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## Glowing Tribute Paid Judge R. M. Wing, Who Died Last Saturday; Named Among Four Leading Lawyers of Middle West

**By George Wheeler Hinman**  
THE funeral services of former Judge Russell Merritt Wing, who died late Saturday night in the Mary Thompson hospital, Chicago, were held at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at his late residence in Wilmette. Interment was in Hartford, Mich.

### Leading Trial Lawyer

Mr. Wing was for many years one of the four leading trial lawyers of the middle west, with a reputation and practice that extended as far east as New York. Of the four, only William S. Forrest is still in active life. Although often retained in civil cases, Mr. Wing made his reputation mainly in criminal law. He was especially known for his appeal to a jury. In fact, he would discourse with his friends by the hour on the art of appealing to the "twelve honest men in the box."

### Studied Character

A fluent advocate, he nevertheless rarely used oratory in defending his clients. Instead, he studied every face, every gesture, every posture of every jurymen and varied his examination or plea to suit what he saw in the man's expression or attitude. At the end of one of his hard-fought cases, famous in the legal annals of Illinois, he threw away a speech on which he had worked for two weeks and made his final appeal to the jury in conversational tone and informal manner, because he thought his associates had exhausted the jury's capacity for rhetoric and that he would please them better with a mere casual talk. As usual, he read the jury right and got the verdict.

Much of Mr. Wing's success in court was attributed to this lack of personal vanity. He had no pride of authorship, no desire to win personal admiration. From the beginning of a case to the end his one purpose was to win, regardless of personal sacrifices.

### Had Devoted Friends

In private life Mr. Wing had a small circle of unusually devoted friends. Among them he was witty, cordial, always ready to help with money or advice. From long practice in criminal law he had acquired an ability to read faces and fathom

motives to a degree that approached clairvoyance.

Often, after a glance at a man, he would say: "Your friend there is a rascal; don't bring him into the case; he will betray you," or "He is honest and will help us."

The writer heard Mr. Wing express such summary opinions scores of times and not once did he prove to be in error.

### Made Record in Cronin Case

Mr. Wing was the leading counsel for the defense in the second Cronin murder trial. His skill and eloquence gave him a national reputation, and resulted in the acquittal of the accused. Among the many other noted cases was that of Mooney, a Joliet life-terminer, accused of having murdered his cellmate, John Anderson. When Anderson's body was found it was covered with blood, and there were thirty-three wounds—but there wasn't a drop of blood on Mooney.

Twice he was convicted. In the third trial Mr. Wing was principal counsel for the defense. More than 2,700 jurors were examined. Mooney then turned state's evidence and confessed. The jury notwithstanding acquitted the prisoner and he was remanded to serve out his old life term.

He also successfully defended Superintendent Herman of the Bridewell, accused of conspiracy in the murder of an inmate.

### Born in Illinois

Mr. Wing was born in Kendall county, Illinois, sixty-seven years ago. After graduating at Fowler institute in Morris, Ill., he passed through Hinsdale college, Michigan. Coming to Chicago he studied law in the office of John Van Arnam (the ablest lawyer in the middle west at that time). Mr. Wing also graduated from the Chicago law school.

At different periods he was associated as partner with Justice Carter of the Illinois supreme court, Justice Stough of Morris and Thomas L. Chadbourne, now of Washington, D. C. He retired from active practice about 1904.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Amelia De Land of Jamestown, N. Y. He is survived by his widow, two sons, Bert Wing, a lawyer, who lives in Wilmette, and Fred Wing of Hartford, Mich., and a daughter, Mrs. C. Mowry.

## WHAT CARE WE ABOUT DEEP, DARK MYSTERY?

So Say Police As They Punish English Plum-Pudding and Ignore Gory "Dead Turk"

The "tip" came over the secret wire to Chief of Police Peterson the other evening. It was a killing of some kind, the tipster didn't exactly know; he did feel it was to be the biggest thing the police of Winnetka would tackle for some time.

The plot was laid somewhere on North avenue, the chief knew just where but, not taking any chances of permitting the plotters to "get next," kept the matter under cover. Then, under cover of darkness, took eleven of his stalwart assistants over a devious course to the scene of the forthcoming action.

The "raid" was planned for the dinner hour. The men were brought up abruptly in front of the apparently peaceful abode of Magistrate C. T. Northrop.

The chief sounded a shrill whistle. Each man took his assigned place. For an instant absolute silence prevailed, then, too long shrill whistles and the bluecoats rushed madly into the house from every possible point of access and, there, as they converged into the dining hall, twenty-four alert eyes fell upon the figure of a "dead Turk." A gore bespattered ax lay on the floor a few feet away.

Brief investigation. Judge Northrop appears calm and unconcerned. Investigation ceases. Motorcycle men Cooper and Flaherty solve the mystery and alertly dive into the English plum-pudding on the sideboard. The fever of the mad search grips their fellows. Result: more plum-puddings melt away before the determined bluecoats. Then came the cigars, hearty handshakes for the magistrate and his good wife and the investigators ordered back to the beat.

"The mystery remains unsolved; but what do we care?" Cooper exclaims, as he takes a long sweet drag at the fragrant Havana.

## ISSUE NEW HEALTH ORDERS

Official Influenza regulations for the Village in force on and after January 10, were made public this week by Dr. C. O. Schneider, Health Commissioner. The order makes compulsory the complete quarantine and the placarding of every home where there are cases of the disease.

The regulations also demand the exclusion of outsiders from the premises where the disease is in evidence; prohibition of visiting in homes where persons are ill with Influenza; exclusion of occupants of quarantined homes from all public gatherings; children in quarantined homes ordered to remain on the premises.

Quarantine, the regulations read, shall be terminated only by the order of the Health Commissioner. The period of isolation shall continue until all clinical manifestations of the disease have disappeared and the temperature of the patient has been normal for a period of 5 days.

Known or suspected cases of Influenza must be reported to the Health Commissioner, immediately upon detection, by the family or physician, when one is employed. Other persons having knowledge of cases, not placarded, are bound to report the case to the Health Commissioner.

Failure to observe the regulations will subject violators to prosecution, fine and imprisonment, according to the order.

All restrictions on public gatherings have been ordered removed.

## S. A. T. C. MEN ARE ENTERING SCHOOL

President Thomas F. Holgate, in addressing the students of Northwestern university at the first chapel service of the new term, which was held in Fisk hall Friday morning, stated that the enrollment of students for the new term had only been exceeded a few times in the history of the institution.

A large number of men have registered. The authorities expected that 6 per cent of the men of the S. A. T. C. would enter upon regular work in college, but nearly 70 per cent have returned. There are now 470 men in the college of Liberal Arts and Engineering alone. The entire enrollment in liberal arts is 1,200 for this term. President Holgate said that the outlook for the second term was very bright.

## Roosevelt Memorial Services Sunday

Winnetka will formally pay tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt in a memorial meeting at Community House gymnasium, Sunday evening, January 12. Residents of the Village will at that time gather to pay respects to the great American who passed away Monday morning, terminating a career, the most remarkable in the history of the last half century.

Harold L. Ikes of Hubbard Woods, life long intimate friend of Colonel Roosevelt at whose home the ex-

president was a frequent visitor, will preside at the meeting.

Merritt Starr, a warm admirer of the ex-president will make the memorial address of the evening.

Major E. J. Vattmann, distinguished army chaplain who has been doing such splendid work at Fort Sheridan where he is popularly known among the men as "Father Sunshine", and whom Colonel Roosevelt held in highest esteem, will pronounce the invocation.

Special music will be rendered by the Male quartet of the Winnetka Men's club.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND MAJOR VATTMAN NOTEWORTHY FRIENDS

The passing of Theodore Roosevelt, America's most beloved statesman, recalls to resident of Winnetka the very intimate friendship which existed between the great ex-president and one of the most eminent churchmen and army chaplains in the country, Major E. J. Vattmann, a resident of the north shore.

Major Vattmann was one of the closest friends of the ex-president. Their acquaintance dates back to the days before the Spanish American war when the army chaplain met Mr. Roosevelt at the home of President McKinley. They grew to be fast friends and confidants. When the war with Spain broke out both were in the thick of the fight, "Teddy" as a leader of a rough-rider regiment and Major Vattmann as a chaplain.

Later when Roosevelt became president Major Vattmann was sent to the Philippines to investigate religious and educational conditions and his report on the situation brought high praise from the President. He was also named assistant superintendent in the education of Filipino students in this country.

Major Vattmann was the first army chaplain to be elevated to the rank of major. He received this honor from Congress upon special recommendation by Roosevelt, during his term of office.

Major Vattmann was the first person to be called to the bedside of the ex-president in a Milwaukee hospital after Roosevelt had been shot by a crazed man while visiting in the Wisconsin city. His last meeting with Roosevelt was at the time of the latter's memorable reunion with William Howard Taft at the Blackstone hotel in May 1918.

Evidence of the very close friendship enjoyed by the men is contained in a letter received by the Major last Monday, the day of Roosevelt's death. In it the ex-president thanks Major Vattmann for a book of poems entitled, "The War Mothers."

New York office.

December 28, 1918.

Dear Monsignor Vattmann:—

Mrs. Roosevelt and I were really very much impressed by Father Garesche's poems, "The War Mothers."

We value the book for its own sake and we value it especially because it comes from you—

With all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

Theodore Roosevelt.

## AID FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS TO BE SUBJECT OF LECTURE AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Can a soldier get and keep a good job when he is discharged? Come to the Woman's club on Monday and hear Mr. T. Davis answer this question.

What can he do to earn a decent living? Mr. Davis tells how the government provides for this.

Who arranges for training for occupations? Mr. Davis of the Federal Board for Vocational Education answers this at a meeting at the Woman's club, Monday afternoon, January 13, at 3:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to this meeting.

War Emergency Union.

## TRAIN KILLS GIRL ON WAY HOME FROM GYMNASIUM CLASS

Little 12 year old Dorothy Snow, 452 Provident avenue, was skipping joyfully along in Pine street, on her way home from the gym class at Community House, Wednesday evening, chatting merrily with her teacher. Her thoughts were of the wonderful time she just had at the gym class with other little girl companions and as she and teacher approached the railway crossing at Pine street she only waited long enough to let a south bound train pass then skipped merrily across the tracks—in the path of a fast moving northbound train. In an instant she was caught under the big drive wheels of the great locomotive and killed. Her teacher, Mrs. D. H. Clark, who followed, escaped the same fate by inches.

The body was taken to an Evans-ton undertaking establishment where an inquest was conducted this morning. Dorothy is the daughter of Mrs. Isabelle Snow.

Gates are under construction at the Pine street grade crossing. A gateman was on hand with warning signal in hand at the time of the fatal accident, according to the police.

## RUSSIA; THE TOPIC AT SUNDAY EVE. CLUB

The Problems of Russia, following in the wake of the great revolution, will be the subject of the next address in the series now being given on the general theme of after-the-war reconstruction at the joint services of the Wilmette Sunday Evening club and the Wilmette Church Union on January 12.

Professor Ralph B. Dennis of Northwestern University, who recently returned from the stricken country, will speak on "Russia, and the Bolsheviki."

### Considered an Authority

This address a short time ago met with a very favorable reception when it was delivered before the Chicago Association of Commerce, and it is said to be the latest and most authoritative word direct from Russia upon conditions which are engaging the most serious thought of the whole world.

### Red Cross Emissary

Professor Dennis brings to his subject a great fund of first hand information. He went into Russia as an emissary of the American Red Cross. He attracted such favorable attention that he was appointed American Vice-consul at Moscow. He was at this post during the Russian revolution and for some time after the downfall of Czar Nicholas and his regime. He saw the rise of the Bolshevik party and knows intimately the history and purposes of its leaders.

## INVESTIGATE GAS COMPLAINTS

Residents of Winnetka who have complaints against the Gas company, either as to service or rates, may have them investigated through the Village offices at the Village Hall. H. L. Woolhiser, Village manager, will be glad to assist any gas consumer who may wish help along the above lines.

At the meeting of the Village Council held on Tuesday, January 7, it was decided that it is a proper function of the Village to render all possible assistance to citizens in relation to public utilities.

### Dies Suddenly at Mother's Home

Mrs. H. Learned, daughter of Mrs. Robert E. Hale of Prospect avenue, died suddenly Monday morning, December 30, at the home of her mother. The remains were taken to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, for burial.

## JONES WRECKED 6 HUN TROOP TRUCKS WITH SINGLE BOMB

Though Major Thaw, commander of the famous Lafayette Escadrille, modestly protests that "too much has been written about it," he recently granted an interview to a correspondent of one of the leading Detroit dailies in which he again, among other remarks, voiced high praise of the work of Eugene Blanchard Jones, Wilmette pursuit pilot who was killed in action September 13, when his plane was shot down in flames.

"There is one thing which the new Lafayette have done which no other American aviation group have tried," Major Thaw said. "That is, bombing by battleplanes which have systematically carried bombs into Germany."

"It is dangerous work. In order to get a direct hit we must fly low, each Spad carrying 4 bombs of some twenty pounds each.... We have had much success. I knew of one instance in which one of the new Lafayette fliers (Lieut. Jones) passing over a convoy of German trucks crammed with troops, got a direct hit, upsetting 6 trucks, setting two on fire and killing the occupants of at least five of them."

Lieutenant Jones was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Jones, who live in Wilmette. He lost his life in a battle in which he and the companions in his group accounted for four German planes. He was a graduate of New Trier High school and attended the University of Wisconsin and later the Northwestern University School of Commerce, before his enlistment. He was very popular among the younger people of the north shore.

### Wilmette Colony Dines in Florida

Six Wilmette residents enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Kranghurst hotel at St. Petersburg, Florida. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Braithwait, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Greig, Miss Susan Northam, Dr. W. H. Sabin.

Walter Dean Peck is in Memphis, Tenn., this week on a business trip.

## WOMAN HELD FOR THEFT OF JEWELS AND CLOAK

Mrs. Katherine Walker was held to the Grand Jury in Police Magistrate Clark T. Northrop's court on Thursday, charged with larceny. She entered a plea of not guilty and was held under \$2,000 bonds.

Mrs. Walker, according to the police, is accused of the theft of \$500 represented in jewelry and a valuable seal skin coat.

The woman is alleged to have committed the theft last October at the home of Mason Phelps, Astor place, Chicago, where she had been employed as a domestic.

She was apprehended through the instrumentality of Chief of Police W. N. Peterson several days ago at the home of Robert Boak, 1030 Sheridan road, where she had been employed for some months.

## POSTMAN WINS W. S. S. SERVICE CERTIFICATE

Lawrence Schaefer, who lives in Wilmette, a carrier at the Winnetka postoffice, was this week awarded a War Savings Service Certificate by the Illinois War Savings committee, in recognition of notable service in selling War Savings stamps, for the series of 1918.

The certificate is signed by the state director, Martin A. Ryerson.

### Reopen Welfare Station

Announcement has been made of the reopening of the Alice Wood-child Health Station (Infant Welfare station) in the Zeuschel building. The station had been closed during the Influenza epidemic.

Women in charge of the station desire to express their appreciation for the many gifts to the welfare station. Among the many contributions were a "baby scales" donated by Winnetka women; a table, the gift of Kenilworth residents, and a supply of fuel for the winter, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoffman of Gross Point.