

# JUDGE BALDWIN DEAD

APOPLEXY KILLS FORMER ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF INDIANA.

## BOWED BY FINANCIAL TROUBLES

Last Years of Logansport Jurist Saddened by Tangles in Banking Enterprises.

Logansport, Ind., Special: Judge Daniel F. Baldwin, former attorney-general of Indiana, distinguished as a financier, lecturer and traveler, trustee of Wabash College and prominent as a politician, dropped dead Sunday at his home. Disclosures in connection with his private banks at Goodland, Fowler and Andra, Ind., coupled with indictments for embezzlement returned in Newton county, November 5, it is charged, were directly responsible for the failure of his health. Apoplexy was given as the cause of his death.

Banks operated by Judge Baldwin and W. H. Dague were closed a year ago by State Auditor Billheimer, it being alleged deposits were used to finance investments in Arkansas timberland. Judge Baldwin was released on bail after the indictment. For a year he had been striving to clear up his bank affairs.

Judge Baldwin's political activities were for the Republican party in every campaign from 1860 to 1882. In 1880 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for judge of the Supreme Court, being defeated. His speech accepting the defeat after so prolonged and intense a struggle thrilled the convention so that it immediately nominated him for attorney-general, to which office he was elected along with Governor Porter and the remainder of the ticket.

In 1892, through a misunderstanding with President Harrison, Baldwin withdrew his support from the ticket and started a stamping tour which came to an abrupt close through an injurious phrase used in reference to foreign labor at Milwaukee. He was withdrawn from the list of Democratic orators. He took no part in politics after this, but later resumed his alliance with the Republican party.

Judge Baldwin's banking interests extended to a number of towns in Indiana where he was interested in banks or realty investments. Through the closing of two of his banks and the resulting disclosures his fortune was shattered. He was active up to the day of his death however, in trying to clear the tangle in which the banks had become involved.

The statement is made by intimate friends that Judge Baldwin's death was directly due to worry over these business affairs and the State investigation which brought about the disclosures. Had it been delayed a few weeks, they say, it would have shown conditions in the Baldwin banks unimpaired.

Daniel Pratt Baldwin was born in Madison county, New York, in 1837, his parents, Hiram and Harriet (Pratt) Baldwin, being descendants of early settlers of New England.

In 1850, Judge Baldwin became a resident of Logansport, taking a law partnership with his uncle, Daniel D. Pratt, later United States senator from Indiana. The partnership continued for ten years. In 1870 Judge Baldwin was elected to the vacancy in the Court of Common Pleas, and subsequently re-elected. He kept in close touch with the literature of his day and in 1877 Madison College gave him the degree of LL. D. Wabash College later conferring the same degree.

"JAG" BRINGS \$80,000.

Property Bought by Drunken Man Goes "Way Up."

Chicago, Special: A "drunk" that ultimately netted its owner in the neighborhood of \$80,000 was related in Judge Mack's Court, as part of the evidence resulting in the court setting aside the will of the late Joseph Willis at the request of his widow, Mrs. Willis.

Willis, it was related, while intoxicated, bought a piece of West Side real estate for \$4,300 some years ago. When he became sober he regretted the deal, thinking some one had taken advantage of his condition. He investigated, however, and, to make the best of what he considered a bad bargain, made sufficient improvements to pay taxes and a little profit. The property today is appraised at \$85,000.

His Twenty-Seventh Child.

Byrn Mawr, Pa., Special: That there is no race suicide in the family of Clem Tuck, Haverford road, Byrn Mawr is vouchsafed in the arrival of the twenty-seventh child, though this is Mr. Tuck's third wife. The father is 65 years of age and is a deacon in the colored Baptist church of Byrn Mawr. He was born in Virginia.

Friday is Alimony Day.

Chicago, Special: Beginning with the New Year every Friday will be "Alimony Day" with Judge Albert C. Barnes of the Superior Court of Cook county. Judge Barnes, in making the announcement, declared that there was such a mass of legal business growing out of divorces and divorce hearings that it interferes with more important matters and requires a day, or part of a day, by itself.

Santa Claus' Mail Problem.

Washington, D. C., Special: Postmaster General Meyer has not decided whether he will issue an order similar to the one he issued on Dec. 13 last, which provides that letters addressed unmistakably to "Santa Claus" may be delivered to any regularly organized charitable society. The postmaster general has received numerous communications both for and against the reissuance of the order and is now giving consideration to them before taking any definite action.

## INDIANA LEADS THE WORLD.

Wins First Place in Contest at Corn Exposition.

Omaha, Neb., Special: Indiana leads the world as a grower of fine corn. Prizes for individual exhibits in competitions open to the world had extreme interest for the exhibitors at the national corn exposition. These premiums were well divided among the twenty-eight corn-growing States, Indiana getting first and second for single ear of corn in world's championship. Some of the awards follow:

Best Ten Ears Kafir Corn—First, Monroe Biggs, Altamont, Kansas; second, Fred Waltje, Anthony, Kansas; third, Hugh A. Randall, Guthrie, Okla.

White Popcorn—First, H. T. Lake, Razeville, S. D.; second, L. B. Clore, Franklin, Ind.; third, Arnold Martin, Dubois, Neb.

Largest and Best Ear Corn (world's championship)—First, Geo. Stambrook, Franklin, Ind.; second, Harry Tilsen, Franklin, Ind.; third, Harry Seitz, Desoto, Neb.

## SCORES DIE AT PANAMA

FORTY TONS OF DYNAMITE LETS GO ON CANAL.

## TRYING TO BREAK RECORD

Workmen Victims of Premature Ignition While Trying to Make a New Standard.

Panama, Cable: Over 100 men were killed or wounded at Bas Obispo, fifteen miles from here, by the explosion of forty tons of dynamite.

The men who were killed were part of the huge force engaged in making the Culebra cut, at the beginning of which is the settlement of Bas Obispo. Here was the headquarters and the supply depot for the operations in progress there. The rock in the Culebra cut is the hardest yet encountered in digging the canal, and, consequently, a greater amount of explosive was kept on hand there. It is supposed that familiarity had caused the workmen to be careless in handling the powder. Contractors here say the men should not have tried to make a blast with forty tons.

The excavation of the Culebra cut is now going on and the dirt is flying by rapid train loads from five different levels. Counting those made by the French suitable for tracks there are ten levels. Terrace above terrace they rise to the view, with hills, and trees and valleys beyond them a landscape of tremendous interest and activity. There are continual explosions of dynamite and powder blasts.

The blast holding the record for size and results contained 27 tons of explosives. The men were trying to surpass that mark. All around, air drills and steam drills are making holes in the rocks to admit the dynamite and powder. Great cranes are hoisting their heavy loads; occasional hill slides are filling the gullies and covering the tracks; running streams and standing pools add to the variety of the problem; engines, for various phases of the work, are puffing and snorting and doing their master's bidding. All this was going on when the disastrous blast occurred.

For a moment the thousands of laborers, foremen and engineers thought only that one section of the force had made another "shot" and prepared to remove the debris. In a few seconds, however, the air was filled with the shrieks of shattered human beings.

The field hospital staff and equipment were wholly inadequate to cope with the emergency. The doctors immediately on the grounds hastily passed the dead by and sought for signs of life in those obviously hurt the worst. To those they gave first attention, while the American foremen and engineers gave aid to others less dangerously wounded.

## Work of Chicago Dynamiters.

Chicago, Special: Two buildings were wrecked, several persons were believed to have been killed and windows were shattered for blocks around by the terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley on Wabash avenue Sunday. The wrecked buildings adjoin the coliseum, where the first ward ball, an annual event against holding which this year much opposition has been made by the law and order element, was scheduled to be held Monday night. The police are working on the theory that the bomb thrower designed to wreck the Coliseum in order to stop the ball.

## Acquitted on Whitecap Charge.

Rushville, Ind., Special: Acquitted was the verdict returned in the John B. Tribble whitecap cases against Mrs. Leona Tribble, Charles and Harry McFarlane, Perry Collins, Burl Kennedy and Lafayette Goldman. The jury was out two hours and five minutes. The crime with which the six were charged was the whipping of John B. Tribble early on the morning of August 5 last, when Tribble was taken from his bed by masked men, bound to a tree, beaten with a spiked board and then covered with tar and feathers.

## Society Girl to Wed Jap.

Chicago, Special: An American-Japanese romance, which had its inception in the art institute two years ago, is to culminate in the marriage of Miss Lucene Goodenow, a society girl of Woodlawn, and Kioku Lumakai, a Japanese artist, who is said to be the heir apparent to one of the oldest titles in Japan.

## Head Too Big for Town.

Columbia, Mo., Special: The Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, Episcopal bishop of Missouri, lost his silk tie during the exercises marking the inauguration of President Hill of the University of Missouri. The bishop was hastily supplied with a hat several sizes too small. He wears a 7%, and there was no hat in Columbia big enough for him. The loaned headpiece had to be balanced on his head, for it was too small to grip the bishop's crown and stay there of its own accord.

## Famous Sioux Leader Dead.

Pierre, S. D., Special: Chief Hump, the Sioux leader who was at the head of the band which caused the trouble, ending in the battle of Wounded Knee, the last important Indian fight in the northwest, is dead at his camp at Cherry Creek.

## Both Gas and Oil.

Petersburg, Ind., Special: Natural gas, with a pressure of 300 pounds and a volume of 2,000,000 cubic feet, was struck late last week at West Petersburg at a depth of 1,200 feet. Oil also is flowing from the well.

## ROOSEVELT'S PHILIPPIC

### ADDS EDITOR PULITZER TO ANANIAS CLUB

### IN MOST VITRIOLIC MESSAGE

Ever Sent the Senate, Teddy Reiterates Denial as to Canal Deal Story.

Washington, Special: In one of the most vitriolic messages ever transmitted to Congress President Roosevelt Tuesday reiterated his denial that there was anything questionable about the transaction involving the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the United States.

The message is, in a sense, an amplification of the letter sent to William D. Fouke, of Indiana, at Hot Springs, Va., last month, and is the product of the joint efforts of the President, members of his Cabinet and others who in their official capacity assisted in the consummation of the transfer of the waterway to this Government.

The President adds Joseph Pulitzer, the owner and publisher of the New York World, to his Ananias Club, and announces that Attorney-General Bonaparte has under consideration the question of prosecuting him for alleged criminal libel.

The President in recent years has employed some very virile language in expressing his ideas or opinions in his messages to Congress, but he probably reached the climax in his latest message.

He undoubtedly was boiling with indignation when he wrote the message, as may be judged from the use of the following terms: "Scurrilous and libelous in character; concocted with a view of possible blackmail; string of infamous lies; lying and libelous editorials; guilty of criminal offense; blackening the good name of the American people; villain of the American people; wantonly and wickedly blackening character" and "wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind."

Most of this Rooseveltian philippic is directed at Mr. Pulitzer, primarily on account of the recent editorial utterances upon the canal matter and his effort to demonstrate that the President was guilty of misrepresentation in statements contained in his letter to Fouke, and, secondarily, because of the World's hostile attitude toward him in the last year or so.

There was but a small attendance in the Senate and the clerk hurried through this message, the accompanying papers and exhibits not being read at all. Over in the House more attention was paid to the document.

The latest development in the canal affair assuredly will not terminate the discussion on the subject. The contention of Philippe Bunau-Varilla, once Chief Engineer of the canal when the property was in the hands of the French company, and first Minister from Panama to the United States, that the canal project will be a colossal failure unless the present methods of construction are modified, has caused members of Congress to hesitate about proceeding along the present lines and reopened discussion of the relative merits of the lock and sea level waterways. His opinion that the cost will be vastly greater than was originally estimated has also created considerable disquietude among the lawmakers.

## CONGRESS UP IN ARMS.

Think President's Message Cast Slur on Member's Integrity.

Washington, Special: The House has unanimously passed a resolution to investigate and report on that portion of the President's message relating to appropriations and secret service men.

Both Houses of Congress are enraged in consequence of that part of the message which they construed as casting a reflection on their integrity.

In providing for the maintenance of the secret service bureau at the last preceding session, it was expressly provided that none of the men thus engaged should be transferred to any other department, by executive order or otherwise, for the performance of duty. That action was taken obviously with the intention of curbing the propensity of the President to institute investigation of alleged dereliction on his own account, and he evidently accepted it as justification for his conduct.

"The chief argument in favor of the provision," says the President in his offending document, "was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past; but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for the indictment and conviction of a senator and congressman for land frauds in Oregon. I do not believe that it is in the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service."

## Broom Prices Go Upward.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special: The 25 cent broom is a thing of the past for a year at least. Broom corn brokers have cornered the available supply in Illinois, and as high as \$150 a ton is offered at Paris. Broom factories have raised the price of the lowest grades.

## Argentine Plans Big Navy.

Buenos Ayres, Cable: The senate has finally confirmed the report of the naval armaments commission authorizing the expenditure over a period of six years of \$33,000,000.

## Perish in Black Sea.

St. Petersburg, Cable: A telegram from Sebastopol reports that a Turkish steamer, bound from Constantinople for Sebastopol, was wrecked in a storm on the Black Sea. Details are lacking, but it is believed that the crew and 50 passengers were drowned.

## Many Die in Battle.

Odessa, Cable: The insurrection movement throughout Persia culminated in a battle with the loyalists. The rebels were put to rout with many killed and wounded. The news was brought from Tabriz.

## "IK MARVEL" PASSES.

Author of "Reveries of a Bachelor" Dead at 84.

New Haven, Conn., Special: Don ald Grant Mitchell, 84 years old, the well-known author who wrote under the nom de plume "Ik Marvel," is dead at his home, "Marvelwood," in Edgewood, a suburb of this city.

Mr. Mitchell, author of the delightful fancies, "Reveries of a Bachelor" and "Dream of Life," which have had repeated vogue for over half a century, was over 86 years of age. He was born in Norwich, Conn., in April, 1832. After an academic education he attended Edgewood, from which he was graduated in 1841. He then studied law in New York City, and after his marriage in 1855, Mrs. Mary F. Pringle, of Charleston, S. C., he was for a time the United States Consul to Venice.

He wrote several bits of sketchy fiction before he was 25 years of age, and "Reveries of a Bachelor" was published in 1850, when he was 28 "Dream Life" followed in 1852.

Since his retirement as Consul to Venice in 1854 he has resided on his farm, Edgewood, near New Haven, Conn.

## SEIZED BY DUTCH CRUISER

Off Cabello Is Venezuela's Coast Guard Ship, Alix.

Willemstad, Curacao, Cable: The Dutch cruiser Gelderland Saturday morning captured the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alix outside Puerto Cabello. The Dutch flag was hoisted over the Alix, the crew of which was sent ashore. The guardship then was manned by a Dutch officer and marines and towed to Willemstad, arriving here this morning.

Although the seizure of the Alix was plainly discernible from Puerto Cabello the forts did not fire upon the Gelderland.

The Alix was lying close in shore, off Puerto Cabello, and notwithstanding the threat which the Venezuelan Government had made to fire upon any if the Dutch warships committing a hostile act, the Gelderland steamed at speed toward the guardship and sent an officer and guard in a launch to seize her. This they did without resistance and no shots came from the forts on land.

Naturally the people of Curacao, who have long been clamoring for action on the part of the Dutch Government are greatly rejoiced over this evidence that Holland has at last begun active measures against Venezuela.

The opinion is held here that the Venezuelan Government, in the absence of President Castro, will not go so far as to fire upon the Dutch warships, which, in view of the fact that Venezuela is practically without a navy, hold the Venezuelan ports at their mercy.

In an unusual degree the souvenir of the dinner, a miniature steam roller, was unique. It drew particular attention to Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee, who was one of the guests. The steam roller was a little bronze affair, with the name "T-A-F-T" on the reverse side.

One of the most delightful skits of the evening was furnished by a roll call after the recent national political battle. The mournful tap of a drum was heard in the ante-room, and there came marching in a dilapidated troop. Their uniforms showed they had been on the firing line.

The members of the troop answered to the roll call. Sergt. Jim Watson was reported as "killed while riding to the front of the water wagon."

Private Charlie Landis "fell at Watson's side." Private Charles G. Dawes "passed in his checks," and Private Frank Lowden was "shot in the pocket."

Corporal Norman E. Mack was reported as "burying the dead." Corporal W. J. Bryan was "among the missing." Corporal Loeb was "in the hands of his friends."

Private Taft was reported present and Color Sergeant Hitchcock was announced as "here with the colors."

When President Roosevelt arrived the principal skit of the evening was performed. This was devoted to Mr. Roosevelt's prospective African hunting trip.

The lights were switched on and off and from the gloom came the voice of the president of the club, James S. Henry, announcing:

"We are now in darkest Africa."

while the roars and growls of wild animals were heard on every side.

The lights came up with the announcement:

"Sudden sunrise in Southern Sennagambia," and the guests found before them a tent upon which was the sign, "The Lookout."