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KING OF MONEY MEN, J. P. MORGAN, DIES IN ROME TODAY

MORGAN'S LIFE HISTORY READS LIKE FAIRYTALE

AS FINANCIAL POWER HE STOOD ABOVE ALL THE WORLD'S PRINCES.

END COMES VERY QUIETLY

Master Financial Mind Saved the Nation's Finances Several Times—His Railroad Operations Were of the Very Greatest—Steel Corporation His Pet Hobby—Old but Active to the Last.

Rome, March 31.—J. Pierpont Morgan died at the Grand hotel at 12:05 this afternoon. The announcement of his death was withheld from newspaper men until private cables were sent to the Morgan banking houses in London and New York.

The end was peaceful. He was unconscious.

Herbert Satterlee, a son-in-law, Mrs. Satterlee, Prof. Bastianelli, Dr. Starr and others of the Morgan party were at the bedside. Dr. Starr has declared the collapse was due to the strain incident to the recent appearance in the house committee investigating the money trust at Washington.

He was practically unconscious since Wednesday. When Morgan arrived at Naples from Egypt he was brought in by a special train. He was pale and emaciated and weak. Since his arrival in Rome four nurses, and a half dozen of Europe's noted specialists were in constant attendance.

Easter Sunday he was stricken with indigestion and weakened rapidly. Death was due to inability to obtain nourishment. Physicians were unable to induce him to eat because of lack of functional vitality of the nerve centers. Refusal of the muscles to work made it impossible to swallow. He was fed by injection.

He had no illness and suffered no pain but wasted away because the body was incapable of nourishing itself.

Last night it was discovered that he was not assimilating even the liquid diet, and physicians knew the end was near. Morgan knew he hadn't long to live. When he arrived at Naples from Egypt Satterlee pleaded with him to return to New York, but he refused, saying he probably never would be able to go abroad again, and wished to say goodbye to be friends among the crowned heads of Europe and to scientists and others.

After the death was announced the Grand hotel was overwhelmed with crowds. Messengers of the pope, the king of Italy and others brought messages of condolence. The American ambassador, O'Brien, was called to the hotel where the greatest excitement prevailed.

Slight Decline Shown.

New York, March 31.—Flurries and fractional losses marked the opening of the stock exchange. Excitement was intense, but there were no indications of serious loss as the result of the death.

The bank of Morgan & company is closed on account of the death. Confidence that Morgan's death will



THE LATE PRINCE OF MONEY KINGS, J. P. MORGAN

Financier of world-wide reputation who passed away at 5 o'clock this afternoon in Rome after lingering illness commenced while at Cairo a few months ago.

not seriously affect the market is expressed on all sides. Though a tenseness was felt, the opening failed to produce any sensations. Steel opened three quarter points lower and the Southern Railroad opened on eighth lower but there were no rallies. Reading immediately. Louisville & Nashville opened a point lower but recovered one one quarter points higher.

London Is Dubious.

London, March 31.—It was evident at the opening of the stock market today that the speculators were in doubt about the rumored death of Morgan. The market opened weak but recovered steadily. Decline of American stocks ranges from a quarter to three-quarter points. Official announcement was not made until late in the day.

Morgan was born in Hartford, 1837, and was a banker for fifty-six years. For the past twenty years he was undisputed king of American finance. He was dominant, his friends said, because of ruthless aggressiveness, dauntless strength, undeniable exaction and power to quickly fuse divided elements. He was not rich, as rich men go these days but was a leader of men with fabulous wealth.

No man of recent times has occupied a more prominent place in American financial history than John Pierpont Morgan. When a panic seized Wall street in 1901 during the struggle for the control of the Northern Pacific railroad it was Mr. Morgan who came to the rescue. Again, when in the fall of 1907 the Wall street panic was at its height, the financiers of the country instinctively turned to Mr. Morgan for aid and advice. He heeded the appeal, and within forty hours created a pool of \$40,000,000 and saved the nation from a panic that threatened to topple over many of the financial pillars of the country. Aside from these two incidents Mr. Morgan will probably be chiefly remembered for the important part he took in floating the United States Steel corporation. The violent decline in the securities of the steel trust during the depression of 1903-04, and the storm of criticism that broke forth from the thousands of investors in the United States and in Europe who put their money into these securities, had been a thorn in Mr. Morgan's side and his chief ambition in the years that followed was to see the steel securities in such position in the market that his most bitter critics would be forced to concede that he built the great trust on a substantial foundation.

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MILITIA DEALS GROCERIES TO HUNGRY HORDE

GROCERS QUARREL ABOUT PRICES AND GOVERNMENT ASSUMES COMPLETE CONTROL

MONEY GREATEST NEED NOW

Money to Re-Establish People in Their Homes and Prevent Famine Is Crying Need in Dayton and Vicinity—Columbus Morgues Now Contain 64 Dead Bodies—Water Is Receding

Dayton, March 31.—Following complaints that some dealers are charging exorbitant prices, the militia has seized grocery stores and soldiers are guarding the stores, with relief committees distributing the supplies. A record is kept of the distributions and the grocers will be paid a reasonable sum for their goods.

John Patterson said: "The relief committee has all the food and clothing necessary at present. Money is urgently needed to put the city in condition to prevent an outbreak of serious diseases, and rehabilitate the thousand who have lost their homes."

A summary of conditions in the flooded districts in Ohio, exclusive of Columbus and Dayton is:

Zanesville, 546 houses destroyed but few fatalities resulted; Piqua, four acres devastated, fatalities under 30; Marietta, hundreds of houses demolished; Fremont, damage fixed at two millions and four corpses recovered; food and medicines badly needed; Gallipolis, the water stands three feet above the former record, a hundred homeless but no fatalities reported.

Sixty-Four in Columbus Morgue.

Columbus, March 31.—Sixty-four bodies were in the morgue this morning. Waters are receding in Central Ohio leaving mud and slime everywhere. The governor has been advised that the situation throughout the state is now "well in hand."

Money is badly needed throughout the flooded district in Ohio. Rehabilitation is progressing rapidly. Since General Wood was placed in charge of sanitation work in Ohio he is confident the epidemic will be controlled.

Ohio Sets New Mark.

Cincinnati, March 31.—With the crest expected this afternoon, the Ohio is the highest it has been in 40 years.

CULL POTATOES LOSS PANACEA IS ADVANCED BY IDAHO EXPERT

German methods, recently developed, in making of waste culls of the potato fields into a material that equals in food properties an equal amount of corn meal, were told, briefly, this afternoon at a business men's luncheon hastily assembled by Secretary C. M. Humphreys of the Commercial club. The bringer of the message that is generally deemed to solve the excess potato problem and the cull question too, was Carl Feldhusen, of Boise. Though at present deputy county assessor there, he is an experienced potato raiser. The big problem was aptly told in the short time allowed the business men who gathered for the noonday luncheon at one o'clock at the Model restaurant. Four hundred pounds of raw potatoes equal in food value when fed to stock

GRANDE RONDE RISING BUT NO DAMAGE FEARED

ONLY TROUBLE OF CONSEQUENCE PERTAINS TO THE ORO DELL DAM.

MINOR STREAMS REcede

Cessation of Rain Stops High Water in This City but River Is at the Driving Stage With Danger Mark Yet to Be Reached—Cottonwoods Near Oro Dell May Become Trouble Makers.

Balmy sunshine that may in the end cause more floodwater than the prolonged rains that prevailed for the past 48 hours in this section, followed on the heels of that snow-melting process this morning. Water is receding in the smaller streams, especially those that menace the streets of La Grande. The Grande Ronde is again, today, at what is known as driving stage, but is below the danger mark. Cessation of rain probably means it will go down again. The dam at Perry is in no danger whatever, for removal of a splash board or two has allowed the water to run its natural course. It was the Oro Dell dam that was giving trouble Saturday and not the Perry dam. At Oro Dell the water is undermining the grove of cottonwoods just below the dam, and a swift stream is finding a bed between the old log bulwarks and the county road. The danger imminent there is that the trees will topple over, float down and clog against the bridges immediately below them and cause trouble in that way. This phase is the most serious of any and it in itself is not really a great menace as yet.

Saturday night First and Main, First and Washington, and Adams and Fourth were flooded with water almost cutting off traffic. During the however, and today the streets are night the congestion disappeared, "high and dry again."

Slides at Elgin.

While the mainline of the O.-W. is running its trains on time, and officers report excellent weather at all points, the branch line continues to give trouble. Minor slides have followed that which occurred Saturday morning and it is doubtful if Wallawa county will get into rail connection with the outside world today. Stub trains are run on the branch line.

Flood Echoes Reaching City

MRS. J. M. WRIGHT LOSES SISTER IN INDIANA FLOOD.

Others Greatly Worried

Mrs. J. D. Gillilan New of Boise, in Heart of Storm, but Is Unhurt.

Flood horrors in Indiana and in Ohio are echoing into La Grande homes, causing not only worry and distress but actual mourning. Among the victims in Indiana, was Mrs. Theodore Shockney of Union City, Ind., who was a sister of Mrs. J. M. Wright of this city and aunt of J. K. Wright of the La Grande Investment company.

Her death was indirectly caused by the flood—the water shutting off the gas, causing an explosion that so badly maimed Mrs. Shockney that death followed shortly afterwards. Letters written and Union City newspaper articles accompanying tell of the details of the fatal explosion and on the date the letter was mailed, Mrs. Shockney died, a telegram to that effect reaching the Wright family ahead of the letter. The Indiana town is near Dayton.

Gutridge Family Worried.

For several days the Gutridge family of this city was worried over the news from Dayton and vicinity. Close relatives were in the heart of the flooded district, but among the men mentioned as doing heroic rescue work, was the name of a relative of Mr. Gutridge, but, however, other relatives remained unheard of for some time.

There have been a half dozen other anxious families here fervently hoping that relatives escaped.

Mrs. J. D. Gillilan, formerly of this city but now of Boise, was visiting with friends in Ohio, but escaped unharmed, according to word received from Dr. Gillilan at Boise, today.

LIBRARY BENEFIT NEAR.

"Bunt Pulls the Strings" Is Attracting Widespread Interest.

Much interest is being felt in educational and club circles over the appearance next week of Katherine Olive McCoy, the noted Scotch reader.

She will be heard in the L. D. S. tabernacle Tuesday evening, April 8, when she gives "Bunt Pulls the Strings."

Mrs. McCoy without the aid of costume or scenery portrays as the characters of the play, and so clever is she that each character stands out in interesting relief, thus making her entertainment decidedly entertaining and educational.

This entertainment is given under the auspices of the Neighborhood club and Lyle Tuesday Musicals and the funds are to go to the book fund of the public library.

potato field and give a hog and stock feed to this country that raises pound for pound with corn. The cost of installing the plant is approximately \$10,000 and it is generally believed that the flakes, the finished product, can be sold to the consumer for \$1.25 or \$1.35 a hundred pounds, which is less than corn, and in the meantime, the potato grower can afford to pay that price because he is being remunerated for his culls, now a dead loss because the raw potato makes extremely poor, if not dangerous, food material. The business men heard the details through, and saw the plans of the plant. Roughly speaking two huge rollers, heated with steam, and one-three hundreds of an inch apart, squeeze the water out and leaves the salads only, heated, dried and flaked.

References and endorsement of the general plan by the United States government were read by Mr. Feldhusen.

OHIO RIVER NO TORRENT

ILLINOIS DISTRICT NOW IN SERIOUS DANGER OF DESTRUCTION BY WATER

RESIDENTS FLEE TO HILL

Shawneetown and Cairo Especially in Danger—A Few Men Remain Behind to Stay With the Town, but Women and Children Have Gone to Refuge Points—Water Has Cut off Escape.

Shawneetown, Ill., March 31.—The greatest flood in the history of this region is predicted. The Ohio and Wabash rivers are rising rapidly. Women and children have been sent to the hills and the militia is patrolling the city with orders to shoot to kill anyone attempting to cut the levee. The flood is sweeping down the valley doing immense damage. The crest is expected tomorrow. The waters are above the level of the street, and a break in the levee will submerge the town.

Only a few hundred merchants and professional men remain in the city. These have been advised that the last chance of reaching the refugee camp in the hills has gone. They must now remain until the waters subside.

Cairo in Great Alarm.

Cairo, Ills., March 31.—Fearing death as the result of floods citizens in Cairo are making an exodus every effort is being made to strengthen the levees. The governor and president have been appealed to.

Kentucky Faces Danger.

Louisville, Ky., March 31.—Repetitions of the Ohio floods are threatened in Kentucky from the constantly rising Ohio river. Thousands of acres of low lands in western Kentucky are inundated.

FIRE INJURES WIDOW'S HOME

CHEMICALS EXTINGUISH BLAZE ON NORTH Y STREET

Widow and Five Children Suffer Loss Yesterday—Long Run Through Mud

Fire yesterday afternoon partially ruined the home of Mrs. W. E. Penick at the corner of Spruce and North Y. The flames had licked off the paper of the little home occupied by a widow in destitute circumstances and surrounded by five children, when the fire department reached the scene after a long run through deep mud. Chemicals were used exclusively and almost instantly extinguished the flames.

The widow's husband died a few weeks ago and she admitted yesterday that she is in dire need of help. This is the fourth fire call that has come in from box 33.

Congregational Meeting Set.

Members of the Presbyterian church congregation are called to meet in their annual meeting tonight. Election of trustees and elders and the reading of reports from all department heads will be the order of business. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.