

NEGRO POET DEAD

Paul Laurence Dunbar, Once a Newsboy.

CARRIED OFF IN HIS PRIME

Learned to Write Amid Ups and Downs at Dayton, Ohio, and Published Many Books—Mother His First Heroine.

DAYTON, O., Feb. 9.—Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro poet, died at his home here this afternoon of consumption. For three years he had been seriously ill and for a year critically ill, but he kept at his work intermittently and wrote his last poem for his Christmas book, "Howdy, Honey, Honey," just before Christmas.

Mr. Dunbar was born in Dayton, June 27, 1872, and was first a newsboy and then an "evening boy" and in the ups and downs for a living practiced writing. His first poem was written when he was 7 years old. His first work to attract attention to him was a class poem written for the Steele High School in 1891. His first of a total of 21 books was "When Malindy Sings," which was written to his mother, whose name is Malinda Spencer Dunbar. He is survived by his mother, his wife and two half-brothers, who reside in Chicago. He will be buried in Woodland Cemetery, this city, the day of next week, many persons of note being expected to attend.

Gen. Eaton, Soldier and Educator.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—General John Eaton, a distinguished Civil War veteran and noted educator, died here today, aged 77 years. At one time he was editor of the Memphis Post. In 1892 he became United States Commissioner of Education, which position he held for 16 years, and afterward became president of Marietta College, Ohio, and of Sheldon Jackson College, Salt Lake City. He established the educational system of Porto Rico under the military occupancy of the United States and became Superintendent of Public Instruction there.

FELDER OF IRRIGATION MOVEMENT.

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 9.—O. C. Ellison, one of the founders of the National Irrigation Congress, California Commissioner to the Chicago World's Fair and the Commissioner who collected the Scandinavian art exhibit for the same exposition, died yesterday at Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico. He was the husband of Edith M. Nichol, a novelist, and in 1890 he was elected to an adjoining estate to Ibsen in Norway.

Aunt of Duke of Marlborough.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Countess Howe, who was (Georgiana) Elizabeth Spencer-Churchill, daughter of the seventh Duke of Marlborough and aunt of the present Duke of Marlborough, died today.

James Annand, British M. P.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—James Annand, a prominent journalist, who recently was elected to Parliament for Aberdeen in the Liberal interest, died here today.

Sister of ex-Senator Cockrell.

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Mary Ann Tapscott, a sister of ex-Senator F. M. Cockrell, died at her home here today, aged 77.

MURPHY'S MAN ELECTED

He Puts McAvoy at Head of Tammany Executive Committee.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—Tammany Hall's executive committee stood solidly behind Charles F. Murphy this afternoon and elected as chairman Thomas F. McAvoy, leader of the Twenty-third District, and a staunch Murphy supporter. He thus becomes active head of Tammany.

The election was unanimous, and was participated in by all but four of the leaders, several of them being regarded as followers of Mayor McClellan in his warfare upon Mr. Murphy. Mr. McAvoy is in Havana, but Mr. Murphy said there was no doubt that he would accept the place.

Mr. McAvoy was First Deputy Commissioner of Police during Mayor McClellan's first administration.

CUMMINS ENTERS FIGHT AGAIN

Will Have Bitter Contest for Governorship of Iowa.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 9.—Governor Cummins today announced that he will be a candidate this year for the Republican nomination for Governor. This announcement is the forerunner of one of the bitterest convention fights the State of Iowa ever knew. The contest will be between George W. Perkins, of Sioux City, and Mr. Cummins.

Report Progress on Suffrage.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 9.—The session of the annual convention of the Women's National Suffrage Association was resumed today. Reports from the state presidents were read, showing the progress of the woman's suffrage cause in Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire and New Jersey.

ENDS WAR ON SANTA FE

Kansas Dismisses Suit to Oust Road From State.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 9.—The suit against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., brought by the State of Kansas to oust that company from the state, which was commenced at Sedan, Kan., nearly a year ago, was dismissed at Sedan tonight. The railroad company agrees to pay all costs.

The suit was brought on information filed by the County Attorney of Chautauque County, alleging violations of the state anti-trust laws, naming over 30 transportation and commerce companies with which it was alleged, the Santa Fe had traffic agreements. The action was commenced at the time the state was swept by anti-standard oil sentiment, and was backed at first by the Kansas State Oil Producers' Association.

FLAMES DEVOUR OIL TOWN

Littletown Destroyed and Half Its Population Homeless.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., Feb. 9.—Fire broke out in Littletown, an oil town near here, today, and before it could be extinguished nearly every business house was destroyed, about 800 of the 1200 inhabitants were without homes and a financial loss of more than \$200,000 was sustained.

RACE ISSUE IN AFRICA

Natives Send Huge Petition to King for Equal Rights.

EARTHQUAKES CAUSE PANIC

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CAPE TOWN, Cape Colony, Feb. 9.—The demands of the colored inhabitants of the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies for full political rights are becoming more insistent. The African Colored Political Association, representing all South Africa, is preparing a monster petition to King Edward, asking for all the political rights enjoyed by the whites, which will be presented in London by a deputation of colored men from South Africa.

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Open Revolt Threatens Persia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 9.—Advices from Persia show that the situation is becoming more acute. The chief of the trouble now is in Southern Persia, where the misgovernment of the Shah's favorite son, who is governor of Shiraz Province, is so glaring that the foreign representatives have united in representations to the Shah, demanding an investigation. In the opinion of the special commissioner sent from Teheran results in the displacement of the royal Governor, or at least in a great amelioration of the situation, it probably will cause an open revolt.

Danish-Americans Send Flowers.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 9.—Preparations for the funeral of King Christian are proceeding at the Slotkirk at Roskilde with feverish haste. It will be necessary to work night and day to complete all the details. The sympathy of Danes in America is shown by the large number of magnificent floral tributes which arrived from that country. American Minister O'Brien today received instructions from the State Department at Washington to represent President Roosevelt at the funeral. A wreath of orchids has been placed upon the King's coffin by Mr. O'Brien.

English Cottonworkers Get More.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The mill-owners of the northern counties have granted the cotton operatives an increase of wages amounting to 2 1/2 per cent, commencing with March 1st, and extending to 50,000 operatives. This is the first time in 30 years that they have been placed on the full-wage standard adopted 60 years ago.

Dissolves Disorderly Parliament.

LISBON, Feb. 9.—King Charles today, as a result of the recent disorderly scenes and obstruction in the Chamber of Deputies, signed a decree, which was subsequently read, ordering the dissolution of Parliament. The Council of State is considering the situation, but no further action has been decided upon.

Alfonso Under Surgeon's Knife.

PARIS, Feb. 10.—King Alfonso, according to a dispatch from Madrid to the Petit Journal, underwent a slight operation yesterday for the removal of a cyst which had formed on his shoulder. The operation was successful and he is recovering from following his ordinary occupations.

Salary-Grab Arouses Peru.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 9.—The whole country is aroused at the government of the country owing to the passage by Congress recently of a law which provides for an increase in the salaries of the members of the House of Representatives.

Plan to Govern French Congo.

PARIS, Feb. 9.—Colonial Minister Clementel, at a meeting of the Council of Ministers today with President Loubet in the chair, proposed a plan for the political administration and economic reorganization of the French Congo.

CUDAHY'S GIVE EVIDENCE

Father Tells of Kidnaping Son in Trial of Crowe.

OMAHA, Feb. 9.—The principal witnesses at the Pat Crowe trial today were Edward C. Cudahy, the packer, whom Crowe is charged with kidnaping, and his son, who was the victim of the kidnaping. Young Cudahy was cross-examined briefly. Mr. Cudahy, Sr., told of the search for his son, the receipt of a letter demanding ransom and the placing of \$25,000 in gold at the spot designated by the kidnapers.

TRAIN FOR POLAR FLIGHT

Wellman Will Spend Year Testing His Airship.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—In a cablegram to the Record-Herald from Paris today Walter Wellman says that the steamer Frithjof has been chartered and his North Pole expedition will start for Spitzbergen about the middle of June.

In that Arctic region, under climatic conditions approaching those of the pole, the first trial of the airship will be made before starting on the flight to the North. It is probable that 12 months will be consumed in trials at Spitzbergen and in readjusting the mechanical parts of the craft to the intense frigid temperature.

Confesses He Murdered Lewis.

WARREN, O., Feb. 9.—Charles Deigan, arrested recently on the charge of being implicated in the murder of Roland K. Lewis, a wealthy farmer and stock dealer at West Farmington, O., has confessed that he killed Lewis.

Milwaukee Country Club.

Los Angeles and Oakland races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

LONGWORTH IS RECOVERING FROM SEVERE COLD.

Will Be Ready to Marry.

Fever Driven Out by Close Attention.

President Explains Scarcity of Invitations Due to Smallness of the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Representative Nicholas Longworth, of Ohio, whose marriage to Miss Alice Roosevelt is to take place one week from tomorrow, is ill at the home of his mother in this city. Mrs. Longworth stated tonight, however, that the illness is not serious; that there is no reason for concern, and that she expected her son would be well enough to come downstairs by Monday.

Mr. Longworth has been suffering from a cold for several days, and was not feeling very well when he went to the House of Representatives yesterday. When he came home in the afternoon the cold had become aggravated somewhat and there was some fever.

By Mrs. Longworth's advice he took to his bed and a physician was called. He has remained in bed since that time. Today the fever disappeared and Mr. Longworth was better.

NOT ROOM ENOUGH FOR ALL

Roosevelt's Excuse Inability to Invite Many Friends.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—President Roosevelt authorized the following statement, given out at the White House today: "The President and Mrs. Roosevelt ask the kind consideration of many friends who would, under ordinary circumstances, receive invitations to Miss Roosevelt's wedding. The capacity of the White House required that, under existing circumstances, invitations be limited to the closest friends of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and to the members of the cabinet and certain classes of officials in Washington. No friends of the President or Mrs. Roosevelt are being asked, unless they also come within one of these classes, and even with these limitations the capacity of the White House is overtaxed."

Deaf Mutes Toast Miss Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—With water bottles, candelabra and wine glasses held high in the air, the members of the Deaf-mute Union League Club at the twelfth annual celebration last night, toasted Miss Alice Roosevelt. Marcus L. Kenner, the toastmaster, when the dinner was completed, sprang to his chair, and, lifting his glass, made the following toast with his left hand: "To Miss Alice Roosevelt, prospective Mrs. Longworth—our congratulations." In an instant scores of hands were in the air spelling out the enthusiasm of their guests for the bride.

Mrs. Graham Did Not Say It.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Frances W. Graham, of Lockport, last night denied very emphatically an interview accorded to her yesterday, in which it was made to say that it was nobody's business whether wine was served at the Longworth-Roosevelt dinner. According to Mrs. Graham, the state W. C. T. U., of which she is president, has taken no action in the matter.

FILING ENTRY ON LAND

"Worst Enemy Scripping Syndicate Has Is the Syndicate."

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 9.—(To the Editor.)—A great deal has been written regarding the timber lands and the timber and stone act, and it seems all the time to be the same old story. Some time since a Washington correspondent of The Oregonian made the statement that \$750,000,000 had been lost, and a recent article has the amount set at \$100,000,000. A writer arrives at this conclusion by reason of the fact that 4,700,000 acres of timber land have been sold by the Government under the timber and stone act since 1901 at \$20 per acre, and that the real value of this land was \$25 per acre. Now is this true? Has the Government lost \$100,000,000? Has it lost \$750,000,000, or has it lost \$100,000,000? To think with, we must bear in mind this fact: That any land open to entry under the timber and stone act could also be had by placing scrip on it. 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