

CLYDE FITCH DIES ON EUROPEAN TRIP

Attacked by Appendicitis,
Playwright Succumbs
to Operation.

MOST PROLIFIC WRITER

After Many Privations, He Won
First Place on American Stage
and Had Income of \$250,-
000 From Royalties.

CHALONS-SUR-MARNE, Sept. 4.—Clyde Fitch, American playwright, died at 9:30 this evening. He had been unconscious since 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The doctors and his friend, Eugene Gauthier, were present at the bedside.

Death was due to appendicitis, following an operation. Mr. Fitch was stricken with an acute attack while traveling from Germany and upon his arrival here underwent an operation at the hands of Dr. Alquier. The patient rallied somewhat after the operation and yesterday showed signs of improvement.

He suffered a relapse last night, however, and, although he was fully conscious during the early hours today, the improvement in his condition was not maintained. After marked delirium, he lapsed into unconsciousness about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the attending physicians gave up hope of his recovery.

FITCH WAS PROLIFIC WRITER

Began as Novelist and Wrote More
Than Fifty Plays.

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Clyde Fitch, easily the most prolific of young American dramatists, was born at Elmira, N. Y., in 1865, of English ancestry, who settled in Connecticut early in the 17th century and left descendants who have been prominent in the religious and political life of this country ever since.

He early evinced an interest in literature, and was an untiring amateur actor. Early in life he began to write for the magazines. In 1888 came his first novel, "The Wave of Life," followed by "Some Correspondence and Six Conversations," and "The Smart Set." His first play was "Betty's Finish," which enjoyed a short run.

Nothing that he wrote found any prominence on the boards until the production of "Beau Brummel" in 1899 by the late Richard Mansfield. The play jumped into instant popularity and won with the years a classic place in American repertoire.

Thereafter came plays, two and sometimes three to the year, with unflinching regularity. Among his best known are "Nathan Hale," "The Cowboy and the Lady," "Barbara Fritchie," "Sapho," "The Girl and the Judge," "The Last of the Dandies," "The Girl with the Green Eyes," "Her Own Way," "Her Great Match," "The Blue Mouse," (from the German), and "The Happy Marriage."

Still other plays of his are in rehearsal for the coming season and the count in all, including those written in collaboration, will run to the astonishing total of more than 50.

In the early days of his career, Mr. Fitch experienced repeated failure and the hardships usually falling to the lot of poor young literary aspirants, but when financial prosperity set in, he soon became one of the most sought after writers for the stage and his royalties made him a very rich man. He had amassed a few years ago that his annual income from his plays amounted to \$250,000.

He was a man of highly nervous temperament and this combined with a nervous industry which led him to overtax his strength, probably is responsible for his untimely death. While his plays have all been more or less ephemeral and he will probably not hold a permanent place in literary annals as a producer of acting plays, he has had few, if any, equals.

He never married and so far as is known is survived by no immediate relatives. His demise leaves a considerable gap in the list of native playwrights and there is no one to fill his unique position.

Mr. Fitch was one of the greatest American dramatists. "There is a great field in America for plays dealing with the history of the country," he once said. "Such plays in England are made social comedies. There is no reason why we should not have them."

TWO FIRE ALARMS SOUND

Bursting of Gasoline Tank and Oily
Rags Cause Tiny Blazes.

The Fire Department was called to extinguish a blaze that originated in a cleaning and dyeing establishment at 109 North Ninth street yesterday afternoon. The bursting of a gasoline tank caused the fluid to become ignited by a gas stove standing near by. The flames were extinguished with small loss.

At 7:30 o'clock last evening the department was summoned to check a blaze that originated from spontaneous combustion in a newly-erected building at 804 Garfield street. Painters placed oily rags in a partially filled keg of kerosene on the main floor of the building. This is said to have caused the combustion. A damage of \$5 resulted.

MAN INJURED BY PLANER

Struck by Piece of Lumber, Work-
man Is Knocked Senseless.

W. H. Emerick, an employee of the Ross Planing Mill was painfully injured while at work about a planing machine late yesterday afternoon. While operating a piece of lumber was struck in the abdomen by a piece of lumber and rendered unconscious.

He was sent to the Good Samaritan Hospital, where he underwent a slight operation performed by Dr. E. Gray. His condition is not regarded as serious.

FIRST SERMON RECALLED

Vancouver to Celebrate 75th Anni-
versary of Jason Lee's Exhortation.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The programme for the celebration in this city of the 75th anniversary of the day on which Jason Lee preached in Vancouver, the first sermon ever preached by a Protestant minister west of the Rocky Mountains, was arranged last night. The celebration will be held September 23.

The anniversary exercises will be conducted under the auspices of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and arrangements are in charge of Rev. B. F. Brooks, D. D., District Superintendent, Rev. S. B. Bulger, D. D., C. C. Gridley, Glenn Rankin, formerly State Representative of Clark County, and Sergeant Williams, who, about 50 years ago, was one of the small party beset by the Indians in Sheridan's blockhouse near the Cascades.

The exercises will be held in the afternoon and permission will be asked from the military authorities to carry out the programme near the spot where the building stood in which Lee preached the first sermon on the Coast. Governor Benson, of Oregon, and Governor Hay, of Washington, will be invited to attend and, if possible, a meeting will be held in the evening of September 23, at which both Governors will be asked to deliver addresses.

The programme for the afternoon as arranged last night by the committee is: R. L. McCormick, of Tacoma, president of the Washington State Historical Society, presiding; invocation by Rev. H. S. Templeman, pastor Vancouver Presbyterian Church; reading from Lee's journal by George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon State Historical Society; address, "Jason Lee, Missionary and Pioneer," by Dr. Daniel L. Rader, of Portland, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate; "Jason Lee Memorial," by W. H. Gridley, of Tacoma, secretary of the Washington State Historical Society; poem by Rev. A. Atwood, D. D., of Seattle, a pioneer minister; benediction by Rev. John Flynn, of Portland.

HARBOR QUEEN BADLY DAMAGED

HOQUIAM, Wash., Sept. 4.—The steamer Harbor Queen, which sank in the Hoquiam River Thursday night, has been found to have sustained damages that will necessitate her being rebuilt. She has a long hole ripped in her port side, while the starboard rail, cabin and pilothouse are badly wrecked.

MERCURY 95 AT ALBANY

ALBANY, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—The Government thermometer here registered 95 degrees today, the highest mark reached here this year. The heat was somewhat relieved, however, by intermittent breezes.

BATTLE BETWEEN MONEY AND NATION

Pinchot Foretells It With
Water Power as Prize
in Next Congress.

MUST RETAIN RESOURCES

Forester Says Taft Is Pledged to
Roosevelt Policies—Owner of
Power Will Control All Na-
tion's Important Industries.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 4.—In an address before the City Club today Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester, said that he did not desire to talk on forestry, but would like to talk about conservation of natural resources, which, he said, was one of the greatest movements of the times.

"The times in this country are being pretty closely drawn between those who stand for good government and those who stand for special privileges," he said. "The square deal is what we need as a people and the money interests. I feel that the time has come for men to stand up and be counted, and I think also that the facts ought to be more widely known. I am not for muck-raking, but I think it is only necessary for the people to have the facts, and the remedy will be forthcoming."

Power Controls Industry.

"There is a big fight coming up in the next Congress and it will be on the question of water-power rights. On account of recent withdrawals for power rights, it is bound to come up. The men who control water-power, unless the Government controls them, in the end will control industry."

"The same point of view that made it appear that forests should be preserved also makes it clear that coal waste should be stopped, water-power developed and lands irrigated—the same point of view goes straight on and applies to the great total of national efficiency."

ROOSEVELT-TAFT POLICIES

"These are the Roosevelt policies; they are also the Taft policies. One thing President Taft is solemnly pledged to, with all his Administration, and that is to carry out these Roosevelt policies."

"Should all the water-power fall into the hands of a little group of men to decide what parts of the country should be developed? I do not believe we shall reach that condition, but unless our people take the action that they will take, we shall reach it very soon."

"The Roosevelt-Taft policies, dear to the hearts of the American people, contain the essence of the remedies we need."

THUGS BEAT OLD MAN

WATCHMAN WAYLAIN, MAILED
WHEN HE YELLS "MURDER!"

O. C. Rodby, 60 Years Old, Is Then
Thrown Into Gutter by Masked
Highwaymen.

Beaten with the butt end of a revolver by masked highwaymen and severely injured, O. C. Rodby, a watchman in the employ of the Hiasan Parking Company, was rescued from the gutter at North Eighth and Wasco streets on the East Side late last night.

The watchman, who was engaged in looking after the lights on a street car, was walking down the street, accompanied by two men, one of whom pointed a revolver at him and demanded his money. In fright, Rodby threw up his hands at the same time shouting "Murder." The armed highwayman, instead of shooting, turned the gun around and beat Rodby over the head, inflicting several scalp wounds. The two men then threw him in the street and fled without attempting to search him.

Rodby is about 60 years old and lives at 1497 East Pine street, Mount Tabor. The hold-up men were apparently young and each weighed about 150 pounds. One wore a black suit and the other a brown one.

LIFE IS NOW WORTH WHILE

Mrs. Bergman, Supposed Suicide, Is
Found Scrubbing Hotel.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 4.—After having upset the police department and Coroner's office for a day and part of a night by sending letters to the Coroner yesterday announcing her intention to end her life with poison, Mrs. Peter Bergman was found last night in a downtown hotel, scrubbing a scrubbing brush. Mrs. Bergman, who is a native of Seattle, says that she really intended to commit suicide, but after obtaining a position at the hotel she changed her mind.

REPRESSION OF BEGGARY ITS AIM

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—The National Association for the Prevention of Mendicancy and Charitable Imposture, which has just been incorporated by a number of wealthy men, purposes to do away with the professional beggar and to suppress the purpose to work as a sort of socialized police and hope to cover the entire country.

ARREST MADE IN INCUBATOR CASE

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 4.—David T. Greer, the lawyer arrested for complicity in the kidnapping of Marian Bleakley, the incubator baby, has been identified as the man who held the horse while the kidnappers were after the child. F. H. Tillotson, the Kansas City attorney, was identified as the second man.

Mrs. Bleakley, mother of the baby, has returned to Kansas City. She said that she doubted the sincerity of the pledge made by Mrs. Barclay to dismiss the habeas corpus proceeding.

HOT SPUDS SERVED TO THOUSANDS

GREELEY, Colo., Sept. 4.—Two tons of potatoes, believed to be the largest amount cooked at one time in one oven,

were pulled off the coals here today in the celebration of "potato day."

The ovens had to be especially prepared in a great field and several hundred attendants were kept busy serving the hot "spuds" to thousands of visitors who thronged here on excursion trains. The object of the potato banquet was to demonstrate the adaptability of this section of the state to potato-growing.

POLES HONOR GREAT POET

Birthday of Julius Slowacki Cele-
brated Three Alliances.

The three Polish Alliances of Portland held a joint meeting last evening, at the hall on the corner of Williams avenue and Russell street, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Julius Slowacki, one of Poland's greatest poets, and to consider other matters of interest to old Poland.

William H. Galvani, who was invited to attend the meeting and to speak of the life and works of the great poet, gave some interesting observations on the literature of Poland, and reminded his audience that the immortality of nations depends much more on the achievements of poetic genius than on battles won or lost.

Julian Chyba spoke at some length in the Polish tongue, giving a sketch of the life and time of the poet, as well as readings from his poetical works.

The children of F. Spetnik and J. Kosciolko sang a number of Polish patriotic songs.

A National Congress, to be held in May, 1910, at Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Polish National Alliance, is now under way, and promises to be an important event. There are as many as 4,000,000 Poles in the United States and about 25,000,000 in Europe who will be represented at the congress.

The meeting was presided over by Anton Stawny and was attended by the wives and children of the members of the different organizations. After the speech-making came dancing and refreshments.

CRABTREE IS MURDERER

Soldier Who Killed Captain Is Given
Life Sentence.

OMAHA, Sept. 4.—Corporal Lytle Crabtree, of troop B, second cavalry, charged with the killing of his troop commander, Captain John C. Raymon, has been found guilty and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Hotel Offers \$2500 Auto Trophy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—The Hotel St. Francis \$2500 trophy, the handsomest and most expensive prize ever offered for an automobile race in the West, and one of the most valuable ever competed for anywhere, is on exhibition at the Hotel St. Francis. This is the prize that will be competed for in the Golden West Grand Prize Automobile Race at Tanforan track in this city next Sunday, when a half dozen or more of the fastest automobiles on the Pacific Coast will struggle for supremacy in a 200-mile race.

HILL GETS CENSUS JOB

SEATTLE, Sept. 4.—Robert W. Hill, a real estate dealer of this city, has been selected as supervisor of the census for the First Washington District, which is composed of the counties of King, Kitsap, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan.

CHURCH ERECTS GYMNASIUM

MILTON, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Work on the gymnasium being erected by the Grace Presbyterian Church, of Milton, is progressing nicely. A modern heating plant will be installed. The new building will cost \$2000, and will be ready when school opens.

GIRL SENT TO ASYLUM

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 4.—(Special.)—Christina Hansen was committed to the State Asylum at Salem by the County Board this afternoon on a charge of insanity. The young woman is a native of Norway, 20 years of age, and imagines her friends are endeavoring to injure her.

SAT IN SCHLEY INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Captain Samuel C. Lemley, formerly Judge Advocate General of the Army, who became prominent in connection with the famous Schley court of inquiry, died in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in this city last night.

ISAAC BROCK, 121 YEARS OLD, DEAD

WACO, Tex., Sept. 4.—Isaac Brock, who claimed to have seen 34 Presidents elected, is dead here at an age said to be 121 years. According to Brock's family Bible and other documents, he was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, March 1, 1788.

INDICATION OF OFFICIALS WOULD MEAN

Dismissal of Accuser, but Gov-
ernment Needs Him in Alas-
ka Coal Cases.

HIS EVIDENCE ESSENTIAL

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-
ington, Sept. 4.—If President Taft ex-
presses his approval of the report to be made to him next week by Secretary Ballinger on the handling of the Cunniffham coal land cases by various officials of the Interior Department, the Administration will be somewhat perplexed over the question what to do with Special Agent Louis R. Glavis.

No one knows as much about the Cunniffham entanglements as Mr. Glavis, no one is so thoroughly familiar with the evidence upon which the Government hopes to have these entanglements canceled. There-

FORE THE PARTICIPATION OF MR. GLAVIS

in the hearings to begin next month is admitted to be most essential. Yet, if President Taft accepts the explanation submitted by Mr. Ballinger, he necessarily repudiates the charges which recently were preferred by Mr. Glavis against Messrs. Ballinger, Dennett, Schwartz and others, and places Mr. Glavis in the attitude of having grossly assailed the character and work of his immediate superiors, which is insubordination of an extreme type, such as ordinarily would lead to his prompt dismissal.

If the President is satisfied with Mr. Ballinger's explanation, it is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Glavis must go, but in view of the situation as explained, he may be permitted to remain in the service just long enough to conclude the hearings in these particular cases.

BALLINGER DUE ON MONDAY

Will Show Taft Refutation of Recent
Attacks.

DOLLAR LEASE RETURNS \$5300.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 4.—Discouraged by hop prices last year,

Special Announcement

In Accordance With Our
Usual Custom Our Store
Will Remain

Closed All Day Monday
September 6th, Labor Day

Roberts Bros
THIRD AND MORRISON

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In Monday Evening Papers Of Our

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These Values Are Entirely Too Good To Be Overlooked

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NEW STORE

Marx & Bloch, known as the largest diamond dealers in Oregon, take pleasure in announcing the opening of their new store, 283 Morrison street, Tuesday, September 7. An invitation is cordially extended to all their friends and customers, as well as the general public, to call and inspect their handsome store, replete with a stock of loose and mounted diamonds, the like of which has never been shown in this city. Watches, jewelry, silverware and cut glass selected from foremost manufacturers in the United States are bound to attract your attention

MARX & BLOCH

283 MORRISON STREET, WEST OF FOURTH

George Ker, owner of a large yard on the Moxee, early this Spring offered to rent his hopyard for \$1 to anyone who would work it for the season and surrender it to him next year in good condition. Frank Jackson and Walter Camp took up the offer, and will net some \$3800 from the 30 acres as a result of the high prices this year.

SLAYERS' NAMES WITHHELD TO END

PITTSBURG, Sept. 4.—Refusing to the and to name his murderers, George Nicolette, a young Italian of Monessen, Pa., died in the hospital early today from wounds inflicted by three men, supposed members of a so-called Black Hand society, who named Nicolette and his wife Friday. Mrs. Nicolette, who was only slightly wounded, claims she can identify the murderers, but does not know their names. She is an American.

ARABIA STILL CONTAINS ONE OF THE MOST

considerable areas of unknown land in existence.

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