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CARRIED WIDOW UP CHURCH STEPS TO HEAR SERMON

Mrs. Meek Entirely Prostrated
And Unable to Walk When
Coach Arrived at the Fifth
Street Edifice.

CHURCH OVERFLOWED;
IMMENSE GATHERING

Last Sad Rites Performed Over
Bodies of Murdered Men
Amid Sobs of Wee Clad
Widow.

NEED POLICE PROTECTION

FIRST DOUBLE FUNERAL IN CITY
IN MANY YEARS ATTENDED BY
THROUGH THAT WAS FORCED
BACK INTO STREET.

Carried in the arms of the undertakers while a human lane of morbid curiosity seekers gazed on, ever encroaching on the space, Mrs. Rose Meek, widow of Alexander Meek and mother of Raymond Meek, victims of the murderous fire of Joel Rallsback, Monday, entered the Fifth Street M. E. church this afternoon. She was followed closely by her eighteen-year-old daughter, the only other member of the family. Mrs. Meek was completely prostrated and unable to walk. She entered the church in the arms of the two men to hear the funeral sermon preached by the Rev. J. Cook Graham, her pastor.

The church was packed beyond its capacity by friends of the deceased and the curious ones from the country and city. Autos, street cars, vehicles of all descriptions were massed at the Fifth Street entrance and as the cortege approached it was necessary for police officers to clear the sidewalks. It was the first double funeral held in the city in recent years, and as it was the result of a murder the crowd was unusually large. Hundreds of persons stood about outside the edifice unable to gain admittance to the church. Ushers had been notified in advance to reserve seats for the mourners and those who accompanied them. Six rows were kept and these were more than filled by those who had participated in the cortege.

The two black hearses arrived shortly after 2:30 o'clock. The cloth covered caskets were mantled with beautiful floral offerings.

Signs of Sympathy.

There was the sign of sympathy and compassion visible everywhere among the spectators. The same six men served as pall bearers in each instance. Three of them were elderly men, friends of the father. The three others were young men friends of the son. The last sad service was performed by Daniel Gard, William Crowe, R. P. Lankert, Lyman Lybolt, Gaar Ellason and Pierre Helms, the latter three friends of the deceased young student.

Sermon Brief.

The sermon by the Rev. Mr. Graham was brief. He called attention to the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death imploring all of his hearers to be ready when the time comes for them to answer the call. The minister seemed to appreciate the character of the gathering and did not enter upon a protracted discourse. His words were filled with sentiment and the expression of good cheer to the surviving widow and daughter. Throughout the sermon there were heard the subdued sobs of the mourners. Following the sermon the cortege proceeded to Earlham cemetery where the burial was held. The casket was not opened at the church.

Grand Jury June 1.

Judge Fox of the circuit court said today he will call the grand jury to report June 1. This delay is longer than had been anticipated. It is brought about by the delay in the coroner's verdict and the fact the court will be out of the city the first three days of next week. At first the court was going to call the jury May 31, but that date will be a legal holiday.

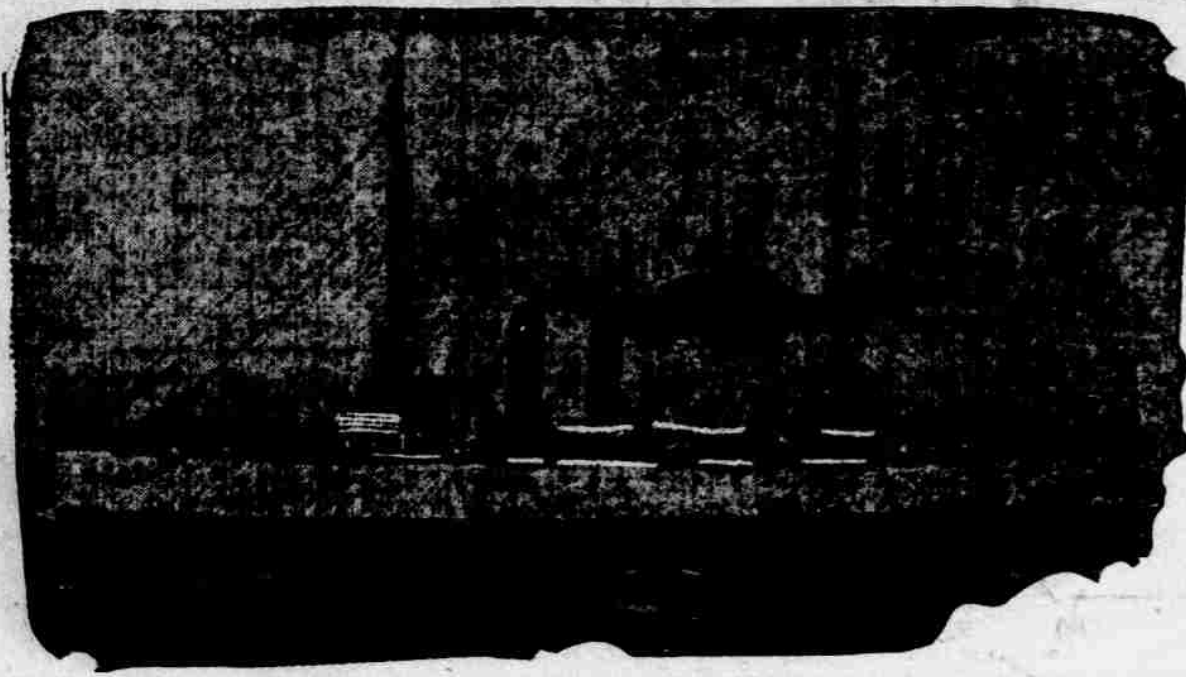
Prosecutor Ladd is busily engaged with the case. He is trying to investigate every clue. The state will be greatly handicapped as its only witnesses are dead. Other than the members of the Rallsback families, no one saw the shooting except the two dead men. What evidence has been collected does not tend to strengthen the prosecution. The state's attorney has found that the Meeks had threatened trouble for the Rallsbacks a number of times.

Trouble Predicted.

There is evidence that the same is true of the Rallsback family that the prosecutor might find. Flossie Rallsback, the younger sister of the man who did the shooting is said to have told a friend in her class at the high school that trouble was in store. "If they don't quit fussing and talking about us, my brother will kill the Meeks some of these days," the girl is

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U. S. Gunboat Tacoma, Now in Turkish Waters



GREAT SUCCESS PREDICTED FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Business Men and Y. M. B. C.
Members Met Last Evening
And Take Preliminary Steps
For the Affair.

HUSTLING CLUB IS
ASKED TO PROMOTE IT

Owing to Success Made of the
Affair Last Year Merchants
Think Organization Should
Be Pilot Again.

Very optimistic reports, relative to the part the merchants and manufacturers will take in the fall festival, to be held next fall, were made at the mass meeting, held under the auspices of the Y. M. B. C. at the city building last evening. The meeting was fairly well attended by members of the club and especially so by non-members who were interested in the success of the second fall festival.

W. M. Bailey, first vice president of the club presided and C. W. Merrill was chosen to act as secretary pro tem. The club members had asked that the fall festival be managed by the citizens as well as by themselves. However, the consensus of opinion, expressed last evening, was for the club to do this. Non-members promised to assist whenever possible.

All Enthusiastic.

Judging from the enthusiastic manner in which a number of the leading business men have spoken about the affair, it will be a much greater success than the festival given last fall. Business men, in practically every instance stand ready to give twice as much to the affair as they did last year and will also equip floats for the industrial parade.

It was emphasized by a number of the merchants and club members who spoke, that the promoters should keep at it until the festival was over. If the affair is managed properly, there is no question in the minds of the members but that it will be several times the success of what it was last year. The same promoters who managed the festival last year will be back of the 1909 festival. This will count for much, as they have the experience and can save much money, from the knowledge gained last year.

W. P. O'Neal, after hearing expressions from several favoring the festival, moved that it was the sense of the mass meeting that another festival be held. It was unanimously adopted. Perry J. Freeman moved that the Y. M. B. C. have charge of the affair, which was also unanimously carried. The club at its next regular meeting, in June, will determine whether the members want the club to take this responsibility.

Among those who endorsed the festival were Stephen Kuth, who spoke from the standpoint of a farmer, W. P. O'Neal, Charles Morgan, H. H. Englebert, P. J. Freeman and several others.

A HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Memphis, May 19.—The plant of a Memphis cotton seed oil company, one of the largest in the south was destroyed by fire today, with a loss of two hundred thousand dollars.

DYNAMITED A BANK

Cairo, Neb., May 19.—The state bank of Cairo was dynamited early this morning. The vault and building was completely wrecked by three explosions. All the money in the bank, amount unknown, was taken by robbers, who escaped on a hand car.

CONTRACTS ARE LET

City Today Contracted for Its
Supply of Coal for the
Ensuing Year.

COMPANIES GIVEN A JOLT

At the meeting of the board of public works today the following contracts for coal to be furnished the city were awarded: 130 tons Pocahontas mine run, Mather Bros., \$2.75, for use at city building; 200 tons carbonade mine run for crematory, \$2.35; 50 tons Pocahontas lump for hose houses, A. Harsch Company, \$3.23; 60 tons Kanawha 1/4-inch lump, for street roller, Mather Bros., \$2.70.

The claim that the local coal dealers have to pay the same for coal, to sell it for the same, was given a severe jolt when the bids were opened today. There was greater competition than ever, nine firms entering bids to supply the fuel. The light plant will use between 8,000 and 10,000 tons and this contract is the largest. The board delayed in awarding it.

ARREST STILLWELL

Thomas Stillwell was arraigned in city court this afternoon on the charge of beating a board bill. The charge was preferred by Mrs. Ida Turner of North Sixth street. He entered a plea of not guilty saying he did not intend to defraud the woman. He admitted his indebtedness. The case was continued until tomorrow and then Stillwell asked the court if he couldn't plead guilty. Mrs. Turner had talked to him in the meantime.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN

Washington, May 19.—Old "Billy" Jones, who attracted attention years ago by attempting to shoot Charles Guiteau, the assassin of Garfield, was placed on trial today charged with the murder of John McPherson, a farm hand on the Jones place near here.

A NOBLEMAN KILLED

Gory Russia, May 19.—A band of farm men attacked the estate of Prince Dzshavakoff near here, killing him, his wife and one daughter and also a servant.

Lady Grove, Suffragette Convert



HENRY H. ROGERS, GREAT OIL BARON, MEETS HIS DEATH

Great Financier, Vice President of Standard Oil Combine, Expired Suddenly Today of Apoplexy.

ONLY WIFE PRESENT
WHEN THE END CAME

Right Hand Man of Rockefeller
Was a Poor Boy and Began
To Work as Deliveryman at
\$3 a Week.

New York, May 19.—Henry H. Rogers, sixty-nine years old, vice president of the Standard Oil company, died suddenly this morning at seven o'clock as a result of a stroke of apoplexy, which seized him a half hour before. He was estimated to be worth forty millions and was the right hand man of John D. Rockefeller. Rogers suffered a slight stroke a year ago, but recently had been in excellent health and was in his office yesterday. Only his aged wife and servant were present when the end came. The physician telephoned for rushed to the bed side in an automobile, disregarding all speed laws, but Rogers was dead fifteen minutes when the doctor arrived. A policeman stopped the doctor's automobile, but upon learning the object of haste, permitted him to proceed, faster than ever. Wall street received the news of Rogers' death with surprise and all Standard Oil stocks and those of affiliated concerns were affected adversely.

His Wife Present.

Rogers died in bed, with his wife the only one near him when he breathed his last. His son H. H. Rogers, Jr., and his three married daughters reached the house a half hour after he died. His death was so unexpected that the family physician was not at hand at the time. The great financier, who suffered a slight stroke of the malady that finally killed him, about a year ago, in his office in the Standard Oil building, 26 Broadway, had apparently recovered altogether and continued to attend to his manifold affairs up to yesterday. Rogers was stricken when he awoke this morning.

Calls for Help.

Mrs. Rogers called for help to servants and one of them telephoned to

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ANNUAL MEETING OF Y. M. C. A. HELD LAST NIGHT

All the Former Members of the
Board of Directors Were
Re-elected Except Prof. D.
R. Ellabarger.

TREASURER'S REPORT
WAS VERY PLEASING

President Sharon E. Jones
Submits His Annual Report,
Showing the Flourishing
Conditions Existing.

At the annual meeting of the active members of the Y. M. C. A., at the association building last evening, a board of directors and two trustees were elected for the ensuing year, and reports were made by Sharon E. Jones, president of the board; A. M. Gardner, treasurer and other officers of the association. The meeting was poorly attended, only 30 members taking enough interest to be present.

The nominating committee, including Arthur L. Smith, chairman; George H. Knochenberg and Allen L. Brankamp, presented the names of the following persons for nomination as directors: Sharon E. Jones, A. M. Gardner, C. H. Moore, E. G. McMahon and E. M. Haas. Mr. Haas was nominated in place of Prof. D. R. Ellabarger, who has moved from the city. The re-election of the other nominees was made unanimous. Adam H. Bartel and Henry Gennett, whose terms as trustees of the association will expire June 1, were re-elected for a term of three years.

The reports of all the officers were considered as exceptionally good. That of A. M. Gardner, treasurer of the association, is considered excellent. His report follows:

Receipts.

Total receipts to April 30, 1909 as per annual report dated May 19, 1908, less error of \$20.00 in addition discovered in said report \$60,587.79

Receipts on account of building fund from April 30, 1908 to May 1, 1909, on account of membership dues, lockers, billiard and pool, bowling alley, Spa, Etc. 8,501.24

Cash received on account of loans 10,000.00

Total receipts to May 1, 1909 \$113,018.56

Expenditures.

Total expenditures to April 30, 1908 as per annual report dated May 19, 1908, \$33,280.95

Total expenditures from April 30, 1908 to May 1, 1909, as per vouchers No. 118 to 543 inclusive 77,552.31

Balance in banks May 1, 1909 2,185.37

Total \$113,018.63

Total amount collected on building fund to May 1, 1909 \$94,517.32

Total amount collected to May 1, 1909 on membership dues, lockers, billiards and pool, bowling alleys, Spa, Etc. 8,501.24

Money borrowed to May 1, 1909 10,000.00

Total \$113,018.56

A. M. GARDNER, Treas.

Report of President.

The one criticism on our building was that we had "built too largely for Richmond." Now, we find ourselves in need of more room. Our dormitory rooms all filled, many of them having two occupants, the lockers all rented, and more purchased and these about all rented. The billiard and pool tables are insufficient for the number who want to enjoy this sport. The boys' quarters is taxed to its comfortable capacity. The problem of taking care of the educational classes the coming winter already confronts us. The Spa was first to outgrow its quarters. The kitchen upstairs was long ago put in to permanent use to supply eatables for the tables, and the space for serving or eating has been doubled by adding the corner social room. This was done by portable screens. The other departments are not crowded, but will soon be comfortably filled.

We now have a membership of 738 men and boys, 408 men and 330 boys between 10 and 18 years of age. It now looks as though our membership will reach 1,000 before the end of the year.

Institution Needed.

What has made our association so popular? First and chiefly, its great need. The young men yearned for such an institution for years. Second, its completeness in all departments and appointments. Third, its employed officers, all of whom are men of

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APPEAL TO POPE FOR ASSISTANCE

Bishops in Albania Want the
Christians Aided.

Rome, May 19.—The Catholic bishops in Albania today appealed to the Pope for aid against the religious fanatics threatening to massacre Christians. The Catholic missionaries sent a most urgent telegram asking that immediate steps be taken if possible because they fear that bloody massacre will take place shortly. What action the vatican will take was not made public.

PRESIDENT TAFT OFF ON JUNKET

He Will Speak at Unveiling of
Statue at Petersburg
Battle Field.

MRS. TAFT REMAINS HOME

AFTER DELIVERING HIS ADDRESS
EXECUTIVE WILL ATTEND A
CELEBRATION AT MECKLEN-
BURG—HOME FRIDAY.

Washington, May 19.—President Taft left Washington at 4:20 o'clock this morning over the Atlantic coast line for Petersburg, Va., where he will speak at the unveiling of a statue to Gen. Hartranft and the Pennsylvania soldiers who fell there in the civil war. Although she is rapidly recovering, owing to her recent nervous breakdown, Mrs. Taft did not accompany the president. Those in the party are Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Capt. A. W. Butt, and Assistant Secretary Mischler. The president is to return to Washington early Friday morning, after attending the Mecklenburg celebration at Charlotte, N. C., Thursday.

GETS HEARTY WELCOME.

Petersburg, Virginia, May 19.—President Taft and party received a warm and hearty welcome, when they reached here today to participate in the unveiling of the monument and statue, erected to the memory of Union and Confederate soldiers who fell during the siege of Petersburg, during the Civil war. The president delivered an extemporaneous address on the subject, "The Union"; this evening the president will hold a public reception and lawn fete at the home of Charles H. Davis, president of the Petersburg board of trade.

FIRST REHEARSAL OF GREAT CHORUS

Singers Practiced for the Op-
ening of Synod.

The first rehearsal of the choir, consisting of about 150 voices, which is to render several musical numbers at the opening of the General Lutheran Synod convention at St. Paul's Lutheran church, June 2, was held last evening under the leadership of Lee E. Nussbaum. The chorus is the largest ever organized in this city with the exception of the two which participated in the May Festivals held a few years ago.

NEW YORK ORPHANS GO THROUGH CITY

All Are Provided With Home in
New Orleans.

Fifty-eight small orphan children, none of whom were over three years of age, went through the city today on their way from New York City to New Orleans, where homes will be provided for them. They were in charge of six or eight attendants. A Catholic society of New York city arranged for the trip and secured homes for the youngsters. The coach in which they were riding was of steel construction and was attached to train No. 7.

ON BUSINESS TRIP.

W. C. Ferguson left yesterday for Tennessee to be gone on a few days' business trip.

THE MAN WHO KNOWS

that he has something which the people want needs only one thing more to establish a prosperous business. The one thing is the means of letting the people know he has what they want. The small want ad is the means. Call phone 1121.

BIG FIGHT FOR INTERCHANGE IS THING OF PAST

Pennsylvania System Announ-
ces It Has Prepared Tariffs
For State and Interstate
Interchange Here.

TARIFFS FOR C., C. & L.
ARE ABOUT PREPARED

It Is Expected That the State
Interchange Arrangement
Will Become Effective
Thursday at Latest.

THE INTERSTATE TARIFF

PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES THIS
WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE
UNTIL JUNE 17—THE LOCAL
SWITCHING RATES.

Two years of contention over the privilege of interchange of freight between the Pennsylvania and Chicago Cincinnati & Louisville railroad systems will probably come to an end tomorrow, when the rates on local interchange are made effective. The C., C. & L. is ready to make the interchange, but its rates have not been announced. The announcement of the rates to be charged by the Pennsylvania was received by Secretary Haas of the Commercial club this morning. He expected a similar announcement from the C., C. & L. before night.

The state interchange over the P., C. C. & St. L. railway will become effective tomorrow. The interstate rate is to become effective June 17.—It is a rule with the interstate commission that notices of interstate rates must be filed one month before they become effective. This rule makes it appear the notice was filed with the commission as early as last Monday.

Switching Tariff.

The local switching tariff of the Pennsylvania will be \$2 per car. This rate will be the same on cars destined for interchange service as on those for local use only. This means that if a car on the Gear, Scott & Company switch is to be transferred to the switch at the Wayne Works plant or any other private switch, it will cost the company desiring the use of the car \$2. If the car is to be taken from a private switch along the P., C. C. & St. L. and taken to a private switch on the C., C. & L. the charge will also be \$2.

An old switching tariff in force on the C., C. & L. has been \$5 per car. Owing to the conditions, however, this rate has not always been definitely enforced. Application has been made to the C., C. & L. officials at Cincinnati to establish their rates at once and some reply was expected today, so that both roads could start their state interchange service tomorrow.

State Interchange.

The established state interchange rates will be effective in cases where a car is taken from a private switch along one road and put in a train destined for a point within the state on the other road. These rates are fixed by schedule.

The settlement of the interchange controversy is due to the efforts of the Commercial Club. In answer to the demands of its members the organization retained counsel and fought the case through the courts. The club was assisted by the State Railway Commission, which demanded an interchange agreement between the Pennsylvania and C., C. & L. The Pennsylvania appealed and in the supreme court the contention of the commission and club was sustained. When the commission ruled on the case it affixed a fine as a penalty providing for the non compliance of the railroads. The C., C. & L. put in a switch and announced it was ready to meet the obligations imposed by the commission. The Pennsylvania withheld action pending the litigation in the upper courts. If the fine imposed were to be collected it would amount to several thousand dollars.

Shippers Will Rejoice.

Local shippers will rejoice that arrangements are complete and that cars routed over either line will be accepted for interchange. The interchange switch is located on Pennsylvania property and was built by that road in compliance with the orders of the commission and court. Everything is in readiness and the first car under the new arrangement will be switched tomorrow, probably.

The Commercial Club feels as if it had accomplished something and the members are congratulating themselves. The majority of the factories of the city are dependent on the Pennsylvania, but the piano factory and Gear-Scott, as well as other concerns have C., C. & L. switches.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

INDIANA—Fair and warm.