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## HENRY H. ROGERS DIES SUDDENLY THIS MORNING GREAT FINANCIER WAS REALLY THE HEAD AND BRAINS OF STANDARD OIL AND ALL ITS BRANCHES AND SUB- SIDIARY COMPANIES

New York, May 19.—Henry H. Rogers, one of the leading multimillionaire financiers of the famous Rockefeller group, died this morning.

It was not known that Rogers was ill, as he was at his office yesterday, and his death came as a great shock to his business associates.

Apoplexy was announced as the cause of his death. He was stricken at 6:30 o'clock this morning, and was unconscious for some time before his death. When he was stricken Mrs. Rogers summoned the servants, who called Dr. Fowler, the nearest physician, to the Rogers home. The doctor responded to the call in his night clothes, but when he arrived he saw that there was no hope of saving the great financier's life.

Rogers had been in poor health for several years, and in 1907 suffered a nervous collapse, which resulted in a rumor that he had been stricken with paralysis. He retired for a time and after regaining his health returned to his financial operations.

Recently he appeared in better health than for several years, and for the past few weeks had abandoned

the medical treatment which he had been taking constantly in the past.

Rogers recently withdrew from active connection with the Standard Oil Company, of which he was vice-president and director, as well as being one of the heaviest stockholders, and devoted his attention to the construction of the Virginia railroad from the coal fields to tide water. After completing the road, which is one of the most remarkable lines ever built, Rogers returned to New York from Norfolk, and a month ago went to his summer home at Fairhaven, Mass. He rested there for a short time, and then came here to resume his business affairs.

At the Standard Oil Company's offices it was said that the officials of the company were not prepared to give out a statement now regarding Rogers' career.

Rogers was 69 years old, having been born in Fairhaven, Mass., in 1840. Fifty years ago he sold papers in New Bedford, Mass., and later began his business career as a clerk in his father's general store.

His start toward wealth came when oil was discovered in Pennsylv-

vania. He mounted rapidly to the top, and was worth many millions of dollars at the time of his death.

Besides being vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, he was president of the Amalgamated Copper Company, National Transit Company, Richmond Light & Railway Company, National Fuel Gas Company, New York Transit Company, vice-president and trustee of the Anacosta Copper Mining Company, vice-president and director of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, vice-president of the United Metal Selling Company, trustee of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and director of numerous companies, including the United States Steel Corporation, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad and the Union Pacific.

Rogers was a member of the Fine Arts Society, the New England Society, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History. His clubs were the Union League, Lofo's, Engineers, New York Yacht and the Metropolitan.

His principal gifts were bestowed upon his home town, which he presented with a library building, town hall, school and church.

He spent \$3,000,000 upon these gifts.

He began his career in the Pennsylvania oil fields early in the sixties, after marrying Miss Abbe T. Gilford, of Fairhaven, who died in 1895. He later married Emelle August Randel, daughter of the head of a diamond firm, and divorced wife of Lucius R. Hart.

He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters, Mrs. W. E. Benjamin, Mrs. Urban H. Broughton and Mrs. Mal Rogers-Mott-Coe. The latter eloped when he was 17 years old with Joseph C. Mott. The marriage was annulled, and she later married William R. Coe.

Mrs. Rogers, Henry H. Rogers, Jr., and the three married daughters were at the financier's bedside when he died at 7:20 a. m.

Representatives of the Standard interests stated later in the day that it has been known for some time by Rogers' closest associates that he was in a precarious condition. Since his collapse two years ago he has been

avoiding all engagements possible, and has been taking the best of care of himself.

His death, officials of the corporation say, will not affect the affairs of the Standard Oil Company, and will not involve the sale of securities, all investments being solid. It was also stated that the personally secured notes for the Virginia railway are also covered by strong securities.

John D. Ryan, president of the Anacosta Copper Company, said today: "Rogers and I went to Fairhaven over Sunday, and he was in excellent health. We returned Monday and were in our offices yesterday. He left me at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, saying that he was feeling great."

"Although it is impossible to secure a correct statement of the amount of Rogers' fortune, it is known to be at least \$50,000,000."

Tentative plans for the funeral were made this afternoon. The services will probably be held at the Unitarian Church of the Messiah, Friday morning, Dr. Robert Collier officiating. Burial will be at Fairhaven.

Mark Twain arrived at the Rogers home at noon. He was the dead and is heart-broken. "ETAOINLU" financier's closest personal friend, and is heart-broken over his death. Tears were streaming down the face of the aged humorist when he entered the house.

## LIQUOR LICENSES IN LONDON MAY RUN UP TO \$37,000 LIMIT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE \$1,500 BUT THE BIG HOTELS WILL PAY FROM \$18,500 PER YEAR UP--LIQUOR INTERESTS PARALYZED

[United Press Leased Wire.]  
London, May 19.—British liquor interests have figured that they are hit worse than they thought at first by Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George's new budget. A dreadful outcry went up from them the moment the chancellor laid his proposals before the house of commons. The full horror of the situation did not burst upon them at once, however. It was thought the maximum license fee would be something like \$1500, a very considerable advance over the old rate, considering that the latter move exceeded \$350. The British law does not charge a fixed price for liquor licenses but graduates them according to assessed valuations. It took a few days to

work out the effect of this system under the new budget's regulations. The liquor interests did the necessary ciphering and nearly swooned. The maximum will not be about \$1500 at all, but \$37,000. The latter sum is what the Piccadilly hotel in London will have to pay for the privilege of running its bar after the budget proposals are enacted into law. Its net assessable value is \$150,000. If it were an ordinary saloon it would be charged half that amount for its license. As a hotel, however, the levy will be only 25 per cent.

A few other heavy sufferers are the Carlton hotel, \$18,750; the Ritz, \$21,250; the Savoy, \$31,250, and the Waldorf, \$18,750.

### ARRANGING FOR THE WRESTLERS

Wrestling fans are very undecided in this city as to who will take home the candy in the match between Eddie O'Connell and Dan Sullivan at the Grand opera house next Friday night, as several popular enthusiasts in Portland have been banking considerably on Sullivan with all kinds of confidence that he will throw Eddie. The Sullivan backers are not out jumping at any chances, however, as they fully realize O'Connell will make Sullivan go the limit, and there still remains an excellent opportunity to put him on the mat for the match.

Chester Murphy, one of O'Connell's backers, has been communicating with the local promoters, Harry Albert and George Myer, and says O'Connell is now in the best of condition, and the little man has mentioned that Sullivan will be given the rub of his life next Friday night. O'Connell is not going into the match in a hostile mood, but it is natural he will use every trick and pound of strength he possesses in order to throw Sullivan, as there is some feeling, and much money up between them.

On the other hand, Sullivan is of the opinion that O'Connell, notwithstanding he will make a hard fight, is not liable to get more than one fall, and it is not probable that Sullivan has forgotten the statement he made to a house full of Salem fans some time ago in regard to the long-sought match between himself and O'Connell without success. There is no doubt that Sullivan is an A1 wrestler, and he has proven himself far beyond the ordinary heretofore. He outweighs O'Connell about 10 pounds, and has lots of good, hard muscle, but many think O'Connell has him smothered with quickness. Jack King, one of Portland's most popular wrestling fans, has been in communication with Watt Shipp, Salem's enthusiastic all-round sport, and is of the opinion that Sullivan is a sure winner, but just what King bases his opinion on, he did not state. He said, however, that Sullivan was in splendid shape, and was feeling fine.

A meeting was held in Chester Murphy's offices in Portland this afternoon by O'Connell and Sullivan and the promoters of the bout, to decide upon a referee. It has not been learned who was chosen, but Jack Grant is in line for the job, and will probably be the man to count the falls.

The Portland promoters are making negotiations with the railroad company for a special car from Portland to bring the fans of that city here for the match. If 50 passengers can be guaranteed, a fare and a third can be arranged for.

### SAYS HARRIMAN SHOULD TAKE A REST

New York, May 19.—That E. H. Harriman should cease active work and store up physical energy for the future, is the opinion of Levi P. Morton, who is in this city attending to the routine duties at his office as usual.

"Harriman is one of the most wonderful men in the world," said the retired statesman. "But he is 62 years old now, and he has accomplished enough to satisfy most men. He should slow up and take a rest. If he doesn't he may regret it some day."

Morton stated, however, that his own work is necessary to his happiness. "Why," he said, "if I didn't keep busy I believe I would die. But I don't work all the time, and I do about what I please."

Walter E. Clark of Connecticut was nominated for governor of Alaska by President Taft today. Clark is the Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the New York Sun.

## BAGS HIPPOPOTAMUS ALSO RHINOCEROS

(By Warrington Dawson, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)  
Nairobi, British East Africa, May 19.—Standing his ground against the furious charge of a wounded female rhinoceros, Colonel Roosevelt shot the beast, the most feared of the jungle inhabitants at close range, according to news brought here by a runner today. The rhino, the second killed by the great American explorer, was the largest killed in this section in recent years.

Roosevelt was riding in search of a hippopotamus when he came across the beast. A shot from his rifle wounded the rhinoceros, and it took refuge in the thicket. Roosevelt fired five

more shots into its body, without apparent effect.

While he was maneuvering for an advantageous position for a seventh shot, the infuriated animal crashed from the bushes and charged him. The seventh shot, fired at close range, dropped it in its tracks. After it was skinned by the porters its hide was found to weigh 400 pounds.

Kermit now has a distinctive name of his own. The natives attached to the party have styled him Bwana Mtoto, the little master.

Later Roosevelt killed a big hippopotamus. He now has every specimen of big game, except the elephant and zebra.

## SPRECKELS FAMILY FIGHT OVER ESTATE

[United Press Leased Wire.]  
San Francisco, May 19.—That John D. Spreckles and Adolph Spreckles will fight to the bitter end the petition of their brothers, Rudolph and Claus A. Spreckles, for the partial distribution of the estate of the late sugar king, Claus A. Spreckles, is believed here today.

John D. Spreckles left late yesterday for San Diego. Before his departure he said:

"This proceeding has been started with no idea of a compromise. It is a matter of principle, and there can be no settlement. If the question of undue influence upon my father arises we will show exactly the cause of the former estrangement between him and Rudolph and Claus A. That is a matter that never has been made public."

"The move of the executors in asking for a distribution of the estate was unexpected by us," he continued. "So was the filing of the will only eight hours after my father's death."

—In reply to a question concerning

his present relations with his petitioning brothers, Spreckles said:

"I haven't spoken to Rudolph or Claus A. for 14 years; nor do I think Adolph has. Neither are we likely to."

The first clash of counsel in the attack upon the sufficiency of the petition for distribution will occur before Judge Coffey Tuesday. It is expected sensational revelations will be made following this hearing.

Rudolph Spreckles thus far has refused to comment upon the proceedings that have caused another difference in the family of the late millionaire sugar king. Mrs. Emma C. Fair, Spreckles' daughter, who is also a beneficiary in the will, has not stated finally her position. It is thought however, that her lot may be cast with Rudolph and Claus A. in the coming struggle. Mrs. Anna C. Spreckles, widow of Claus Spreckles, Sr., is ill at her home. Her position in the litigation is also problematical.

## WORSE THAN THEFT

[United Press Leased Wire.]  
Bellingham, Wash., May 19.—War is brewing among the citizens of the town of Ferndale, near here, as the result of theft of two pigs from a rancher living near the town. The pigs were stolen from the yard of Alex Mc Dougall last week and Monty Adams and Phil Rossell, who run a butcher shop in Ferndale were arrested for the act. Their case has not yet been heard in court and the

two men are out on bail. Since the theft of the pigs feeling has been running high in Ferndale and threats have been made against the two accused men. Last night Adams was crossing the wagon bridge over the Nooksack river at Ferndale when he was attacked by a crowd of men. His hands and feet were bound with ropes and his mouth gagged with a handkerchief. When Adams had been securely bound he was thrown into the river.

Struggling in the water Adams succeeded in releasing one of his arms from its bonds and made his way to the bank of the river. When found he was almost exhausted from his fight and is now under the care of the doctor.

The sheriff is investigating the case and arrests are expected at any hour.

Salvation is free, but it takes a collection occasionally to pay the freight.

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