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DE ARMOND IS BURNED TO DEATH IN HIS HOME

Well Known Congressman and Grandson Victims of Fire at Butler, Mo.

ONLY THEIR BONES ARE FOUND

Other Members of Family Escape Narrowly—Picturesque Career of "Show Me" Lawmaker.

Representative David A. De Armond, one of the best known Democratic members of Congress, and his grandson, Waddle, aged 6, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the De Armond home at Butler, Mo., early Tuesday. The home of Congressman De Armond was situated across the street from that of James A. De Armond, his son. James started to rush into the burning home in an attempt to save his father, but he was restrained by the younger members of the De Armond family and neighbors. The cause of the fire, which started at 3 a. m., is unknown. The house was two stories in height. It burned like matchwood. Other members of the family escaped and it is believed none was hurt.

Neither the body of Congressman De Armond nor that of his grandson has been recovered and it is believed that they were incinerated. Bones, believed to be those of the Congressman, were found by searchers Tuesday morning. Other occupants of the house at the time of the fire and who escaped were Mrs. De Armond, James A. De Armond, aged 35, a son of the Congressman, and a daughter.

David A. De Armond was one of the characters of Congress. He figured prominently in several stirring episodes on the floor, having had a fist fight once with John Sharp Williams. It was on Dec. 19, 1907. Onlookers said Williams struck the first blow and De Armond retaliated vigorously. When the combatants were separated blood was flowing freely from the face of Mr. Williams. De Armond bore no mark of the fray.

Mr. De Armond was born in Blair County, Pennsylvania, in 1844, but after studying law he removed to Butler, Mo., where he practiced his profession until he entered Congress in 1891. He had served at Washington continuously up to his death.

NICARAGUA MUST EXPLAIN

United States Demands Account of Killing of Americans.

The United States government Thursday night demanded from Nicaragua a full and satisfactory explanation of the killing of two Americans, Leonard Grace and Le Roy Cannon, who were executed summarily by order of President Zelaya when they were found in the insurgent army. Two warships were ordered to proceed at once to the scene. The demand was made in a peremptory note, couched in diplomatic but unmistakable terms, and delivered to Senator Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation.

An hour earlier the announcement that this government was tired of the high handed actions of the small Central American republic practically was contained in a dispatch sent to the Bluefields Steamship Company, which sought the protection of the State Department from interference by the insurgents now operating against Zelaya.

EDITOR OF CENTURY IS DEAD

R. W. Gilder, Surrounded by Members of Family, Conscious at End.

Richard Watson Gilder, poet, lecturer and editor-in-chief of the Century Magazine, died shortly before 6 o'clock Thursday night. The famous editor, who for more than a quarter of a century has been regarded as an authority on literature, passed away at the home of a friend, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, 9 West 10th street, New York. He succumbed to an attack of angina pectoris. He was surrounded by his wife and children.

Mr. Gilder had been slightly indisposed for two weeks, but death came with unexpected quickness. He was seemingly in better health Thursday morning when Mrs. Gilder left the house for a short time, but an hour after noon he was stricken with heart trouble. He retained control of his faculties until the end, and bade farewell to the members of his family.

Roaming Cheppewas Rounded Up

"Rocky Boy's" band of Chippewa Indians, said to belong in Canada, have been rounded up in Montana, under the superintendent of the Blackfeet Indian reservation. There are 122 persons in the band who have been roaming around the country, living as best they could.

Three Buried Alive in Mine

Three men were buried alive by a cave-in at the Leonard mine of the Empire Steel and Iron Works, Mount Hope, N. J., and only one body has been recovered. The entombed miners are under thirty feet of earth and rocks in a drift 500 feet below the surface.

"Black Hand" Member Dies in Prison

Giuseppe A. Aiello, a member of the Black Hand Society which operated in Cincinnati, died in the federal prison hospital in Leavenworth, Kan., of infection, brought on by acute melancholia. He had been violently insane for two weeks.

Head of 100 Years in Ash Pit

The top and part of the thigh of a 100-year-old man apparently recently severed from the body, was found in an ash pit in the town of...

The HOME

WHEN SCHOOL-LIFE SHOULD BEGIN

The sedentary and bookish routine of the schoolroom, the exacting exercises, the competition and rivalry, all tend to lower the vitality and arrest the development of the young child. The reason of this is that this strenuous exertion is unnatural to him. The development of the child's brain should be so gradual that he does not feel the strain.

To the child-lover our modern system of education is a matter for mournful contemplation. He believes that childhood should be all bright and joyous, and yet he knows that countless thousands of the little ones whom he loves, sit and bent forms, poring over written and printed pages for hours at a time when they should be running and jumping and shouting in God's great out-of-doors. Careless happiness is the birthright of the child, and he should not be robbed of a lot of it.

No child should be started to the regular school before the age of eight years, when the little body has had a chance to lay the foundation for a vigorous constitution. Any age under eight is too young for a child to attend the regular all-day school. Now, don't say that this will handicap the child by causing a distaste for learning, and an impediment to his success in later school work. This is not true, we know from the evidence of many recorded cases. And two striking instances came under our own personal observation in the ten years just past.

These two children were as dissimilar as could be in characteristics, in heredity and environment, the families representing the two extremes of society—the highest intellectual class and the low and illiterate.

The first was the little daughter of a prominent physician of our town. This little girl was not taught her "a, b, c's" until she was past eight years of age; furthermore she was not allowed a book, nor even a block, with letters to puzzle her little brain. She was not a delicate child at all. Just a normal, healthy little Emmy Lou. When she was eight years old she was started to the public school.

Most of the other little girls and boys were in the Third or Fourth Grade, as we graded the schools in our town then, and here was this big girl in the primer class. The relatives on both sides had protested vigorously against allowing the child to "grow up an ignoramus," but the doctor-father, who had been to Europe several times and who made children's diseases a specialty, insisted upon rearing his daughter to suit himself. Well, the child with a strong, healthy body, who didn't know her letters at the age of eight, advanced rapidly from grade to grade and soon outstripped many of the children who had two years' start of her. She was graduated from the city high school last June, at the age of seventeen, with high honors, and enters Wellesley this fall. She is also a musician of ability. Added to all this she is a beautiful young woman, somewhat above average height, and glowing with perfect health.

The other child came from miserably poor and illiterate parents. Owing to circumstances, it was not possible to start him to school until he was nearly nine years old. He had scarcely seen a book of any kind in his life and did not know "his letters." But he was a sturdy little fellow, having lived the most of his life in the open air and sunshine with his father who cut and hauled stovewood for a livelihood. And this little fellow took to "book-learning" from the start and went from grade to grade quite as rapidly as the physician's daughter. He graduated from the high school also, making the highest average in a class of twenty-two students, and won a scholarship to one of our leading theological seminaries.

If our present school system could be changed and the ill-advised tasks now laid upon young children eliminated; if no books were allowed until the age of nine or ten years, and most of the instruction given in the open air, then it might possibly be advisable to start children to school at the age of six.—Indiana Farmer.

POVERTY OF WIVES

"A man swears at the altar to endow his wife with all his worldly goods," writes Mrs. Fenwick Miller, one of the British suffragettes, "but the laws allow him to keep her without a penny or a postage stamp. I do not exaggerate," protests Mrs. Miller. "I have actually known women who asked never send a letter without asking for the stamp, and short of that extreme case there is every degree of humiliating and disgusting meanness by some men toward the women who have consecrated their lives to the profession of home-making."

Not only many an English husband keeps his wife without a penny of pocket money, according to Mrs. Miller, but he may supply her actual material wants in as niggardly fashion as may seem good to him. If he takes exception to his having meat more than two days out of seven that is "not a matter." It was ruled in one case, "in which the court can interfere," and finally the husband may, if he so chooses, leave his wife after a life of service in his home an absolute pauper at his death.—New York Tribune.

FASHION NOTES

Agony, white and light blue are worn in the morning by fashionable women. The collar made of...

back frill is one of the newest fancies. The white lace veil is still a craze, though less modish than the colored. Shimmering silk stuffs in two-toned effects will be much seen the coming season.

Bronzed leather is still the fad, and is shown both in French kid and in the new calfskin. With dark suits, jabots of bright colors are used, made usually of muslin, mousseline de sole and lace. There is a new white wash suede that has taken the place of silk and hosiery gloves with fashionable women. While gilt buckles still retain their favor, some fancy footwear has buckles matching the color of the gown.

Mousseline and gauze ruching is used to finish gowns at the ends of the sleeves, around the bottom of the skirt and elsewhere. Established tones of colors to be worn this season are maize, cerise, blue, lime green, hnden green and king's purple.

The new lingerie still shows the effect of ruthless suppression. It has lost none of its prettiness, but is no longer aggressive. Very popular are huge cut jet brooches and breastpins. They are old-fashioned looking, and they would seem awkward if they were not the style.

If the low-cut coat, buttoning below the waist, retains its popularity, as seems likely, we shall soon see the waistcoat playing an important role. Though fabrics a short time ago were nearly all plain, now nearly everything shows some sort of a pattern, though generally it is of a simple order.

It seems that capes are to be more fashionable than coats, and that mantles that reproduce the fashions of the Cavalier period are to be worn in numbers. Sleeveless coats are gaining ground, fashioned of a contrasting material, usually ornamented with lace, embroidery or net, overlaid with scroll patterns.

SOCIETY MAN CAN'T BE MADE. The society man is born, not made. There are hosts of manufactured imitations, of course, but the real, genuine, unalloyed article is a result both of heredity and native inclination. I have reached this conclusion, says a woman correspondent of the Designer, after nine years' exhaustive study of the subject from the most favorable vantage ground possible—that of the wife of a society son of a society mother. During that period I have had ample opportunity for observation and comparison, and every year serves only to add to my conviction.

To be thoroughly happy as a society man's wife requires not only a philosophic disposition, but incorruptible faith. As a girl I never looked for a husband—Rob came into my life before I had begun to think of marriage—but on more than one occasion I have looked for a husband since. That is one of the trials that the woman who marries a society man must make up her mind to contend with. Her husband's valet is likely to know a great deal more of her husband's movements than she does. It seems to me that Rob's valet spends most of his time in carrying Rob's evening clothes to and from clubs in pursuance of telephone instructions. Of course, we dine out together a lot, and during the season we give a great many dinners, but we have very few dinners tete-a-tete. If we have no engagement Rob usually dines at one of his clubs.

You see society is just like a treadmill. Once you start you cannot possibly stop. You cannot go here and not go there. If you try that you'll find that you have antagonized some of the very people you most care to please. For myself I should not mind, but Rob is superstitious on only one subject—he is afraid of making enemies. Whenever he talks seriously to me it is always on the same text: "Fact." If you want to know the truth, fact is only another name for hypocrisy.

WOMAN. The whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard farther than the loudest call of duty. It is a woman's way. They always love color better than form, rhetoric better than logic, priestcraft better than agnosty and sourishes better than figures. Nature makes fools; women make coxcombs. Women are apt to see chiefly the defects of a man of talent and the merits of a fool. Woman is more constant in hatred than in love. Woman is an idol that man worships, before he throws it down. The highest mark of esteem a woman can give a man is to ask his friendship, and the most signal proof of her indifference is to offer him hers. A woman is seldom tenderer to a man than immediately after she has deceived him. Friendships of women are the cushions wherein they stick their pins.—Women and the Wits.

Mrs. C. C. Kennelly has been appointed probation officer in the New Orleans Juvenile Court. The work formerly was in the care of a man in uniform, and so many difficulties were put in his way when he went investigating that it was decided to experiment with a woman. Mrs. Kennelly was tested, and mothers received her as a friend, where before they had looked on the male inspector as an enemy. Her formal appointment followed, and all the gentlemanly cases of children in New Orleans now will receive her personal attention.—New York Times.

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