

T. C. PLATT DEAD AT SEVENTY-SIX

Suddenly Taken with Fainting Spells, and Expires Amid His Children

WAS LONG OUT OF POLITICS

Aged Ex-Senator Succumbs to Sudden Attack in New York After Years of Broken Health—Cause of His Death was Acute Bright's Disease.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 10.—Thomas Collier Platt, Republican leader of the State of New York for a score of years and intensely interested in the Republican party from its organization in 1856, died unexpectedly in his apartments at 133 West Eleventh street, He would have been 77 years old if he had lived until July 15. The direct cause of his death was acute Bright's disease. For a number of years he had suffered from a palsy of the legs, which kept him to a wheel chair much of the time. Within the last two years evidences of Bright's disease had become apparent to his physician, Dr. Paul Outerbridge. On May 28 last, Dr. Outerbridge believed that his patient would die on that day. Mr. Platt, however, recovered and was able to attend the wedding of his grandson, Livingston Platt, son of Frank H. Platt. He took a temporary home at Freeport, Long Island, then went to Atlantic City, remaining there until election day (and this, by the way, was the first time that he had not voted in Owego, Tioga County, his birthplace, for fifty years), and later went to Lakewood, remaining there until late in January, when he returned to his apartments in West Eleventh street, where he was constantly attended by Gustave Abel, formerly a Custom House employee and one of the many hundreds of men whom Mr. Platt as the Republican leader of his party had benefited. With Mr. Platt at the time of his death were Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Platt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Platt, Harry Platt and Dr. Outerbridge.

Senator Platt's health had been failing for years, but his mind was active to the last. Since the Allds hearing at Albany, in which his name has been spoken by witnesses, Senator Platt through the newspapers had kept a close watch on events.

Retiring from the United States Senate last year, when he was succeeded by Mr. Elihu Root after twelve years as the senior Senator from New York State, Mr. Platt sought a quiet and change of surroundings.

Congressman Herbert Parsons, former President of the New York County Committee, said:

"Senator Platt was remarkable for three things—for the gold plank in the Republican national platform of 1889, the creation of Greater New York and his control of the Republican party in New York State, a control which lasted twenty years and was absolute."

ONLY 37 THIN ICE DROWNINGS.

Nearly a Score Less Than the Average in New England and Canada.

Boston, Mar. 8.—Fewer persons than in any recent year were victims of thin ice on the inland ponds, lakes and rivers of New England, the Maritime Provinces of Canada and Newfoundland during the winter season now closing. Nearly a score short of the annual average, the total for this season is thirty-seven persons. Of this number, twenty-four were 17 years old or under. Most of these children lost their lives while skating. So, too, did some of the older victims.

MEAT IS HIGHER EVERYWHERE.

Statistics Gathered from Principal Exporting and Importing Countries.

Washington, Mar. 8.—Meat prices have advanced in all the principal consuming and producing sections of the world, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Commerce and Labor. All the meat-exporting countries show higher prices per pound in their exports in recent years than those of a decade ago, and all the meat-importing countries show higher rates in their imports figures and the current market quotations.

BRYAN'S PROHIBITION PAPER.

Will Start One in Lincoln Entirely Separate from Commoner.

Lincoln, Neb., Mar. 8.—William Jennings Bryan is to launch a prohibition newspaper in Nebraska, according to an announcement made by the State and county local option forces. The new Bryan paper is to be entirely separate from The Commoner, although the two may be issued from the same office.

Two Drowned in a Canoe.

Harrisburg, Pa., Mar. 8.—Edward Gerdes and Robert Shank, each 18 years old, were drowned in the Susquehanna River this afternoon by the overturning of their canoe, which struck a hidden rock. Merl Gerdes, 13, who was also in the canoe, was rescued by a passerby, who plunged into the stream and brought him ashore.

Man, Awaiting Baptism, Drops Dead.

Burd, Ohio, Mar. 8.—As he was stepping forward to be baptized at a revival service here today, James Applegate, fifty-five, a wealthy and prominent citizen, dropped dead.

ROCKEFELLER PLANS GREATEST GIFTS IN HISTORY

Philanthropy to Be Centred in Washington and to Be World-Wide in Scope.

THE OBJECT OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION IS "To promote the well being and to advance the civilization of the peoples of the United States and its territories and possessions and of foreign lands in the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge; in the prevention and relief of suffering and in the promotion of any and all of the elements of human progress."

Washington, Mar. 10.—A bill introduced in the regular course of business in the Senate by Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, revealed the most stupendous work of philanthropy in the history of the world.

The author of the scheme is John D. Rockefeller, and it involves the absolute gift from the great fortune which Standard Oil has built up for him of at least \$500,000,000 and may be more. The bill of incorporation names it the "Rockefeller Foundation."

The Rockefeller Foundation, according to a close associate of Mr. Rockefeller, is to receive the bulk of his fortune, either while he is yet living or by his will after death. The scheme of the charitable disposition of his millions has occupied Mr. Rockefeller for a number of years. His great gifts to churches, educational and scientific institutions, totaling \$122,000,000 or more, has in no wise kept up with the rapid growth of his fortune.

It has been estimated that if Mr. Rockefeller lives to the age of eighty, and he is now in his 71st year, his fortune will amount to \$1,000,000,000, more than ever one man possessed before. It may be Mr. Rockefeller's idea to encourage the growth of his fortune up to the time of his death, starting the work of the Rockefeller Foundation during his lifetime, and willing to let it his great fortune.

The object of the corporation, as set out in Mr. Gallinger's bill, is "to promote the well being and to advance the civilization of the people of the United States and its territories and possessions and of foreign lands in the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge, in the prevention and relief of suffering, and in the promotion of any and all of the elements of human progress."

It is said to be the purpose of Mr. Rockefeller to spend the greater part of the vast fortune he has built up while he is yet alive, and it is said that he desires not only that his money shall be expended for various philanthropic purposes, but that it shall be spent so that he can see the results of the distribution of his wealth.

"ROOSEVELT STREET."

Change from "State" Planned in Chicago.

Chicago, Mar. 7.—Alderman Otto J. Novak proposes to call on the City Council to honor the return of the ex-President by changing the name of State street to Roosevelt street. He says that he will introduce a resolution in the council at its next meeting. Chicago has no Roosevelt street.

"The greatest street in the greatest city in the world could not be more appropriately named than after the man whom many consider the greatest American of modern times," said Alderman Novak. "The name of the street now does not have any historical significance nor is it suggestive of any events dear to Chicago's past."

COLLEGE TO GET \$500,000.

Tufts Made Residuary Legatee of Wealthy Printer's Estate.

Dedham, Mass., Mar. 7.—Tufts College is made the residuary legatee to an estate valued at half a million dollars under the will of the late John Everett Smith, a wealthy Norwood printer, which was filed in the Norfolk County Probate Court here today.

The widow has the use of the bulk of the estate during her life. Upon her death the property will be turned over to the Medford College.

REDMOND PREDICTS ELECTION.

There Will Be Another Appeal to the Country Soon, He Says.

London, Mar. 7.—John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, in a letter acknowledging the receipt of \$5,000 from the Irish World predicts that there will be another general election within a few weeks. He appeals for more funds to enable the Nationalists to fight both the Unionists and the Independent Nationalists.

Lawyer-Magistrate a Suicide.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Mar. 4.—A. C. Cayter, a prominent lawyer and police magistrate of Roland, committed suicide in the Empire Hotel, by shooting himself through the head. The cause of his act is not known.

Local Option Rejected.

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HARRISBURG FRAUD SENTENCES UPHeld

Pennsylvania at Same Time Brings Suit to Recover \$5,000,000 Spent on Fittings

JAIL FOR CAPITAL CONSPIRATORS

Craft Sentences Sustained—Men Convicted of Capitol Fraud Must Serve Terms—W. P. Snyder and J. M. Shumaker, Charged with Conspiracy.

Philadelphia, Mar. 10.—The conviction of William P. Snyder and James M. Shumaker, charged with conspiracy to defraud the State in connection with the furnishing of the State Capitol here, Snyder was a former Auditor General and Shumaker a former Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds.

Snyder and Shumaker were convicted in the Dauphin County Court in Harrisburg on December 18, 1908, and sentenced to serve two years each and to pay a fine of \$500 each and the cost of prosecution. John H. Sanderson of Philadelphia, who had the furniture contract for the Capitol, and William L. Mathews of Media, former State Treasurer, who paid the alleged fraudulent furniture bills, were convicted and received a similar sentence at the same time. Sanderson and Mathews have since died.

The cases were carried to the Superior Court, which affirmed the Dauphin County Court, and an appeal was then taken to the highest tribunal in the State, which today upheld the lower courts.

Attorney General Todd, commenting on the decision, said: "It is all over and the men must go to prison."

Harrisburg, Pa., Mar. 9.—Actions in equity for the recovery by the State of at least \$5,000,000 alleged to have been illegally paid to contractors for the furnishing of the new State Capitol were entered in the Dauphin County Court today by the Attorney General's Department. The actions are against the contractors, John H. Sanderson, now dead, and the Pennsylvania Construction Company, the State officials having to do with the awards of the contracts and the approval of bills in payment. Architect Joseph M. Huston and the sureties of the contractors and State officials.

The suits are the outgrowth of the Capitol investigation conducted in 1907 and are entirely separate from the criminal actions brought more than two years ago.

BLOW-UP KILLS EIGHT.

Seventeen Hurt in Accident Near Chicago.

Chicago, March 9.—Eight persons were reported killed and seventeen injured, many of them probably fatally, in an explosion at the works of the American Maltz Products Company at Roby, Ind.

The explosion occurred in a detached building of the plant and was preceded by a fire. Starch in an overheated kiln is supposed to have been the cause.

It was known that twenty-nine workmen were in the building at the time. Seventeen of these were rescued badly burned. Of the twelve unaccounted for several are believed to have escaped unhurt. The rest were burned in the ruins of the warehouse.

MRS. BOTKIN DEAD.

Noted Poisoner Expires in San Quentin Prison.

San Francisco, Mar. 9.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, serving a life sentence at San Quentin for the murder in 1898 of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., by poisoned chocolates sent through the mails, died at the penitentiary.

Mrs. Dunning was the wife of a former San Francisco newspaper man, with whom Mrs. Botkin was infatuated. Dunning died several years ago in Philadelphia.

EDITOR APOLOGIZES TO FISH.

Congressman's Suit for Libel for Being Called "Welcher" is Withdrawn.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mar. 9.—The libel suit of Congressman Hamilton Fish against the Poughkeepsie News-Press for \$50,000 damages for calling him a "welcher" was settled in the Supreme Court at Carmel, Putnam County, without a trial.

Frank B. Lowm, attorney for the newspaper, apologized in open court for the publication, and announced that The News-Press would print a complete retraction.

KILLS TWO AND HIMSELF.

Farmer Clubs Father-in-Law, Cuts Wife's Throat, and Shoots Himself.

Ithaca, Mich., Mar. 9.—As the result of a family quarrel, in which his wife took sides with her father, William Davidson, a farmer living near this place, struck his father-in-law, Julius Teet, with the butt end of a shotgun this afternoon, killing him instantly. Getting a razor, he cut his wife's throat, and after making sure she was dead blew out his own brains. A nine-months-old baby sleeping in an adjacent room was not injured.

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WORLD NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Covering Minor Happenings From All Over the Globe

DOMESTIC.

The recent large purchase of stock in the American District Telegraph Company by the Western Union gave the latter control of the former. The last big block of stock bought is said to have been the Gould holdings.

In an address to the convention of the Master Plumbers' Association Mayor Gaynor of New York hinted he was not opposed to open saloons on Sunday.

In a posthumous statement Mr. Platt tells of a promise from Mr. Harrison to make him Secretary of the Treasury and of a campaign contribution of \$150,000 in 1888.

Fillander C. Knox, Jr., son of the Secretary of State, was dismissed from a school at Providence because he refused to tell if he had married a young woman of that city; the latter admitted that they were married in Vermont on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. David Scherer announce the engagement of their daughter Rose, to Samuel P. Moses, prominent in the New York newspaper circles. Reception to be at 2096 Third Ave. on April 10, 1910.

Despite the assertions of public officials to the contrary, canvasses by Philadelphia newspapers show that 100,000 persons have quit work to aid the striking car employees.

Mrs. Charles W. Morse, back from a visit to her husband in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, told of the progress of the petition for his pardon and expressed appreciation of the plea signed by all the pupils in the high school he gave his boyhood home.

Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler attributes high prices here to too many intermediaries between the wholesaler and the consumer.

The Van Norden Magazine has suspended publication. It was owned by Warner M. Van Norden, recently robbed of \$28,000 by two women near the Waldorf, New York City.

The Federal Grand Jury investigating the Beef Trust in Chicago completed its labors.

WASHINGTON.

The Standard Oil Company filed its appeal in the United States Supreme Court, and several more briefs attacking the corporation tax were presented, one being by ex-Senator Foraker.

President Taft, making public correspondence with Mr. Moon, author of the administration's injunction bill, urges its passage.

The postoffice appropriation bill was passed by the House.

It was reported from Washington that the United States might act as mediator between Peru and Ecuador if the King of Spain's award was not accepted.

Gifford Pinchot said that the conservation fight was one between special privilege and equal opportunity.

In the House the bill appropriating \$500,000 to purchase embassy buildings abroad, was defeated.

FOREIGN.

Over six thousand steerage passengers have left Southampton for America in the last fortnight.

The American Legation at Bogota, Colombia, is stoned, according to cable advices.

Use of a corruption fund to control Parliament is charged to the Japanese army by the independent press.

The Tokio press is jubilant at what it terms America's failure in her Manchurian plans.

Hundreds of Socialists were wounded in Berlin by provincial gendarmes and city police.

The Empress of Russia suffered another nervous breakdown, and her condition is regarded as serious.

MEN WORTH \$1,800 EACH.

Mining Company Fixes Flat Rate on Victims of Cherry Disaster.

Chicago, Mar. 10.—With fifty claims of widows and other relatives of Cherry mine disaster victims settled by payments ranging from \$800 to \$1,200 per death, the St. Paul Mining Company has entered into negotiations with counsel in something like 100 more cases to settle with the victims' widows at the rate of \$1,800 in each case.

This rate of settlement was agreed upon at a conference between attorneys representing the widows and counsel for the mining company.

CRANK TO CONGRESS.

Threatens Dynamite Unless Duty is Done.

Washington, Mar. 7.—An anonymous letter was received by members of Congress today threatening them and their property with destruction by dynamite unless they do their duty. The letter is signed "The Committee," and bears the postmark of the new Inley Park station, Chicago. The writer begins by saying that members are aware that the prices of the necessities of life are beyond the reach of those who are compelled to labor for a living.

INSURANCE AND BALLOONING.

Claims May Be Collected if Flights are Only a Diversion, Says Court.

Denver, Col., Mar. 9.—If ballooning is indulged in as a diversion, insurance money may be collected in case of accident or death, according to a Supreme Court decision today in a case to recover \$2,000 insurance upon the life of Frank Van Fleet, who was killed in a balloon accident at Grand Junction.

PASTOR ROBINSON ACCUSED BY GIRL

Leader of Anti-Saloon League and Trainer of Missionaries Confesses His Sin

THE CHURCH SUSPENDS HIM

Pastor a Man of Fifty, Victim in Her Tears—Liquor Interests Credited with Exposure by Anonymous Letter to the Girl's Father.

Herkimer, N. Y., Mar. 10.—Following a confession that he had ruined one of the most popular and attractive young women in his congregation, the Rev. S. D. Robinson, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this village, has been suspended by the Church Board. He has fled from town.

The story of his downfall has been a great shock to the residents of this place, where both the pastor and his unhappy victim have heretofore been held in highest esteem.

Robinson came to Herkimer to preach about three years ago. He had before that been pastor of a church at Fulton, N. Y., and was looked on as one of the most talented men in the Northern Conference of the Methodist Church. He was about fifty years of age. He and his wife, for whom deep sympathy is now expressed on every hand, made a most favorable impression here from the beginning.

In addition to his church duties the pastor soon became active as a director of the Folts Institute, a preparatory school for missionaries located here, and he was the leading spirit in the anti-saloon league.

Miss Abble Haynes was just budding into womanhood when the new minister moved to Herkimer. She is a daughter of Dr. W. I. Haynes, the local optician.

It was less than a year ago, according to a statement made by the young woman, that the preacher first took undue liberties with her. The little sister was at school one day and her mother had gone out shopping.

It was an anonymous letter that first warned Mr. Haynes that all was not well. While the letter had not been directly traced, it is generally believed that it came from some one connected with the liquor interests.

Robinson at first denied indignantly and defiantly that there was any truth in the charges and many of his friends believed him. Then he was brought unexpectedly face to face with the girl before a committee of churchmen. She repeated her charges in trembling tones with bowed head and Robinson, weeping, admitted she had told the truth.

"I am the most miserable man in the world," said Dr. Haynes. "Our home is ruined. I no longer have a home. It would be better if all of us were dead. My wife has gone completely out of her mind with grief and shame. There is nothing left for us in this world. Only a father who has loved a child as I have loved my little girl can know the misery of it all."

ROOT POINTS WAY.

Says Hinman Should Lead New York Senate.

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 10.—United States Senator Elihu Root, presumably reflecting the wishes of President Taft, has taken active charge of the critical situation in the Republican party in New York State. On the eve of a conference of Republican Senators called to elect a successor to Senator Jotham P. Allds as temporary President of the Senate, Senator Root sent a telegram to State Senator Frederick M. Davenport, of Onondaga County, advocating the candidacy of Senator Harvey D. Hinman, of Binghamton, a staunch supporter of the policies of Governor Hughes, as against Senator George A. Davis, of Buffalo, and Senator George H. Cobb, of Watertown, rival aspirants for the leadership.

EMBEZZLED \$1,000,000.

French Agent in Charge of Church Properties Lost All in Stocks.

Paris, March 10.—M. Diaz, judicial trustee to the Tribunal of the Seine, and formerly liquidator of properties of dispossessed religious congregations, has been arrested on the charge of embezzling \$1,000,000, of which \$800,000 belonged to the congregations and \$200,000 to common law affairs.

After his arrest he confessed his frauds. He said he had lost all the money in bourse speculations.

E. D. THOMAS, JR., A SUICIDE.

Son of Brig. Gen. Thomas Shoots Himself at Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs, Col., Mar. 10.—Earl D. Thomas, Jr., 30 years old, a son of Brig. Gen. Earl D. Thomas, commander of the Department of Colorado with headquarters in Denver, fired a bullet into his brain in his room at a local hotel and died instantly.

Indications are that he had premeditated suicide.

Hub Mad Over Cheap Shows.

Boston, Mar. 8.—In investigating the high cost of living, the Twentieth Century Club has discovered that \$2,750,155.50 was spent by patrons of theatrical and moving picture shows during ten weeks of the winter season in this city.

RIOTING A START OF PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

Every National Guard Regiment Ordered Under Arms Following Walkout of Union Labor.

Philadelphia, Mar. 10.—Seventy-five thousand workers in this city, according to an estimate issued by the General Strike Committee of Ten, went on strike, in response to the proclamation by the Central Labor Union calling upon the working class to cease work and to remain on strike until further notice from their accredited representatives.

Mob violence broke out with fresh fury in the northeastern part of the city during the evening and dense crowds of men and boys swarmed the streets, stoning passing cars and exchanging shots with the police.

Two men were shot and seriously wounded in the rioting. They were William Drexler, forty-seven years old, shot by a policeman during a disturbance at Frankford avenue and Church street, and Robert McNeill, nineteen years old, who was wounded by a policeman's bullet at Howard street and Susquehanna avenue.

Promptly at midnight union orchestras playing in the leading hotels and cafes picked up their instruments and started for their homes.

Union cab drivers and chauffeurs also abandoned their posts, and the hotel and railroad cab and automobile service was badly crippled. The drivers of both taxicab services in the city are members of a union and refused to take out their machines after the strike had gone into effect.

Many of the machines are driven by their owners, wealthy men, who have volunteered for police duty and have been sworn in by Director Clay.

Every National Guard regiment in the State was ordered under arms. Special trains have been ordered for those outside the city, and all preparations are made to move them in an hour's notice.

The outlook is ominous even to the most cheerful observers. So much bitterness has developed in the last few days that the people of Philadelphia are preparing for any kind of trouble.

An hour's walk in sections of the city such as Kensington where the feeling against the P. R. T. is most intense is sufficient for any one to understand what is smouldering. Kensington, where two-thirds of the union men live, will be the seat of trouble. The streets are crowded with strikers and their hangers-on. They spend part of their time in the corner saloons, the other part on the street corners cursing the non-union car crews.

It seems certain that there will be a boycott against the cars and all trades-people doing business with the transit company.

FINAL DECREE TO MRS. ASTOR.

No Mention of Alimony; said to Be \$350,000 a Year.

White Plains, N. Y., Mar. 7.—By the terms of a final decree of divorce which Justice Mills in the Supreme Court at White Plains granted to Mrs. Alva Willing Astor from her husband, Col. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Astor has the custody of their daughter, Alice Muriel, while Col. Astor retains charge of their son, Vincent.

The decree is in the usual form and contains no mention of alimony. It is said that Mrs. Astor and her husband reached an agreement on this point before the suit was commenced. One report was that she is to have an income of \$350,000 a year and to retain the fortune that was settled upon her at the time of her marriage in lieu of dower rights.

Actress Breaks Her Neck.

Cincinnati, Mar. 8.—Fifteen hundred persons were horror-stricken at a vaudeville theatre this afternoon when Augusta Fassio, while perched on her brother's head eighteen feet above the stage, lost her balance and fell head foremost to the floor, breaking her neck.

Washington, Mar. 7.—Until Commander Peary submits his records to the House Committee on Naval Affairs that body will not make a favorable report on the bill to vote him the thanks of Congress.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wholesale Prices of Farm Products Quoted for the Week.

- MILK—Per quart, 3 1/4 c.
- BUTTER—Western extra, 32@33c.
- CHEESE—State, Full cream, special, 17 1/2@18c.
- EGGS—State, Fair to choice, 24@25c; do, western firsts, 26@28c.
- APPLES—Baldwin, per bbl., \$2.75@4.25.
- DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, per lb., 15@24c; Cocks, per lb., 14c.
- HAY—Prime, per 100 lbs., \$1.15.
- STRAW—Long Rye, per 100 lbs., 75@80c.
- POTATOES—State, per bbl., \$1.37@1.62.
- ONIONS—White, per crate, 35c@1.00.
- FLOUR—Winter patents, \$5.60@6.10; Spring patents, \$5.60@6.85.
- WHEAT—No. 2, red, \$1.30; No. 1, Northern Duluth, \$1.28 1/2.
- CORN—No. 2, 68 1/2 c.
- OATS—Natural white, 52 1/2@55c; Chipped white, 53 1/2@55 1/2 c.
- BEEVES—City Dressed, 8@11c.
- SHEEP—Per 100 lbs., \$5.00@6.00.
- CALVES—City Dressed, 11@16 1/2 c.
- LAMBS—Per 100 lbs., \$8.50@9.50.
- HOGS—Live, per 100 lbs., \$9.75@10.00; Country Dressed, per lb., 11@13c.