

WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Ex-President of New York Insurance Company Passes Away Without Pain.

LAST SMILE FOR HIS WIFE

Mrs. McCall Is in a State of Collapse, Worn Out by the Long Vigil at the Bedside of Her Husband.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—John A. McCall, until recently president of the New York Life Insurance Company, died at 5:30 this afternoon at the Laurel home in Lakewood, N. J., where he had been taken three weeks ago...

McCall had been unconscious since about 1 o'clock this morning, except possibly for one brief minute this afternoon, when his eyes opened and looked into the face of his wife, who was bending over him. He smiled, and as he did so his eyes closed again and he remained in the coma until the end.

One of the last persons McCall talked to was his old friend and pastor, Rev. Father Matthew Taylor, of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, in West Twenty-first street, this city.

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FAMOUS AS MAKER OF HATS John B. Stetson Dies, at His Winter Home in Florida.

DELAND, Fla., Feb. 18.—John B. Stetson, the millionaire hat manufacturer of Philadelphia, died at his winter home at Deland, near DeLand, today.

Mr. Stetson was stricken with apoplexy this morning, and died without regaining consciousness. His wife was the only member of his family present. Mr. Stetson had been feeling quite well. The body will be taken to Philadelphia tonight.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—The death of John B. Stetson was a great shock to his relatives and friends in Philadelphia. When Mr. Stetson left his home he was enjoying good health, and he looked forward to spending a pleasant winter in the South. He left a widow, two sons and a daughter.

John B. Stetson was born in Orange, N. J., May 5, 1830. He learned the hat trade and started in business for himself when a young man. He moved to Philadelphia in 1866. There his business grew to the present John B. Stetson Company, of which he was president, and which has a capital of \$4,000,000.

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Methodist Bishop Cables to Society in New York.

"NO DANGER APPARENT"

Responses From Mission Stations in the Northern, Central, Western and Southern Part of Empire Give This Report.

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Abolishing Lieutenant-General. The provision of the bill abolishing the grade of Lieutenant-General of the Army will be the bill creating three grades of "experts," and providing for increased pay for each grade. The first grade carries with it added pay of \$1 a month, the second \$2, and the third \$3. It is estimated that the aggregate increase in expenditure under this provision will amount to \$25,000 a year. The benefit to the Army by encouraging rifle experiences is regarded as more than compensatory, and while the provision is, like that abolishing the grade of Lieutenant-General, subject to a point of order, the military committee has released the provision will remain in the bill.

Joint Army Maneuvers. A provision for joint Army and militia maneuvers will be another topic of discussion. There is an aggregate of \$500,000 carried in the measure for this purpose. The plan is to have the maneuvers held in many sections of the country. Regular Army troops will be detached from their regular posts to the sites selected for the maneuvers and militia within a convenient location will be asked to take part. It is a general benefit is expected to be spread throughout both organizations.

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Pure Food Bill in Senate. The Senate's programme so far as it has been arranged provides only for the final passage of the pure-food bill, but the continuance of the discussion of the statehood bill, which was begun last Thursday by Senator Dick. The vote on the pure-food bill will be taken on Wednesday, and the bill will be reported to the House probably on Friday following.

Interest in Foraker's Plan. All interest centers in Senator Foraker's provision giving both territories an opportunity to vote separately on the question of joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, and it is not at all improbable that the bill will be quite suddenly reached. The acceptance of the amendments would not have the effect of bringing the discussion of the measure to a close, because there are other questions on which the Senate is divided, and it would materially curtail it, and in the end insure the passage of the bill.

Country Life. If the power of the mosquito has not been broken up to us, it is doubt, we would be inclined to regard the estimate of \$70,000,000 annual loss to our farming interests caused by insects, which has been made by the Department of Agriculture, as too startling to be true. Such an immense sum being well worth the saving, the department has in its insectary a staff of men who are studying the life history of the pernicious insects to find out where they are vulnerable. The work has been going on for some years, and much progress has already been made.

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