

their own hands of the famous general and his wife, was as dramatic as it was sad. The general cut his throat with a short sword and the countess committed harak-kiri. Following the Samuri custom the couple had carefully prepared their plans for killing themselves, and timed them so that they would be coincident with the departure forever from Tokio of the dead emperor.

General Nogi and the countess had attended the funeral services of Mutsuhito at the palace here today, and it was expected they would proceed to Aoyama tonight with the cortege. Instead, however, at the conclusion of the ceremony at the palace, they withdrew to their modest home in Akasaka, a suburb of Tokio, and there began their final preparations for death.

First the general wrote a letter to his new emperor, Yoshihito, which later was found beside his body. Then he draped in mourning a portrait on the wall of the late emperor and he and his wife dressed themselves in full Japanese costume and drank a farewell cup of sake from cups which had been presented to them by Mutsuhito.

Darkness had fallen, and General Nogi and the countess sat and awaited the signal they had agreed upon to announce their leave-taking. This was the booming of a single gun in the palace grounds at Tokio, which was to let the people know that the body of the emperor was starting on

the funeral car for its last resting place.

As the boom of the gun resounded through the clear still night, General Nogi arose, and grasping in his hand a short sword, plunged it into his throat while the countess stabbed herself through the body. A student who resided in the Nogi home heard the fall of the bodies and rushed into the room. Lying upon the floor were the hero of Port Arthur and his wife. Both still breathing, but their spasmodic gasps showed plainly that death was near. The student hurried for aid but when he returned, both the general and countess were dead. The tragedy created a profound sensation and expressions of sorrow were heard on every hand tonight. Especially grief-stricken was Prince Arthur of Connaught, the special envoy to the funeral of Mutsuhito of Great Britain. Prince Arthur was to have gone with General Nogi tomorrow to the former capital of the Shogunate, Kama-kura.

Those who knew General Nogi well, declared that his calmness in killing himself tonight was the kind of stoicism he always had displayed, no matter what crisis faced him. They instanced the famous charge of the Japanese up "203 Metre hill" during the Russo-Japanese war, when, as commander of the Japanese third army, Nogi saw the Russians mow down his forces in hundreds, among them two of his own sons, and yet quietly and fearlessly continued the battle, taking the hill and eventually being handed the surrender of Lieutenant General Stoessel at Port Arthur.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Viscount Chinda, Japanese ambassador here,

was inexpressibly shocked at the tragic death of General Nogi and his wife. The ambassador recalled the fact that in the days of feudal Japan when the lord of the manor died it was by no means an uncommon practice for his close dependents and friends to commit suicide in order that the spirit of the deceased should not make the last journey alone. In recent years, and in the new Japan, this custom had been generally abandoned, so that it is now a very rare occurrence. From the fact that General Nogi and his wife had lost their two sons during the Russo-Japanese war, leaving them practically without family, they had centered their affections and devotion upon the late emperor, Mutsuhito, and it was doubtless the case that upon his death the mind of the old warrior succumbed to the strain.

THE CUNNINGHAM CLAIMS

An Associated Press dispatch says: All thirty-three so-called Cunningham Alaska coal land claims, involving alleged fraudulent entries, which contributed to the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, have been disposed of finally by the interior department. The appeals have been adversely decided, and Secretary Fisher has directed the immediate execution of the decision of Commissioner Dennett, of the general land office, who held the claims were improperly allowed and that the entries should be cancelled. Secretary Fisher took this final action on his second review of the cases.

No more of the real Cunningham claims are pending, though the interior department is regularly passing upon other Alaska claims, somewhat similar to those of the Cunningham group.

Of a thousand or more such, 300 already have been disallowed.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Following are Associated Press dispatches: New York, September 8.—Twelve thousand persons have contributed thus far to the Wilson and Marshall campaign fund. The fund at present totals \$175,000. This was stated tonight at democratic national headquarters, which at the same time made public a list of contributors containing, it was stated the names of all who had contributed the sum of \$100 or more to the fund.

W. G. McAdoo, acting chairman of the democratic national committee declared that "a new political standard" had been set by this action.

"The American people," he said, "will never elect another president without knowing the sources from which financial support is drawn."

Rolla Wells, treasurer of the committee, declared that while the sum received was encouraging, it was "totally inadequate" to conduct the campaign properly, but he believed that contributions would continue.

The largest contributions thus far have been made by Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the national executive committee; F. C. Penfield, a wealthy democrat of Germantown, Pa., and Henry Goldman, a New York banker. Each gave \$10,000. Five \$5,000 contributions were received. The givers are Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, who is vice-chairman of national finance committee; Rolla Wells, former mayor of St. Louis, the national treasurer; Cleveland H. Dodge, and Jacob H. Schiff, New York bankers, and Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, national committeeman from Washington.

Among other large contributors are: James B. Regan, D. W. Hyman and Jacob Wertheim, \$2,500 each; J. N. Phelan, former mayor of San Francisco, \$2,000; William J.

Bryan, Norman E. Mack, of Buffalo, New York national committeeman; John B. Stanchfield, of New York, former democratic candidate for governor of New York and Perry Belmont, \$1,000 each.

The list includes: W. B. Oliver, Baltimore; J. S. Armstrong, Baltimore, and C. A. Culberson, Washington, \$400 each. Senator LeRoy Percy, E. R. McCalmont, W. B. Boslin, A. Brynowski, Arthur S. Brown, Senator C. A. Swanson, all of Washington, A. S. Miles, Baltimore, \$100 each; Percy, Jesse and Herbert Strauss, Clarksburg, W. Va., \$500; William L. Cranberry, Nashville; James G. Gray, Atlanta, \$250; Carl Mendel, Savannah; J. S. Carr, Durham, N. C.; V. T. Hardie, New Orleans, \$100 each; Dr. Robert S. Young, Concord, N. C., Josephus Daniels, Raleigh, N. C., each \$100.

Many of the hundreds of newspapers which are collecting funds for the Wilson campaign have sent in their checks, but in the majority of cases failed to include all the names of their readers who gave the money. Rolla Wells wrote to the various papers for the name of each giver to the fund, so they can be duly entered on the books.

Among the newspapers which sent in their names of contributions are the following given out by the committee:

New Orleans States, \$500; Raleigh, N. C., News and Observer, \$2,395; Arkansas papers, through National Committeeman Kelvanagh, \$1,006; Atlanta, Ga., Journal, \$2,300; Roanoke, Va., Times, \$122; Salem Times-Register, Salem, Va., \$122; The Times-Dispatch, \$674; Elizabeth, N. J., Times, \$1,800.

New York, Sept. 10.—The progressive national party, since it was formed on July 1, last, in Chicago, has received total contributions amounting to \$55,199 and expended

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