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DEPEW, MAN WHO WHIPPED OLD AGE, DIES

Lived Out Better Portion of 94th Year; Expected to Reach 100.

STRICKEN IN FIVE DAYS

Veteran Rail and Political Leader Is Victim of Pneumonia.

By EARL JOHNSON
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, April 5.—Chauncey Mitchell Depew, who lived out the better portion of his 94th year without growing old, died of pneumonia today after an illness of only five days.

The chairman of the New York Central railroad and most famous of all American after-dinner speakers, returned from Florida only a week and a half ago in the peak of health and spirits. Detaining in New York on a raw March day he contracted a cold and physicians advised him to go to bed.

Monday it was announced Depew had a slight cold, but that it was not serious. Tuesday he seemed to be much improved. Wednesday his condition was said to be unchanged. Wednesday night doctors said his condition had changed to bronchial pneumonia, but at 7 o'clock said they did not believe his condition was alarming.

His condition gradually became weaker and at 4 a. m. members of the family were called to the bedside.

Within an hour Depew was dead.

Optimistic Toward Life
Mrs. Depew, a son, Chauncey M. Depew, Jr., and a niece, Miss Ann Paulding, were at the bedside when Depew died.

He had been in semi-consciousness throughout the night, doctors said.

Chauncey Depew and his optimistic views towards life had become one of the nation's institutions.

He would have been 94, April 24. He was looking forward eagerly to all 23 when he would again meet newspaper men—an annual occasion he gave his now famous version how to attain longevity.

Do everything and anything you want, but do it in moderation. In this way you ease yourself mentally and do not hurt yourself physically.

He looked forward to attaining an age of 100.

Member of Old Family

Depew was born at Peckskill, N. Y., in 1834, at a homestead that had been in possession of the family 200 years. On his father's side he was of Huguenot stock and his mother was a descendant of Roger Sherman, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

He entered Yale when he was 18, and he graduated with the class of 1856. Immediately he entered politics. It was the first year the newly formed Republican party entered a candidate for the presidency.

In the meantime, Depew studied law and in 1853 was admitted to the bar.

It was during a series of speeches for Abraham Lincoln in 1860 that Depew's ability as a humorist first became noticed.

He was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1862 and in 1863 secretary of State. Offered an ambassadorship to Japan, he declined an order to consider Commodore Vanderbilt's offer to be counsel for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad.

Became Railroad President

In 1872, he backed Horace Greeley for Lieutenant Governor of New York. Greeley was badly defeated.

Roscoe Conkling and Thomas C. Platt shortly afterwards resigned as United States Senators from New York and Depew became a candidate to succeed Platt. A deadlock for several months was not broken until Depew withdrew.

In 1899, the State Assembly elected Depew a Senator for six years and did the same again in 1904.

Depew, in the meantime, was rising in the railroad world. In 1902, he was elected second vice president of the New York Central railroad, in 1885 he assumed the presidency. He served until 1898 when he became chairman of the board.

Had Happy Marriage

Probably the highest point in Depew's political life came in 1888 when Depew was a contender for Republican presidential nomination. He finally withdrew to support Harrison.

Marriage to Chauncey Depew was something wonderful. He had been married since 1871. He once said: "Many young people regard marriage as a joke; they enter upon it without understanding of the adjustments that must be made."

"Gentlemen, go back to the simple life of a country village of ninety years ago. I was 30 years old."

There had not been a divorce in this village of 2,500 persons in years and years. I think that if a divorce had been obtained the principals would have been boycotted.

"For all this talk of divorce, there has been a tremendous increase in the happiness of home life."

WHITE AND MEURER NAMED TO COUNCIL AT SPECIAL PARLEY

Republican and Democrat Are Selected as Successors to Moore and Dorsett; Ferguson Resigns Post.

Remnants of the shattered city council this afternoon elected successors to two indicted councilmen, considering only those candidates endorsed by the joint civic organization committee. Those elected:

John F. White, 1545 Lexington Ave., Democrat, president of the Indianapolis Federation of Civic Clubs, to succeed Boynton J. Moore, Republican, who was convicted of bribery in Criminal Court two weeks ago and resigned, representing the Sixth district.

Albert F. Meurer, 4946 E. Tenth St., Republican, manager of the East Side Company, a real estate concern, to succeed Walter R. Dorsett, Republican, indicted but not tried, who resigned as representative of the First district.

Immediately after the elections, both of which were on the first ballot, Councilman Millard W. Ferguson, Democrat, also under bribery indictment, submitted his resignation. It was unanimously and immediately accepted.

Calls Special Meeting
President Otis E. Bartholomew, another indicted councilman, who has not resigned, called a special meeting for Monday noon to elect a successor to Ferguson.

William H. Book, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce civic affairs department, announced he immediately would call the joint civic committee together again to recommend candidates to succeed Ferguson.

This joint committee, comprising representatives of the Chamber, the City Manager League and the Board of Trade, had recommended, besides White and Meurer, four other men, all of whom were nominated before the council voted today.

Others Recommended
The other candidates are: Ellsworth E. Heller, 1423 Pleasant St., Republican; George D. Thornton, Republican, 75 N. Audubon Rd.; Ernest C. Ropkey, Democrat, 22 N. Audubon Rd., and Edward Dirks, Republican, 60 N. Kenmore Rd.

Only about twenty-five spectators attended. Councilman O. Ray Albertson attended his first meeting since he turned State's evidence in the Moore trial.

The meeting began at noon.

Cox Gives List

Linton A. Cox, Board of Trade representative on the joint civic committee, presented the committee's list.

The committee has expected three vacancies and would like opportunity to make other recommendations when other vacancies occur.

Cox said the board, representing the Chamber of Commerce, Sol Schloss, representing the City Manager League, and Book, Chamber of Commerce civic affairs secretary, also were present.

Although it had been reported that a petition urging J. Edward Burk, Southeastern Civil League official, for the Sixth district vacancy would be presented, no one spoke when Bartholomew asked if any other organizations or citizens desired to make recommendations. Council then recessed.

Raub Moves for Action

At 12:10 council reconvened and Councilman Edward B. Raub moved that nominations be restricted to the list recommended by the joint civic committee. Albertson seconded the motion and council approved.

Raub and Councilman Robert E. Springsteen, both Democrats, are the only councilmen not involved in any way in the bribery scandals.

Councilman Austin H. Todd then nominated the six approved candidates.

On the one ballot for Dorsett's successor the vote was: Albertson for Dirks; Ferguson for Thornton; Bartholomew, Springsteen, Todd and Negley for Meurer, and Raub for Ropkey. Albertson changed his vote to Meurer and Meurer was elected.

Both Will Serve
Both of the newly elected councilmen have signified they would serve. City Clerk William A. Boyce, Jr., started immediately to notify them, so they could take the oath.

The indicted councilmen have indicated they are resigning in relays in the hope Prosecutor William H. Remy will permit them to plead guilty to charges of malfeasance in office, instead of standing trial for bribery, thereby escaping prison terms.

CARMEL MAN INJURED BY HIT-RUN DRIVER

Thrown to Pavement as He Gets Out of Auto.
Albert Richey, 33, of Carmel, Ind., was struck and thrown to the pavement by a hit-and-run driver as he dismounted from his automobile in front of the Stutz plant, where he is employed, early today.

At city hospital he was reported to have suffered injuries to his left shoulder and was badly bruised. He gave police a description of the car, a large blue roadster.

Albert Huff, 70, of 23 S. Alabama St., is recovering today from injuries received late Wednesday when he stepped into the path of a car driven by Joseph Sentney, 3822 N. Illinois St. The accident occurred in the 800 block on E. Washington St.

PAPERHANGER NABBED

Admits Forsaking Trade to Steal \$75 Diamond Ring.
Earl E. Robertson is a paperhanger by trade, but he forgot his vocation for a few minutes when he was hanging paper in Mrs. Amanda McReady's home, 3870 Broadway, last month.

Robertson admitted to police he took a \$75 diamond ring from a table.

Dry Chief Seeks Nomination for Sheriff on G. O. P. Ticket.

George L. Winkler, deputy dry administrator for Indiana, today announced his intention of filing for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Marion county.

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STORMS TEAR PATH OF RUIN IN SOUTHWEST

Cloudbursts and Tornadoes Whip Vast Area; Dozen Towns Hit.

FOUR ARE KNOWN DEAD

Hundreds Are Homeless in Shawnee, Okla., After Violent Storm.

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5.—Cloudbursts and cyclonic windstorms whipped through the Southwest during the night, leaving hundreds of persons homeless and causing many thousands of dollars damage.

Tornadoes were reported at a dozen places in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas. A deluge of rain followed the windstorms and flooded lowland areas for miles.

With communication from the stricken areas demoralized and order still unrestored in several places, an accurate check of the number of dead and injured was impossible. Four persons were known to have been killed. Many others were reported missing.

Approximately two square miles of Shawnee, Okla., lay devastated by flood waters today. Two persons were known to be dead, five were missing, and property damage was estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. More than 1,000 persons were left homeless.

The flood followed a cloudburst Wednesday night when a total of 6.81 inches of rain fell within an hour, sweeping swift surface waters into the city.

Hail Follows Rain

Hail followed the rain and smashed scores of windows and roofs. Rescue squads entered homes and aided families to highland or roofs of buildings. The water subsided quickly after the storm had spent its force.

At least thirty-five homes were swept from their foundations. Several small business buildings were reported wrecked by the wind and deluge of surface water.

The ruinous path left by the storm extended from southern Kansas to the Texas Panhandle.

It struck first at Wichita, Kan., and travelled into northern Oklahoma and Arkansas. Oil rigs and derricks, valued at thousands of dollars, were torn from their moorings and wrecked. The wind reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour.

Communication lines were destroyed and many towns were without lights. Kansas towns which lay in the storm's path were Tecumseh, Eureka, Eldorado, Winfield, Wichita, Topeka, Arkansas City and Coffeyville.

In Arkansas the towns of Rogers, Vinson Grove and Lincoln were struck.

Sweeps Into Texas

The storm traveled as far as Bangs and Abilene, Texas, demolishing houses and causing heavy property damage as it swept southward.

The high wind and torrential rain came as a relief to the Quachita National Forest in Arkansas, which had been threatened several days by brush fires. Cutting a swath through Lincoln and two other towns, the tornado and rain extinguished the fires and injured many residents of the towns.

In Lincoln, particularly, many homes were demolished. The White river, swollen by the downpour, went over its banks.

FIGHT PRECINCT SHIFTS

Suit May Be Filed to Halt Redistricting of County.
Threat of suit to halt the political redistricting of the county, as legally advertised Wednesday, loomed today. The move was opposed by the county election board, but put through by the Dodson faction county commissioners.

Today County Clerk George O. Huttel was receiving precinct committee filings for both the old and the new districts. Both he, Ira M. Holmes, president of the county election board, and James E. Deery, Democrat member, oppose the new precinct lines and may make a test suit by refusing to accept filings on the new boundary.

Coffin faction Republicans contend the move was to aid the Dodson crowd and is merely "gerrymandering."

MRS. VIC DONAHEY HURT

Ohio Governor's Wife and Daughter Injured in Collision.
By United Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 5.—The wife and daughter of Governor Vic Donahey of Ohio, injured in an automobile collision near East Liberty Wednesday, were experiencing considerable pain, but will suffer no other ill effects from the accident, physicians who attended them said today.

Mrs. Donahey received four deep cuts and several scratches and her daughter, Mrs. James W. Huffman, received a fractured right arm.

The accident occurred when the car in which the Governor's family was riding crashed into a machine which suddenly stalled in the road.

Scouts Replace Governmental Heads



Above, Eagle Scout John Kitchen, 1704 N. Talbott St., as he sat in the Governor's chair for an hour Wednesday. Below, Eagle Scout Robert Russell, 4003 College Ave., and Mayor L. Ert Slack, sitting at a table during the scout week observance.

Out of Keys

They were out of keys to the city at police headquarters today, so Sergeant John Richter couldn't grant the request of a woman visitor from Wisconsin.

The woman journeyed to police headquarters to ask for a courtesy car which would permit her to park her car any place in the city for any length of time she desired.

Richter explained that visitors are always treated with courtesy and allowed some leeway in parking but that there just isn't any such a courtesy card.

POLE FLIERS READY

Captain Wilkins Waits Good Weather for Hop.

By United Press
SEWARD, Alaska, April 5.—Capt. George Wilkins, Arctic explorer, hoped to take off from Point Barrow today on his attempted flight across the North Pole to Spitzbergen, Norway.

Barometric readings, however, indicated possible postponement of the flight because of unfavorable weather.

Wilkins and Ben Eielson, his pilot, have been at Point Barrow, the northernmost tip of Alaska, for several days awaiting favorable weather.

During the flight Wilkins will attempt to keep in touch with the Army radio station here.

WATCHES THIEF WORK

Policeman Arrests Youth for Theft of \$1 Spark Plug.
Earl Thomas, 18, of 530 Birch St., broke into the Automotive Brokerage Accessories Company, 122 N. Senate Ave., Wednesday night, while Sergeant Frank Reilly watched him and stole a spark plug, valued at \$1. Reilly said. Thomas is held under high bond on a burglary charge.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. ... 62 10 a. m. ... 61
7 a. m. ... 63 11 a. m. ... 65
8 a. m. ... 59 12 (noon) ... 68
9 a. m. ... 59 1 p. m. ... 70

DISTRICT DRY CHIEF RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

By United Press
CINCINNATI, April 5.—William H. Walker, federal prohibition administrator for the Ohio-Indiana district, has resigned, effective May 15, he announced today.

Walker recently failed to pass the federal civil service test and Prohibition Commissioner Doran had announced at Washington, that he would be replaced.

Walker said he would ask for a thirty-day leave of absence to become effective on April 15, the date set for his removal. Shortly after the civil service examination, it was stated in Washington that Walker's age also made him ineligible.

Walker is from Hillsboro, Ohio, and was a protégé of former Prohibition Commissioner Roy A. Haynes, who Doran succeeded.

He entered the prohibition department in 1921 and came to Ohio in 1923, as assistant to Administrator John L. Porterfield. Walker was advanced to Porterfield's position when the latter died a year ago.

WOMAN DEAD BY POISON AT END OF PARTY

Aged Sales Manager and Another Man's Wife Held in Jail.

FOUND DYING ON FLOOR

Host, 70, Says Jealousy of Him Was Motive for Deed.

Love and liquor were replaced by jealousy and poison at a "party" attended by two women at the home of 70-year-old James E. Isgrigg, 5031 Keewood Ave., Wednesday night and out of this mixture stalked the grim figure of death.

Today the body of Mrs. Ida B. Stanford, 42, housekeeper for Isgrigg, was in city prison under direction of Coroner C. H. Keever. She was one of the two women at the party and is thought to have taken poison because of jealousy.

The other woman, Mrs. Grace B. Smith, 43, of Columbus, Ohio, and Isgrigg are in city prison under \$5,000 bonds each, while the tragedy is being investigated by police.

Isgrigg is sales manager of Besire & Co., Inc., ice cream supply house. In his cell today he told of Mrs. Stanford's jealousy, which, he says, caused her to commit suicide.

"I knew she was jealous of me," he said. "She frequently threatened to take her life, although I told her not to love me, because I didn't want to marry. She was a beautiful and wonderful woman."

Insisted She Remain
He then related how Mrs. Smith phoned that she was coming to visit and how Mrs. Stanford said she would prepare dinner and leave.

He insisted that she stay for the "party." It lasted far past midnight. It was 3:45 this morning when Isgrigg said he heard Mrs. Stanford groaning in the kitchen.

Rushing out, he found her on the floor. Two hours later he called police.

The elderly sales manager explained this by saying that she was alive when he first found her and both he and Mrs. Smith sought to revive her with warm milk, an electric vibrator and the like.

Neither believed at first that the case was serious, being of the opinion that the woman was feigning illness. Mrs. Smith refused to leave the davenport and aid in the work of resuscitation till he at last impressed her with the genuineness of Mrs. Stanford's condition, he declared.

Story Through Alcohol Haze
Mrs. Smith still was under the influence of liquor in her cell this morning.

There she related the events of the past twenty-four hours as she remembered them through an alcoholic haze. She declared that her husband is J. M. Smith, president of the American Garage Equipment Company, Columbus, and that he is at present in Mexico looking after mining interests.

She declared she often had visited at the Isgrigg home, since the families became friends fourteen years ago. Mrs. Isgrigg died a year ago, and she continued her visits.

Wednesday, she said, she called Isgrigg and told him she had been in a train wreck at Dayton, Ohio, and would come to Indianapolis by traction. She said she was en route to the home of a sister at Hastings, Mich.

Thought She Was Feigning
"I don't believe Mrs. Stanford had taken poison at first," she asserted. "I refused to leave the davenport, where I was lying. Then I recognized the serious note in Jim's voice and I went out and did everything I could to revive her, while Jim called in the doctor."

Coroner Keever and Motor Policemen Edward Deeter and Morris Corbin investigated the case.

They said they found a bottle that had contained poison, but could find no burns on Mrs. Stanford's mouth.

After the post-mortem today, however, the coroner announced a quantity of poison was found in her stomach.

Isgrigg explained that the woman had worked for him since his wife died and that he had picked her from a list of twenty-two applicants "because of her beauty."

She is survived by two daughters, Alberta, 19, and Dorothy, 12, who live with a sister, Mrs. H. Hardy, 1214 Comar Ave. Another sister, Mrs. John Dale, lives at Richmond, Ind.

Daughter Tells of Worry
Alberta testified at the coroner's inquest today that she had talked to her mother by telephone Wednesday morning and that her mother had told her Mrs. Smith was to visit her.

Mrs. Smith once had advised Isgrigg to get rid of her mother, she also said.

Her mother also was worried about the care of her younger sister, because Mrs. Hardy is to move from the city soon and will be unable to continue caring for her, Alberta said.

Easter Clothing on 20 payments. H.R.R. Clothing Co., 29 E. Ohio St. —Advertisement.

Makes First Flight in New Machine Today.

By United Press
SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 5.—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was expected to make his first flight today in the new Ryan monoplane constructed for him here.

Lindbergh arrived at Rockwell Field, North Island, late Wednesday after an unexpected flight from Santa Barbara.

He was accompanied by Harry Knight, Harold Bixby and William Robertson, St. Louis backers of his trans-Atlantic flight.

The flier refused to be interviewed and concealed all plans for trying out the new plane. However, friends indicated he would remain for several days as the guest of B. F. Mahoney, builder of his planes.

BOY LIGHTS DYNAMITE CAP: LOSES 3 FINGERS

Curiosity Prompts 16-Year-Old Lad to Experiment.

Kenneth Lewis, 16, of 1307 Hiatt St., is in city hospital minus three fingers and a thumb from his left hand as the result of touching a match to a dynamite cap this morning.

Kenneth, his brother Eugene 15; Roscoe Harris, 17, of 1838 Lambert St., and L. G. Boone, 15, of 1913 W. Morris St., were hiking on the Madison Rd., near Edgewood. They came across several dynamite caps lying alongside the road.

The older Lewis boy lit one to experiment.