

## DEATH OF P. D. ARMOUR. AN ASYLUM HOLOCAUST.

Captain of Industry Yields After Two Years' Illness.

HIS VAST BUSINESS INTERESTS.

Plans For the Future So Carefully Made That the Death of the Chief Will Have Little Effect on His Great Enterprises.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Philip D. Armour died at his residence in Prairie avenue, in this city, last evening, aged 69. The end came after two years of illness, during which time Mr. Armour visited German baths, passed the cold months in southern California, and devoted himself largely to an attempt to restore his health.

For several weeks the dead millionaire had been living at the old family home in Prairie avenue, the usual trip to southern California not having been taken this winter. He came down to his office in the Home Insurance building but seldom, and as the cold increased he did not come at all.

For several days death had been feared as the outcome by the close associates of the great captain of industry. They realized that the decline from day to day did not cease, and that there



THE LATE PHILIP D. ARMOUR.

could be but one end. When death came his grandchildren, who had so close a place in his heart, were at the family residence, as was J. Ogden Armour, the surviving son.

Mr. Armour had lost strength steadily from day to day since the commencement of the winter. The pneumonia was checked, but strength was not regained. The firm grip he had so long maintained upon the business of Armour & Co., whether at the office or thousands of miles away, slowly relaxed. Reports no longer interested him as they were wont to do during the first months of his declining health. The sudden death of his son and namesake from pneumonia nearly a year ago at Pasadena hung heavily on him during the closing months of his life. In fact, he never recovered from the shock he experienced from that event. It stopped his progress towards recovery in his winter home at Pasadena, and its sorrow remained fresh until the end.

So carefully had the plans for the future been made that the death of Mr. Armour will have little effect on the outward working of the great enterprise with which he had been so closely identified. It is believed all the Armour properties will be held intact until the grandchildren come into their own.

The property interests for which Mr. Armour stood are estimated at \$150,000,000. His personal share of this property is variously estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

In works of charity Mr. Armour's monument will be found in the Armour Institute, to which but a short time ago he gave \$750,000 in one remembrance. The institute today represents an investment on the part of Mr. Armour and his brother Joseph of \$2,750,000, and a yearly expense for maintenance of \$100,000.

### Three Trains Lost in Snowdrifts.

Brandon, Manitoba, Jan. 8.—Three Canadian Pacific trains were lost on the Arco branch, in Western Manitoba. A passenger train left Brandon, but after passing Mauer became snow-bound in the drifts, which are 15 to 20 feet deep. A snow plow and engine were sent out to bring the express back. It, too, was tied up with snow. A third engine was sent to the rescue, but met a similar fate. The three trains remained embedded in the snow drifts all the week and were not released until the farmers for 20 miles around had formed themselves into a shovel brigade. Yesterday the worn-out crews, with their frozen up trains, returned to the city.

### Senator Nelson's Re-election Assured.

St. Paul, Jan. 8.—At the caucus of the Republican members of the house and senate held last night for the purpose of deciding upon legislative officers, a resolution was introduced in each branch endorsing Senator Kautz Nelson for re-election to succeed himself. The resolution was unanimously adopted by each of the caucuses and a joint caucus on the long term senatorship, which was to have been held to-night, will now not be necessary. No action was taken upon the succession to the late Senator C. K. Davis.

### New York's Increased Valuations.

New York, Jan. 8.—President Feltner, of the department of taxes and assessments, said yesterday that the increased valuations on real estate this year would be between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000, which is the normal annual increase. The assessed valuations on personal property, he said, are \$2,000,000,000 higher than formerly. It is said that the people assessed for personally will have a much harder time in the future to escape such taxes than they had in the past.

### United States Senator Carmack.

Nashville, Jan. 8.—In the joint caucus of the legislative Democratic majority here yesterday afternoon Hon. E. W. Carmack, present congressman from the Tenth district, was nominated by acclamation to succeed Hon. Thomas B. Turley as United States senator from Tennessee. Formal election will probably be in joint session of the general assembly on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Fierce Flames Sweep the Home of Orphans at Rochester.

AT LEAST NINETEEN ARE DEAD,

And It Is Feared That Many More Deaths Will Be Reported—A Terrible Explosion Added to the Horror of the Disaster.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Fire broke out in the hospital section of the Rochester orphan asylum, on Hubbel Park, at 1 o'clock this morning, and the flames spread rapidly to other sections of the institution. It is known that 19 of the children perished, and it is feared that many more victims may be reported later.

The fire was first discovered by two men passing the asylum. They hastily sent in an alarm, and then turned their attention toward arousing the nurses and the children. A terrific explosion was then heard, and in a moment the entire hospital section was in flames. On the arrival of the fire apparatus a general alarm was sent in, calling out the entire department.

The smoke began to pour out of every window in the main building, and the screams and frantic cries of the children could be heard. The work of rescue began with a will. Children and nurses were carried from the building, all in an unconscious condition, and some dead. Ambulances from the City, St. Mary's Homeopathic and Hahnemann hospitals were summoned, and the victims were removed to the several institutions.

There were 109 children at the hospital and a corps of about 30 nurses and attendants. Two of the women attendants are among the dead.

The origin of the fire is not known at this time. The property loss will probably exceed \$20,000.

### THE LATEST RAILROAD DEAL.

The Reading Has Not Yet Acquired the Lehigh Valley Road.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The board of directors of the Reading company yesterday decided to accept the proposition made by J. P. Morgan concerning the purchase of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and President Joseph S. Harris today went to New York to confer with Mr. Morgan and Charles Steele regarding the financing of the deal. Mr. Morgan, as the head of the banking house, will present the terms upon which the sale can be effected, and Mr. Harris and Mr. Steele, as members of the executive committee of the Reading company, will take them up and later report to the full board. While it is generally believed that eventually the Lehigh Valley Railroad company will pass under the control of the Reading company, nothing was done in regard to that company at yesterday's meeting of the directors of the Reading company. The annual meeting of the Lehigh Valley company will be held on Jan. 15.

### The Dilatory Chinese Envoys.

Pekin, Jan. 8.—Yesterday afternoon agreements, identical for each nation, were presented to Prince Ching. Those close to Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang say they have decided to sign, even if they lose their heads, without regard to the latest orders from the court. Others, who are apparently equally close, say they will not sign immediately, asserting also that there are two factions surrounding the court, equally strong, and that it would be impolitic for the Chinese plenipotentiaries at present to act for themselves.

### Up Goes the Price of Sugar.

New York, Jan. 8.—The Evening Post says: Announcement was made yesterday that all the refiners had advanced all grades of refined sugar 10 points. The reason given by the refiners for this advance was that a great many orders were received shortly after the opening of the day, which put them in an oversold condition. In other quarters it was intimated that the advance was another indication of the settlement of the sugar war.

### Auditor For the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Auditor Lawrence received his final instructions from the secretary of war yesterday preparatory to leaving Washington last night for the Philippines, where he will enter upon his duties as auditor for the Philippine archipelago. One of his principal duties will be to re-examine the accounts of the officers of the army who handle the government funds in the islands.

### The Scorpion at Lagunayra.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The navy department yesterday received a cablegram from Commander Sargent, of the Scorpion, announcing the arrival of that ship at Lagunayra, Venezuela, where she will assist Minister Loomis in his mission. This is said at the state department to be limited entirely to the procurement of a judicial and equitable determination of the existing issues growing out of the asphalt franchises.

### Charged With Seditious Libel.

Cape Town, Jan. 8.—Mr. P. H. Mahan, editor of the Ona Land, the principal Afrikaans newspaper here, has been arrested on the charge of seditious libel, consisting of reflections upon the conduct of Gen. French and his troops. He is a member of the cape parliament, and his arrest has long been demanded by the extreme loyalists. The authorities accepted bail in the sum of £500.

### Senator Davis' Small Estate.

St. Paul, Jan. 8.—Judge Bazille yesterday, in the probate court, admitted to probate the will of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis. The estate, consisting of \$25,000 in personal and \$40,000 in real property, is all left to the widow. The St. Paul Trust company is named as executor.

### Hungarian Statesman's Suicide.

Buda Pesth, Jan. 8.—M. Lukacs, former Hungarian minister of commerce, committed suicide yesterday by drowning himself in the Danube. He had been suffering from a nervous trouble.

## WEST POINT HAZERS.

The "Plebes" Thoroughly Subservient to Upper Class Men.

THE CONGRESSIONAL PROBERS

Producing Evidence Which May Result in Radical Reforms at the Government's Military Institute—A Witness in a Legal Tangle.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—According to the testimony adduced before the congressional investigating committee, which is inquiring into the charges of hazing at the West Point military academy, Oscar L. Booz, of Bristol, Pa., and John E. Breth, of Altoona, Pa., had a rough time of it during their "plebe" year at that institution. The star witness yesterday was former cadet Anthony J. Burnam, Jr., son of Judge Burnam, of the court of appeals of the state of Kentucky, who was Booz's tent mate while in camp. The committee also heard for the first time testimony in regard to the experiences of Breth from the lips of his father, brothers and sisters.

Burnam, who was dismissed from the academy for deficiency in studies, said Booz became unpopular after his fight with Cadet Keller. Personally, he was a good fellow, but the cadets of the upper classes always taunted him as a coward. During the 12 months Burnam was at the academy there were ten fights, and as far as he knew no one was punished. Abused cadets, he said, feared to make complaints because they felt the hazers would make life all the more miserable for them. Booz while in their tent had told him of how upper class men had compelled him to swallow tabasco sauce under penalty of being "called out." The fourth class men were allowed their liberty on Saturday afternoons, according to the regulations, but the upper class men would not allow them to leave camp. If they disobeyed them the "plebes" as a rule would be punished for it.

In the case of Breth it was testified by members of his family that he died of typhoid pneumonia, but that he suffered from nervous prostration as a result of his alleged ill treatment at the academy. Breth told one of his brothers and sisters that one night he was hazed three times by three separate sets of cadets. He stood the first two ordeals, but was rendered unconscious from exhaustion by the third set. When he became conscious he found the hazers rubbing him vigorously, and they appeared to him to be frightened. A cadet named Bender made him sit on the point of a bayonet while Bender played a violin. He fell off the bayonet and was made to sit on it again.

Breth told his relatives he was put through all the various hazing exercises, which resulted in him being laid up in the hospital with nervous prostration. Breth wrote home to his family that the surgeon said it resulted from overwork, but this he said was not so. His brothers and sisters wanted to make complaint, but he told them not to do so, as he feared the cadets would haze him more severely. He was compelled to "often eat soap" and chew the end of ropes, which his relatives believed impaired his indigestion. Cadet Breth was discharged from the academy for deficiency in mathematics. After he left the academy he told his brother that West Point was the best institution in the world, but added that the place "was run by the upper class men." Today the Breth family will submit further evidence in the way of letters from the cadet while he was at West Point.

The committee got into a legal tangle with Lucien Alexander, secretary of the board of examiners for the admission of law students to the bar. The committee wanted to learn what sort of average Booz made in his examination, but Mr. Alexander refused to state except on an order from the court of this city, believing that under a rule of the courts he would be in contempt for making such information public. He persisted in his refusal, although he said he would cheerfully give the information if the court would permit him, and the committee allowed him until today to choose whether to be in contempt of the courts of Philadelphia or the United States house of representatives.

### Bellevue's New Superintendent.

New York, Jan. 8.—George Taylor Stewart, superintendent and chief of the house staff of the Metropolitan hospital on Blackwell's Island, was appointed superintendent of Bellevue, Gouverneur, Harlem and Fordham hospitals yesterday. Superintendent Stewart has the power to suspend any interne, nurse, or other employee whenever in his judgment the interests of the service shall demand such suspension.

### North Carolina's Supreme Judge.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 8.—Governor Russell has appointed Davis M. Furches, late associate justice of the state supreme court, to be chief justice of that court, and Charles A. Cook, of Warrenton, associate justice. Messrs. Cook and Furches took the oath of office yesterday.

### Kansas' New Senator.

Topeka, Jan. 8.—The Republican members of the legislature met yesterday afternoon in joint caucus and agreed to support J. R. Burton for United States senator. The legislature will meet today. The free silver Republicans and Populists will give Jerry Simpson the complimentary vote.

### Trolley Wire For India.

Ansonia, Conn., Jan. 8.—The largest foreign order ever filled in this city is now completed and awaiting shipment. It consists of 1,000,000 pounds of wire for a trolley road in India. A train of between 15 and 20 cars will be needed to ship it to New York to be placed aboard a steamer.

### Record Breaker on Stock Exchange.

New York, Jan. 8.—All records were broken on the Stock Exchange yesterday. Up to the close of the exchange about 2,150,000 shares had been dealt in, the greatest number of transactions recorded in the history of the exchange.

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Babies and children need proper food, rarely ever medicine. If they do not thrive on their food something is wrong. They need a little help to get their digestive machinery working properly.

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Eggs.....	20	Rye.....	45
Onions.....	00	Corn.....	45
Lard.....	00	Oats.....	30
Tallow.....	4	Potatoes.....	50
Chickens.....	6	Bran per 100 lb.	90
Turkeys.....	8	Middlings "1.00	
Shoulder.....	8	Chop.....	1.10
Ham.....	12	Flour.....	4.00

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\$20 Overcoats for \$15.50	Underwear
14 Overcoats for 9.50	\$3 Suit for \$2
10 Overcoats for 5.50	2 Suit for 1.25
5 Overcoats for 2.90	Children's Underwear for 10c
Men's Suits	Men's Pants
\$18 Suit for \$12	\$5 Pants for \$3.50
14 Suit for 10	3.50 Pants for 2.40
9 Suit for 7.50	2.50 Pants for .50
Men's Overalls reduced to 25c	
Boys' Suits	Men's Shoes
\$10 Suit for \$7.50	\$3 Shoes for \$2.25
2 Suit for 1.10	2.50 Shoes for 1.50
2.50 Suit for .75	1.75 Shoes for .99
Boys' Overcoats	Gloves
\$10 Overcoats for \$6	\$2 Gloves for \$1.50
6 Overcoats for 4.50	1.50 Gloves for 1
3.50 Overcoats for 1.50	1 Glove for .50
2 Overcoats for .99	.50 Gloves for .25
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50c Caps for 35c	50c and 75c Neckties for 39c
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