

HONORED ROBINSON TODAY

Funeral of Ex-Congressman Held This Afternoon.

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIED 200.

Four Coaches Were Filled With People From This City Who Went to Madison as a Tribute to Dead Statesman's Memory.

[From Thursday's Daily.] Madison, May 28, 4 p. m.—Special to The News: The remains of the late Hon. John S. Robinson, ex-congressman from the Third district and at one time judge of the district court, were laid to rest in this city shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral service was conducted at the beautiful home just completed by the honored citizen a few months ago. Rev. Theodore Morning, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Madison, had charge.

The profusion of floral offerings was magnificent, coming from friends in every part of the state. The casket was beautiful in its simplicity and was covered with black cloth. An immense crowd of people thronged about the home and a long line of admirers followed the remains to the cemetery. There were no civic societies in bodies, the funeral being eminently one of the simple citizen.

The pall bearers were Judge Sullivan, of Columbus; Wm. V. Allen and Dr. Condon of Madison; G. A. Luikart, of Norfolk; ex-Congressman Stark, of Aurora and George Bayha of Neligh.

At the grave a brief but impressive tribute was paid to the memory of the man by his friend, the Hon. William Jennings Bryan, and then the casket bearing the remains of the one-time, esteemed Robinson, attorney, judge, representative of the people in the halls of congress and citizen for forty-six short years, was lowered into the grave.

Flags over the entire town of Madison are at half mast and practically all business houses were closed during the funeral service.

Among those in attendance at the funeral were the following prominent men: W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island; Edgar Howard, of Columbus; Chief Justice Sullivan, of Columbus; Commissioner J. B. Barnes, of Norfolk; R. L. Metcalf, editor of the World-Herald; ex-Congressman Stark, of Aurora; Congressman J. J. McCarthy, of Ponca and State Representative Mikessell of Ponca.

A special train, loaded with citizens of Norfolk and tributary towns, left the union station at 1:30 this afternoon for Madison, where they attended the funeral of the late Hon. John S. Robinson, ex-congressman and statesman, this afternoon. Nearly 200 citizens were on the cars of the special train when it moved away, to represent this city in doing honor to the memory of Mr. Robinson. They were from all classes of people, the poor and unpretentious citizen taking seat beside the prominent men in business and politics, and there were leaders of every faith in political economy, paying tribute to the name of John S. Robinson, of the citizen.

Floral designs sent from this city were many and beautiful. Among the most prominent were the anchor and wreath as a token from the attorneys of Norfolk and the American shield, from G. A. Luikart. A card expressing the sincere sympathy of his brothers of the bar bore the following names: I. Powers, D. J. Koenigstein, J. R. Hays, M. D. Tyler, N. A. Rainbolt, E. P. Weatherby, G. N. Beels, A. R. Olson, W. M. Robertson, Bart Mapes, A. J. Durand, J. B. Barnes, S. D. Robertson, W. M. Rainbolt, M. O. Hazen and Jack Koenigstein.

Among outside passengers who arrived in Norfolk this morning and went to Madison for the funeral, returning this evening, were: Hon. W. J. Bryan of Lincoln, ex-Senator Muffley of Meadow Grove, A. Olson of Wisner, A. Pilger, clerk of Stanton county; Gus Fuchs, treasurer of Stanton county; H. L. Miller, Stanton, G. Bayha, Niobrara, F. J. Hale, E. Hans, and T. L. White, Battle Creek.

The train, returning, left Madison shortly after the funeral and the Norfolk people are on their way home as The News goes to press. They will arrive before six.

LIPTON SAILS FOR AMERICA.

Brings Two Shamrocks and Erin to Sandy Hook.

Gourock, Scotland, May 28.—Special to The News: Sir Thomas Lipton's two Shamrocks, pulled by a tug and accompanied by his private yacht Erin, started for Sandy Hook, N. Y., today to take part in the international race for the American cup later in the season.

A large crowd of enthusiastic admirers were present to wish Sir Thomas God speed, and as the little fleet left the port, cheers upon cheers, mingled with the tooting of whistles and the waving of flags in a grand farewell to the intrepid challenger, whom they hope to see return with the long sought trophy.

NOT TO BE IN AUDITORIUM.

Memorial Day and Graduation Exercises in M. E. Church.

[From Thursday's Daily.] On account of not being able to make satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Beall, proprietor of the Auditorium, Memorial day exercises will be held on May 30 at the M. E. church, where the program will be carried out as advertised.

The graduating exercises will also be held at the M. E. church, instead of at the Auditorium as announced previously.

MOB LYNCHES A MURDERER.

Drop of Forty Feet Severs the Head From the Body.

Newcastle, Wyo., May 28.—W. C. Clifton, murderer of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Church, was lynched by a mob from Gillette. The mob battered down the jail door, holding up the sheriff and deputy while they hung Clifton to a bridge west of town. Clifton's head was cut off by the fall of forty feet.

John W. Church and his wife, who lived on a homestead claim seventy-five miles southwest of Newcastle, were never seen alive after March 14 last. Clifton, whose ranch adjoined Church's, was arrested April 7 on suspicion and on April 17 he confessed that he had killed Mr. and Mrs. Church. Their bodies were found at the place indicated by him. Clifton claimed that he had killed the couple in self-defense. He had given Church a bill of sale covering personal property to secure payment of \$600 advanced him by Church.

Church was formerly a stenographer in the Union Pacific offices in Omaha. His family and Clifton resided in Council Bluffs. About a year ago Church and Clifton made an agreement to go into the cattle business in Wyoming together and Church then took up a homestead adjoining Clifton's.

Guns Are to Be Inspected.

New York, May 28.—All the guns on the battleships in the navy yard are being examined by an expert from Washington. Rumor has it that the examination is the result of the recent explosion on board the Iowa and that the Washington authorities are not satisfied with the condition of the ordnance. Among other vessels which the expert will examine is the Iowa. He will make an exhaustive search for the cause of the recent fatal accident. It has been decided that the repairs to the Iowa will cost \$100,000. The new gun that is to replace the one shattered has arrived at the navy yard.

Stickney Buys Des Moines Southern.

Des Moines, May 28.—President W. F. Cherry announced the sale of the Des Moines and Southern railroad property to A. B. Stickney. The sale was to Mr. Stickney personally and not to the Chicago Great Western company, of which he is president. The future of the line is not known, but in railroad circles it is generally believed that it will be acquired by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. Right-of-way has been secured for the Des Moines and Southern from Des Moines southwest to Greenfield, Ia. Some construction work has been done.

No Idle Men in Kansas.

Wopeka Kan., May 28.—State Employment Agent Gerow says Kansas will need at least 25,000 men and 4,000 teams for the wheat harvest. His estimates are made from reports received from every township in the state. There are no idle men in Kansas, so it will be necessary to import harvest hands from the neighboring states. There is a great scarcity of horses and mules in the state. This is caused by the fact that during the Boer war thousands of Kansas animals were purchased by the British and taken to Africa.

The Mean Height of Land.

The mean height of land above sea level, according to the most scientific geographers, is 2,250 feet. The mean depth of the ocean is 12,480 feet. Only 2 per cent of the sea (oceans in general) is included inside a depth of 500 fathoms, while 77 per cent lies between 500 and 3,000 fathoms. If the land were filled into the hollows of the seas, water would roll over the earth's crust to a uniform depth of two miles.

Emphasizing a Fact.

There are peculiarities, idiosyncrasies of expression, which emphasize and accentuate facts. It is not enough to say, "he is deaf." We invariably add, "as a post." It would appear sufficient to say, "he is blind," but we prefer in nearly all cases to admit of no contradiction by announcing that he is "stone blind." To be "dead" should suffice; "dead as a doornail" clinches the fact.

Tornado in Indiana.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 28.—The storm here assumed proportions of a tornado and was accompanied by a fall of hail that damaged crops. Farm buildings, wind mills and trees were blown down. Ira Dixon, a Wabash section hand, took refuge under a tree near Hamilton, north of here, and when the tree was blown down he was crushed to death.

Kokomo Hard Hit.

Kokomo, Ind., May 28.—The worst storm in the history of eastern Indiana struck Kokomo, doing damage estimated at \$100,000. Half a dozen factories were badly demolished. Scores of dwellings were blown from foundations or damaged by falling trees. The damage in the country near here will reach \$100,000.

Two Drowned Near Dubuque.

Dubuque, May 28.—J. E. Hall of Oelwein, Ia., traveling representative of the J. I. Case Manufacturing company, was drowned during a storm. While driving in the country his buggy was overturned and swept away by flood water near Village Creek. M. W. Williams was drowned while attempting to ford a stream.

Lipton's Squadron Starts.

Greenock, May 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton's squadron left Greenock for Gourock, preparatory to sailing for America, today. Large crowds of people gathered to bid the crews farewell and good wishes were signaled from the ships in the harbor.

DES MOINES DIKE BREAKS

Hundreds of Families Have to Flee for Their Lives.

WATER HIGHER THAN YEAR AGO

Bridge is Swept Away—Hundreds of People are Moving Out of the Bottom Lands for Fear of the Floods. Also Wet in Kansas.

Des Moines, May 28.—Special to The News: Hundreds of families are moving from the bottom lands in this city. This morning the Maurice street levee broke and 150 families were forced to run in order to save their lives, leaving all of their effects behind.

The Des Moines and Raccoon rivers are booming and the crest of the flood surpasses that of last June. The wall is very rapidly coming down. The new river bridge has been swept away by the water.

Des Moines, May 28.—High water in the Des Moines river is causing apprehension here and reports received from the upper river indicate a repetition of the disastrous flood of last June. Basements in the wholesale section are flooded, but the tops of the levees in the southern part of town are still three feet above the water. The levees are being patrolled for the purpose of repairing breaks, if any occur. North of here the Des Moines river is rising rapidly.

At Boone the river is the highest ever known and the same report comes from Lehigh. At Webster City the Boone river, a tributary to the Des Moines, is two feet, eight inches above last year's high water mark. The Raccoon river is rising rapidly. From all parts of the state come reports of rising rivers and farmers are generally discouraged, as it has been impossible to plow a large part of the corn land of the state. At Atlantic, the Nishnabotna river is the highest in twenty years. From Harlan come reports of stock killed by the floods and fields under water. In Audubon county wind devastated a strip ten miles wide, wrecking houses and leveling orchards.

WORST IN TOLEDO'S HISTORY.

Three People Are Seriously Injured and Property Loss is \$100,000.

Toledo, May 28.—The storm in northwestern Ohio was one of the worst in its history. The damage in Toledo is estimated at \$100,000, while reports from all portions of northwestern Ohio indicate that great damage was done throughout the country, and especially in the oil fields of Wood, Hancock and Sandusky counties, south of Toledo.

Three men were seriously injured: R. G. Manning, superintendent drafting department, American Bridge company, struck in back by plank blown from a bridge; Lyn Mullen and Newton Twenty, injured internally. They were caught under the tower of the Lake Erie Asphalt company, which was blown over.

The most severe damage was done at the plant of the Ohio Brick company, which had just been completed at an expense of \$18,000. The plant was totally demolished. Among the other plants damaged were those of the Lake Erie Asphalt company, the Libby Glass company, the Standard Steel Tube company, the Toledo Salvage company and the Ford Plate Glass company. Hundreds of derricks were wrecked in the oil country.

MOB TRIES TO BREAK IN JAIL.

Wanted to Lynch a Man Behind the Bars.

Jackson, Ky., May 28.—Special to The News: The excitement here is intense during the trial of Curtis Jett and Tom White. A mob of citizens endeavored to break in the jail and secure the prisoners and wreak summary vengeance for the murder of Marcum.

The sentries offered battle to the mob and after a sharp and vigorous conflict the sentries proved victorious and drove the people away.

NEW LIGHTS OVER FIRE CARTS.

Will be no More Delays at Night on Account of Darkness.

Four new electric lights now cover the fire apparatus in the engine house under the city hall. These have been placed so that not an instant need be lost in responding to an alarm, and the hooking of horses into the harness will be very much more rapidly done than heretofore. The lights were put in by the city, and among them is a globe to replace the old gasoline light in front of the city hall.

LIGHTNING STRIKES SCHOOL ROOM

Seventh Grade Receives Severe Shock Today—Graphophone Gone.

Lightning struck the high school building this afternoon while exercises were being held, and caused disturbance in the seventh grade room, Miss Edith Morrow teacher. A graphophone number was just doing its part of the program when a bolt shot into the machine with a crash, broke the spring and literally tore the instrument to pieces. Miss Morrow suffered a severe shock and a number of the pupils were also affected by the electricity.

IS MUCH WATE IN KANSAS.

Salina Has Floods and Floods and Floods.

Salina, Kan., May 28.—Special to The News: The flood situation is very

serious here and many families are being driven away from home to higher ground and places of safety. Many of them have been compelled to leave valuable property to the mercy of the elements, and there is much suffering from exposure to the elements and lack of food and clothing.

WILL TELL TROUBLES TO TEDDY

Illinois Man Will Talk to Him About Russian Massacre.

Peoria, Ill., May 28.—Special to The News: Senator Cullom will present the matter of the Jewish outrages in Russia to President Roosevelt in the hope that there may be some intervention.

GHADRON MAN IS CALLED.

Dr. J. K. Gillette, Now of Springfield, Ill., Goes Up.

Springfield, Ill., May 28.—Special to The News: Dr. J. K. Gillette, formerly principal of the Ghadron, Neb., academy, but now of this city, has been called to the presidency of the Sindenwood college at St. Charles, Mo.

Floods in Wisconsin.

LaCrosse, Wis., May 28.—The danger to LaCrosse and the surrounding country from floods is the greatest since 1880. Tributaries of the Mississippi are rising rapidly. The weather observer has received advices from points on the Chippewa river of thirty inches rise in that river. Along the LaCrosse river, houses, barns and all property in the lowlands are under water. Occupants of houses near the river are packing their furniture and preparing for a hasty flight. The Burlington track is washed out south of LaCrosse and washouts on the Milwaukee road are reported.

Murdoch Elected to Congress.

Wichita, Kan., May 27.—All political records were broken in Kansas by Victor Murdoch, Republican nominee for congress to fill a vacancy in the Seventh district, carrying every one of the thirty-six counties and probably every one of the 200 precincts in the district. In some places he beat his Democratic opponent, Charles F. Clyne, 30 to 1. His plurality will be about 1,200. The vote was very light on account of the weather. The Populist nominee, Judge Babb, showed very little strength.

Dr. Thompson Denounces Mormonism.

Los Angeles, May 27.—The subjects of home missions and aid for colleges occupied the two sessions of the Presbyterian general assembly. Both reports were productive of long and interesting debate. The notable speech of the day was made by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., of New York. His denunciation of Mormonism was especially strong and every sentence was greeted with applause from the assembly and gallery.

Laughs as He Shoots to Kill.

St. Louis, May 28.—Laughing, as if murder and suicide were jokes, Charles E. Wolz, a contractor, while talking to Mrs. Louis P. Nelson at the corner of Grand and Chouteau avenues, suddenly drew a revolver and shot her twice in the head and then sent a bullet into his own brain. Passersby heard Wolz pleading with the woman and then he suddenly laughed loudly and fired the shots. At the hospital it is believed both will die. It is stated that the tragedy was the result of domestic troubles.

Wholesale Liquor Stock Seized.

St. Louis, May 28.—United States Collector of Internal Revenue Westhus ordered the stock of the Gold Springs Distilling company, a wholesale firm, seized on the charge of "doctoring" whisky after the government market had been placed on the package. Revenue agents were sent to the store to take account of the stock and it will be turned over to the United States marshal.

No Concessions Will Be Made.

Chicago, May 28.—No concessions will be made by the 12,000 cooks, waiters, waitresses and kitchen helpers, according to a statement issued by the union. If the wage scale is not accepted by Monday, it is declared, a strike will be called. The workers are asking for a ten-hour day and about the same wages that are paid for twelve and fourteen hours now in the better class of establishments. The Restaurant Keepers' association of Chicago announce that a strike in one restaurant will be the signal for a general lockout.

Baseball Results.

National League—Boston, 7; Pittsburgh, 1 Brooklyn, 1; St. Louis, 3. New York, 5; Chicago, 4. Philadelphia, 2; Cincinnati, 2. American League—Cleveland, 0; Chicago, 1. American Association—St. Paul, 3; Toledo, 4. Western League—Omaha, 0; Kansas City, 1. Des Moines, 2; St. Joseph, 4. Denver, 8; Milwaukee, 7. Colorado Springs, 2; Peoria, 6.

Renault Dies of Injuries.

Poitiers, France, May 28.—Marcel Renault, the well known racer and maker of automobiles, who was injured by the overturning of his machine during the first stage of the Paris-Madrid race, died suddenly after midnight at Couve Verac. Renault never recovered full consciousness from the time he was found beside the roadway.

Making Splendid Progress.

San Francisco, May 27.—Chief Engineer George L. Dillman, in an interview, says the Western Pacific Railway company is making splendid progress with its Beckwith Pass division.

MACHEN IN THE TOILS

Another Arrest is Made in Postal Scandal at Washington.

OTHERS WILL ALSO BE TAKEN

Superintendent of Free Delivery Service is Accused of Accepting "Rake-Offs" From Contractors—Men Who Paid the Money Arrested.

Washington, May 28.—By far the most sensational development of the postoffice investigation up to this time was the arrest of August W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery service, on a warrant issued upon the information of postoffice inspectors, charging him with having received "rake-offs" from contractors made with the local firm of Groff Brothers for a patent postal box fastener. The warrant specifically charges him with receiving \$18,981.78 since Aug. 8, 1900. It is alleged, however, at the department that this amount does not represent all that Machen obtained from his contracts, it being charged that he profited by them for several years prior to the date of the first contract mentioned in the warrant. Other arrests are to follow.

Immediately after Mr. Machen was taken into custody the postmaster general issued an order removing him from office. He had been practically under suspension for a fortnight, pending investigation into his bureau. The discovery of Machen's alleged delinquency was made accidentally by the inspectors some three weeks ago, and since then their energies had been directed toward making out a case. After the authorities had become convinced that they were in possession of the necessary evidence, Mr. Machen was notified to appear at the department. He did so and was subjected to a "sweating process" by the inspectors and General Bristow for three hours, but no admissions that he had profited by the contracts were secured from him. He declined to answer many questions on the ground that they related to his private business. The hearing was set for June 5. Mr. Machen gave \$20,000 bond for his appearance. The department officials declare that their evidence is conclusive. It is understood that civil suit will be entered to recover from Machen the amount he is alleged to have received on the contracts.

Miller B. Groff, one of the partners of Groff Brothers, from whom Machen is alleged to have received money in connection with the purchase of letter box fasteners, went to police headquarters and gave himself up, saying he had heard that a warrant had been issued for him, and that he had come to headquarters to see what was going on. He is held in \$10,000 bail. Samuel A. Groff, the other partner, was also arrested. He was released on \$5,000 bail for his appearance before United States Commissioner Taylor when required.

Wrecked by Washout.

St. Louis, May 27.—A Chicago and Northwestern passenger train was wrecked near Hawarden by a washout. The engineer and fireman jumped. The injured fireman, Thomas Fisher of Eagle Grove, Ia., was placed in the rear coach. A relief train from Hawarden got beyond control of the engineer and crashed into the train, killing fireman Fisher. The engineer was not seriously hurt. The passengers escaped with a shaking up.

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