

GARDNER, FORMER CONGRESSMAN, DEAD

Former Advocate of Preparedness Victim of Pneumonia, While in Service

JOINED ARMY AT 52

Up Seat in House to Aid Country, Although He Was Grandfather

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.

Former Congressman Augustus P. Gardner, lately a major in the United States army, is dead at the Camp Wheeler base hospital, after a short illness from pneumonia.

Gardner's death is directly due to pneumonia, which he contracted while serving in the Spanish-American War. He was assigned to Camp Wheeler, but it was a staff position and he asked for active duty. To get this he took a reduction in rank, and while on duty with his battalion that he contracted pneumonia.

Mrs. Gardner arrived at Camp Wheeler Sunday from her home in Hamilton, Mass., and was with her husband until yesterday, when she collapsed after the major became unconscious. Her condition was such that she was moved to her room, where she died at the news of the death. She is now under the care of a physician.

Mrs. Gardner was Miss Constance Lodge. Her daughter, who has two children, is the wife of Lieutenant William W. Minor, of Boston, now in France.

In 1914 Augustus Peabody Gardner was elected to the United States House of Representatives. He was more than to any other member in the present state of United States preparedness, and he was the one who began his "evangelical campaign" of national conditions can best be described by a recollection of the fact that when he gave a National Preparedness Club in Washington to the "United States reserves" only thirteen men appeared.

It was the preparedness fight that brought him into national prominence, but before that time he had proved himself unafraid to attack any evil that earned his wrath, no matter if the whole country was against him. He was a man of high character, and his death is a loss to the nation.

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Every word he used was a "punch." In the earlier days of his preparedness evangelism he described the United States as "a listless, egotistical, helpless giant, shamefully unready to defend himself if attacked." He was a man of high character, and his death is a loss to the nation.

During the many initial preparedness debates, he came near an actual encounter with the late Senator Charles C. Hammer Moore, who had said something to which the Representative from the sixth Massachusetts District objected.

Gardner walked down the aisle and asserted that Moore was wrong. He said, "I deny that statement—absolutely I deny it," he shouted.

The gentleman has made some of the most famous speeches on the floor of the House in favor of the preparedness movement. He has gone out of his way to criticize Germany.

"Of course I have," declared Gardner, "and I shall do again."

Mr. Moore, who had at another time come to the defense of Mr. Gardner, when the Spanish-American War record of the Massachusetts representative was being discussed, said that Gardner was absent. The Philadelphia obtained Gardner's war record and read it before Congress, asserting that it was a credit to the nation.

It was one of the peculiar features of his political life that with the exception of preparedness and certain proposed constitutional changes, he was nearly always on the side opposite to that favored by his constituents.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Senator from Massachusetts. Somebody said that his opposition was due to a horror of being thought under the Lodge thumb. What was the reason, he was not in the least concerned by the matter.

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Do you want to know how much your income tax will be? Do you know whether there is a "no-logs" automobile law in Iowa? Where your Red Cross home is? All these and many other questions are answered in Velvet Joe's 1918 Almanac.

After serving in the Civil War, during which, after illness, he was assigned as an accountant to the General Winthrop, he embarked in the paper business with his father, Horatio Gates Gardner. They were merged into the New York and Pennsylvania Paper Company and Mr. Armstrong retired from active business in 1884. He is a resident of Philadelphia and has two children, one of whom is Second Lieutenant Philip E. Armstrong, stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

Family Has Pneumonia. ELLSBERG, N. J., Jan. 15.—An entire family here is stricken with pneumonia, excepting two children, and as a result Mrs. Helen C. Gardner, forty-four years old, died, and her husband, Arthur, is seriously ill at their home on Marlton road. Gardner's second daughter, who has the disease in the same house, has a mother being in a serious condition. The two children have just recovered from other illness.

Falls to Death on Ice Bank. SHEENADOAL, Pa., Jan. 15.—Patrick McGuire, thirty-five years old, a resident of this town, fell from a twenty-five foot ice bank on his way from work and was killed. He was on his way to work at the State Hospital shortly afterward. Ed. McGuire, his seven-year-old son, is at the same hospital suffering from a serious identical gunshot wound in the arm.

TAXLESS STATE JOBS EXPLAINED BY LAWYER

Those Whose Incomes Are Exempt Not Favored, but Just Lucky

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT DESTROY STATES IF IT CARED, BUT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION

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DUES FOR INSURANCE EXCLUDED BY COURT

Norristown Judge Orders Building and Loan Society to Pay Matured Shares

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 15.—The Excelsior Building and Loan Association of this place, has been directed by the court to pay \$710 to Edna M. Shoemaker, of Norristown, the value of matured shares of stock and other money paid after the stock had matured.

The association had refused to pay the money, and that under the ground that the shares had not matured because Mrs. Shoemaker had voluntarily entered a class of stockholders carrying an insurance feature, and that under the contract that the dues this contributed had to be applied to the payment of the insurance.

Judge Swartz said that the insurance feature should have been explained to her before the association, without notice, renewed a policy and criticized what he termed the "insurance scheme."

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WOOL DEALERS NAME WAR TRADE BOARD

Philadelphia Man to Be Member of Commission to Aid Government

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MEN IN TRENCHES FED UP WITH PEACE TALKS

Tommies Not Interested in Negotiations, but in German Offensive Now Expected

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STOVE CAUSES STORE FIRE

Explodes, Entailing Loss of \$30,000. Slight Wind Saves Hotel

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