

DEATH TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF NOTED MEN AND WOMEN IN 1915

Victims of the Lusitania Submarine Disaster in Long List of Those Who Passed On

MANY SCHOLARS GONE

Theatrical Profession Loses Several, Among Them John Bunny—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller Dead

Death claimed many noted men and women in 1915, both in America and Europe. Among the victims and the dates of their passing are:

- JANUARY 10—Marshall P. Wilder, humorist, in St. Paul, Minn.
JANUARY 13—James McDonald, Standard Oil man, in New York City.
JANUARY 16—John E. Parsons, noted lawyer, in New York City.
JANUARY 17—Lamon H. Harkness, Standard Oil man, near Holliston, Cal.
JANUARY 19—George B. Frothingham, actor.
JANUARY 20—Bishop Thomas M. A. Burke, Roman Catholic, of Albany, N. Y.
JANUARY 21—Prof. A. J. Phillips, of Yale University, mathematician.
FEBRUARY 7—Mary Elizabeth Braddon, novelist, at Hoveyland, Thames, Eng.
FEBRUARY 7—Theophile Polpoit, French painter, in Paris.
FEBRUARY 8—James C. Fargo, express man, in New York; Marquis of Londonderry, in London.
FEBRUARY 9—Norman H. Ream, capitalist, in New York City.
FEBRUARY 12—Fanny Crosby, hymn writer, in Bridgeport, Conn.; James Creelman, writer, in Berlin.
FEBRUARY 15—Frank James, brother of Jesse James, outlaw, in Excelsior Springs, Mo.
FEBRUARY 14—Dr. James F. Donnelly, American physician, killed himself while insane from hardship in fighting Serbian typhus.
MARCH 4—George Honey-Roy Evans, minister.
MARCH 6—Ex-Senator Thomas A. Hard, in Huemene, Cal.
MARCH 12—Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, wife of the world's richest man, at Pocantico Hills, N. Y.
MARCH 13—Captain Henry King, editor, in St. Louis.
MARCH 19—William D. Sloane, rug man, in Aldin, S. C.; Charles Francis Adams, historian, in Washington; Cardinal Agilardi, Catholic Church Chancellor, in Rome.
MARCH 24—Morgan Robertson, story writer; Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, story writer, widow of Stonewall Jackson.
MARCH 31—Baron Nathan Meyer Rothschild, banker, in London.
APRIL 7—Ed. Hopkins Smith, author, in New York City.
APRIL 9—Prof. Thomas R. Lounsbury, English scholar, in New Haven, Conn.
APRIL 10—Charles F. Bitter, sculptor, in New York City.
APRIL 12—Eben Plympton, actor, in New York.
APRIL 15—William R. Nelson, editor, in Kansas City.
APRIL 16—Ex-United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, in New York City.
APRIL 24—John W. Bunny, movie actor, in Brooklyn, N. Y.
MAY 19—General T. H. Hubbard, civil war veteran, in New York City.
MAY 23—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, social leader, in Garrison, N. Y.
MAY 28—R. D. Bucknam, American born Turkish admiral, in Constantinople.
MAY 31—John W. Alexander, artist, in New York City; Elliott Gregory, artist, in New York City.
JUNE 2—Jeremiah O'Donovan, Irish patriot, in New York City.
JULY 4—Charles A. Conant, financial expert, in Havana.
JULY 10—Archbishop Quigley, Chicago, Roman Catholic, in Rochester, N. Y.
JULY 15—Dr. St. Clair McKelway, newspaper editor, in Brooklyn.
JULY 20—Joseph Herreshoff, yacht builder, in Bristol, L. I.
JULY 25—William M. Ivins, lawyer, in New York City.
AUGUST 6—General Benjamin F. Tracy, once Secretary of War, in New York City.
AUGUST 12—Rear Admiral McGowan, U. S. N., retired, at Haines Falls, N. Y.
AUGUST 14—John W. Harper, publisher, in Biddford, Me.
AUGUST 19—Cardinal Vannutelli, in Rome.
AUGUST 20—Dr. Ehrlich, inventor of salvarsan and other remarkable remedies and pioneer in medical science, in Germany.
AUGUST 22—John D. Long, once Secretary of Navy, in Boston.
MAY 19—Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Charles Frohman, theatrical manager; Justin Miller Forman, author; Elbert Hubbard, writer, and Charles Klein, playwright, on the Lusitania.
SEPTEMBER 9—A. G. Spalding, pioneer sportsman, in San Diego.
SEPTEMBER 10—J. H. Van Amringe, once dean of Columbia University, in Morristown, N. J.
SEPTEMBER 11—Sir William G. Van Horne, Canadian railroad builder, in Montreal.
SEPTEMBER 15—Brigadier George Forzyth, Civil War fighter, in Boston; Martin L. O'Connell, Greek scholar, in Ann Arbor, Mich.
SEPTEMBER 16—Serenio Pratt, financial expert, in Troy, N. Y.
SEPTEMBER 17—James Mortimer, leading dog judge, in Hampstead, Lond.
SEPTEMBER 21—Anthony Comstock, vice crusader, in Summit, N. J.; James W. Alexander, life insurance president, in Tuxedo Park, N. Y.
SEPTEMBER 22—Dr. Austin Flint, alienist, in New York City.
SEPTEMBER 25—James Keir Hardie, labor leader, in Glasgow.
OCTOBER 4—George Edwards, theatre manager, in London.
OCTOBER 15—Robert B. Ward, baker and baseball magnate, in New Rochelle, N. Y.
OCTOBER 21—Blanche Walsh, actress, in Cleveland.
OCTOBER 23—Thomas W. Story, sculptor, in New York City; W. G. Grace, world's greatest cricketer, in England.
OCTOBER 25—Paul E. Herrivieu, dramatist, in Paris.
OCTOBER 29—Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian statesman, in England; Paul Fuller, international lawyer, in New York City.
NOVEMBER 1—Louis Waller, English actor, in London; Sir G. Tucker, scientist, in London; Edward Prentiss, editor, committed suicide, in St. Louis.
NOVEMBER 11—Booker T. Washington, negro educator, in Tuskegee, Ala.
NOVEMBER 15—Dr. E. L. Trudeau, tuberculosis fighter, at Saranac Lake, N. Y.
NOVEMBER 17—Theodore Leschitzky, famous piano teacher, in Dresden.
NOVEMBER 20—William B. Deems, Standard Oil man, in Fort Jervis, N. Y.
DECEMBER 2—Stephen Phillips, poet and dramatist, at Deal, England.
DECEMBER 12—Francis Marion Cook, in the United States Senate 11 years, in Washington.
DECEMBER 13—Lord Alverstone, former British Chief Justice and friend of America, in London.

CITY SHOWS DECREASE IN DEATHS FOR 1915

Figures Indicate Fall in Mortality Rate Despite December's Severity

Despite the exceptional high death rate during December, the city's death rate for the year is lower than last year, when the rate was 16 and a fraction per thousand of population. The birth rate for the past 12 months cannot be compared with the birth rate for the preceding year, as the reports for both the 1914 birth and death rates are made up in the middle and not the end of the year. Up until 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, the number of deaths reported this year totaled 25,759. The last annual report of the health authorities show that for the department year of 1914 the number of deaths reported was 25,513.

TWO NEGROES BURNED TO DEATH BY POSSE

Five Others Killed in Fights Following Murder of Georgia Plantation Overseer

BLAKELEY, Ga., Dec. 31.—Two negroes were burned to death and five shot and killed during the night in a series of clashes growing out of efforts of a posse of white men to round-up the slayers of Henry Vihlplique, a plantation overseer. Vihlplique had been shot from ambush. Rewards of \$100 each were offered for Grandison Goolsby and his sons, Mike and Ulysses. Several posess, with dogs, took up the chase. Early in the round-up Early Hightower and James Burton, relatives of Goolsby, were killed by one posse. Goolsby and his sons were located in a cabin by Sheriff Howell and a posse. The negroes, including two white men, two negroes tried a dash for freedom. Goolsby and two others were shot dead. The sheriff ordered the cabin fired. One negro was burned to death here. Later the survivor of the four, who tried to run away, was surrounded in another cabin and burned.

Two Boys Hurt in Runaway

Two boys are in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital today, in a serious condition, as the result of a runaway on Haverford avenue last night. They are Arthur Norziz, 15 years old, of 224 North 42d street, and William Brennan, 15 years old, of 317 North 42d street. Norziz was driving a delivery wagon and Brennan was riding with him, when the horse took flight at a passing automobile at 42d street and Haverford avenue. The wagon galloped to 44th street, where the horses were kept while turning the corner.

SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES SOARING FOR CARGOES FROM HERE

Schooner Chartered for \$40,000 to Take 200 Ford Automobiles From Philadelphia Port to Australia

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTES

Shipping freight rates from the port of Philadelphia are soaring out of all bounds. The Ford Motor Company has virtually completed negotiations for the charter of the sailing schooner John Twoby from Philadelphia to Australia for \$40,000 to take 200 Ford cars to Australia. The John Twoby is just in from Buenos Aires with a cargo of bones, which she is now discharging at a wharf on the Delaware. This vessel was purchased outright about a year ago for \$30,000. The deal with the Ford Company is only awaiting the final arrangements as to insurance.

HEADS U. S. MEDIATORS AND BRITAIN NAMED

Judge Gray, of Delaware, Member of Peace Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The entire personnel of the International Council on which will represent Great Britain and the United States in any dispute which arises under the so-called investigation peace treaty negotiated by ex-Secretary of State Bryan has been chosen and soon will be announced formally. Former Federal Judge George Gray, of Delaware, as previously announced, will be the national member for the United States. Domitio Da Gama, the Ambassador from Brazil, will be the non-national member for the United States. Great Britain has chosen Edward Bruce, the Imperial Russian Council, as her non-national member. Fridtjof Nansen, the celebrated explorer and former Premier of Norway, will be the umpire. The treaty provides that if any of the British colonial possessions are involved in a controversy they shall be represented by the American commission. Sir Charles Fitzmaurice has been chosen from Canada, Sir George Houston Reid from Australia and W. P. Schreiner from the South African Union. The personnel of the commission to administer the same kind of a peace treaty with Italy also has been completed. George L. Mackintosh, president of Washington College, Crawfordville, Ind., has been selected as the American commissioner for the United States. Planches, formerly Italian Ambassador here, and the non-national member for Italy will be Mr. Van Iseghem, a member of the Supreme Court of Belgium. The umpire will be Gregor W. Gran, of Norway.

NEW LABOR MEASURES WITH WORKMEN'S ACTS BECOME LAW TONIGHT

Employers Already Have Made Provision for Meeting Employees' Compensation Rules Under New Statutes

CHILD LABOR REGULATION

HARRISBURG, Dec. 31.—Most far-reaching of the new statutes which go into effect at midnight tonight are the series of optional workmen's compensation acts passed last winter. Next come the new child-labor bill. About 200,000 employers and almost 10 times as many employees are affected by the compensation acts. All automatically accept its provisions unless they specifically reject them by filing notice with the Workmen's Compensation Bureau here. No employers have done so. Compensation does not have to be paid for injury to farm and domestic labor.

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RAILROADS RIDING TIDE OF PROSPERITY AS THE YEAR ENDS

All the Companies Show Huge Growth of Earnings—December of 1915

INCREASE \$168,955,548

The railroads of the United States are enjoying prosperity. All of the country's railroads have had a good year, and the latter part, the last six months in particular, has been very good when compared to the same months of 1914, which, indeed, was a very lean year. Throughout all of last year it was the custom of nearly all carriers—in fact, the great majority—to show decreases in their monthly statements of earnings, but now things are different, substantial increases being shown month by month. Some roads, notably the Pennsylvania and St. Paul, have come through with record earnings for one given month.

WAR TRAFFIC A FACTOR

A good part of the better showing of the railroads and, in fact, a very large part, has been due to the exports of war munitions to the Allies, although it is admitted that the domestic freight movement is very much better, with signs of

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