

EX-PREMIER IS DEAD

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman Passes Away in London.

ILLNESS DATES FROM FEBRUARY

Last Appearance Was in Connection with Scottish Land Bills.

SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE

Member of House of Commons for Nearly Forty Years.

LEADER OF LIBERAL PARTY

At Last Election Entered Parliament with Greatest Majority Ever

British Premier—Deaths for Funerals

LONDON, April 22.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, former British premier, died at 10.40 o'clock this morning at his residence, 19 Downing street, T. peaceful.

The ex-premier had been unwell for three days and his sinking was gradual. He was 71 years of age and was dispatched to King Edward, who had Queen Alexandra, is visiting the Danish royal family at Copenhagen; the prince of Wales and the cabinet ministers.

Immediately newspaper representatives were kept waiting before the house of the dying statesman, but the only news handed out was in the form of a bulletin more than an hour after his death. A few minutes thereafter a crowd assembled in Downing street, but all persons were barred from the house.

Sir Henry's final illness dates from February 12, when he last appeared in the House of Commons and moved the closure of the Scottish land bills, although he had been ailing since November 18, 1907, when he participated at an entertainment in honor of Emperor William at the Guild hall. On November 15, after addressing a political meeting at Bristol, he was seriously stricken with heart weakness and later influenza was added to his heart trouble, bringing on a constant illness.

King Edward Was Near

The ex-premier fully appreciated his condition and realized that his recovery was improbable. He offered to give up office some time before he formally resigned early this month. Few invalids have been the object of so much solicitude and attention as was bestowed upon Sir Henry, there having been a constant stream of callers at his Downing street residence, including King Edward, who visited him on two occasions; Queen Alexandra, and the dowager empress of Russia, the prince and princess of Wales and prominent men in public life.

Sir Henry's last published utterance was a warm letter of thanks to his Scottish friends, who presented him with a portrait of himself.

It is known that the ex-premier was opposed to a public funeral and it is believed he will be buried without ostentation beside the body of his wife at Melgale, in Perthshire, Scotland.

Sketch of His Career.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was born September 7, 1836. He was the youngest son of the late Sir James Campbell of Strathcathro, Fife, whose title was created in 1806. He was educated at Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Trinity college, Cambridge. In 1860 he married Charlotte, daughter of Major General Sir Charles Bannerman, who died in 1864, and from that time Sir Henry's decline in health may be dated.

For nearly forty years he sat for the same seat—the Stirling Burghs—and his record of office goes back to 1871, when he was financial secretary of the war office, which post he held a second time from 1885 to 1892. During the next two years he was secretary to the admiralty, and in 1894 he succeeded Sir George Trevelyan as Irish secretary, a position that office ably and unobtrusively until the fall of the Gladstone ministry in 1895, when he was appointed secretary of the treasury.

In the short government session of 1892 he was secretary for war, and to that post he returned under the last liberal government. He was chosen leader of the liberal opposition in the house of commons in the first session of the present government in February, 1895. The Boer war proved a stumbling block to the administration, but notwithstanding the differences between liberal imperialists and other liberals over this question, a unanimous vote of confidence in his leadership was carried at a meeting of the liberal party held at the Reform club in July, 1896.

Formation of Liberal League.

In 1902 a passage of words took place between him and Lord Rosebery over the doctrine of the "clean slate" in regard to the Irish question and other public questions, and the liberal league was formed. Sir Henry again received the solid support of the liberal party in the house in 1903, 1904 and 1905, in opposing the education and licensing acts, Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, and the government's action with regard to India and to Chinese labor in South Africa. On the resignation of the Balfour administration in December, 1905, Sir Henry was summoned by the king and formed a liberal cabinet himself becoming first lord of the treasury and prime minister.

The general election followed and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman entered the new parliament with the greatest majority ever given to a British premier.

From the very beginning of the present session of parliament Sir Henry had been suffering ill health and after the opening day he practically had not been able to attend the sessions at all. Chancellor Asquith acting as premier in his absence. He was seriously stricken after a political meeting held at Bristol on November 12 and he was unable to give up his plans for the session. Political speeches that he intended to make.

Arrangements for Funeral.

The funeral arrangements were completed this evening. There will be a funeral service in Westminster Abbey at noon on Monday, followed by a service at the house of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, and members of parliament, etc., and the final interment will occur at Melgale, Perthshire, beside the body of Sir Henry's wife on the following day.

Members of sympathy were received all day from every part of the world and a continuous stream of people called at the late residence of the former premier. Among the callers was Whitehead field, the American ambassador to the court of St. James.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Thursday, April 23, 1908.

Calendar for April 1908 showing days of the week and dates.

THE WEATHER.

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Probably showers Thursday; not much change in temperature.

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy, with showers east portion Thursday.

For Iowa—Probable showers Thursday; warmer east portion.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hourly temperature table for Omaha yesterday.

DOMESTIC.

Roger Sullivan says the Illinois democrats will be for Bryan.

Colonel Charles A. Boynton of the Associated Press gives decoration by the emperor of Japan.

Fenton bill as reported from the senate committee carries \$12,000,000 more than when it left the house.

House judiciary committee holds the Lever-Carrier bill for the acquisition of forest lands in the east to be defective.

Harry Thaw asks for writ of habeas corpus.

Warrants are issued in Kentucky for men accused of being night riders.

Gas well strike reported twelve miles from Sheridan, Wyo.

Admiral Evans is better than at any time since he has been at Paso Robles.

Senator McCarran says he will attend the Ulca meeting, but he is not backing a revolt of democrats.

Mayor of New York City will make an inquiry along rebate lines from railroad men of southwestern states.

New York liquor men will sell no more liquor to dive keepers.

Daughters of the American Revolution consider business branches at Washington.

FOREIGN.

Ex-Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman dies in London.

Russia has a hard task ahead bending the Persian brigands to its will.

Presbytery at Tekamah disapproves of introducing Christian benevolent association in church.

Two young men of Mason, Neb., place tiles on the Burlington track in Sheridan county, but wreck is averted.

LOCAL.

C. O. Lobeck plans trees instead of launching gubernatorial boom on Arbor day, delaying latter until Mayor Dahman returns from bear market.

Eastern insurance companies announce a reduction of interest rates on Nebraska money of from 1/2 to 1 per cent.

Business partial suspended for Arbor day and school children plant many trees.

Judge W. H. Munger again denies application of express companies for an injunction against the Sibley law.

Western railroad managers and employees reach amicable agreement on methods of operating under new sixteenth-century law.

Marriage of Lieutenant W. G. Deane and Mrs. Lola Goodwin Rustin solemnized at Riverside, Cal. News of society.

W. W. Morseman, attorney for Nebraska Telephone company, declares that company's franchises in perfect and investigation of council will come to naught.

WIRELESS.

New York-Carmania 600 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 p. m.

ST. LOUIS BRIBERY CASES

Member of House of Delegates, Though Convicted, Will Hold Official Position.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 22.—Following the bribery trial of Fred Warner, member of the house of delegates, which last night resulted in conviction and a sentence of ten years, the trial of Fred W. Priesmeyer, member of the house of delegates, who was jointly indicted with Warner, was called today in the criminal court.

Priesmeyer and Warner were indicted on the joint charge of having accepted \$50 for their influence in the passage of an ordinance permitting Henry Ascher to erect a garage. Priesmeyer's counsel asked the court to grant further time in which to prepare for the trial and Judge Muench continued the case until April 27.

Fred Warner, it is stated, will continue as a member of the house of delegates and finish his term. Warner's term as councilman expires in April of next year. Appeal of his case will be made to the supreme court and the usual time required before decision is rendered is about one year. Warner has his liberty on a \$5,000 bond.

INJUNCTION ALLAYS TROUBLE

Strikers at Pensacola Are Quiet Since Federal Court Has Been Called Into Action.

PENSACOLA, Fla., April 22.—The issuance of an injunction by the United States court last night against the striking street railway employes and their sympathizers had a salutary effect, as the city is quiet today. Additional troops arrived this morning. An investigation was begun today into the alleged poisoning of three men of the galling gun squad.

SULLIVAN RULES DELEGATES

He Says it Will Be Bryan in Illinois Thursday.

NO CONTEST ON FROM CHICAGO

Reported Effort of Carter Harrison to Emerge Looked Upon as Ridiculous—Platform perplexing Question.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 22.—A certain vote in favor of Johnson and a probable vote for Bryan instructions are the developments looked for in tomorrow's state convention.

It is generally believed that when Johnson's name is mentioned in the convention there will be a demonstration of approval, but it is not expected that any practical use will be made of the enthusiasm no matter how great or small it may prove to be.

From present indications the convention will certainly elect for Bryan and the party leaders expect a unit in declaring that such action will be taken.

Roger C. Sullivan of Chicago, who will practically dictate the work of the convention, arrived today and declared that there is no possibility of any anti-Bryan instructions.

The predicted contest from Cook county to be headed by Robert E. Burke and Carter H. Harrison is generally regarded as a joke. None of the contesting delegates have so far put in an appearance, and although Burke is said to have arrived in Springfield early today, he failed to appear this morning round headquarters at the St. Nicholas hotel and as far as could be learned he was the only member of the contesting delegation from Chicago who had arrived. Harrison is not expected.

Much opposition has developed today to the adoption of a platform at the present convention. This is due to the wording of the planks which the united societies of liquor interests are urging for adoption. One of these ensures the church for interfering with political matters and demands in effect that clergymen be respectfully advised to attend strictly to the laws relating strictly to things spiritual and leave alone the statutes dealing with things spiritual.

It is too early as yet confidently to predict the fate of this resolution, but there is a strong feeling among such of the delegates as have arrived that resolutions of this character are unconstitutional and the platform and many of them believe that no declaration of principles should be made at this time. This element favors putting off the issuance of a platform until it can be brought out in strict conformity with the provisions of the new primary law and that means the middle of August.

NEBRASKA DISCUSSES ALLEGATION OF MONEY IN CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, April 22.—Fattigued by the strenuous activities of yesterday, William Jennings Bryan did not appear before 10 o'clock today, at which time he went with Willis J. Abbot of Washington to call on former Congressman Charles A. Towne at the latter's office.

Referring to the Hoffman case, Mr. Bryan saw a number of interviewers, who questioned him relative to Thomas F. Ryan's theory, expressed recently before the grand jury in this city, that \$300,000 taken from the Metropolitan Securities company in connection with the Wall and Broadway street ferry railway transaction went to refund an amount originally spent in the preliminary of the McKinley-Bryan campaign. "It carries out your assertion made several years ago that money was used to defeat you, does it not?" he was asked.

"It gives me more of the details," said Mr. Bryan. "If you stop to consider that \$300,000 was given by one individual in one city which was more than we had from 6,000,000 voters to run either campaign, you can appreciate the influence that a corporation can exert when it wants to."

While it was not exactly a campaign fund, Mr. Bryan said, it probably was spent to block his nomination.

"You must be gratified to have confirmation of your charges that money was used against you from so high a source," was suggested.

"I can say that it is exactly gratifying to have confirmation of vice," said Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan reiterated a statement made by him that money is being used to prevent his nomination in the present campaign.

Mr. Bryan said that he had had no conference with Charles F. Murphy of Tammany hall and did not expect to see him; neither had he given any advice relative to the democratic situation in New York state. He said that the name of Lieutenant Governor Chanler was among those being considered an available candidates for the vice presidency.

Late this afternoon Mr. Bryan received the representatives of local labor organizations. At 6 o'clock he spoke before the law school of the New York university and later was entertained by the Business Science club, where he told "Why Business Men Should Be Democrats."

Following this Mr. Bryan attended the joint banquet of the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Guild association at the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was one of the chief speakers.

NEW WILL CLASH COMMITTEE

INDIANAPOLIS, April 22.—Harry S. New, chairman of the republican national committee, today sent letters to the members of the committee advising them that a call for a meeting of the committee in Chicago to discuss convention matters would be issued soon for some time about June 1. Chairman New will go to Chicago to occupy headquarters shortly after May 1.

MORE WILL GO UNINSTRUCTED

MANCHESTER, N. H., April 22.—William F. Harrington of this city and Fred F. Howard of Portsmouth were elected delegates to the national republican convention at Chicago by the First New Hampshire district republican convention today. The delegates were unpledged and uninstructed.

WARRANTS FOR NIGHT RIDERS

Adjutant General of Kentucky Formulates Plans to Gather in All Offenders.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 22.—Acting orders of Governor Willson, Adjutant General Johnston has formulated plans for a vigorous campaign against night riders. In pursuance of this Roger Williams after a conference yesterday with the adjutant general, left for Cadiz, Trigg county, where troops will be assembled to gather in all offenders against whom warrants have been issued. The selection of Trigg county as headquarters was made because men from there have been ringleaders in night riding expeditions.

RUSSIA HAS BIG TASK AHEAD

Situation on Persian Frontier Grows More Alarming—Extensive Operations Necessary.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The situation on the Persian frontier is considered here to be steadily becoming more serious despite the check to the Persian brigands April 20, when the Russian forces drove the bandits back with heavy losses. The rising is gradually spreading, the other mountaineers now flocking to the assistance of the Shikhetan and Beglvin tribes, against whom the operations are being conducted.

Colonel Kononovskoy, the Russian chief of staff of the frontier guard, who for years has been stationed on the Persian frontier, believes that the struggle will not be terminated until that of fifteen years ago when a Russian expedition crossed the frontier and, after extended operations, killed over 1,000 tribesmen and compelled two tribes to sue for peace.

The tribesmen are intensely hostile to the Russians and they mutilate savagely the wounded Russians that fall into their hands. The brigands are well armed and the operations against them consequently are most difficult for the troops.

The frontier guard is inadequate to cope with the situation and a military expedition is required to assist them. No aid is expected from Persia, as the tribesmen neither acknowledge nor fear the government at Tehran.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 22.—The Russian Foreign office has not received confirmation of the dispatch from Urumiah, Persian Armenia, to the effect that bodies of Turkish troops are advancing on the frontier and the Russian troops are in the neighborhood of Erzerum. The Russian dispatches are loath to believe that the Turks will venture to reassume the aggressive on the eastern frontier just when the powers are approaching a settlement with regard to Macedonia and the disposal of the Balkan states.

Foreign diplomats, however, are convinced that Turkey means to occupy the disputed territory in western Persia at any cost short of war and the danger to the security of the Foreign office officials' prognosis.

INDICATION OF THOMPSON

The decision of Judge Munger is a complete vindication of the position taken by Attorney General Thompson in his argument before the United States circuit court Saturday.

At this time the attorneys for the express companies asked for a temporary order of injunction to restrain the State Railway commission from enforcing its order No. 12 on the ground that such order was seeking to enforce the conditions of the Sibley act, the constitutionality of which has not yet been passed upon by the supreme court of the state, and that it was a direct violation of an agreement between the express companies and the attorney general at the time an injunction was applied for in the United States circuit court at Omaha in July, 1907.

It was argued that the Sibley act, which has not yet been taken under the Sibley act until its constitutionality was affirmed. The express company attorneys claim that it was with this understanding that the case was remanded to the state courts at that time and the injunction granted was dissolved.

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TANEY INJURED IN WRECK

Minnesota Representative and J. C. Haney of Indiana Hurt in Street Railway Crash.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Representative Tanev of Minnesota was injured in the back, Representative John C. Haney of Indiana was painfully injured on the head and a score of other passengers suffered slight injuries as the result of a rear-end collision on the Pennsylvania avenue line of the Capital Traction company at Four and a Half street and the avenue today.

A heavy Mount Pleasant car was speeding rapidly when it Georgetown car and the motorman of the former claims the accident was caused by the brakes of his car refusing to work. The accident delayed street car traffic on Pennsylvania avenue for half an hour.

None of those injured would go to the hospital for treatment. Representatives Tanev and Haney proceeded to the capitol, explaining that they had been only shaken up by the collision. Many of those who were seated in the summer car attached as a trailer to the Georgetown car were thrown from their seats and the passengers, Mrs. G. O. Griffin, who is employed in the congressional library, being thrown from the rear.

GRAND JURY REBATE INQUIRY

Subpoenas Served to Bring Southwestern Railroad Before Kansas City Body.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—Subpoenas were served last night summoning four prominent railroad officials to appear and testify before the federal grand jury in Kansas City, April 30. From the railroad records have been ordered to produce it is understood that the inquiry is to be along rebate lines.

Subpoenas were served on E. R. Berger, auditor of the Wabash freight accounts; William Q. Maroon, holding the same position with the Missouri Pacific; James D. Northrup, auditor of the Frisco freight accounts, and L. Lee West, assistant general freight agent for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road. A subpoena was also forwarded to United States Marshal Morrey, here, from the United States district court at Kansas City for F. J. Hoffmann, general freight agent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas in Oklahoma and Kansas, but Mr. Hoffmann is temporarily absent from the city.

The subpoenas for the various officers call for the production of waybills and other records of freight shipments before the Kansas City grand jury.

M'CARREN NOT BACKING BOLT

Brooklyn Democrat Will Take His Case Up Before Denver Convention.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 22.—Senator Patrick H. McCarren, the Brooklyn democratic leader, who, with his delegates, was unseated in the recent state convention, has announced that he is not in sympathy with the movement started by several objectors to hold another convention.

"I shall go to Denver and call attention to the high handed manner in which the convention was run and the injustice perpetrated and then leave my own and my delegates' cases in the hands of the national gathering," said Mr. McCarren, "but I am no believer in the effectiveness of a second convention."

PAPER RULE WORKING WELL

Kansas Editors at White Dinner Say They Are Getting Off Delinquents.

EMPORIA, Kan., April 22.—What probably will go down in Kansas history as "William Allen White's dinner party," was held here last night, when the editor of the Gazette had as his guests 20 prominent Kansas newspaper editors, four well known persons of note from outside the state. Among the speakers were George B. Peck, formerly of Kansas and now of Chicago; Ida M. Tarbell, C. E. Ingalls of Washington, Governor Hoch, Henry J. Allen, editor of the Wichita Beacon, and Joseph L. Bratton, editor of the Salina Journal and former fourth assistant postmaster general. A discussion of "Post-office No. 907," recently issued, which forbids second class mail privileges to delinquent subscribers, took place, and the editors generally commended it. Mr. Ingalls said the order had enabled him to collect 800 subscriptions in one week, and Mr. Bratton said the ruling means just what it says. He had, he said, chopped off all the Salina Journal's delinquents and advised other editors to do the same.

STATE WINS IN EXPRESS CASE

Judge Munger Again Denies Injunction of Sibley Act.

ATTORNEY GENERAL VINDICATED

Federal Court Refuses to Prevent the 25 Per Cent Reduction in Rates of the Express Corporations.

Judge W. H. Munger has again denied the application of the five express companies doing business in Nebraska—Adams, American, Pacific, Wells-Fargo and United States—for an injunction restraining the state of Nebraska from enforcing the provisions of the Sibley act which reduces the express rates in this state 25 per cent.

After reciting the cause of action the opinion concluded:

Order No. 12 of the State Railway commission, which requires the several express companies to submit to the commission monthly reports of the amount of business to be done by them, is not based upon the provisions of the Sibley act. The right of the railway commission to issue such order, if such right exists at all, is by virtue of the act of the legislature commonly known as the railroad commission act. As the act pending in this court seeks only to prevent the enforcement of the Sibley act, which is being chapter 13 of the session laws of 1907 and to have that statute declared unconstitutional, as depriving the complainants (express companies) of their property without due process of law, the object and purpose of the order is not to enforce or restrain the order of the commission complained of. Indeed, if the said legislation should be held unconstitutional and the defendants enjoined from enforcing any of its provisions, such judgment would not prevent the railway commission from requiring information as called for by Order No. 12, if nothing in the record showing that the defendants have done or are determining to do any such thing.

The statute in question (Sibley act) excepting to obtain in a court of competent jurisdiction an ascertainment of its validity, which is the proper step for the defendants to take before seeking to enforce its penal provisions.

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WESTERN MATTERS AT CAPITAL

Investigation to Be Made Into Shot Hole Disease in Nebraska Cherries.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Pollard today received a letter from R. T. Galloway, chief of the bureau of plant industry, in regard to the shot hole disease of the cherry in Nebraska. Representative Pollard is anxious that some experiments be made this season looking to a cure for this disease. It appears the experiment station will not be able to take up any extensive work along this line during the coming season.

"Prof. Burnett," Mr. Galloway says, "seems to be quite willing we should take up this question independently, if it is more convenient to do so. I have therefore, taken the matter up with Mr. Woods and Mr. White and as a result of this conference, Mr. Scott has been directed to make a study of this disease during the coming season and, if possible, to do so without interfering with other plans, to carry on spraying tests."

Senator Brown today filed with the senate a memorial signed by Miss Rosa Burton, principal of the department of home economics of the State University of Lincoln, and her pupils and others urging the passage of a bill now pending in the senate prohibiting the employment of child labor in the District of Columbia and other territories of the United States.

On the recommendation of Congressman Boyd the board of pension examining surgeons at Nebraska, Neb., has been moved to Creighton and Doctors W. H. Britt and R. H. Burrell appointed members, vice Doctors G. W. Ira and J. E. Bates, resigned.

On the recommendation of Congressman Parker and Hall, Doctor D. M. R. Reed has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Lemmon, S. D.

Rural carriers appointed for Iowa routes: Alden, route 1, Elmer Crisp carrier, Main C. DeWitt substitute; New Hampton, route 6, Henry Hoffman carrier, Thomas Pates substitute.

Mrs. Ruby M. Swartout has been appointed poetmaster at Gunn Valley, Buffalo county, S. D., vice J. V. Dripps, resigned.

NEWSPAPER MAN DECORATED

Emperor of Japan Confers Order of Rising Sun Upon Associated Press Representative.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Post says that the emperor of Japan, through Ambassador Takahira, has conferred upon Colonel Charles A. Boynton, superintendent of the southern division of the Associated Press, the degree of the fourth class of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. In transmitting the decoration, which is an exquisite product of the Japanese art, the ambassador stated that it was given in token of the good will entertained toward Colonel Boynton by the emperor and in manifestation of the appreciation of the high ability and devotedness of Mr. Boynton in the exercise of his functions as a directing spirit in the great news concern which he represents.

Colonel Boynton comes from a family of distinguished newspaper men, he being a brother of the late George Van Ness Boynton and the son of Charles Boynton, editor of the Christian Nation of Cincinnati, on which publication he received his first newspaper experience. He was born September 30, 1836, at West Stockbridge, Mass., and went with his parents to Cincinnati. He is educated in the public schools of that city and was later graduated from Knox college, Illinois. He entered the apprenticeship with his father he entered the service of the Western Associated Press as its New York representative. It was promoted to his present position, with headquarters in this city. He is a member of the Gridiron club, but, aside from his connections with societies, he is one of the most widely known newspaper men in America.

ACCUSED MAN TAKES STAND

Frank Schneck Testifies His Wife Made Threats to Follow Him to Grave.

OTTAWA, Kan., April 22.—Apparently at ease and replying to the questions of his attorneys with positiveness, Frank Schneck, on trial charged with the brutal murder of his wife and his two young children, took the witness stand today. He said he had never quarrelled with his wife, but that she had decided to follow him to the public schools of that city and was later graduated from Knox college, Illinois. He entered the apprenticeship with his father he entered the service of the Western Associated Press as its New York representative. It was promoted to his present position, with headquarters in this city. He is a member of the Gridiron club, but, aside from his connections with societies, he is one of the most widely known newspaper men in America.

"Frank, I'm going to do something desperate and it will follow you to your grave." A searching cross-examination of the witness by the prosecuting attorney is looked for.

HARRY THAW ASKS FOR WRIT

May 9 Set as Date When It Is Returned, at Which Time Jerome Will Appear.