



AMBASSADOR REID DIES AT LONDON

Short Illness Proves Fatal to Diplomat.

BRONCHIAL ATTACK IS CAUSE

King, Queen and Queen Mother Quickly Send Condolences.

BRITAIN MAY LEND WARSHIP

Ambassador's Wife Desires to Return to America as Soon as Possible—Details of Public Funeral Are Not Yet Arranged.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Whitelaw Reid, United States Ambassador to Great Britain since 1905, died in his London residence, Dorchester House, shortly after noon today from pulmonary oedema. The end was quiet and peaceful.

Mrs. Reid and their daughter, Mrs. John Hobart Ward, wife by the bedside. The Ambassador had been unconscious since 9 o'clock in the morning and at intervals during the previous 24 hours he had been slightly delirious as a result of the drugs administered to induce sleep.

Asthma Contributory Cause.

Sir Thomas Barlow, physician to the King, who was called in last week when Mr. Reid's illness became acute, and his regular physician, Dr. William Hale White, issued the following bulletin as to the cause of death:

"A fortnight ago the United States Ambassador had a slight bronchial attack similar to others which he had suffered at considerable intervals. On Wednesday last asthma supervened and the asthmatic paroxysms became very severe, leading to extreme exhaustion. It was as if he had been suffering from a pneumonic pneumonia which appeared. With difficulty the paroxysms of asthma were got under control, but Sunday morning the exhaustion became extreme, and he died from pulmonary oedema at 12:10 P. M."

Royal Family Notified.

The Hon. John Hubert Ward, who with his wife had been in Dorchester House continuously since the Ambassador's condition became serious, notified the staff of the embassy when the patient began to sicken, and when death came he sent word to the King and Queen in Buckingham Palace, the Queen Mother, Alexandra, in Sandringham, and the officials at the court. Almost immediately the King sent his equerry, Sir Harry Legge, to express the condolences of himself and the Queen. This afternoon messages conveying the warmest sympathy were received from the Queen Mother, Alexandra, and from other members of the royal family, from court officials, members of the court and from various embassies and legations, while many persons called at the embassy.

Ambassador's Son at Sea.

A wireless message was sent to Ogden Reid, son of the Ambassador, who left New York yesterday in the hope of reaching his father's bedside before death. The body will be sent home and probably will be interred in Sleepy Hollow, but the details will not be decided until some communication is received from Ogden Reid and it is learned what action the British government may desire to take. Mrs. Reid hopes to sail on Saturday next should her son reach England in time to accompany her, but in all probability the government will place a warship at the disposal of the family for the transport of the body of the Ambassador to the United States.

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EGGS SAFELY MAKE JOURNEY BY MAIL

EXPERIMENT PLEASING TO POSTAL OFFICIALS.

Merely Marked 'Merchandise,' Freight Commodity Travels 1500 Miles Without Breakage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Demonstrating the possibilities of the parcel post, a carton of eggs shipped by mail from Oklahoma City, a distance of about 1500 miles, has been received unharmed by Postmaster-General Hitchcock.

Shipments of eggs are prohibited until January, when the parcel post becomes operative. The postal authorities were pleased with the successful experiment.

The eggs, wrapped in cotton and paper and placed one in each of the divisions found in the ordinary egg carton, were merely marked "merchandise," and received the usual treatment accorded ordinary mail matter.

Eggs, however, according to the rules promulgated for the conduct of the new service, must be marked "eggs," and, naturally, will be carefully handled. After New Year's, daily delivery of eggs to city residents from the country will be the rule rather than the exception.

YOUTH AND LASSIE ELOPE

Girl Telephones Next Day to Mother That She Is Married.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Miss Clara Blinn, member of the Carmelita Club, a young women's social organization of this city, and assistant in the office of Mayor Irwin, eloped and was married yesterday to Arden Smith, a railway fireman of this city. The bride is 21 years old and the bridegroom 19. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Blinn, of Vancouver. Mr. Blinn is a contractor.

The marriage became known here today after the newlyweds had telephoned to the bride's mother and informed her of the facts. Where the marriage took place is not known here, as the couple refused to give their whereabouts when telephoning. The elopement yesterday was planned so carefully that the parents of the couple were wholly surprised. Miss Blinn, it is said, induced her mother to leave the house in the morning to visit her fiancé's mother, and while she was absent, she hastily packed a suitcase and the two left the house. The bride, in telephoning her mother of the wedding, said that they would return to Vancouver tomorrow.

WILSON IN STORM AT SEA

President-Elect Chats on Deck as Vessel Rolls Near Reefs.

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP BERMUDA, Dec. 15.—President-elect Wilson and his party encountered equally weather during the first few hours of their trip out from Hamilton. As the Bermudian passed out of the shelter of the Hamilton harbor, she entered a rough sea that kept the vessel rolling for several hours after the Bermudian reefs were passed. Later the sea became more calm.

The President-elect experienced no inconvenience from the inclement weather. Instead of finding shelter, "down below," he paced the decks or chatted with friends in the smoking-room. The Bermudian is expected to reach New York tomorrow morning.

POOR TO GET THEIR COAL

Ex-President Buchanan's Bequest Saves Lancaster From Famine.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The poor of Lancaster will have an ample supply of coal this winter, thanks to the generosity and foresight of President Buchanan, who was a resident of this city. The distribution of more than 300 tons of coal will start tomorrow and be completed before Christmas among the worthy poor.

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HOPE FOR 2 OCEAN AVIATORS IS LOST

Part of Wrecked Air Craft Found at Sea.

SEARCH OF COAST IS FUTILE

Gale Imperils Glenn H. Martin in Work of Rescue.

BROKEN PONTOON IS FOUND

Horace Kearny and Chester Lawrence, Newspaperman-Passenger, Believed to Have Met Death in Attempt to Fly Along Coast.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Resting places on the bottom of the Pacific Ocean, a few miles from land, are believed to have been accorded by fate to Horace Kearny, the young Kansas City aviator, and his passenger, Chester Lawrence, Los Angeles newspaperman, who started with him as a passenger yesterday on an attempted flight in a hydroaeroplane to San Francisco.

After nearly 20 hours of searching, in which another hydroaeroplane, numerous power-boats and automobiles were used, hope virtually has been abandoned, although the searchlight of numerous craft continued until a late hour tonight to shoot their beams over the water and the rocky coast north of Santa Monica.

Searchers Patrol Coast.

Throughout last night and today there was cherished the hope that they had made a landing on the isolated shore where the barren Malibu Range meets the ocean and where it is impossible to take any sort of vehicle. Lifesmen and volunteer searchers patrolled the coastline while over the ocean, which had been lashed into an angry sea by a 30-mile gale, Glenn H. Martin, a brother aviator, hovered close to the waves looking for a trace of the ill-fated "Snookums," or its passengers.

Martin himself and his passenger, Frank S. Garbutt, secretary of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, narrowly escaped death when they landed on the waves off Point Mugu, to replenish their fuel supply.

Part of Kearny's Craft Found.

Faith in the proverbial luck of Aviator Kearny was shattered when a party of fishermen arrived in Santa Monica towing behind their motorboat a hydroaeroplane pontoon. It had been picked up five miles southwest of Redondo Beach, and was positively identified by Charles Day as the one he had constructed for Kearny's hydroaeroplane.

Day expressed the belief that the men had landed on the water, probably (Concluded on Page 5.)

GULF CLAIMS TEN; 36 ARE MISSING

OIL BARGE LOST, SAFETY OF OTHERS FEARED FOR.

British Steamer Does Not Respond to Wireless Calls—Heavy Storm Was Raging.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Dec. 15.—G. Sand, master of the Standard Oil Company barge No. 37, and the nine members of his crew were drowned Thursday night in the Gulf, when a heavy storm tore the barge from its tow and it turned turtle.

Fears are expressed for the safety of the masters and crews of the British steamer Impoco and the large Haitian steamer, whose officers are known to have been in the path of Thursday night's storm.

The news of the loss of the barge was brought today to Sabine by the oil steamer Perfection, which sailed from Tampico, Mex., on Wednesday, towing the barge loaded with oil.

The Impoco sailed from Tampico the same day with the barge Haitian with cargoes of oil. The Impoco did not respond to repeated wireless calls from the Perfection, whose officers expressed the belief that both ships went down with all hands.

Captain Tucker, master, and a crew of 22 manned the Impoco, and on the barge were Captain Bishop and a crew of 12.

DELAY IS EMBARRASSING

Failure to Confirm Commissioner Clark Disturbs Colleagues.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Failure of the Senate to confirm before the holiday adjournment of Congress, December 19, Edward E. Clark as Interstate Commerce Commissioner to succeed himself in the opinion of members of the Commission. Commissioner Clark's term will expire January 8 by limitation, Commissioners holding office for a term of seven years and not until their successors qualify. Mr. Clark was re-nominated and his nomination is pending in the Senate, held up in accordance with the policy adopted in a report of the committee on nominations. This may not be submitted for several weeks.

The Commissioners point out that from office before Congress reconvenes, January 14, leaving the Commission with only six members, with several important investigations pending, with which Mr. Clark has had much to do. He is the Commissioner directly in charge of railroad tariffs.

HIGHWAYMEN ROB FIFTY

Five Negroes Beat Laborers Who Resist and Escape With \$400.

LIMA, O., Dec. 15.—One man is believed to be dying and seven others are in a critical condition as a result of being beaten today by highwaymen in South Lima. Frank Holly, of Graham, Va., is said to be fatally hurt. Fifty men, members of a construction crew, were lined up in their camp by five negro desperadoes. With drawn revolvers the negroes forced the laborers to give up what money they had in their pockets, a total of more than \$400. Holly and seven others who resisted were beaten by the highwaymen, who escaped on horseback.

HELEN GOULD WILL WED RAILROAD MAN

Brother Issues Formal Statement.

DATE OF MARRIAGE WITHHELD

Bridegroom-to-Be Is Finley J. Shepard, of St. Louis.

GOULD FAMILY PLEASSED

Friendship Begins in June, 1911, on Tour of Inspection of Railroad Y. M. C. A.'s—Fiance Once With Northern Pacific.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 15.—Announcement of the engagement of Miss Helen Miller Gould, of New York, to Finley J. Shepard, a prominent railroad man of St. Louis, Mo., was made this afternoon in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould.

It was said the announcement of the time and place of the wedding would be withheld for the present and this statement was confirmed upon inquiry in the residence of Miss Gould in New York.

Family Approve Match.

Mr. Gould made known his sister's engagement in a formal statement which read:

"Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould announce the engagement of their sister, Miss Helen Miller Gould, to Mr. Finley J. Shepard, of St. Louis."

Asked whether he desired to say anything additional concerning the engagement, Mr. Gould laughed and said:

"There will be nothing more except that this engagement is most pleasing to Mrs. Gould and myself."

Mr. Shepard long has been prominent in the affairs of the West. He is at present assistant to the president of the Missouri Pacific, with headquarters in St. Louis.

Inherited Fortune Trebled.

Upon the death of her father, Jay Gould, in 1892, Helen Gould, then 24 years old, inherited a fortune of about \$10,000,000. It has been estimated that by investment she has trebled this fortune and at the same time devoted fully half of her time to benefactions which brought her into world prominence. She began her benefactions at the time of the Spanish-American War when she gave time and several hundred thousand dollars to the relief of sick and wounded soldiers, for which she received the thanks of Congress. In 1899 she led a woman's movement for the unseating of Brigham H. Roberts, Representative from Utah, as a demonstration against polygamy; later she became devoted to the interests of railroad employees and toward the establishment of the railroad Y. M. C. A. she gave her personal attention (Concluded on Page 5.)

LIVING'S COST IS FELT BY COLLEGE

JOHNS HOPKINS TO RAISE PRICE OF TUITION.

President Announces as Beginning That Advance Will Be Made in Medical Department.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Johns Hopkins University in common with other big institutions of learning in the country, is feeling the pinch of the higher cost of things, and with a growing enrollment is facing the need of an increase in tuition fees.

In the last 20 years practically every big institution has had to raise its tuition, except Johns Hopkins, Yale and Harvard. Hopkins raised its charge for arts and sciences from \$125 to \$150 in 1892, and opened its medical department next year with a tuition charge of \$700.

The announcement has just been made by Dr. Ira Remsen, president, that for those who enter the medical school hereafter the tuition will be greater than it has been in the past.

PERSONAL STATUS DECIED

T. R. and Bryan Held to Have Had Bad Effect on Politics.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—"Principle in politics has given way in a great measure to personalities in the last 20 years in the United States owing to the presence of William Jennings Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt in the political arena," Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, told members of the Chicago Commercial Club in discussing, last night, the subject, "What Is Progress in Politics?"

"The effect of this limitation on our political life has not been happy," he declared. "Political feeling has been aroused at a time when cool reason was most necessary and blind personal antagonism has taken the place of statesmanlike examination of principles and of policies."

The speaker took a firm stand against stretching the Constitution, declaring that the right of amendment had been given the people for the purpose of changing the instrument when they deemed it necessary. He also expressed his disapproval of the recall of judges and judicial decisions.

HERMIT NEARLY STARVED

Man of 74, Without Food, Found in Barricaded Habitation.

After lying helpless for nearly a week on an old cot with barely enough covers to keep him warm, with doors barricaded and without anything to eat, Henry F. Peterson, 74 years old, was found yesterday by Patrolman Burston, at 48 North Seventy-fourth street, more dead than alive.

The policeman gained entrance by breaking down the door, the man having locked the doors and placed boxes against them. Attention to the place was called by neighbors who had not seen the aged man recently and supposed that he was dead.

Although he could not explain anything to the policeman, it was apparent that he had been in bed and without nourishment during the entire week.

He is being given medical attention and will be taken to the county infirmary.

LIPTON UPHOLDS SUFFRAGE

Even Help Care for Babies.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—"I am such a sincere believer in woman suffrage that I even believe men should share the actual care of the babies, especially the first few months of their existence," declared Sir Thomas Lipton in a statement here. "I believe most positively in woman suffrage," added Sir Thomas.

"How can any man, if he loves and respects his mother, refuse to care for her right of citizenship? I do not approve of the militant, meddlesome, course over-anxious women have pursued, but why could we expect there would not be women agitators as well as men?"

CONSTITUTION IS ASSAILED

Defeated Candidate for House to Fight for "Grandfather Clause."

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—J. L. Carney, defeated Democratic candidate for Congress in the Second District, will attack the United States Congress, the constitutionality of the 14th and 15th amendments of the Constitution, and uphold the validity of the Oklahoma "grandfather clause."

Carney completed preparation of his contest case today and announced he would forward it to Washington immediately.

Carney charges his Republican opponent, Dick T. Morgan, was elected because negroes were permitted to vote for him, although they are disfranchised by the Oklahoma law. He contends the 14th and 15th amendments are void, because not ratified by three-fourths of the states.

MINK FARM IS VENTURED

S. O. Martin, of Mapleton, Will Raise Little Fur-Bearing Animals.

FLORENCE, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The newest enterprise for the fast-growing Siuslaw country is a mink farm, being established at Mapleton by S. O. Martin, who will raise the little animals for their fur.

The nucleus of his colony is a pair of mink which he caught in traps. The expense of raising them will not be great, as they will live almost wholly on fish, which abound there.

BUTTER CORNERED; PRICE TO SHOOT UP

117,000,000 Pounds in Cold Storage.

SMALL RING HOLDS CONTROL

Government Starts Suit to Protect Consumers.

42 CENTS WILL BE PRICE

Secret Service Men Investigate Elgin Board of Trade Methods in Hope of Preventing Looting of Public Pocketbook.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Loot amounting to between \$11,700,000 and \$17,550,000 may be pilfered from butter users in the United States in the next few months.

More than 117,000,000 pounds of butter, amounting practically to an absolute corner in the commodity, is held in cold storage. Prices inflated to from 10 to 15 cents a pound above normal will be asked for this butter. Most of the lot will be divided among a small group of men, including several beef packers, according to reports in the hands of the Federal authorities.

Government Seeks to Prevent Gals.

Just who the men are who will enjoy this sudden and unearned wealth, and just how they have been able to get the butter supply of the Nation so completely under their thumbs, is what the Government hopes to prove so conclusively as to shut off the illegal harvest.

The suit which was filed in the United States District Court in Chicago on Saturday, to dissolve the alleged "butter trust," had for its object the solution of these two riddles. Whether the men and concerns named in the suit are the ones to whom the easy money has been given, or whether the action was brought as the direct result of the activities of a score or more of United States secret service men and the defendant concerns are the Elgin Board of Trade and the American Association of Creamery Butter Manufacturers with their 20 officers made individual defendants as well.

Price Manipulation Charged.

Price manipulation by the Elgin Board of Trade, the Government charges, permitted the accumulation of the 117,000,000 pound butter corner. It is locked up safely to be doled out in quantities small enough to prevent the supply from catching up to the demand.

As a result housewives who buy butter today will pay 42 cents a pound, instead of the 28 or 29 cents a pound that is possible 25 or 30 cents a pound that would be charged if the prices were regulated by the legitimate relation of demand to supply. And on the entire 117,000,000 pounds, as it comes out of storage a little at a time, there will be exacted an extra toll of from 10 to 15 cents a pound.

Investigation yesterday revealed the fact that on December 1 there were 25,000,000 pounds of butter in cold storage in excess of the amount similarly held on the same date a year ago. This was made possible, say butter experts, because of the greater supply this year.

Retail Prices Go Higher.

But in spite of this surplus that must be higher before Spring the retail price of butter on Saturday was 2 cents higher than on that same date a year ago, when there was no such surplus. This, also in the face of the mildest winter weather with cows producing milk freely.

These are just a few of the discoveries of the Government operatives, who charge that the Elgin butter board, through the workings of its price committee, constitutes one of the most powerful trusts in the country. Moreover, it was learned yesterday that there are members of the board who admit that such is the case and who are preparing to make a determined fight to have the entire method of price making changed, in the interest of the consumers.

TVIETMOE NOT TO TESTIFY

Clancy and Possibly Munsey to Take Witness Stand Soon.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 15.—Eugene A. Clancy, of San Francisco, and possibly J. E. Munsey, of Salt Lake City, it was said today, soon will take the witness stand in their own behalf in the dynamite conspiracy trial.

Clancy is accused of promoting the McNamara dynamite plots against employers of nonunion labor by facilitating the flight of James R. McNamara, dynamiter of the Los Angeles Times building, and Munsey is accused of helping McNamara in his home in Salt Lake City for the first two weeks after the explosion.

Olaf A. Tveitmoe, also of San Francisco, who is charged with promoting explosions on the Pacific Coast, will not take the stand, according to the plans of his attorneys.

The defense said today it would close its case by next Thursday, after having been about three weeks in presenting its witnesses. The Government then will offer evidence in rebuttal.

