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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. 8.—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 Orange, 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 falling 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 State 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 Ex-
porting 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.

Guthrie, Okla., Mar. 3.—The movement for a labor party in the next state election is strong among labor leaders and Farmers' Union men. A conference was held here with that end in view, attended by G. S. Zeigler and J. L. Langston, president and secretary respectively of the State Federation of Labor, and numerous representatives of the Farmers' Union.

Local Option Rejected.

Annapolis, Mar. 4.—By a vote of 50 to 48 the House of Delegates killed the Statewide local option bill and put an end to temperance legislation for this session.

ROCKEFELLER PLANS GREAT- EST GIFTS IN HISTORY

Philanthropy to Be Centred in Wash-
ington 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. 8.—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 maybe 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 be 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.

Quits the Ministry to Raise Poultry.

Verona, N. J., Mar. 2.—The Rev. Charles Little, pastor of the Verona Methodist Episcopal Church, has decided to retire at the coming Newark Conference and will devote his time to poultry raising on his farm near Cedar Grove.

Hub Mad Over Cheap Shows.

Boston, Mar. 8.—In investigating the high cost of living, the Twentieth Century Club has discovered that \$2,780,165.50 was spent by patrons of theatrical and moving picture shows during ten weeks of the winter season in this city.

BOATS PATROLING HERKIMER STREETS

Electric Plant Flooded, 150
Houses Deserted, Shops and
Schools Are Closed

VILLAGE OF 8,000 IN DARKNESS

Only 24 Hours' Supply of Drinking
Water—Dynamite Being Used to
Destroy Ice Jams in Mohawk Val-
ley—The Hudson Rising.

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 8.—The village of Herkimer, the seat of Herkimer County, is in darkness, 150 houses have been vacated and armed guards in boats are patrolling the canals that lately were streets, lest those sleeping on second story floors be drowned in their beds.

The electric lighting plant has been flooded and all the lights are out; the fires under the boilers of the pumping stations have been quenched, and there is only twenty-four hours of drinking water in sight for 8,000 people. All manufacturing plants have suspended and two schools are closed. Many fled to higher land during the day.

The village is menaced on the west by the Mohawk River and on the north and east by West Canada Creek, a affluent. On one side only is there escape. The creek has thus far risen more rapidly than the river because of an ice jam at the point where the two join.

Ice jams west of Fort Plain have caused the streets in Ilion and Frankfort to be inundated and dynamite is being used to break them up. When that happens it is feared the rush of water and ice will cause havoc, for the Mohawk River is almost solidly clogged from Fort Plain to Canajoharie.

At Fort Plain the Mohawk rose 10 feet 1 inch from 3.30 p. m. yesterday to 3.30 p. m. to-day. Otsuago Creek, an important feeder of the river, suddenly rose many feet and caused great damage all along its route.

All that section of Hornell south of Cedar street is inundated. Water is pouring through many houses, the occupants of which were removed to places of safety during the night. For four miles below Hornell the valley is full of water from hill to hill and the river is rising every hour. The Erie Railroad reports that the Canisteo River is spread out over the valley for a distance of thirty miles and that its tracks are under water in many places.

The worst flood in ten years is working its way down the Genesee Valley from Croveland. On the Dansville and Mount Morris Railway water reached high up on the engine wheels, which threatened to flood the fire boxes. People living on the flats about Croveland have been forced to move into the second stories of their homes.

With the streams tributary to the Hudson River swollen by heavy rains and melting snow into torrents, and with the river rising at the rate of about eight inches an hour, one of the worst floods in recent years is predicted in Albany.

IDAHO SNOWSLIDES.

Mace and Burke, Buried to a Depth of
Fifty Feet.

Spokane, Wash., Mar. 7.—Twenty-four persons are known to-night to be dead as the result of snowslides in the mining region of Northern Idaho. To the nineteen persons who perished in the avalanches at Mace and Burke, Idaho, are added three who died in a similar accident when the camp of the Carbonate Hill Mining Company at Mullan, Idaho, was destroyed and two killed at Dorsey, Idaho, to-day.

The fight against time and cold at Mace and at Burke has been waged bravely and persistently by the little army of men who hope to find under the heaps of ruins some who have escaped death. The rescuers have dug frantically for many hours. Every available man and boy has been pressed into service.

TRADE GONE, SUICIDE.

Boycotted Butcher Dies on Wedding
Anniversary.

St. Louis, Mar. 7.—Loss of trade due to the meat boycott caused Alexander Bindebeutel, a butcher, to kill self. His body was found in the x of his shop.

Bindebeutel ended his life on the eighth anniversary of his wedding. His wife said her husband had spent many hours working on his books to discover a way to evade conditions which were costing him his trade.

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.

RIOTING A START OF PHILADELPHIA STRIKE

Every National Guard Regiment Or-
dered Under Arms Following
Walkout of Union Labor.

Philadelphia, Mar. 8.—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 McDell, 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 at 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 unemployed 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.

Net National Debt Now \$1,068,728,154.

Washington, Mar. 3.—The public debt of the United States according to a statement issued to-day by the Treasury Department increased \$2,007,498; during the month of February the debt less cash in the treasury on February 28 was \$1,068,728,154.

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.

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.