

Marquis Curzon Dies in London

Illness Following Operation Fatal to Lord President of Privy Council.

By International News Service.
London, March 20.—Marquis Curzon, lord president of the privy council, and leader of the aristocratic isolationists in British politics, died early today from the illness which followed an operation on March 9.

His condition has been critical for three days and lung complications sped the course of his final illness.

An aristocratic of aristocrats, his brilliant political career was halted short of his greatest ambition, to become British premier, by his arrival at a position where he might have been named at a time when lords were no longer considered prime minister material, and by his penchant for making enemies.

Composes Own Obituary.
Only a short time ago in a speech, Lord Curzon said he had composed his own obituary.

"Here lies a superior person, in intelligent anticipation of the life to come."

Lord Curzon had been married to two American women, his first wife being Mary Victoria Leiter, of Washington, D. C.; and his second the daughter of the late J. Monroe Hinds, formerly American minister to Brazil.

As he left no sons, the marquise becomes extinct. His viscountcy passes to his nephew, Richard Curzon, and the eldest daughter of his first marriage succeeds to the baronetcy.

His youngest daughter was at his bedside when he died.

Lord Curzon's death probably will mean a liberalization of British foreign policy. He had been leader of the isolationists and opposed to the French security pact. His death probably will mean that the group led by Austen Chamberlain, foreign secretary, will have a freer hand.

The Marquis Curzon, George Nathaniel Curzon, was born January 11, 1859, at Kedleston, Derby, England, the son of Rev. Alfred Nathaniel Holden Curzon, fourth baron of Scarsdale. He was educated at Eton and Balliol college, Oxford.

In 1898 he became a baron and in 1911 he was made an earl. His last title, marquis, came in 1921. He was appointed under-secretary for foreign affairs in 1895. In 1899 he was made viceroy and governor general of India, a post he held until 1905.

During the war he acted as president of the air board in 1915 and 1916. In 1916 Lloyd George made him a member of the imperial war cabinet.

DE WITT DRUGGIST GIVEN JAIL TERM

Wilber, March 20.—C. A. Witte, De Witt druggist, charged with the sale and possession of intoxicating liquor in his drug store at De Witt, convicted in previous trials on two counts, and who at the third trial last week secured a continuance when the jury failed to reach a verdict, changed his plea to guilty Thursday and was fined in district court here and given a sentence of 30 days in the Saline county jail. He paid the fines and began today to serve the sentence.

Previous fines and costs in the case have caused several hundred dollars' expenses to Witte. He has operated a drug store at De Witt for the last 20 years and it is reported today that he has closed a deal for the disposal of the store.

Death of Curzon May Change British Policy



Marquis Curzon.

Father and Son Held for Trial

Two Hastings Attorneys Are Charged With Assault at Bloomington.

Minden, March 20.—Sheriff Garrett of Franklin arrested Fred L. Carrico and George A. Carrico, father and son, here upon a warrant charging them with assault upon Glessner Christlef. The Carricos procured a habeas corpus writ from County Judge L. W. Hague and were released upon bond to appear later. Fred L. Carrico was a former resident of Minden and later moved to Hastings. He and his son are practicing law at Hastings.

The alleged assault occurred at Bloomington when Christlef, who is a nephew of Fred Carrico, sought payment of money he claimed to be due him from the Carricos.

Christlef's nose was broken and his forehead severely injured, and there is doubt about his recovery. The Carricos immediately started for Minden with Sheriff Garrett in pursuit.

ROAD GRAVELING PROJECT ASSURED

Plattsmouth, March 20.—Graveling of 17 miles of highway south from this city to the Otoe county line on the King of Trails, bids for which are to be advertised for at once, has been brought about by the offer of the commissioners several months ago to undertake this work if residents would subscribe \$250 a mile, the same requirement made of residents along the D. L. D. near Ashland in this county where several miles were gravelled last year. Subscription of \$4,250 was certified to the board Thursday.

The King of Trails is one of the best graded dirt highways in the state and is in perfect condition to receive gravel without additional work. The county will pay some \$20,000 on the work and the other half, or approximately \$25,000, will come through state and federal aid. After its completion the road will continue to be maintained by federal aid as in the past.

Mrs. Wixon Dies in Colorado; Funeral Held at Stella, Neb.

Stella, March 20.—Funeral sermon for A. J. Wixon was given at the Methodist church Friday afternoon by Elder Sapp of Nemaha. Burial was in Stella cemetery.

Mrs. Wixon died at her home on a farm a few miles from Denver after 10 days' illness with pneumonia. The body was brought to Stella by Mr. Wixon and Miss Grace Hill Wixon, his cousin, who has been reared in his home as a daughter.

Mrs. Wixon was a daughter of Mrs. Dan Kroh of Stella. She was born in Illinois 55 years ago, came to this community in early childhood and lived here until a few years ago.

Claim to Wick Estate Filed

Long Pine Resident Believes Missing Farm Owner Was His Father, Now Dead.

Aurora, March 20.—Claimants are beginning to appear for the estate of George Wick, who disappeared from this county about 1892 and whose estate has been administered by guardians by the county judges of Hamilton county.

The latest claimant is George Wick of Long Pine, Neb., who told his story to County Judge T. M. Scott Monday. George Wick brought with him an old family Bible showing notations of the birth and death dates of his father, William L. Wick. He said that his father was born in 1821 in Pennsylvania and enlisted with the Union forces during the civil war.

The eternal triangle comes into the Wick story in the fact that after George Wick's father had gone to the war his mother ran away to Ohio with another man. George Wick claimed that he was born near Meadville, Penn., in 1862, while his father was in the army.

On the return of his father from the army service he learned of the flight of his wife, and her paramour, and started for Ohio, declaring his intention to kill both his wife and her paramour. George Wick said that his father did not return until 1872 and that he remained in Pennsylvania only a short time and then disappeared, returning again in 1892.

In 1898 George Wick and his family removed to Newport in Rock county, Nebraska, taking his father with him, and the latter died at Long Pine December 19, 1899.

George Wick claims that he had no knowledge that his father had any estate in Hamilton county or elsewhere. He claims that the first intimation he had an estate was found in newspaper stories referring to the William Wick estate.

William Wick was committed to the insane asylum from Hamilton county May 19, 1888, and he escaped November 3, 1891. Senator Perry Reed of Hamilton county was a neighbor of Wick and he remembers having seen him in 1892. At that time Wick was under guardianship but later his guardian resigned and the county judges of Hamilton county continued to lease his land and collect the rentals. The records show that former County Judge Fred Jeffers received \$5,154 rentals more than he disbursed for taxes on the land. Demand has been made on Judge Jeffers for the payment of this money to the regularly appointed administrator. The Wick estate consists of 80 acres of Hamilton county land and the money held by former County Judge Fred Jeffers.

County Judge T. M. Scott has received a number of letters making inquiries about the Wick estate and it seems probable that claimants will appear to contest the claim of George Wick. The First Trust company of Aurora, Neb., is administrator of this estate.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

Take all the pains and care you can still chance may bring to naught your plan.
—Johnny Chuck

What a Falling Stone Did

While Polly Chuck chuckled to herself as she listened to Johnny Chuck boasting about their new home to Peter Rabbit, she agreed with all that Johnny said. She really felt that it was the safest and best home they ever had had. She couldn't find one thing the matter with it. She couldn't think of a thing that could possibly happen to in any way make it less than the perfect home it seemed to be.

Of course there was a back door. This back door opened between some of the stones of the old stone wall a short distance away. Polly didn't



"Oh, dear!" sobbed Polly. "Our new house is ruined!"

think that they would ever need to use that back door, but when she dug that home she was wise enough to know that it is never safe to have only one way out of a place.

It was just after the Black Shadows had crept through the Old Orchard that Farmer Brown's Boy was taking a short-cut home from the Green Forest. He came to the old stone wall just back of the new house of the Chucks. He put his hand on a big stone on top of the wall, intending to vault over. But that big stone was loosely placed, and when he put his weight against it it rolled off the wall and fell down on the other side. Farmer Brown's Boy didn't think anything about it at the

time, but climbed over the wall and went on his way whistling.

But when that big stone fell from the top of the wall it fell right in the entrance of the home of Johnny and Polly Chuck and just filled it. They didn't find out until the next morning when they started to go out. Perhaps you can imagine how they felt when they discovered that their doorway was closed. They tried to dig around it but couldn't. You see, there were other stones in the way. It was these other stones that had made that home seem so safe to them. There had been just room between them for their hallway.

Of course, they at once hurried out through the back door and around to see what had happened. There lay that big stone closing their front doorway. They couldn't move it. That doorway was as firmly closed as if there had never been one.

There were tears in the eyes of

Polly Chuck as she and Johnny stared at the great stone. Who could have done this thing? They hadn't the least idea.

"Oh, dear!" sobbed Polly. "Our new home is ruined. Now we'll have to look around for another place, and there isn't another as good as this anywhere in the Great World. I just know it."

"But we can still use the back door said Johnny Chuck soothingly. "I simply won't live in a house which has only one entrance."

"Perhaps we can dig another entrance from the other side of the old stone wall," said Johnny hopefully.

"I don't believe we can," replied Polly. "Anyway, we will be on the wrong side then and have to climb over the old stone wall every time we wanted to get some sweet clover. No, we've got to give this home up."

And I did love it so! Oh, dear! Oh dear!"

Johnny Chuck did his best to comfort Polly, but she wasn't to be comforted. All that day they wandered around looking for a place to build a new home. But they couldn't find a place to suit them.

The next story: "Johnny and Polly Chuck Rejoice."

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Rural School Classes Give Entertainment at Fairbury
Fairbury, March 20.—Seven agricultural classes of as many rural communities of Jefferson county entertained the people of the city of Fairbury Thursday evening at the high school auditorium. A lunch was served between 6 and 7 and a social hour followed. The Fairbury School Glee club furnished special music and Mrs. Ida Worth had charge of the community singing.

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