

Table with weather forecast: Prediction Fair, Maximum yesterday 96, Minimum today 57.5

Weather Year Ago table: Maximum 94, Minimum 49

DEATH CALLS WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

"GREAT COMMONER" DIES FROM A SUDDEN APOPLECTIC STROKE WHILE TAKING HIS SUNDAY NAP

Distinguished Democratic Leader and Champion of Old-Fashioned Religion, Found Dead in Dayton, Tennessee, Home By Chauffeur—Collapse Follows Overwork During Anti-Evolution Trial—Wife Bears Up Heroically Under Shock and Makes Preparations for Funeral—Recent Examination Showed Slight Heart Trouble, But General Health Good.

DAYTON, Tenn., July 27.—(By the Associated Press)—William Jennings Bryan, who many years ago as "the boy orator of the Platte," with his "cross of gold" speech, won a democratic presidential nomination and a lasting place before the American public, is dead.

The end came yesterday afternoon while the commoner was sleeping in the house of Richard Rogers, which had been assigned him during his stay here, when he came for the Scopes trial. Dr. W. F. Thomason and Dr. A. C. Broyles, who examined the body, stated death was caused by a hemorrhage of the brain, resulting in apoplexy. He was 65 years old.

James McCartney, family chauffeur, was sent by Mrs. Bryan at 4:30 p. m. to wake her husband. McCartney shook Mr. Bryan twice in an attempt to arouse him and then noticed he was not breathing. Rushing to the home of A. B. Andrews, a neighbor, the chauffeur called for physicians, who reached the home within a few moments. After an examination the doctor said Mr. Bryan probably had been dead thirty or forty minutes before they arrived.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early today, but Mrs. Bryan indicated the body would be interred in Arlington cemetery, as Mr. Bryan was a colonel in the Spanish-American war and several times had expressed a desire to be buried there.

The commoner had been living under a strenuous program since he came here three weeks ago, to assist in the prosecution of John T. Scopes, found guilty of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law. He appeared in excellent health, however, and was planning to launch a great campaign this week in behalf of fundamentalism.

Mrs. Bryan is brave. Mrs. Bryan, who has been an invalid a number of years, bravely stood the shock of her husband's unexpected death. She immediately took charge of funeral arrangements and received a few of the hundreds of persons who called at the residence to express sympathy.

"I am happy that my husband died without suffering and in peace," she said. His last words to her, as he entered the room for his nap, were: "I am so sleepy."

Before he went to sleep Mr. Bryan autographed two books for Judge John T. Raulston, who presided at the Scopes trial. The books were "The Seven Questions in Dispute," and "In His Image."

He wrote: "To Judge and Mrs. John T. Raulston, Winchester, Tenn., with the good wishes of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan, July 26, 1925."

One of the books was open when physicians reached the room and the ink was not dry. After traveling over 200 miles Saturday and delivering speeches at Winchester and Jasper, Tenn., Mr. Bryan returned to Dayton early yesterday morning from Chattanooga, where he spent the night.

No Evidence of Illness. Before he left Chattanooga, Mr. Bryan joined A. W. Leslie, owner of the hotel at which he stopped, and several others, for breakfast. Mr. Leslie accompanied him to Dayton and during the trip the commoner expressed his determination to "see the case through." Mr. Bryan showed no evidence of bad health, Mr. Leslie said, but remarked that he was suffering with diabetes.

While in Chattanooga, Mr. Bryan completed arrangements for publication of the speech he was to have delivered during the closing hours of the Scopes case. He was having it printed for distribution throughout the country and its delivery was to mark the opening of the nation wide battle against modernism planned by him.

Although Mr. Bryan appeared to be in good health, he realized it was necessary for him to conserve his strength. During last week he visited Dr. Raymond Wallace in Chattanooga who informed him that he had a slight dilation of the heart with arrhythmia (missed beats).

Advised to Rest. Previously, on July 27, Mr. Bryan was advised by physicians to refrain from further activities. Dr. Wallace particularly advised against an advised against an address Mr. Bryan had planned for Pikeville on the following Sunday.

Mr. Bryan delivered his speech, but limited it to ten minutes, telling his friends that he feared to conserve his strength as he had he might not live through the Scopes trial.

TRIBUTES TO BRYAN FROM ALL WORLD

All Nations Join in Paying Respects to Great Commoner—Work for World Peace Is Lauded—Devotion and Sincerity Extolled By Friends and Enemies.

TOKYO, July 27 (A. P.)—Prime Minister Shidehara, when apprised of the death of William Jennings Bryan, said: "The death of Mr. Bryan is a great loss not only to his own country, but to the whole world. His courage in supporting the cause of international peace and friendship has been inspiring and we in Japan, while continuing to benefit from his example, feel a deep sense of loss of the active sympathy he always displayed toward Japan."

Vice President Dawes—"He never did anything unworthy or mean. He may have been mistaken at times, as we all are, but he was trying always to do the right as he saw it."

Senator Ashurst of Arizona—"His superlative oratory, his frame of oak and his apostolic zeal brought the income tax, woman suffrage, prohibition and direct election of senators."

Former Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska—"He was the greatest moral force of his day. He sacrificed his health and strength by the most extraordinary exertions."

John W. Davis—"The example he set of devotion to principles, no matter at what cost, is one his countrymen may well cherish. Many of the things he advocated in the face of bitter opposition now are among the accepted policies of the nation."

Governor Smith of New York—"He was a vigorous American and even those who differed from his ideas had great regard for him."

Clarence Darrow—"He was a man of strong convictions and always espoused his cause with ability and courage. I always respected his sincerity and devotion."

Elihu Root—"He was a good and kindly man, fairly sincere at all times and very sincere on points where I most disagreed with him."

The Rev. Dr. P. C. Potter, Modernist—"He was a mighty crusader, a sincere preacher of the old school. The Scopes trial signed his death warrant."

The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton, New York—"A great man has fallen in Israel. He was a patriot of the sort sorely needed by America in this, her crucial hour."

Newton D. Baker, Former Secretary of War—"Mr. Bryan has been the undisputed leader in a great cause in politics and religious movements for more than a generation."

Clem L. Shaver, Democratic National Chairman—"The country has lost a great chief, the Democratic party a commanding figure, and the moral forces of America, a powerful advocate."

William C. Regfield, Secretary of Commerce in the Wilson Cabinet—"His outstanding public service was in 1919, when he smoothed over the threatened break between the United States and Japan."

Senator Copeland, New York—"No man ever had greater power over an audience."

Senator Edwards, New Jersey—"A great mind has passed."

Former Senator Pomeroy of Ohio—"He will be remembered as one of the greatest political orators of this generation."

Governor Silzer of New Jersey—"An outstanding American, he was the ardent champion of many a good cause."

Senator Fletcher of Florida—"His place cannot be filled, his passing is a misfortune to his party and his country."

John R. Voorhis, Grand Sargent of Tammany Hall—"The world has lost the advantage of his original work."

Senator Borah of Idaho—"The purity of his purposes and the sincerity of his convictions no one who knew him well will doubt. He never intended to speak other than for humanity."

Born March 19, 1860 Died July 26, 1925



W. J. BRYAN

G. O. P. SENATOR SAYS PRESIDENT IS REACTIONARY

Senator Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, Charges Coolidge With Following Ex-President Harding's Example and 'Backing' U. S. Commissions

WASHINGTON, July 27.—A charge that the Harding administration inaugurated, and the Coolidge administration has pursued a system of "packing" the various government commissions with reactionaries, was made by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, in a formal statement made public last night.

"It is not only the federal trade commission but also the tariff commission and the inter-state commerce commission," Senator Norris said, "to which such appointments have been made."

Referring then to the appointment of William E. Humphrey to the federal trade commission, the Nebraska senator said that what should be done "is to advocate and if possible carry out the repeal of the law providing for the federal trade commission."

"Everybody knows," the senator added, "that the majority of the federal trade commission, honest though they may be personally and individually, is so imbued with reactionary sentiment and so partisan in their makeup, that they would not see a wrong committed by a big trust or a monopoly, even though it did appear as 'huge as high Olympus.'"

"So what is the use of having a federal trade commission. If we are going to let the big fellows eat the little ones up, why not let them do it directly without burdening the taxpayers with the expense of selecting some reactionary men to give approval to the devouring process."

"What good, after all, does it do to pass laws if the president is going to appoint men to administer them who have no sympathy with them? It is in effect the repeal of statute by legislative action. It is the destruction of the law by a process of 'boring from within.'"

Referring to a published report that the federal trade commission would not follow a senate resolution of which he was sponsor calling for a thorough investigation of the General Electric company, Senator Norris said he "wanted to give Mr. Humphrey credit for his courage," in that respect.

"He is the representative of big business," he added, "and he now controls the federal trade commission."

Oregon Reserves Delayed. PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 27.—Eagle Boat 38, carrying naval reserves of Oregon on a cruise, was hampered by head winds today in approaching Port Townsend. Swing to the delay, arrival was not expected before 3 o'clock this afternoon.

New York Theatres Cut Out Satire in Respect to Bryan

NEW YORK, July 27.—(A. P.)—Out of respect for the memory of William Jennings Bryan, New York theaters have decided to delete scenes satirizing his part in the recent Scopes trial. A scene in "The Garrick Game," portraying Mr. Bryan as the prosecutor in a "monkey trial" will be dropped tonight. Lines from the Grand street Follies, referring to the commoner are to be deleted and other comedies in other Manhattan theaters which have been satirizing Mr. Bryan by word, suggestion or tableau, have all such parts stricken out.

ARLINGTON IS SELECTED FOR BRYAN'S TOMB

Wishes of Great Commoner to Be Carried Out By Widow—Special Funeral Car to Leave for Washington, D. C. on Wednesday.

DAYTON, Tenn., July 27.—(A. P.)—The body of William Jennings Bryan, who died suddenly in sleep here late yesterday, will move on a special railroad car from Dayton for Washington at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, Mrs. Bryan announced through her friends today.

Burial of the political and religious leader will be in Arlington national cemetery, Virginia, at a time to be determined later, Mrs. Bryan said.

The funeral party, which will include the widow and an escort of Dayton friends, is expected to reach the national capital early Thursday.

Mrs. Bryan has accepted the offer of a special car from the Southern Railway company, along whose lines the funeral train will pass from Dayton to Washington. The car, a combination observation and Pullman, will be taken on the local train to Chattanooga, whence at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, it will be connected to the regular fast train from Chattanooga to Washington.

Among Tennessee friends who are expected to accompany the body of the former secretary of state, are Sue K. Hicks, Herbert Hicks, Ben F. McKenzie, Gordon McKenzie and Wallace Haagard, both prosecution counsel in the evolution trial and Attorney General Stewart.

Those named were all associated with Mr. Bryan in the recently contested legal battle here. No ceremonial guard of honor will be in attendance on the body of the statesman, it was announced, in accordance with the expressed wish of Mrs. Bryan who told her friends, "we are simple people, and we want all arrangements simply made."

Mrs. Bryan, though an invalid, confined to a chair, continued to display remarkable resolution in the unexpected death of her husband. She gave directions for all arrangements which have been determined upon. From 2 until 5 o'clock this afternoon the body of Mr. Bryan will lie in state upon the lawn of the Richard Rogers home, where he lived during the Scopes proceedings and where he died unobserved by man. As a guard of honor on this occasion while the mountain folk of eastern Tennessee pass before the casket, a squad from Fred W. Brady post, No. 100, the American Legion, composed of Dayton former service men, will be on duty at the afternoon ceremony. The guard will be in uniform and without arms.

They have been summoned by telegraph by their mother to join the party in Washington. The son, William Jennings Bryan, Jr., left Los Angeles for the east today.

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DISMISSAL OF MONKEY CASE ASKED

U. S. Govt. Officials Ask Supreme Court to Halt Action in District of Columbia—Claim Plaintiff Has Shown No Damages Which Justify Procedure.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(A. P.)—Washington authorities asked the District of Columbia supreme court today to dismiss the action of Loren H. Wittner, who charged school authorities with teaching disrespect for the Holy Bible.

The court was asked to set Friday as the date for a hearing on the motion and this will probably postpone the hearing on Wittner's complaint, which was scheduled for tomorrow.

Four grounds for dismissal were outlined as follows: That Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of schools, and W. P. Hay, head of the department of biology, who were charged with teaching or allowing to be taught the subjects complained against, were not named as defendants in the suit, which seeks to prevent salary payments.

That witness has not shown that he would suffer any injury different from any other taxpayer.

That the complaint lacks precision, consisting of statements of theories and conclusions on Wittner's part and that no facts are stated as to matters alleged to be taught in disrespect of the Holy Bible or in which particulars they are in disrespect. That no facts are alleged or shown which are within the meaning of the statute which prohibits expenditure for salaries to persons teaching disrespect for the Holy Bible.

ASHLAND GIRL BADLY INJURED IN CAR CRASH

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 27.—Luella Strong, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strong of Ashland was badly injured near Dillard today when she was hit by an automobile driven by Herman Marks of this city. The little girl is said to have run out from behind her father's car, which was parked beside the road while he was repairing a tire, and to have stepped directly in front of Mr. Mark's machine. She was knocked down and dragged about 60 feet, sustaining abrasions on her face and forehead, and a deep cut on the right leg above the knee. She was taken to Mercy hospital in this city. Her parents were on the way to Myrtle Point when the accident occurred.

Death Toll of the Automobile

VINCINNES, Ind., July 27.—(A. P.)—Five members of one family were killed or died of injuries received today when a northbound Chicago and Eastern Illinois passenger train struck an automobile at a crossing fifteen miles north of here. All were from Boxville, Ky. The dead: J. H. Divine, Mrs. J. H. Divine, 42, Courtney Divine, 5, a son, Thomas Divine, 3, a son, Dorothy Divine, 11, a daughter.

BATTLING SIKI STABBED IN NECK MAD AT WIFE, FLEES HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, July 27.—(A. P.)—Enraged by the refusal of his white wife, who visited him at the hospital, to bring him clothes so he could leave, Siki, dragging a newspaper reporter by the arm, lurched into the street and halled a taxicab, ordering the driver to take him home. Siki was not seriously hurt.

Casualties of the Air Service

DETROIT, Mich., July 27.—(A. P.)—Three persons were killed here yesterday when an airplane made a forced landing and caught fire. The dead are: Milton Stein, 24, the pilot and Mrs. Violet Fleming, 20, and Miss Evelyn Herzig, 19, passengers.