leaving no direct heir, the crown passes to Prince Albert, the only son of the late king's brother. The new monarch was born April 8, 1875, and on Oct. 2, 1909, married Princess Elizabeth, of Bavaria. They have three children.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of Chicago trade says:

"The annual balances proved encouraging and the New Year opened with business conditions favorable for more extended operations in the principal industries. Blizzard weather is responsible for very slow freight movements and fuel difficulties interfere with the steady operation of various plants here and at outside points. These troubles are but temporary, the volume of new demands for manufactured products continuing to show accumulation.

"Farm implement, shoe and furniture makers have much work on hand. There is also a notable increase in orders for future deliveries of electric supplies, special machinery and heavy hardware. More interest is manifested in dry goods, many dealers showing anxiety to protect themselves against rising cost tendencies and threatening shortage of certain textiles. Buying started well in footwear, woollens and apparel.

"Mercantile collections show well for both city and country, and the demand for accommodation in most of the commercial lines continues to maintain firmness in the discount rate, best named paper being quoted at 5 and 5 1/2 per cent.

"Bank clearings, \$250,497,852, are 18.9 per cent under those of the corresponding week in 1909, and compare with \$205,155,994 in 1908. The January payments include on day less than in the previous years.

"Failures reported in the Chicago district number 28, as against 19 last week, 21 in 1909 and 36 in 1908. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 5, as against 4 last week, 5 in 1909 and 7 in 1908."

NEW YORK.

The year opens with a perceptible lull in trade, though with optimism as the underlying element in all lines. Severe cold weather and heavy snow, sleet or rain storms have checked transportation and retarded country trade, though more or less immediate benefit to retail trade in cities has accrued from the stimulus given the demand for seasonable goods by the weather conditions and the beginning of clearance sales of winter goods. Wholesale lines have been generally quiet.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with Jan. 6 were 271 as against 257 last week, 729 in the like week of 1909, 435 in 1908, 283 in 1907 and 286 in 1906.

Business failures in Canada for the week numbered 33, which compares with 23 for last week and 41 for the corresponding week in 1909.—Bradstreet's.



Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$4.10; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$5.85; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$5.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.25 to \$1.27; corn, No. 2, 65c to 65c; oats, standard, 45c to 46c; rye, No. 2, 70c to 81c; hay, timothy, \$10.00 to \$10.00; prairie, \$8.00 to \$15.00; butter, choice creamery, 30c to 34c; eggs, fresh, 32c to 35c; potatoes, per bushel, 40c to 50c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.75; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$4.50 to \$9.15; sheep, good to choice, \$2.25 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 3, \$1.25 to \$1.26; corn, No. 2 white, 61c to 65c; oats, No. 2 white, 45c to 47c.

St. Louis—Cattle \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$5.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.21 to \$1.23; corn, No. 2, 65c to 66c; oats, No. 2, 47c to 48c; rye, No. 2, 77c to 79c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.30; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.24 to \$1.26; corn, No. 3 yellow, 60c to 67c; oats, standard, 47c to 48c; rye, No. 1, 79c to 81c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.15 to \$1.18; corn, No. 3, 66c to 68c; oats, standard, 45c to 47c; rye, No. 1, 78c to 80c; barley, standard, 70c to 72c; pork, mess, \$22.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$7.25; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$5.50; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$5.50; lambs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$8.20.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, \$1.21 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2 mixed, 65c to 67c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 47c to 49c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 81c; clover seed, \$8.95.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.85; sheep, \$2.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.29 to \$1.31; corn, No. 2 mixed, 65c to 66c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 46c to 47c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 82c.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$6.80; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.90; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. red, \$1.27 to \$1.29; corn, No. 2, 69c to 71c; oats, standard, white, 52c to 54c; butter, creamery, 32c to 35c; eggs, western, 33c to 37c.

Dun's Annual Review.

"Rapid and full recovery from the depression of 1908," is the comment made in the annual review of trade published by R. G. Dun & Co. on the development of 1909. The volume of bank clearings rose to a total of \$165,500,000,000, exceeding that of the previous year by \$4,400,000,000. Railroads expanded in like degree, and the advance in stock prices was remarkable in its extent, carrying several issues far above all previous records.

A steam turbine electric locomotive is being tried out in England.

The Week in Congress

The Senate Thursday was deeply stirred by the reading of a letter from Chief Forester Pinchot to Senator Dooliver warmly defending L. R. Glavis and Mr. Price, and Mr. Shaw, the minor officials connected with the Alaska coal lands cases, and upholding the criticisms of Secretary Ballinger. Mr. Pinchot went so far as to intimate that President Taft himself had acted under a misapprehension. The President's message transmitting Attorney General Wickersham's report defending Mr. Ballinger was received and the report was referred to the Committee on Public Lands. Senator Jones' resolution for investigation into this case was referred to the same committee. The Senate adjourned until Monday. In the House a resolution was adopted asking the revenue cutter service to show how much money had been spent in the recent search for John Jacob Astor's yacht Nourmahal. A resolution was introduced providing for a laboratory to study criminology. After declining to enter upon discussion of the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Humphrey the House adjourned.

The Senate was not in session Friday. In the House President Taft's special message recommending the curbing of the trusts and the regulation of railroads was received and read. The so-called "insurgent" Republicans won a victory over the conservative wing of the party, when 26 of them voted with the Democrats to take from the Speaker the right to name the House members of a joint committee that is to investigate Secretary Ballinger and Forester Pinchot. The vote stood 149 to 146.

The Senate was not in session Saturday. In the general debate on the army appropriation bill Representative Hull, of Iowa, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, explained in the House that the bill carried an appropriation of \$95,521,718 for the maintenance of the army in 1911, and stated that the estimates had been pared to the bone. Mr. Barthold indicated he would offer an amendment providing for the restoration of the army contingent. Mr. Kusterman, of Wisconsin, spoke in opposition to ship subsidy legislation. Mr. Smith, of California, spoke in opposition to the government exercising control over water power sites in the West. Mr. Goulden, of New York, spoke in favor of deeper water ways. Mr. Henry, of Texas, took the Republicans severely to task for violating the party's pledges in failing to give the country "revision downward." Adjourned until Monday.

The Senate, Monday, adopted unanimously the joint resolution providing for the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, amended so as to let the House elect, instead of the speaker appoint, the members of the House Committee, thus preventing a reopening of the fight on Speaker Cannon. The bill relieving Assistant Treasurer Borden of responsibility for the \$173,000 Chicago subway theft was passed. President Taft's railroad and anti-trust message was read as a special compliment. The House almost concluded consideration of the army appropriation bill. Mr. Mann's amendment to cut the \$1,300,000 appropriation for national guard encampments to \$1,000,000 was defeated after a lively debate. Mr. Townsend introduced the administration bill amending the interstate commerce law. Mr. Selzer introduced a joint resolution recognizing General Estrada as president of the "legitimate government" of Nicaragua.

That the committee of the Senate have not taken up the work of the session in earnest was made evident Tuesday when, after a sitting of fifty-five minutes, the calendar was exhausted, and it became necessary for the Senate to adjourn for the day. After passing the army appropriation bill, carrying the sum of \$95,200,900 for the fiscal year of 1911, the House proceeded to consideration of one of the so-called "white slave" bills. Opposition developed to that portion of the measure reported by the Immigration committee which makes it a felony for any person to assist another to go from one state to another for the purpose of engaging in prostitution. It was contended by Representatives Bartlett, of Georgia; Goebel, of Ohio; and Richardson, of Alabama, that such action would be an encroachment upon state's rights, as under the Constitution each state had the sole power to regulate its own morals. The bill still was under consideration when the House adjourned.

SHORT NEWS NOTES.

Five deaths resulted from the inauguration of the ice skating season in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The farm value of the grain alone of the corn crop in our country is more than twice the value of the cotton crop, seed and lint included. If the value of the fodder on 100,000,000 acres of corn were added to the value of the grain the total would prove beyond a doubt that corn is king of our agricultural empire.

J. Pierpont Morgan is now the foremost figure in high finance, outranking even the Rothschilds. The recent organization of the London firm by which it becomes Morgan, Grenfell & Co. places the great American financier in direct connection with the Bank of England.

According to advance crop reports from Washington, Minnesota's wheat production this year will come close to the 100,000,000-bushel mark. This establishes a new wheat record for the State, being 26,405,000 bushels above last year's product. Nearly 5,000,000 acres were given over to the raising of wheat in the Gopher State this year.