

MARK TWAIN IS DEAD OF A BROKEN HEART

America's Famous Humorist, Saddened by Loss of Daughter and Friends, Gives Up Fight.

HIS ENDING IS WITHOUT PAIN

Sad Event Occurs at His Home Near Redding, Conn.—Angina Pectoris the Cause.

Mark Twain, beloved the world over because he made it laugh, is dead. He passed away without pain at 6:23 o'clock Thursday evening in his country home, "Stormfield," back in the wild Camarack Hills, from Redding, Conn. For five hours he had been unconscious and the end was almost unnoticeable. It was simply a cessation of pulse and respiration. At his bedside were his only living child, Clara, who is the wife of Ossip Gabriilowitch, the Russian pianist; Albert Bigelow Paine, his secretary and literary executor, who was almost a son to him; Drs. Edward Quinard and Robert Halsey, the heart specialists, who had kept him alive by stimulants for nearly twenty-four hours, and his servants, headed by "Old Katie," who for thirty years has been his housekeeper.



SAMUEL L. CLEMENS.

Angina pectoris, the doctors have it, ended the life which every one who had ever known Samuel Langhorne Clemens hoped might be spared longer. That malady was coupled to some extent with asthma of the heart, brought about by excessive smoking. But what laymen call a broken heart was more responsible than the world in general knew. When his chum, Henry H. Rogers, died last year, those close to Mr. Twain say that his grief was intense. The odd companionship—humorist and multimillionaire—was a nearer and dearer thing than any save they alone realized. When his only unmarried daughter, Jean, was drowned in her bath during an attack of epilepsy just before Christmas his nearest remaining tie was severed. He was a lone, sorrow-stricken man. After the passing of his friends—William Luffan of the Sun and Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century—he said sadly: "How fortunate they are! No good fortune of that kind comes to me!" Samuel Langhorne Clemens, America's foremost humorist and known the world over as Mark Twain, was born in the little town of Hannibal, Mo., on November 30, 1835. Early in life he worked in the printing office of his older brother and learned the trade as a compositor. For a time he was a pilot upon Mississippi River steamboats. But he drifted back into newspaper work and made a modest success as correspondent for various papers in Nevada and California. He published his first book, "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," in March, 1867. Two years later a series of letters he had written as a correspondent were collected and published under the title, "The Innocent Abroad." The book had a record sale and his fame as a humorous writer was secure. Other books appearing later were "Roughing It," "The Gilded Age," "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," "The Prince and the Pauper," and "Pudd'nhead Wilson."

3 DIE IN BIG FOUR ACCIDENT.

Wreck Near Sanford, Ind., Costs Lives of Engineer and Others.

Three men were killed and eight probably fatally injured when a train of empty express cars on the way from St. Louis to Indianapolis, on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, struck a defective switch and smashed the car of an interlocking switch construction crew on a siding at Sanford, Ind. Engineer R. E. Ely, of Mattoon, Ill., H. Driscoll and L. B. Donnelly were killed. Conductor H. L. Shipman, Indianapolis; Samuel Mofett, Dallas Springs; Charles E. Jones, Harry Clark, Fred Riley, Harry Gullett and T. D. Griffith were probably fatally hurt. The men were asleep in their car when it was crushed by the impact of the locomotive of the express train.

Fire Kills Three, Father Near Death

The wife and two daughters, 7 and 9 years old, of Agent G. A. Krueger, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Soo line depot in Edgeland, N. D. Krueger is near death from burns received while trying to rescue his family.

Kirkman Quits C. & N. W.

Announcement is made of the resignation of Marshall M. Kirkman, vice president of the Chicago and North-western Railroad and in charge of the accounts of the company. Several other changes are also announced.

Pool Ball Costs Boy's Life.

Louis Rose, a 16-year-old boy of Jersey City, running valiantly to catch a foul tip in a baseball game, fell head foremost into a shallow pond and struck

LOSS IS \$50,000,000 FROM WINTRY BLAST

Snow and Cold Affect Wide Section, with Truck Gardens, Orchards and Farms Devastated.

CROPS RUINED IN MIDDLE WEST

Sudden Blizzard with Below Freezing Temperatures Leaves Destruction in Its Wake.

BOTH GRAIN AND FRUITS SUFFER

Continuance of Rain and Cold, with Gradual Change, Regarded as Only Salvation.

Prematurely budding crops of the middle West have been swept away in the most disastrous and far-reaching storm experienced in a generation. The disturbance has wrought more than \$50,000,000 damage to fruits and vegetables and has started an upward shoot in the price of fresh foodstuffs that probably will be felt during the entire season. The Michigan fruit belt—the backbone of the fruit district—is described as almost wholly wiped out for the season, while the freezing temperature in Illinois and Iowa not only has killed buds, flowers and fruits, but threatens to ruin oats.

In and about Chicago truck gardeners have seen all hopes of early vegetables blasted in a single night. Vegetables and flowers that had promised huge profits and low prices because of the early spring have been damaged beyond hope. All that can be done is to replant, where this is possible, making the season several weeks behind rather than early. But in the end it will be the housekeeper who will feel the effect of the storm. The expected early vegetables and low prices, promised because of the lamb-like March, have given place to promises of such high prices for green foodstuffs as have not obtained in years.

The story of the storm is told best in the weather bureau reports that showed freezing temperature in practically all of the points that have been touched by the storm. Here are some of the temperatures reported.

Chicago	.....	25	above zero
Kansas City	.....	20	above zero
Keokuk	.....	25	above zero
Indianapolis	.....	20	above zero
Des Moines	.....	20	above zero
Davenport	.....	25	above zero
Galburg, Ill.	.....	18	above zero
Dubuque, Iowa	.....	25	above zero
St. Louis	.....	23	above zero
Unionville, Mo.	.....	25	above zero
Milwaukee	.....	22	above zero

In the central and southern districts of Illinois the temperature fell to a fraction below 25 degrees, with the result that fruit growers announced that they had little hope of any crop at all this season.

Paradoxically enough, the only mitigation in the bad news was in the fact that rain and low temperature—although not freezing temperatures—prevailed throughout the whole Middle Western section. Had the snowstorm been followed by a bright, warm sun, nothing could have saved fruits and berries now in blossom from complete ruin. As matters stand, while many of the buds will be killed, the cool weather and rain of the next few days may save the others.

What effect the damage will have on prices this summer is problematical. The indications up to the day before the storm fell were that the fruit crop would break all records. Fruits, grains and garden truck were from two weeks to a month ahead of their usual time. The question now is whether enough of the crop will be saved to make the harvest next fall something like normal.

Even if the fruit crop of the Middle West were half destroyed, prices might not be seriously affected, for reports from other fruit sections indicate bumper crops. It seems certain, however, that the loss on apple, plum, cherry and peach orchards will be so serious as to make prices for those fruits higher this summer.

OHIO MINE EXPLOSION KILLS 18.

Disaster Near Steubenville, O., Entombs 25 Victims in Shaft.

Eighteen of a night force of twenty-five machine men employed in the mine of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal Company, near Amsterdam, Ohio, are thought to be dead, as a result of an explosion in the mine late the other night. Seven men were taken from the shaft alive, but unconscious. Rescue parties began work a few minutes after the explosion. About 200 men are employed in the mine during the day time. They quit work between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The machine men work nights, preparing the work for the day shift. It is believed that the explosion was caused by coal gas.

MAN KILLED BY DEEP.

Tries to Swallow Strip Six Inches Long and Inch Thick.

John S. Boyd, of Dayton, Ohio, died of strangulation while attempting to swallow a piece of raw beefsteak six inches long and an inch thick. Boyd had been drinking considerably lately, it is said, and it is thought that he tried to swallow the "raw beefsteak" "sober up." He died before a physician could be summoned.



WOLTER FOUND GUILTY.

Youth Who Killed Fourteen-Year-Old Stenographer Must Die.

Albert Wolter, a 19-year-old youth, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in the Court of Special Sessions in New York, and by the verdict the contention of the State that Wolter on March 24 last strangled a 14-year-old Ruth Wheeler was substantiated. The boy's counsel said with eloquence that Wolter was too tender-hearted to harm a cat, but twelve men decided that he had strangled Ruth Wheeler, whom he had enticed to his room by a promise of work, and thrust her while yet alive in his fireplace, where, soaked with oil, her crumpled body withered and burned. With the same waxen-faced indifference that he had shown throughout the trial, Wolter evinced no emotion when the verdict was announced. His fate will be the electric chair.

The law was quick to deal with the youthful degenerate, who was "crazy" about women. It was one month ago that Ruth Wheeler left her home, where she lived with her widowed mother and two sisters, to answer an advertisement for a position as stenographer. She never returned, and when her movements were traced it was found she met her death in a struggle to save her honor. Failing to dispose of her body in the fireplace, Wolter cut it apart and left the bust and head wrapped in burlaps on the fire escape from where it was pushed into the yard below. He was arrested on Saturday, March 26.



STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of the Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	6	Cincinnati	3
Pittsburg	5	Boston	2
Chicago	4	Brooklyn	2
New York	3	St. Louis	2
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
New York	4	Boston	4
Detroit	5	Cleveland	4
Philadelphia	3	Chicago	2
St. Louis	3	Washington	3
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
St. Paul	6	Kansas City	4
Minneapolis	6	Indianapolis	5
Toledo	6	Louisville	4
Columbus	6	Milwaukee	1
WESTERN LEAGUE			
St. Joseph	3	Omaha	2
Denver	2	Topeka	2
Lincoln	2	Des Moines	1

Baseball and moth balls are in season. However, it's a little early yet to pick straw hats.

In the "lamp-shade" hat for the light-headed woman?

Pittsburg grafters come in packages the same as stogies.

They seem to be catching a lot of steel pins in Pittsburg.

The Socialist victory wasn't the first thing that made Milwaukee famous.

Haley's comet is helping a lot of people to learn how to get up early.

Astronomers say the comet is losing some of its colicure as it speeds along.

A New York clerk has just died leaving \$2,000,000. He also left the bank.

It seems wicked to spoil perfectly good spring weather by cleaning house in it.

Still, the "exposures" are not likely to make Andrew Carnegie proud of his Pittsburg.

Mr. Roosevelt continues his philanthropic work of giving Europe an interesting time.

Indianapolis coal grafters made a mistake in hiring a stenographer with eyes and ears.

The Pullman company will not be able to pull a man so much for upper berths hereafter.

By getting up as early as it does the comet is helping along the moon-day-light movement.

It was time for the Interstate Commerce commission to do something about that upper berth.

Next thing the country will have to form a Society for Helping Rich Men to Get Rid of their Wealth.

If all they say about that Kansas City doctor is true he was almost anything else than the ideal family physician.

ENORMOUS STORM LOSSES IN STATES OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Illinois—Greatest damage was caused by the blizzard that covered the entire State. Early vegetables on the truck gardens in the northern districts and berry patches, where buds had reached an advanced stage, are reported as total losses. Damage, \$6,000,000.

Iowa—Storms in Iowa have continued with greater or less vigor for nearly a week, but the frigid atmosphere and snows of the last two days have done the greatest damage. Not only fruits and vegetables, but even the oats crop is threatened. Entire damage, \$10,000,000.

Indiana—Apple orchards and truck gardens that supply Chicago were the greatest sufferers. The damage, which was confined to the northern and central districts, amounts to \$2,000,000.

Michigan—Fruit belt almost entirely gone for the season. All that remains, according to expert growers, is the grape crop, which has been damaged to a great extent. Damage, \$4,000,000.

Wisconsin—It is estimated that 50 per cent of the fruit crop and all of the early vegetable and green stuffs intended for the Chicago market have been killed. Damage, \$2,000,000.

Kansas—Snow and low temperatures have killed the buds and, in many instances, even the leaves on the trees. The corn crop, however, is safe. Damage, \$1,000,000.

Kentucky—All the fruits and vegetables, as well as budding plants and flowers, have been damaged by the cold weather and furies of snow, largely because of the fact that they had reached an abnormally early development. Loss, \$1,500,000.

Missouri—Clouds and favorable conditions saved much of the fruit Friday night, but the clear weather and continued cold of last night completed the damage. Estimated losses, \$2,000,000.

Ohio—Early fruit, particularly watermelon and other vines, have been killed by the snows and freezing weather. Grain has not been hurt. Loss, \$500,000.

Nebraska—Small gardeners and truck farmers were the heaviest losers in the storm that, it is believed, now, has not damaged the early wheat. Loss, \$1,500,000.

2,000 HOMELESS IN FIRE.

Blaze Sweeps Over More than 20 Blocks in Lake Charles, La.

Fanned by a high wind, a fire in Lake Charles swept over more than twenty blocks of the city, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss estimated at more than \$1,000,000. More than 2,000 persons were made homeless. The may or called out the local militia company to preserve order. Many offers of financial aid have been received. Within a short time the wind had driven the fire over a space two miles in length leaving a mass of ruins in its wake. While many of the buildings destroyed were merely frame cottages, scores of handsome structures also fell prey to the flames. The city hall, the hand some Calcasieu parish courthouse, the Clark hotel, churches, stores, and ware houses were reduced to bare black walls and heaps of ashes within two hours after the fire started. The Catholic convent was destroyed. All the sisters escaped.

ENTOMBED IN A MINE.

Men Imprisoned by Explosion at Mulga, Ala., All Dead.

Forty men were entombed in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Railway Coal and Iron Company at Mulga, Ala., by an explosion at 9 o'clock the other night and it is believed that all are dead. Fifteen white men and twenty-five negro laborers are in the mine. The foreman, who is entombed with the others, has the only list of those working at the time. When the first crew of rescuers reached the bottom of the shaft the following morning the bodies of two miners were found. On returning to the surface the rescuers expressed the opinion that all the men were dead.

After the explosion flames shot up the shaft for about 400 feet and the ground is covered with charred timbers, which are blown up from the bottom of a 350-foot shaft by the force of the blast. Every window in the village was broken.



Valuable Lands Withdrawn.

Secretary Ballinger of the Department of the Interior has withdrawn from entry approximately 13,500,000 acres of coal lands in Southeastern Montana, believed to contain valuable deposits, pending examination and classification as to their values.

\$15,000,000 Due from New Tax.

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