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Death Claims W. C. Whitney.

Secretary of Navy Under Cleveland Passes Away Under Influence of Anesthetics.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—William Collins Whitney, former Secretary of the Navy, died a few minutes after 4 this afternoon at his home, 871 Fifth avenue.

Mr. Whitney was in his 64th year. Mr. Whitney was taken ill Friday night at the performance of "Rigoletto," at the Metropolitan opera house, and had to leave before the opera ended.

James, the Whitney family physician, was summoned and found that the condition of the patient was such that, after consultation, an operation was decided upon and was performed by Dr. Bull.

When the physicians perceived that the patient was in danger of death, Harry Payne Whitney and Dorothy Whitney were immediately notified.

It was five o'clock before the simple fact of his death was made public. Later the following statement was issued: "Mr. Whitney died at 5 o'clock, of peritonitis and blood poisoning, following an operation for appendicitis."

The interment will be made at Woodlawn, at a date to be hereafter fixed, in the family plot, where are the remains of Mrs. Flora Payne Whitney, Olive Whitney and Mr. Whitney's grandchild, Flora Payne Paget.

Mr. Whitney's children, Mr. Harry Payne Whitney and Miss Dorothy Whitney, were with him when he died.

Soon after the death visitors began to call at the house. Among them were Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and ex-Secretary Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney were in Thomasville, Ga., when Mr. Whitney's condition became critical, but they left for New York immediately on a special train.

The board of governors of the Democratic club, of which Mr. Whitney was a member, postponed an entertainment which the club was to have had to-night.

TRIBUTE FROM CLEVELAND. PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 2.—Mr. Cleveland was deeply moved when he heard of the death of Mr. Whitney.

"The death of Mr. Whitney has greatly shocked me. As I think of him my mind, passing beyond recent years, dwells upon the days of my association with him in official duty and recall the time when I had the opportunity to enjoy his unreserved intimacy and friendly companionship.

Mr. Whitney had more calm, forceful efficiency than any man I ever knew. In work that interested him, he actually courted difficulties and to find pleasure and exhilaration in overcoming them.

tion, his mental poise was so complete that neither passion nor irritation could lead him astray.

"While I remember all this with admiration and affection, I recall with more tender sentiments Mr. Whitney's devotion to his friends, his extreme consideration for all with whom he came in contact, his thoughtfulness for the ease and comfort of others, and his ready impulse to help those who needed help.

Both Powers Getting Ready.

For Months Japan and Russia Have Been Strengthening their Forces. The Czar's Vessels Moving.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—One of the highest Japanese officials in London, who has been intimately acquainted with every possible detail of the Russo-Japanese negotiations up to the present, made the following statement to the Associated Press this evening:

"I am convinced that the delay in sending Russia's reply is not for the purpose of enabling the Russian government to make further preparations for war, but that Count Lamsdorf is honestly trying to bring the matter in dispute to an amicable settlement. The delay clearly means that a final struggle is going on between the peace and war parties in Russia.

"I hope, and I think may add, that the peace party will triumph. The crux of the whole matter is Russia's assurances regarding Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria. On the other points Japan may agree to the certain modifications, but unless Russia, gives an assurance, binding and in writing, regarding Manchuria, Japan will break off the negotiations and adopt measures to safeguard her interests.

St. Petersburg, February 1.—It has been well known for months that Russia has steadily strengthened her army and navy in the far east to meet the preparations which Japan was openly making.

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The draft of Russia's reply probably will be submitted to the Czar tomorrow. The Associated Press is assured that it will be pacific and should "lead to a settlement."

"We have conceded much already and we are ready to concede more, but some things we cannot grant. From our standpoint the Manchurian question was settled by Russia's circular note to the powers recognizing all the Chinese treaties.

Russian papers to-day agree that treaty guarantees covering Manchuria and permission for Japan to fortify Manchuria, making a closed sea of the sea of Japan, are impossible.

Viceroy Alexieff is shortly to have a colloquy in the administration of Russia's eastern affairs, Minister of the Interior Von Plehve having elaborated a proposal to intrust the government of Western Siberia to a viceroy residing at Omsk, in Yakoutsk province. The population of this province is made up almost entirely of time expired convicts.

Russia Ready for War.

Army and Navy in Far East Has Been Greatly Strengthened. Reply to Japan Delayed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—In spite of the expressed hope of the Russian authorities that the present crisis will be passed and a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese negotiations will be reached, it is no longer concealed that Russia is practically prepared for eventualities.

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Preacher and Exhorter.

There was an old darky preacher in Virginia who would never become ordained, but was content to remain just an exhorter. This seemed rather strange to some of his congregation, and one day they asked him about it.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, January 27.

Sixteen inches of snow has fallen in Indiana and railroad traffic is at a standstill.

Three small children of Henry Feisfinger, of Celina, O., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home.

While blasting frozen earth at quarries near Norristown, Pa., Frank Clevette was killed by flying rocks and Joseph Folomeo was fatally injured.

The fire in the P. & R. colliery near Shamokin, Pa., which raged for several days, endangering extensive workings, has been gotten under control.

Thursday, January 28.

In a collision of trolley cars at St. Louis, more than 20 persons were injured, some fatally.

Oscar Murray, president of the B. & O. railroad, has been elected president of the B. & O. S. W.

The National Editorial Association will hold its 19th annual convention in St. Louis May 16, 17, 18 and 19.

President Roosevelt has appointed John L. Snelling appraiser of customs at Boston, vice A. W. Brown, resigned.

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, has ordered an investigation into the mine disaster at Cheswick, Pa.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has placed an order for 40,000 tons of steel rails with the Pennsylvania Steel company.

Friday, January 29.

Three children of Louis Cohen, of New York, were suffocated in a tenement house fire.

General Joseph Darr, formerly chief of staff of General Rosecrans, died at his home in Washington.

Thirteen inches of snow fell at Jackson, Miss., the heaviest fall of snow known there in 25 years.

Caleb Thorpe, aged 103 years, believed to have been the oldest soldier in the Civil War, died at his home at Millersburg, O.

A dispatch from Bessemer, Mont., says the copper country has experienced the coldest weather in its history, thermometers registering 48 degrees below zero.

Saturday, January 30.

Coal operators on New river, W. Va., employing over 9000 men, have decided to reduce wages this year.

Earl McCann, aged 7 years, of Wilmington, Del., was burned to death by his clothing catching fire while passing a stove.

Officers of the Clairton Steel company, Pittsburg, Pa., say there is no deal pending to transfer the plant to the United States Steel company.

Another speed trial of the new United States protected cruiser Denver, which failed to reach contract speed, will be held the latter part of February.

As the result of an explosion following an attempt to hurry a fire with coal oil, Mrs. A. F. Gray, of Pittsburg, Pa., is dead and six of her family seriously injured, one fatally.

Monday, February 1.

Enough new Springfield rifles will be ready by late summer to equip the entire United States army.

Dr. Jacob Cooper, professor of philosophy at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., died of pneumonia, aged 74 years.

The Eastern Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster, Pa., held their annual meeting and banquet at Allentown.

Authority has been given to open a national bank on the exposition grounds at St. Louis, to be operated only as long as the fair lasts.

Carbolic acid, taken with suicidal intent, because she was sent home from school, caused the death at New York of Anna Reinders, aged 16 years.

Tuesday, February 2.

The prison at Dawson Springs, Ky., was destroyed by fire and one prisoner burned to death.

The report of Treasurer Harris, of Pennsylvania, for January, shows a balance of \$10,431,057 in the general fund.

Bechtel Family Make Charges.

Petition Court to Punish District Attorney Lichtenwalner. Tells of Insulting Conduct.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 30.—Charges were preferred against District Attorney E. J. Lichtenwalner to Judge Frank M. Trexler in chambers alleging gross misconduct on the part of the district attorney before and during the Bechtel trials.

They were filed by Attorney William J. Jones, on behalf of Allison K. Brobst, Mrs. Bechtel's son-in-law, complainant, in the form a petition to the court.

The petition of Mr. Brobst sets forth that the district attorney "has wilfully and grossly neglected to comply with his duties, much to the chagrin and humiliation of the deponent, his wife and her family, as well as the counsel."

It is further alleged that the district attorney on October 27, 1903, at the beginning of his inquiries into the death of Mabel Bechtel, "grossly and negligently conducted the same while in a state of intoxication and in an insulting manner," toward the family of the murdered girl; that the district attorney later, in the course of the several trials, did attempt to conduct the same "while in a state of intoxication, which fact compelled your honor to adjourn court until the following day, when he was again incompetent to try the cases properly because of his condition the day previous;" that on Thursday, January 21, he was "again unable to appear at the afternoon session of court and had to be taken away from the law library, thereby throwing upon his assistant the entire onus of the trial, which again constituted wilful and gross negligence on his part."

Attached to the complaint of Mr. Brobst are several affidavits in support of his allegations. The first one on the list is that of Mrs. Catharine Bechtel, the mother of the murdered girl, and in it she affirms, among other things, that when, on October 27, the district attorney called at her home he was in a state of intoxication. She asserts that she was ill and nervous and was barely conscious of what was going on.

"I remember," she states, "that the district attorney staggered and I was really afraid of him. He seated himself on the couch beside me and announced that he had come to get evidence to hang David Weisenberger. He embraced me and repeatedly kissed me. I made attempts to repulse him, but in my weakened condition I was unable to do so. I was so overcome with grief and emotion and so frightened and insulted at the man's actions that I became partly unconscious and don't remember clearly what happened save that he thrust money in my hand."

"I resented the manner in which the said Lichtenwalner acted toward my daughters. I saw him embrace and try to kiss my daughter Martha. I next recall that the police entered to take Lichtenwalner from the house."

Mrs. Harry D. Newhard, in her affidavit, avers that Lichtenwalner made improper proposals to other women in the house, and to Mrs. Brobst, sister of the murdered girl, he offered a ring.

Mrs. Brobst makes similar charges against Lichtenwalner in her affidavit. She alleges that he took her "mother around the neck, kissed her repeatedly and hugged her roughly."

"Then," the affidavit goes on, "Lichtenwalner sat beside my mother while lying on the couch and presented her with his endearments and pretended to condole her as follows: 'Your darling, dear, beloved daughter Mabel.' Then Lichtenwalner ordered ham and eggs and drink and cigars to be brought, as though in a saloon, and wanted a cab to be brought to carry my mother home. He persisted in his behavior and I was forced to have an officer called."

Martha Bechtel, also a sister of the murdered girl, corroborated the testimony of her mother and Mrs. Brobst, and says "Lichtenwalner, who was in a state of intoxication, came to me while seated in a rocking chair, leaned over me, grasping the arms of the chair so that I could not escape and leaned into my face." (Here follow charges of improper proposals.)

The papers were filed and the case will come up for a hearing on Monday.

Hearing Postponed.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 2.—Edwin J. Lichtenwalner, the accused district attorney of Lehigh county, resented the insinuation of the Bechtel family that he was no gentleman. He appeared in court ready to fight any charges that might be made against him. Judge Trexler decided, however, that the time was not yet ripe, and fixed Friday, March 11, as the date for a formal hearing.

Probably the best criminal lawyers in Lehigh county will defend Mr. Lichtenwalner. He announced that he had engaged former Judge Edward Harvey and State Senator Arthur G. Dewalt to represent him. Mr. Harvey was the Democratic candidate who opposed the present Judge Trexler in the exciting campaign last fall.

Shot and Killed at a Dance. Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—Alfred Carter, living near Avondale, Chester county, was shot and killed at a dance near that place. He was shot during a quarrel. Some of those who witnessed the shooting declared that the shot was fired by Samuel Keely, a participant in the dance, and he was arrested.

Tears in Bad Taste. "That young vixen told me she wept over my column." "You ought to feel flattered." "Idiot! It's a funny column!"—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Force without intelligence is like a locomotive without a track or an engineer.—Schoolmaster.

RUSSIA'S REPLY DELAYED

Answer to Japan Will Be Forwarded Latter Part of This Week.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Another delay has occurred in framing and forwarding the Russian answer to the latest Japanese note, and this will result in further averting the culmination of the crisis until the middle or the latter part of this week.

The official advices received here from St. Petersburg, although somewhat negative, gave definite details of the status of the note and the program it was intended to follow. Count Lamsdorf, the Russian foreign minister, had expected that the exchanges going on would have permitted the final drafting of the answer so that it could have been presented to the czar Saturday for his approval, but the expectation was not realized, and, as a matter of fact, the answer has not yet been finally drafted. It was therefore determined to defer its submission to the czar until tomorrow or Wednesday. Efforts are still being made to so shape this answer as to prevent a rupture.

This new delay is interpreted as slightly improving the situation, as it indicates that Russia is making extreme efforts to bring the answer within limits acceptable to Japan.

Owing to the fact that the Russian answer is not completed, it is pointed out that the reports concerning its general terms must be taken with allowance, as the delay indicates that some of the points which presented the most serious difficulties may yet be reconciled.

Williamsport is to have a small-pox hospital.

Mrs. J. H. Eckridge and her son Lee are both ill of scarlet fever at their home in Phillipsburg.

The brick work is completed on the new C. R. R. of Pa. engine house and the iron roof is being put on.

Mr. Ivin Valentine, of Philadelphia, arrived in town yesterday morning, called here by the serious illness of his brother Abram.

State inspector M. D. Howe, of Delmar, was here last week to examine Gorman's opera house and other public buildings. He pronounced them all perfectly safe.

With the coming of spring there will be many changes in Belleville. Some of them will be particularly regrettable because they will result in the removal from our midst of people who have been useful residents. The departure of the family of Mr. F. B. Stover will be one of the important ones. For years he has been in the meat business here, but he has sold his property on High street and early in the spring will move, either to Altoona or Hagerstown, Md., where they will make their future home. The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Stover, with their daughter and son, will break up many pleasant sites of daily intercourse in Belleville.

WAS A FORMER RESIDENT.—The following obituary published in a recent issue of the Canton, Ohio, Repository, tells of the death of a lady who was once a resident of this place, the honored wife of W. W. Brown, the founder of the Belleville Republican.

From the infirmities of old age, Mrs. W. H. Bathsheba Brown, widow of Col. W. W. Brown, of Belleville, Pa., died at her home in the Whiting-Poyser block, Market and Seventh streets, Thursday morning, Jan. 29th. Deceased was 77 years of age.

Col. Brown was the founder of the Belleville Republican, to which his wife contributed many articles and poems. He died about 21 years ago and after a two-years' residence in Kansas the family removed to Canton. Five children survive: Mrs. Anna J. Shull, of Blue Hills, Kan.; Homer C. Brown, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Sadie Bennett, Ella and Grace Brown, of Canton. The funeral was held in the First M. E. church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. O. W. Holmes, conducting. Services for the family and immediate friends were held at the home at 1 o'clock. Interment in Westlawn cemetery.

Second Week of Court.

The second or civil week of quarter sessions court proved even shorter and less interesting than the first. All of the business was cleaned up by Wednesday morning and the jurors discharged.

About the only case that attracted any interest was that brought by contractor James McCafferty against Spring township to recover for the building of the stone arch bridge near the home of A. V. Miller, at Pleasant Gap. At the close of the plaintiff's testimony a motion for a non suit was presented and the court granted it. The non suit was granted because the case was brought on the same day the contract ended, whereas the law requires that one day must elapse before such legal action can be brought.

John T. Bayllets vs. J. J. Kelley and William Neyman, Jr., summons in trespass, plea not guilty, continued.

George W. Pecan, vs. S. W. Wright, settled.

S. H. Williams vs. Frank Warfield, settled.

John Luther vs. George Kachick, settled.

Jesse Goss vs. D. D. Woods, settled.

Joseph Kelley vs. J. W. Smith, Robert M. Smith, administrator of Adam Smith, deceased and Robert M. Smith, settled.

Mary M. Reifsnnyder vs. J. H. Reifsnnyder, settled.

JOHN LEECH.—John Leech, a former resident of this county, died at his home at Penna. Furnace, on Monday evening, at 7:30 p. m. after an illness of nervous prostration that had extended over a year.

Deceased was the only son of Wilson Leech and was born at Shingletown 57 years ago. He had spent most of his life in that vicinity until a few years ago, when he moved into the John Porter Lyon farm at the Furnace. He was a good citizen, a kind husband, an indulgent father and an obliging neighbor. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Surviving are his widow and children William, John, Nannie, Mary, Robert, Edna and Annie. Mrs. Edw. Burchfield and Mrs. Joseph Calvert, of Altoona, are sisters.

Interment was made in the Boalsburg cemetery at noon yesterday.

MRS. JOHN EMERICK.—The death of Mrs. John Emerick occurred at her home at Smulloon on Friday, January 29th. Deceased was 56 years old and a woman who will be greatly missed in that community, where she was generally respected. In the home circle, however, her loss will be keenest, for she was a dutiful wife and a devoted mother.

Surviving her are her husband and her five children: Chas. E., of New York city; Forest M., and William M., of Punxsutawney; Marion E. and R. Lynn, at home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Rebersburg in the Lutheran church, of which she was a member, with Rev. Reiarck officiating and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

DANIEL WOLFE.—At the extreme age of 82 years, 6 months and 5 days Mr. Daniel Wolfe passed away at his home in Aaronsburg, on Saturday evening.

Deceased was born in Gregg township, where he resided until 1842, when he moved over into Haines and spent the rest of his days there. He was a son of George Wolfe of whose family of seven children only one now survives, viz: Mrs. Jacob Condo, of Boalsburg.

His three children Mrs. Howard Miller of Rebersburg; Charles, of Aaronsburg, and Thomas, of Flat Rock, Ohio, survive. Interment was made at Wolfe's chapel on Wednesday morning, after services had been held in the Reformed church by Rev. Lauffer.

BERTHA HOSTERMAN.—At the age of 17 years, 11 months and 25 days consumption carried off Bertha, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hosterman, of Coburn, on Wednesday afternoon. She was a lovely girl and the radiance of her young christian life will be a sad loss to the home.

Her parents, three brothers and five sisters survive her; three brothers and four sisters having preceded her to the grave.

Rev. J. N. Bair will conduct the funeral services tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and interment will be made at Woodward.

MRS. JUDE WINTERS.—Mrs. Jude Winters died at her home in Williamsport, on Monday, from the effects of being operated on for appendicitis. Deceased was a daughter of the venerable William Iddings, of Unionville, and is survived by her husband and three children, as well as by her father, brother Maurice, of Phillipsburg, Edward and her twin sister, Mrs. Jesse Irvin, of Dix run.

Interment was made at Williamsport.

Mrs. Jacob Shoemaker passed away at her home at Mackeyville, on Monday night at 11 o'clock, at the age of 65 years. She is survived by her husband and nine children by her first marriage, which was to Thomas Leitch. She had lived all her life in the vicinity of Mackeyville and was indeed a useful woman. Rev. Crow, of Hubersburg, will officiate at her funeral which will be held in the Methodist church at Mackeyville this morning at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Shoemaker was a member of the Evangelical church.

"Old Charlie Smith," the faithful porter at the Brookerhoff house, whose life knew only devotion to his employers, died in the hospital here last Friday after a short illness of heart trouble and dropsy. He was supposed to be about 51 years old and was born in Virginia. The G. U. O. of O. F. turned out on Sunday afternoon to attend his funeral.

Miss Mattie Everhart died at the age of 75 years, at the old Everhart home, near Lemont, on Thursday afternoon of last week. Heart disease was the cause. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. She is survived by her four brothers: Alexander, of Altoona; John, of Spruce Creek; William and James, at home.

Richard Gunsallus, of Clintondale, died at the home of his son-in-law, Lloyd Maurer, at that place, on Friday morning, of heart failure. Deceased was 84 years old and was one of the oldest residents of that community. Interment was made at Cedar Hill on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Tressler, widow of Henry Tressler, died at her home at Pleasant Gap on January 29th, at the age of 63 years, 2 months and 13 days. Interment was made in Meyer's cemetery up Buffalo Run on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swabb, of Pine Grove Mills, are mourning the death of their baby boy, Francis Russell, aged 9 months. He died on the 29th ult., after an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. Burial was made Sunday morning.