

GENERAL PORTER OF CIVIL WAR IS DEAD

Last Survivor of Grant's Military Staff Passes.

CAREER IS NOTED ONE

Ex-Ambassador to France in Public Office or Service for 30 Years—Medal Won.

NEW YORK, May 29.—General Horace Porter, last survivor of General Grant's military staff and ex-ambassador to France, died early today in his 81st year.

Funeral services will be held Thursday from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church. It has been planned also to hold a military funeral which will be deferred until the arrival of the general's eldest daughter, Mrs. Elsie Porter Mende from Switzerland.

Brigadier-General Porter accompanied Grant to Appomattox and was with his chief when Grant and Lee discussed the terms of the latter's surrender. After the war, General Porter acted as his assistant. When Grant became president, General Porter accompanied him to the White House as executive secretary and remained during the first term of office. When Grant died it was General Porter who discovered the body and buried it in the tomb at West Point.

Altogether General Porter spent 50 years in public service, as a soldier, diplomat, scholar and patriot. A congressional medal of honor was bestowed on him for distinguished services in the civil war. The grand cross of the Legion of Honor from France testified to his services as ambassador in Paris. He received the degree of L.L.D. from Harvard, Princeton, Union and Williams.

West Point Course Taken.
Born at Huntington, Pa., April 15, 1839, the son of a governor of Pennsylvania, he studied at Harvard and at West Point and graduated into the regular army. He fought, in turn, with the Union and the Confederacy in the civil war. The grand cross of the Legion of Honor from France testified to his services as ambassador in Paris. He received the degree of L.L.D. from Harvard, Princeton, Union and Williams.

General Porter was by profession a railroad man. At 36 years of age he resigned from the army and became vice-president of the Pullman company. Later he was president of the New York, West Shore & Buffalo, and the St. Louis & San Francisco railroads. During his business career of 24 years he was a director in 14 railroad companies and financial institutions.

General Ambassadorship Won.
General Porter again entered public life at the age of 60. President McKinley appointed him ambassador to France in 1897 and he remained in that post for eight years. He became one of the most distinguished of the diplomatic corps in Paris, serving his country during a period of war with Spain. His term also embraced the assembling of the peace commission which signed a second treaty of Paris on the same table upon which Franklin and his colleagues after the revolution signed the first treaty of Paris.

The long search through Paris for the body of John Paul Jones, the American admiral, was conducted by Ambassador Porter. He was in Paris for more than 35,000 of his personal fortune in this search, and when he found the body, he gracefully refused reimbursement from congress.

"Diplomacy," said General Porter at one time, "is not the science of representing (and broadening) falsehood with the straight face, nor should the word carry with it the demeaning idea of craftiness, as many of our dictionaries define it. The profession has risen to a higher plane."

General Porter closed his career as an earnest advocate of universal peace. At the age of 70 he represented the United States at the second peace conference at The Hague. He married in 1863, Sophie K. McHarg of Albany, N. Y., who died in 1903. They had two children.

General Porter possessed rare gifts as an orator and after-dinner speaker. His mechanical tastes and power of invention were marked. He invented the ticket box in use on all elevated railroads and most of the ferries in this country.

He was author of "West Point Life," "1860," "Campaigning with Grant" and he also contributed to numerous magazines and newspapers.

WIG IS DECLARED CLEW
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Time of the disappearance of Mrs. Mahoney.

Departure Is Recalled.
Nothing was known of what Johnson's connection with the case is—after he is indeed involved in the matter at all. But there are several questions that the police would like to ask him.

It was said, for instance, that he left Seattle on April 17, that after Mrs. Mahoney's disappearance, and further that he was with Mahoney in Willmar, Minnesota, about a week later.

The police have been carefully avoiding any mention of Johnson's name in the matter, but his sister-in-law, Mrs. Dolores Johnson, declared positively that they were trying to find him.

Mrs. Johnson said that in a letter Johnson wrote to her he asked "How is Katie (Mrs. Mahoney)?" Under-scoring the word Katie.

Letter Found by Captain.
This letter was found by Captain of Detectives Tennant, who immediately began interrogating Mrs. Johnson in an effort to find why Johnson had under-scored the word.

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HOQUIAM SPOKESMAN Declares That China Offers an Excellent Market for America.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—There are 550,000,000 acres of very, very heavy timber in Siberia, mostly of pine, fir, larch and spruce, though it will run 3 to 5 per cent hardwoods, such as oak, ash, elm, maple and birch, according to Waldemar Torlich, native of Russia, but an American citizen of the Russian empire. His information was given during the course of the program in connection with the monthly dinner of the Hoquiam Commercial club at a local hotel.

There is a vast market for lumber in China, the speaker stated, but America's participation in it has been divided to 12 per cent from 85 per cent of 20 years ago. The Japanese are supplying the greater quantity, he said. Siberia needs Americans using American methods in lumbering, he asserted.

There is a large supply of pulp wood in the Pacific coastal districts of Siberia, he said, and added that the fisheries business would be an industry of great magnitude if properly worked. Even now, he pointed out, the Russians and others are using one food supply from the sea that the American is not using—fish eggs for caviar.

Other speakers were R. L. Fromme, federal forest supervisor, who told of the plans for protecting the Olympic peninsula timber from fire, and the magazine "Lumber," which he advised his hearers to conduct a campaign of education throughout the middle west and east on western lumber.

HORSE COME-BACK SEEN
Scarcity of Animals Feared Because of High Gasoline Prices.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE Pullman, May 29.—(Special.)—"Gasoline is getting so high that horseflesh is coming back," declared C. H. Hubbard, extension livestock specialist of the state college, who, in recent months has made extensive studies on this subject in the Pacific northwest, including in his research all lines of industry in which gasoline and horseflesh are competitors.

"The draft horse is a good draft conformation, flat-boned and sound," he says. "Many farmers have been setting their power run down because of old age. If they do not breed their mares this spring, the long delayed horse famine will soon be upon us."

The owners of good horses all over the northwest should start to build up their horses again, he said.

FIRE EQUIPMENT URGED
Report Is Filed After Survey Is Made in Salem.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Salem needs better fire protection, particularly with relation to more adequate equipment, which prevents to a considerable extent the fire department from being able to handle the fire situation, following completion of a fire survey of the city.

The report praised Harry Sutton, fire chief. It was recommended that a sub-station be established near the state fair grounds. The report said, "cut down the fire hazard to a considerable extent. However, basements and rear premises were found to be in a deplorable condition in some instances."

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Mrs. Harding Successful at Trying Social Grind.

BREEZY FRANKNESS WINS

Mistress of White House Declared to Have Shaken Thousands of Hands Since March 4.

BY ELIZABETH KING STOKES.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Harding rested yesterday. Few business men in the country have worked harder than she has during the last week. "Mrs. Harding at work" projects a picture foreign indeed to that in the minds of most people who think of the position of mistress of the White House as one only of ease and honor. As a matter of fact, it is hard labor, and any picture of Mrs. Harding now must depict a person keyed to a working efficiency equalled by few women, and possessed with strength and physical endurance far above the average.

By contrast, Mme. Curie, a slight woman with energy and strength, but not a great deal of endurance, when she was here was at the point of collapse after a week or so of the handshaking and reception which Mrs. Harding has withstood since last summer at Marion. Yet Mrs. Harding today looks all the better for it; seems to have gained energy; has more vitality than ever.

Week Ends Quarter.
This week was the end of her first quarter in the White House. She has performed a feat during that time. She has literally shaken hands with tens of thousands of persons in a steady stream of line through the White House gates. No president's wife in the memory of the capital has displayed such endurance. Mr. "Woodley," Cleveland's executive aide, who was a man she met in a few miles out of the city, as a place of retreat and rest from such social fatigue, driving to the White House on occasion.

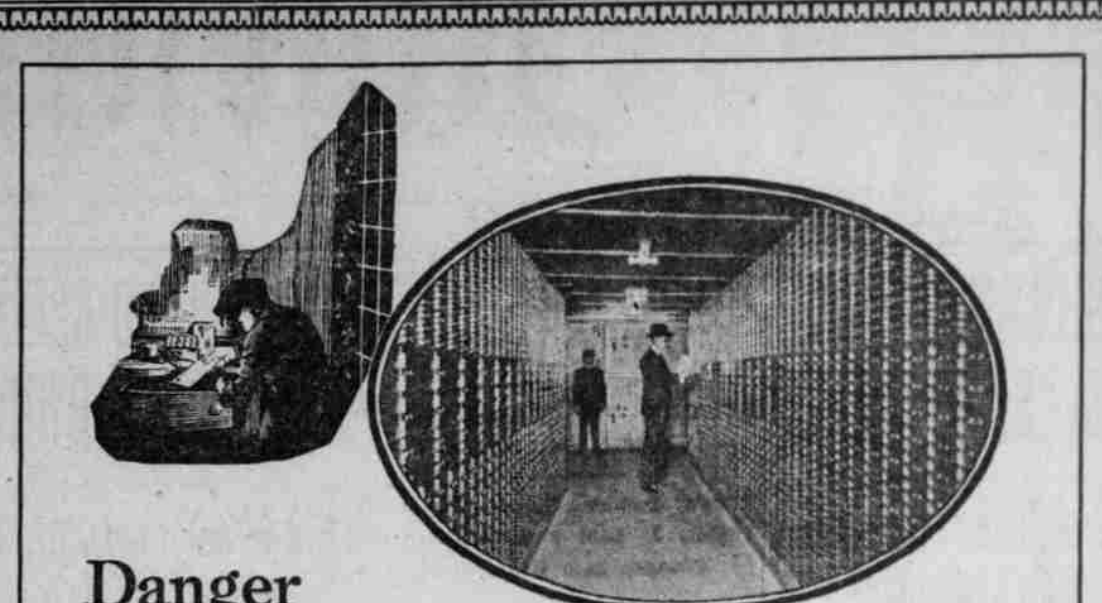
Mrs. Woodrow Wilson was so shy, according to some of her friends, that such an undertaking as to shake hands with tens of thousands of people, the second of the series, this week finished 2000 more hands for Mrs. Harding to shake, and she stood under the old oak on the lawn south of the White House, with the president, outwardly at least, displaying the same freshness and nerve for the summer at Marion. Yet Mrs. Harding today looks all the better for it; seems to have gained energy; has more vitality than ever.

Mrs. Harding Successful.
Mrs. Harding "at work" then has been one of the most marked successes of the administration thus far. She has won a man she would be credited with the ability to pick the right person to share her responsibilities, with a capacity for concentration with assurance and personality, with optimism, and most of all, with a consistent policy.

Mrs. Harding, after these first difficult months, has not let down a whit in her breezy frankness and camaraderie, and the record of her first quarter in office has shown the cordiality and informality extended alike to foreigners, with a long list of court honors after their names, and unimpeachable visitors with routine credentials.

But the daily task of the president's wife is considerably more than her position seems to indicate. She has a large mail awaiting her. This mail has proved to be a matter of psychology which, in great part, accumulates. The more delegations she meets and shakes hands with, the more requests come in for future receptions.

Mail Presents Problem.
Answering or dictating the answer to, this enormous mail, consulting with her secretary, Miss Harlan, planning her own social engagements, indicating her preferences in the matter of guests, working out social precedents, take up a large part of her time, and a part of the afternoon. By 3 o'clock in the afternoon official visitors and a round of informal receiving begins. These last



Danger That Lurks in the Dark

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until nearly dinner time, and the president and his wife seldom dine alone. Often one or both of them fills out the day by giving final directions at night or actually sitting down at a desk and continuing to attack the work. Mrs. Harding's good-naturedly humming her favorite tune, "The End of a Perfect Day."

Pipe Line company, owner of a gas well in the Kennewick district, has written to the Yakima County club suggesting construction of a pipe line to this city. The well was said to be flowing 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

Gas Offered Yakima.
YAKIMA, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—The Walla Walla Oil Gas & Petroleum Co. has offered to sell

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