

JACOB RIIS DEAD AFTER LONG ILLNESS OF HEART DISEASE

BARRE, Mass., May 26.—Jacob A. Riis, author and social worker, died at his summer home here today after a long illness. Mrs. Riis and a son were at Mr. Riis' bedside when the end came.

Mr. Riis was brought here about two weeks ago from a sanitarium at Pattle Creek, Mich., where he had been a patient several months, taking treatment for heart trouble of long standing.

Jacob August Riis became, through his work in behalf of the poorer people in New York, "the most useful citizen" of the metropolis, according to a tribute once paid to him by Theodore Roosevelt, his intimate friend.

As an almost penniless immigrant he obtained knowledge of the slums at first hand and found conditions there so repellent that he consecrated his whole life to warfare against wretchedness.

Riis was the thirteenth child of a Latin teacher in Ribe, Jutland, Denmark. He was born in 1849. Protesting at the literary career which his father had cut out for him, young Riis decided to work with his hands and became a carpenter's apprentice. The vocation he had chosen did not prevent him, however, from falling in love with Elizabeth Nielson, the daughter of one of the richest men in his native town. But she refused him, and when Riis was 21 years old, having learned his trade, he embarked for New York with only \$40 in his pocket. He spent half the sum for a heavy navy pistol as soon as he landed "to fight Indians and desperadoes."

Riis led a varied career during the following six years. He built miners' huts in a Pennsylvania construction camp, mined coal, made bricks, drove a team and peddled flat irons and books. At 27 he spent his last cent in reaching New York, hoping to enlist through the French consul in the French army against Germany for the Franco-Prussian war, but his services were refused and Riis was forced to accept a beginner's place as a reporter for a New York news bureau. At the very first he made his most conspicuous success in the study of conditions on the East Side of New York.

With only \$75 capital and notes for \$575 he succeeded in buying the south Brooklyn News, which was on the verge of bankruptcy and made such a success with the property that he was able to sell it at a considerable profit a few years later. He returned to Denmark and married the girl who had refused him when he was a carpenter's apprentice. This first wife died in 1895, and two years later Riis married Mary Philip of St. Louis.

As a reporter on the New York Tribune, and later on the New York Sun, Riis took up his real work in slum fighting. While attending to routine duty as a police reporter he worked day and night to arouse the people to the need of improved living

AMERICAN GIRL WHO IS TO MARRY MEMBER OF TITLED FRENCH FAMILY



Private cables from Paris bring the news that the engagement of Mrs. A. Lanfear Norrie, of New York city, to Comte Odet Armand Marie de Junilac, a member of a titled family of France, has been announced. While the report of the engagement had existed for some time, relatives of Mrs. Norrie were not aware that a formal announcement had been made.

Mrs. Norrie is a daughter of Mrs. Henry I. Barber, who has lived abroad several years. Her father died several years ago. She is the granddaughter of the late Peter Carillard, niece of Mrs. James P. Kernochan and sister of Mrs. Alfred Seton, of New York city, and of the Comtesse Hermann de Fourtales, of Paris.

conditions. One of the first of his campaigns was against the impurity of the city water, and it was his fight which finally led to the purchase of the Croton watershed to assure safe drinking water for New York.

He brought sunlight to the tenement districts by forcing the destruction of rear tenements, the entire cleared Mulberry Bend, one of the worst tenement sections of the city, and replaced the squalid homes by shady parks.

Theodore Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York when Riis attacked the evils of police station lodging houses. He won his point, and incidentally a strong ally in Mr. Roosevelt. Riis drove bakeries out of tenement basements; he fought for laws abolishing child labor, and was largely instrumental in getting the passage of "the briefest, wisest and best statute on the books of New York, laying down the principle that hereafter no school shall be built without an adequate playground."

After twenty-seven years as a reporter Riis resigned to continue his fight by writing and lecturing.

Among the products of his pen are "Low the Other Half Lives," "The Children of the Poor," "The Making of an American" his autobiography, "The Battle with the Sun," "Children of the Tenements," etc.

Mrs. Charles Gay, who has been seriously ill at the Sacred Heart hospital for a month past, following an operation, has so far recovered as to be moved to her home, where she is convalescing rapidly.

ROOSEVELT OFF TO VISIT CAPITOL

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—Colonel Roosevelt's formal campaign for the progressive party this year probably will be opened in Pennsylvania. He promised today while on his way to Washington to speak in Pittsburg, June 30. The date is six days after Colonel Roosevelt is to return from Spain, and his address in Philadelphia will be the first extended political utterance of the campaign, unless he decides to make a speech or a statement before he sails for Europe on Saturday.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Colonel Roosevelt and his party arrived here at 3:20 o'clock. They were met by officers of the National Geographic society and the colonel started on his program, which includes a visit to the Smithsonian Institution, a call at the white house, a visit with Senator Lodge and Ambassador Jusserand, a dinner, his lecture tonight on his Brazilian tour, and ending with a political conference with the progressive leaders in congress before departing for New York at midnight.

UTAH DAM BREAKS RELEASING FLOOD

RICHFIELD, Utah, May 26.—The dam of the Hatchtown Irrigation Reservoir, in Garfield county, 60 feet high and 300 feet long, broke last night and released a flood which is rushing down the Sevier river valley. Telephones and horsemen settlers and it is believed no lives were lost, but many persons are homeless. Wire communication was interrupted today and fears are entertained for the safety of the Pinto reservoir, further down the river. The Hatchtown reservoir was part of a state irrigation project, completed last year at a cost of \$175,000. The reservoir held 17,000 acre feet of water in a reservoir a mile and half long in Sevier river canyon. The break is attributed to a landslide.

FUNERAL SERVICES OF HAROLD TROWBRIDGE

The funeral services of Harold Trowbridge, who met death on a hunting trip at Wrangle, Alaska, May 17, were held from the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. William B. Hamilton officiating. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances, including many former fellow-students of the young man, were in attendance. The floral tributes were many. Harold was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Trowbridge, and was well and widely known. At the time of his death he was 17 years, 10 months and 17 days old.

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Canal Opens Door to South American Fruits

When the Panama canal once opens for business many industries which have hitherto been more or less dormant in South America will be stimulated into activity. The United States furnishes a profitable market for many products of the southern continent, and with easy and rapid transportation facilities supplied this market will extend to perishable as well as the more stable products. One of the most profitable industries for which some of the South American countries are especially well adapted is that of fruit growing. In a recent article in the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan American Union W. F. Wight of the United States department of agriculture writes:

"South American probably has a range of climate and variety of conditions that will admit of the successful cultivation of every known fruit. Very nearly all of present importance have been introduced into one locality or another. In the tropical or sub-tropical regions are those adapted to such a climate, namely, the sapodilla, mannee apple, mango, breadfruit, banana, tamarinde, pomegranate, avocado, lquat, olive, fig, orange and lemon. In addition to those native. In temperate regions nearly all of the deciduous fruits grown in the United States have been introduced."

In Argentina the grape is the fruit which has attained the greatest commercial importance and the Mendoza country seems to lead all other sections. According to Mr. Wight undeveloped land in the vicinity of Mendoza is considered worth from \$170 to \$250 per acre. Planted in vines it is valued at \$850 to \$1200 per acre. The net profit from vines in good bearing condition is said to be about \$170 per acre. One grower, a native Argentine, stated that table grapes trained on an overhead trellis yielded him a net profit of \$540 to \$1090 per acre, and that he had received as high as \$420 for single selected clusters in Buenos Aires. The area in vines for the whole of Argentina is stated at 259,000 acres in 1910, and the production of wines as 92,674,000 gallons, valued at more than 25 million dollars. In the same year California produced nearly 45,500,000 gallons, value at a little more than 13 million dollars.

Leaving Mendoza and passing over the barren heights of the Andes at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet the traveler arrives in Chile. One seems to have reached another California, but with a climate possibly even more mild. There are in fact many similarities, and all of the fruits grown in California are produced in Chile, probably in equal perfection, but with far less care, and the industry has not developed as in North America. Here, too, the grape is the most important fruit, the annual production being about 42,000,000 gallons of excellent wine. The section about Valdivia is also noted for its fine apples, those from one well-known grower having frequently sold in Buenos Aires for \$10.50 a box of 140 apples, while individual fine specimens have retailed even in Santiago for 22 cents each.

Leaving Chile and going northward to Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, one reaches countries that lie wholly

ported something over \$32,000,000 worth of fruits from foreign countries. These consisted almost altogether of the kinds that are produced in limited quantities or not at all in this country, such as bananas, currants, dates, figs, olives, etc. Apricots, peaches, pears, plums, cherries and the many other fruits to which we are accustomed, would find a splendid market here in the winter season, if they could be had fresh. It is this demand for our native fruits in the off season which will develop the fruit industry in the west coast countries of South America, for with refrigerated steamers they can be shipped via the Panama canal from Callao, Peru, to New Orleans in seven or eight days and the fast fruit trains of the railways will have them in Chicago and eastern markets in two or three days more.

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