

AMERICAN FINANCIER DEAD TODAY

George Jay Gould Succumbs To Illness While Abroad In Southern France.

CALLS BEYOND THIS MORNING

Became Seriously Ill This Spring While in Egypt; On Verge of Death for Many Weeks.

(By Associated Press.)
MONTONE, France, May 16.—George Jay Gould, American financier, who has been ill at Cape Martin near here, died this morning.

(By Associated Press.)
George Jay Gould, financier and railroad man, succeeded to the leadership of the famous Gould family upon the death of his father, Jay Gould, December 2, 1892.

In addition to assuming responsibility, as trustee and executor, for the \$5,000,000 estate left by his father, he carried on and expanded the great railroad holdings of the latter, and within a few years he learned from the elder Gould, he became one of America's foremost railroad financiers. The 6,000 mile or road left by Jay Gould grew into more than 20,000 miles under the management of his son, while the many investments in other large enterprises, including the Western Union Telegraph Company, also were largely managed by the principal heir.

Born in New York.
George Jay Gould was born in New York City February 6, 1854, the sixth in line of descent from Major Nathaniel Gould, the original ancestor, who came from the south of England in 1646 and settled in Fairfield, Conn. While many of Nathan Gould's descendants attained eminence in colonial affairs and through service in the Revolutionary War, it remained for Jay Gould to become the first financier.

The Gould family fortune dated from 1859, when Jay Gould, a partner in his father's hardware store in Delaware county, New York, bought for ten cents on the dollar a controlling interest in the Rutland and Washington railroad, a little bankrupt line running between Troy, New York, and Rutland, Vt. Young Gould, in addition to selling hardware, had studied surveying in his spare time, and took an interest in railroad building as a result of these studies.

Two years after purchasing the road, Jay Gould had succeeded in extricating it from financial difficulties, whereupon he sold at 120 the interest originally acquired at 12. This was the first feat of that generalship which over and over in later life, made him the foremost railroad developer of his time.

Chip Off Old Block.
George Jay Gould, even when quite young, showed an inclination to follow in the footsteps of his father. He received a thorough education from private instructors, and subsequently entered Columbia University, but was not graduated.

After a tour of Europe, he became a clerk in the Western Union office, where he developed such an aptitude for detail that he soon became the assistant of his father. George Gould was at his desk ten hours a day, and often remained long into the night, learning the business which, when he became its vice-president a few years later, operated more than a million miles of telegraph wire.

Takes Over Father's Interests.
This apprenticeship prepared him for the responsibility devolving upon him when Jay Gould died. Soon after he obtained full charge of his father's interests, he called upon J. Pierpont Morgan in regard to the purchase of the New York and Northern railway by the Manhattan Elevated road. Something was said which angered Mr. Gould, and he vowed never to enter the Morgan offices again.

Fearing, however, that he had made a powerful enemy, he determined to neutralize its effect by an alliance with the financial interests of the world. He called upon John D. Rockefeller, outlined his plans, and asked the oil magnate's advice. There was something in young Gould's manner that won the friendship of Mr. Rockefeller.

Weather Forecast



Portland, May 16.—Generally cloudy to-night and Thursday; rain near the coast.

Two go to Stronghold of Bandits as Hostages

Upton Sinclair, Novelist And Socialist, Arrested

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, May 16.—Upton Sinclair, novelist and socialist, is under arrest by the Los Angeles police on the charge of unlawful assembly and under suspicion of criminal syndicalism. Chief of Police Louis L. Oaks announced today.

Sinclair and three others were taken into custody last night at San Pedro. The chief gave no intimation as to where the men were then taken.

L. H. S. WILL ENTER MIMIR

O. A. C. Beaver Annual Staff Offers Silver Loving Cup for Best High School Year Book.

Principal E. D. Towler late this afternoon stated that the Mimir would be entered in the contest described in the news story below.

CORVALLIS, May 16.—La Grande high school has been asked to enter its annual, "The Mimir," to compete for the 15-inch silver loving cup offered by the staff of the 1923 Beaver annual at the Oregon Agricultural college for the best high school year book in the state. E. D. Towler, principal of the high school, and Melvin A. Bennett, head of the English department and faculty advisor, have both been sent rules governing the contest.

Originality, make-up and content will each count 25 per cent in determining the prize-winner; quality of engraving and quality of printing each 10 per cent; and the cover 5 per cent. Honorable mention will be given five of the publications and consideration of the size of the high school publishing the book will be given so that all will have an equal chance. The annuals entered in the contest are to be in by June 1 and the results will be announced by June 15.

Harding Awaits The Decision of Portland

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 16.—President Harding is ready to receive a proposal from Portland, of some good democrat qualified to take over Senator Chamberlain's place on the shipping board, Senator Stanfield was advised in a conference at the White House today.

It was thought for a while that further resignations would create a place for a republican from the Pacific coast, but the White House let it be known that the Pacific coast appointee must be a democrat.

PORTLAND, May 16.—Conference yesterday of business men to find a suitable candidate for the United States shipping board to succeed George E. Chamberlain netted nothing definite. Several well-known residents of the state, of democratic persuasion, were discussed but that is as far as the conference went.

It is the desire of the business interests to locate some capable man, behind whom all sections of the state and factions can gather, and then make a drive for his appointment. Mr. Chamberlain retires from the board June 30.

Hen Adopts Kittens But Is Unable To Feed Them

(By Associated Press.)
HARRINGTON, Wash., May 17.—P. R. Davins of Harrington, brings in a brand new romance in the animal kingdom.

He owns a pet mother cat and knew there was to be an increase in the feline family. One day recently, the cat attracted by Mr. Davins' attention to be constantly meowing in a plaintive strain, like a broken-hearted mother over the loss of her child. Suspecting the truth, he made a diligent search for some kittens, but it was unavailing.

That evening while at the chicken house gathering eggs, he approached a nest which was occupied by a Rhode Island hen. Attempting to reach under "Biddy" for eggs, he found three little kittens. The hen remonstrated as violently about parting with the kittens as though they had come from shells. The triplet kittens were almost famished, having been under the hen for probably 24 hours without nourishment.

So Mr. Davins concluded a compromise. He brought the kittens back to the mother cat and gave them the usual quota of eggs and cat, kittens and hen all appeared to be satisfied.

3 Chinese

Said Killed

Brigands Move Captives Into New Fastness Is Report.

(By Associated Press.)
SHANGHAI, May 16.—Members of the Chinese government gendarmerie boarded a train bound from Peking to Shanghai, attacked officials, beat their Chinese servants who resisted, seized everything on the tables despite foreigners' protests and held the train for several hours. Consular representatives finally induced the gendarmerie to withdraw.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKING, May 16.—With the government's consent, Minister of Communications Wu Yu Lin, and General Yang Hsueh, have held as hostages in order to obtain the release of foreign captives.

The bandits, who took their captives further into the mountains, three Chinese captives over a precipice back into the mountains, according to unconfirmed reports from Lincheng.

MURDER THREE

SHANGHAI, May 16.—Three Chinese captives, taken by the Suchow train bandits in the rail on the Shanghai-Peking express, have been hurled to death over a precipice near the release of the foreign prisoners as a warning that negotiations for the release of the foreign prisoners must be brought to a speedy termination, according to an unconfirmed message received Wednesday from Lincheng.

Retreat 10 Miles.

SHANGHAI, May 16.—The Suchow bandits have moved their foreign captives 10 miles farther back into the mountains behind Lin Cheng, according to unconfirmed reports received here early Tuesday.

This action is taken as a strategic move on the part of the brigands to impress the Peking government on the eve of negotiations for the release of the foreigners.

Doctor Mertens, who has been attending the captives, has been refused permission by the bandit chief to make any more trips into the mountain stronghold.

FUNERAL OF SIDNEY STANFIELD TODAY

ONTARIO, May 16.—The body of Sidney Stanfield, 55, eldest brother of Robert N. Stanfield of Oregon, who was killed in an automobile wreck near Payette, last Friday night, May 11, was shipped to Milton, Ore., Tuesday morning, the accident victim's former home, where the funeral will be held today. Gerald Stanfield, a brother, accompanied the body to Milton.

DAMAGE IN ARKANSAS VERY HIGH

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 16.—Wind and rain storms in Arkansas Monday and Monday night took toll in property damage which will run into the millions, but, according to reports reaching here Tuesday night as communication was being restored probably without the loss of a single life.

Aside from the damage done at Hot Springs, where the storm brought a pushing flood and was accompanied by a destructive fire in the business district, reports of the destruction of buildings and crops are coming from all parts of the state.

SHORTAGE SEEN IN FARM LABOR

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Increased demand for all classes of skilled labor, skilled mechanics and farm hands have practically put an end to unemployment in every section of the country, the department of labor reported Tuesday in an analysis covering conditions during April.

The predicted shortage of competent farm labor, the report said, is now already a fact, and in many sections of the country the farming interests are being severely hampered by the inability to secure labor for farm work. In the south and southwest, where heretofore there has always been a sufficient supply, they are experiencing for the first time a situation which is causing alarm, as large numbers of men who have always worked on the farm have migrated to the larger cities of the country seeking immediate employment in the various industries which are having trouble to find sufficient labor to meet their demands.

Shortage in Sight.
"Indicative of the country's sound industrial condition is the fact that the large percentage of the public employment office report that it will soon be impossible to meet the growing demand for certain classes of labor."

The survey showed increased activity in the metal mining industry and a scarcity of workers in the lumber mills and in building and construction lines which had the effect of curtailing operations. The report said that "conditions affecting employment in the iron and steel industry continue to improve and in some of the larger centers shortage of certain classes of this labor are evident."

This information assembled by the department's employment service from 142 firms was supplemented by other figures concerning the volume of employment during April, compiled by the bureau of labor statistics from reports made by 554 representative establishments in 47 manufacturing industries.

Train, Carrying Union Pacific Official, Is Derailed Near Ontario

(By Associated Press.)
ONTARIO, May 16.—A special train of four cars, including the private cars of E. E. Calvin, vice president of the Union Pacific; H. Platt, general manager of the Oregon Short Line, and H. A. Pierce, general superintendent of the Oregon Short Line, was derailed by a short stretch of defective track about 80 miles from Ontario near Juntura, Tuesday morning about 8:30 o'clock. No one was injured.

The party of rail officials were returning from an inspection trip at Crane, at the end of the branch, where they were Monday. Immediately following the accident a wrecking car from Nampa was summoned and the officials and their party were taken into Nampa, shortly thereafter, where they left for the east.

51 SENIORS TO GRADUATE

One of Largest Classes in L. H. S. History to Graduate This Year.

Fifty-one students will graduate from the La Grande high school this year, one of the largest graduating classes in the history of the L. H. S. Baccalaureate services will be held in the high school auditorium Sunday evening, May 20, at 8 o'clock. Rev. William Crosby Stone, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will deliver the address.

Commencement will be held in the L. H. S. tabernacle, May 20, at 3 o'clock in the evening with Edwin T. Reed, of the Oregon Agricultural college as the commencement speaker.

The list of seniors who will graduate this year is: Jesse Dean, Bertha Borchers, Clifford Bloklund, Carrie Burbridge, Myrtle Black, Hilda Bloklund, Jean Chandler, Lucile Craig, Reid Geddes, Jess George, Jane Harland, Howard Glenn, Genevieve Hanna, Ronda Harris, Marion Howell, Ruth Kenney, Fred Hart, Dorothy Kirby, Gladys Klippack, Roberta Lloyd, Earl Larson, Agnes McClelland, Glenn Metcalf, Mildred Melholland, T. C. McDonald, Gladys Owen, Harold O'Connell, Dorothy Krouse, Raymond Payton, Russell Price, Joanne Smith, Beulah Smith, John Robinson, Donald Rohan, Tom Buckman, Floyd Smith, Dorothy Smutz, D. Smutz, Mildred Stoddard, Lawrence Trill, Mildred Weeks, Blanche Whitton, Lillian Wilson, Ruth Wright, Elsie Yeck, Fern Kelly, Emerson Shrock and L. A. Wilkerson.

BAND CONCERT IS POSTPONED TODAY

Due to the inclement weather this week, the band concert, which was to be held at Riverside Park, has been postponed until a later date. Director Andrew Loney, Jr. announces that the band is preparing a number of selections for the coming season, of exceptionally high merit. The date for the concert has not yet been announced.

THESE SPRING SHOWERS SURELY ARE REFRESHING



NEW MEMBER OF ACCIDENT BOARD



E. E. Bragg, of La Grande, who was placed on the state industrial commission by Governor Pierce Monday, and his family will leave for Salem the latter part of next week. In his position he will, according to the appointment, represent the manufacturers and employers, because as the commission is now constituted there is one member representing labor, one representing the public and one the employers. Mr. Bragg's appointment is for the latter place.

BRITISH MAKE CONCESSIONS

Decides to Open Conversations With Russia; Ultimatum Time Limit to Be Extended.

LONDON, May 17.—The outcome of the eagerly-awaited Russian debate Tuesday night in the house of commons was the announcement that there would be no immediate break between England and Russia, but that negotiations would be started through Lord Krassin, who was in the gallery, listening to the debate. Ronald McNeil, undersecretary for foreign affairs, announced on behalf of the government that Foreign Secretary Curzon was prepared to enter into discussion with M. Krassin, and that in order to enable the latter to communicate with his government in Moscow, the time limit mentioned in the British ultimatum to the soviets would be reasonably extended.

Will insist on demands. But, he added, this should not be taken to mean that the British will be satisfied with anything less than compliance with their demands.

House of Commons Ousts Member; Unusual Scene

LONDON, May 16.—An unusual scene occurred in the house of commons Tuesday night, which ended in the suspension of the Communist member, John T. W. Newbold. The vote suspending him was 200 to 88.

Newbold has spoken disrespectfully of the chairman of a committee, Capt. Edward Algernon Fitzroy, Conservative member for Northamptonshire. Captain Fitzroy called on Newbold to withdraw, and this led to angry recriminations between the Laborites and the chair.

The Laborites reproached the chair for not permitting Newbold to apologize. Fitzroy persisted in his ruling for the withdrawal of Newbold, and called on the speaker at arms to remove Newbold, who declined to move from his seat. Thereupon the chairman sent for the speaker, who upheld the action of Captain Fitzroy. This provoked fresh scenes of acrimony.

The La Grande Klaxon Temple will be in charge of the ceremonial, assisted by the Pendleton chapter. A parade has been planned for 5 o'clock. This will be followed by a supper, after which time the ceremonial will be held. La Grande is shipping the equipment to Pendleton for the session. Arrangements are being made with

PROHIBITION BILL WOULD CAUSE A CONFLICT

President Gives Views On Proposed New York Repeal Bill.

TOO SOON YET FOR FEDERAL ACTION

Repeal of New York State Liquor Statutes Would Be Hardship On the Federal Authorities.

(By Associated Press.)
NEWBURGH, New York, May 16.—"The repeal of the state prohibition enforcement statutes would likely result in more or less conflict between state and federal authorities," President Harding wrote in a letter to Wesley Wall of this city.

Wait had asked the president whether the New York legislature, in passing a bill repealing the enforcement act, were subject to the law of reason.

"They have taken oath to sustain the constitution of the United States," replied the president, and while saying that pending approval of the bill Governor Smith, the matter had hardly reached a stage for federal action, intimated that he supported Wait's view and indicated that if the bill became a law it might be necessary for federal authorities to enforce prohibition in New York.

Whitfield Is Insane States His Attorney

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 16.—Witnesses and medical experts can prove that George E. Whitfield, who is facing death for the murder of 12-year-old Anna Nook, is insane, Charles Lane, his attorney, declared in an affidavit which was filed with a motion for a new trial today. The motion was accompanied by a bill of particulars, and a request for a new trial in which to file new affidavits. Neither motion was acted upon today by the court, which is occupied in the trial of Robert Page, charged with manslaughter.

"The affidavit states that he believes he can on sufficient authority, show that on March 8 and since that date, the defendant does not know right from wrong; that he is a weakling and deficient, mentally unsound and irresponsible and should not be hanged, but cared for by the state," Lane declared in his affidavit. "The defendant is still a minor and no good will be accomplished by the slaying of a mad boy for a mad act if he did the act."

IMBLES TEACHER NAMED

IMBLES, May 16.—J. W. Hough, instructor in the Union school, has been added to the faculty of the Imbles schools. Professor Hough at one time taught in the Lincoln high school of Portland and was city superintendent of the Pendleton schools. Ralph Morgan of Union will have charge of the new Smith-Hughes course here. Two teaching vacancies remain in the Imbles high school.

AIRMAN VISITS PORTLAND

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 16.—Captain William E. Lynd, of the army air service, who left Klamath Falls, Texas, May 15, to map air currents between Texas, Oregon and California, arrived here late yesterday and left this morning for San Francisco. Lynd formerly lived at Klamath Falls.

STRIKERS RESUME WORK

(By Associated Press.)
SAABERUCKEN, May 16.—Fifty thousand Sauer valley coal miners who struck in January protesting against the occupation of the Ruhr by the French, resumed work today under an agreement providing for a wage increase from three to five francs.

THE MARKET

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 16.—Cattle demoralized, calves one dollar lower, hogs, and sheep steady. Eggs are weak and butter firm.

Dokies To Initiate Tyros In Pendleton Friday Eve

A class of about 15 tyros will be initiated into the mysteries of the Dookies Order of the Knights of Klaxon in a huge ceremonial that is to be staged in Pendleton next Friday, afternoon and evening, according to announcement made here today.

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