

Impressive Services Held Over Body of P. R. R. President.

DIED FROM HEART DISEASE

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—With services brief but impressive, and attended by less than 200 persons, the funeral of Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad system, was held from his city residence, 202 West Rittenhouse Square.

At the head of the casket sat W. A. Patton, assistant to Mr. Cassatt, and the latter's two sons, Robert Kelo Cassatt and Captain Edward Cassatt, U. S. A. For many of the older em-



A. J. CASSATT.

ployes Mr. Patton had a word or two or a nod. After the employes had gone Mrs. Cassatt and her daughter, with the other relatives and friends, came into the room and the services were begun. About the casket were grouped many of the foremost railroad men and financiers of the United States.

The body of Mr. Cassatt rested in a plain mahogany casket covered with black cloth. Severely plain silver handles were at the sides. On the lid was a plain silver plate, bearing Mr. Cassatt's name, the date of his birth, December 8, 1839, and the date of his death, December 28, 1906. About the casket and here and there in the handsome room were flowers and candles in huge candelabra.

Interment was made in the Cassatt family lot. This is in the burying ground of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, of which Mr. Cassatt was long a communicant. The journey from Rittenhouse Square to Bryn Mawr was made in carriages despite the muddy roads and inclement weather. It was Mrs. Cassatt's desire that this be done, although the Pennsylvania railroad officials would have liked to put a special train at her disposal.

Mr. Cassatt, who was a little more than 67 years of age, was stricken with heart disease, and died before assistance could be given him. He was a victim of an acute heart attack known professionally as "the Stokes-Adams Syndrome."

Though Mr. Cassatt's death was entirely unexpected, he had been in ill health for nearly a year. His condition was aggravated by an attack of whooping cough, which he contracted from his grandchildren while at Bar Harbor in September. He never entirely recovered from the effects of the attack, and when he returned to Philadelphia he remained for several weeks at his country home in Havford before he resumed his arduous duties in connection with the management of the railroad and its allied interests.

Died in a Chair.

Mr. Cassatt spent much of his time driving, and he was out as late as last Monday. Subsequently he was known to have been confined to bed at his residence at 202 West Rittenhouse Square, but even then his condition was not regarded as alarming. While not feeling entirely well, Mr. Cassatt arose from his bed, but remained in his room. He seemed to be in good spirits, and his family was not thought about his condition and had no thought of his death. While sitting in a chair in his apartments, he suffered an acute heart attack and became unconscious. His wife and his daughter, Mrs. W. Plunkett Stewart, were with him, and his private physician, Dr. J. H. Musser, was summoned, but he was dead when the physician arrived. Dr. Musser said that death had been almost instantaneous.

A. J. Cassatt's Career.

Alexander Johnston Cassatt was born in Pittsburg, December 8, 1839. His father, Robert S. Cassatt, was for a number of years closely identified with the financial and industrial interests of Western Pennsylvania, and was the first mayor of Allegheny City. The elder Cassatt removed to Europe and young Cassatt took up a course of study in the University of Darmstadt. Upon his return to America he entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic College, at Troy, N. Y., from which institution he was graduated in 1859 as a civil engineer. From this time on his rise in the railway world was rapid. In 1861 he was appointed a rodman on the Pennsylvania railroad. The ability shown in this post attracted the notice of his superiors, and when, in 1864, the Pennsylvania Railroad company assumed control of the Philadelphia & Erie railroad, Mr. Cassatt was transferred to Renovo, Pa., and intrusted

with the duties of resident engineer of the middle division. He held important positions with the Philadelphia & Erie and the Pennsylvania railroad until 1871, when he was made general manager of all the Pennsylvania railroad lines east of Pittsburg and Erie, an office of which he was the first incumbent. After the death of J. Edgar Thomson, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, a reorganization of the higher officials became necessary, and Mr. Cassatt was, on July 1, 1874, advanced to the position of third vice president, which office he filled until June 1, 1880, when, upon the retirement of Colonel Thomas A. Scott, then president of the company, and the accession to the presidency of George B. Roberts, he became first vice president. On September 30, 1882, he voluntarily resigned his office and retired to private life. On September 12, 1883, he was elected a director of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and was elected president of the same company on June 9, 1899. Shortly thereafter he was elected president of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad company, the Northern Central Railway company, the Pennsylvania company and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway company.

LOCOMOTIVE BLOWN UP

Boiler Explodes and Injures Three Men Near Pitman Grove, N. J. Camden, N. J., Jan. 1.—With a report that was heard for 10 miles or more, an engine of the heavy freight type blew up while nearing Pitman, N. J., on the West Jersey & Seashore railroad.

The engineer, fireman and brakeman of the train were all in the engine cab when the explosion occurred, and are so seriously injured that their deaths may result. The bursting boiler wrecked the attached freight train, wrecked the engine and cars across the track and completely tied up traffic. Window panes in Sewell houses smashed simultaneously with the explosion, and the gaping appearance of the windows bears mute evidence to its force.

The three injured men were found lying beside the track by the startled townspeople when they rushed to the smoking wreck. The men are: Daniel C. Hand, engineer, living with his wife and family at Cape May; John H. Lake, fireman, of Pleasantville, single; Albert Johnston, brakeman, married, Cape May.

Johnston is the most seriously hurt. He is scalded from head to foot and has several bones broken, besides possible internal injuries. His death may occur at any moment, the physicians say. Hand and Lake are badly scalded, cut, bruised and burned.

A \$3,000,000 NEW YEAR'S GIFT

John D. Rockefeller Gives That Sum to Chicago University.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—A New Year's gift of nearly \$3,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago was announced.

This is the largest single contribution from Mr. Rockefeller to the institution, and brings his total benefactions to the university up to \$19,416,922. Announcement of the latest donation was contained in a letter from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to Acting President Harry Pratt Judson.

The major portion of the New Year's gift is to go to the permanent endowment fund of the university, and for this purpose securities to the value of \$2,700,000 are provided. The remainder of the gift, \$217,000, is to make up the year's deficit, to provide for an increase in the salaries of instructors and to allow appropriations for various purposes.

The \$2,700,000 addition to the endowment brings this fund to \$10,442,616.

BARONESS COUTTS DEAD

Famous British Philanthropist Lived During Reigns of Five Sovereigns. London, Dec. 31.—Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who has been ill at her residence here since Christmas eve, is dead.

The death of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, occurring at the age of 92 years, besides depriving the country of one of its greatest and most famous philanthropists, removes from London a unique personality and an interesting social figure. As a link with the almost forgotten past, her life beginning during the reign of Emperor Napoleon, she lived during the reigns of five British sovereigns. Inheriting an immense fortune, she so used it as to die beloved by the whole nation.

Opened Bureau to Prevent Suicide.

London, Jan. 1.—General William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, who starts in February on a trip to Japan via the United States, has opened a bureau in the headquarters of the army in London with the avowed object of checking the spread of suicide. General Booth explains that suicides generally might be dissuaded by a little sensible and sympathetic advice, and this bureau will offer without any inquiry concerning the applicant's antecedents or circumstances, and at the same time their confidences will be rigidly respected and their secrets inviolably preserved.

"Suicide" Turns Out a Murder.

Somerset, Pa., Dec. 31.—John Flickinger was committed to jail here for the murder of Wesley Emerick, aged 23, at Boynton, on October 14. It was believed that this was suicide until Emerick's wife made a statement that Flickinger had killed her husband with a shot gun. It is stated that Flickinger and Emerick's wife had been criminally intimate for some time and that a fight resulted in the murder.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, December 26.

A life pension of \$1200 a year from the Carnegie fund has been settled on Dr. A. W. Cowles at Elmira, N. Y. Rev. T. K. Crowley while putting on his vestments to celebrate high mass in a church at Denison, Tex., dropped dead.

Upsetting a tank of boiling water, a little daughter of Henry Warfel, of Colemanville, Lancaster county, Pa., was fatally scalded.

The wife and child of Samuel Poyner and wife and the child of William Grimsted were cremated in a fire that destroyed their home at Morris Neck, Va.

When his affectionate advances were spurned, Thomas Clares, a Cuban cigarmaker, killed his boarding mistress, Mrs. Clara Wells, and then hurled himself to death from a third-story window at New York.

Thursday, December 27.

Dr. J. L. Ziegler, aged 84 years, the oldest practicing physician in Lancaster county, Pa., died at Mount Joy.

Three persons were killed and 11 hurt in a collision between a passenger train and work train at Tacoma, Wash.

Fire originating from a defective gas lighting system destroyed three business blocks at Perry, Ia., causing a loss of \$100,000.

Gustav Hahn, a prominent lawyer, veteran of the Civil War and United States commissioner, died at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., aged 76 years.

Friday, December 28.

Charles B. Fink, editor of the Latrobe (Pa.) Advance, dropped dead at his home in that city of apoplexy.

Three children of Stanley Singleton were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home near Weston, W. Va.

Edward H. Thomson, Sr., president of the Maryland National bank, died suddenly at his home in Baltimore of acute indigestion.

While roasting a turkey in a gas stove in her home at Atlantic City, N. J., Mrs. Kate Walton was overcome by gas and was dead when found.

William C. Anderson, former assistant paying teller of the First National bank of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced to four years imprisonment for embezzling \$6000.

Saturday, December 29.

Lawrence Leberg was lynched by masked men at Las Animas, Colo., for the murder of Henry Lavenmeyer.

Rev. D. L. Holder, a Presbyterian minister, was assassinated by unknown parties at Union City, Tenn.

The director of the mint has purchased 100,000 ounces of silver for delivery at Philadelphia at 70.158 cents an ounce.

James Kelly, a wealthy oil well contractor, was electrocuted in the cell of his home at Findlay, O., by coming in contact with a light wire.

David O. Luckenbach, aged 73 years, a wealthy flour merchant and bank director, of Bethlehem, Pa., died from exhaustion following a delicate surgical operation.

Monday, December 31.

Charged with slaying his father, Lee Molder, 18 years old, has been arrested at Union City, Tenn.

Two persons were killed and several seriously injured in a wreck on the Southern railway near Danville, Va.

The Slatington (Pa.) Rolling Mill company has advanced its puddlers from \$4 to \$4.50 per ton and other labor in proportion.

Because his sister-in-law, Margaret Taylor, had just wedded Henry Morris against his wishes, at Hopkinsville, Ky., Lewis Wilson killed both of them.

The mystery in the death of Mrs. Sarah Ayres at St. Helen, Ore., was cleared by the confession of Bert Holman, 13 years old, that he had killed the woman.

Tuesday, January 1.

General Hiram Scofield died at Seatle, Wash., aged 77 years.

Andrew Carnegie has given Bates College, at Lewiston, Me., \$50,000.

John H. Rankin, of Reading, Pa., has been appointed superintendent of material and supplies of the Reading railway system.

A broken rail threw a car from the tracks on the Pennsylvania railroad near Upper Marlboro, Md., and three trainmen were injured.

Governor Pennypacker has appointed Russell C. Stewart, of Easton, Pa., judge of Northampton county, to succeed H. W. Schuyler, deceased.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR firm; winter extras, \$2.80@3; Penna. roller, clear, \$3.05@3.20; city mills, fancy, \$4.50@4.75. RYE FLOUR firm, at \$3.75 per barrel. WHEAT steady; No. 2 Penna. red, 73 1/2@74c. CORN firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 55@54c. OATS firm; No. 2 white, clipped, 41c.; lower grades, 39 1/2c. HAY steady; No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$21. PORK firm; family, per barrel, \$19.50. BEEF firm; beef hams, per barrel, \$19. POULTRY: Live firm; hens, 13@13 1/2c.; old roosters, 9@9 1/2c. Dressed firm; choice fowls, 13c.; old roosters, 9 1/2c. BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 36c. EGGS steady; selected, 32@34c.; nearby, 29c.; western, 29c.; southern, 26@28c. POTATOES firm; per bushel, 55@58c. BALTIMORE — WHEAT easier; No. 2 spot, 77@77 1/2c.; steamer No. 2 spot, 80c.; southern, 68 1/2@73 1/2c. CORN firm; steamer mixed, 45 1/2@45 1/4c.; southern, 45 1/2@47 1/2c. OATS firm; No. 2 white, 40@40 1/2c.; No. 3, 39@39 1/2c.; No. 4, 37 1/2@38c.; mixed, No. 2, 39c.; No. 3, 37 1/2@38c.; No. 4, 36@36 1/2c. BUTTER firm; creamery separator extras, 33c.; prints, 32@34c.; held, 24@25c. Maryland and Penna. dairy prints, 30@21c. EGGS firm; fancy Maryland and Penna., 27c.; Virginia, 27c.; West Virginia, 26c.; southern, 24@25c.

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