

FANNY CROSBY, AUTHOR OF 8,000 HYMNS, IS DEAD

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SONGS INSPIRE WORLD

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(By Associated Press)
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—Fanny Crosby, well known hymn writer, died today at her home in her 95th year.

Eight thousand hymns of Christian worship, sung in Protestant churches throughout the world, are the work of Fanny Crosby. No one since the days of Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts has made anywhere near as large a contribution to the gospel song book as did the blind writer whose death occurred today.

Fanny Crosby's name was signed so regularly as author of one hymn after another that the hymn book makers of a quarter of a century ago were forced to give her some 200 different pen names to make it appear that someone besides the famous writer had contributed. Thousands—perhaps hundreds of thousands—who sang her songs, which were translated into every language, did not know that it was a blind woman's inspiration which they employed to express their Christian faith and hope in God.

"Saved by Grace," "Blessed Assurance," "Rescue the Perishing," and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," are typical of Fanny Crosby's most popular religious verses. Of the latter the writer has related an incident showing the remarkable rapidity with which she employed her inspiration and her talents of versification.

W. H. Doane, who wrote the music for many of her verses, had called one morning at Miss Crosby's home in New York.

"I must take a train to Cincinnati in forty minutes," he said, "and I have some music for which I want you to write a hymn."

He sat down at the piano and played his music. "I think I can write it, Mr. Doane," I said. "I hurried upstairs and sat down to write. For some time I was entirely oblivious of surroundings. When I came back to my full senses the hymn was written and was on paper before me. I learned that I had only taken fifteen minutes. Triumphant I carried it down to Mr. Doane. The music he played then and the words I had hurriedly written are the same as used today in singing 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus.'

"It was my most successful hymn, and I believe it was dictated by the spirit of the Lord, and that it was born for a mission."

But Fanny Crosby did not begin hymn writing until she was over 40 years of age. Fifty years ago she was best known for her popular melodies, which were whistled all over the country, such as "Proud World Good-by, Im Going Home," "Hazel Dell," "The Honey-suckle Glen," and "Never Forget the Dear Ones."

Born in Putnam county, New York state, March 24, 1820, Christened Frances Jane Crosby, and married to Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind music teacher who died many years ago, the blind writer lived to be 85 years old. Her mother had lived to be 102, and her grandmother to be 106. She retained to the last all of her faculties—excepting eyesight. She lost this during a fever in infancy when a hot poultice was applied to her eyes, destroying the optic nerve.

At eight years of age the little girl displayed her first talent in versification by this philosophy of contentment: "Oh, what a happy soul am I! Although I cannot see, I am resolved that in this world Contented I will be."

How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't.

For two years she studied at the New York Institution for the Blind. She never learned to read by the raised letters. Playing the guitar while a child she so caloused her fingers that they were not sensitive enough to read the raised characters. All she learned she memorized from hearing. During her connection with the institution, which included an additional 12 years as a teacher, she traveled all over the country declaiming her own verses. Before both houses of Congress she once recited these special lines:

"O ye, who here from every state convene,
Illustrious band! May we not hope
You now behold will prove to every mind
Instruction hath a ray to cheer the blind."

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—President Wilson today rejected the compromise bill evolved yesterday by Democratic leaders of the House. He refused to agree to an amendment terminating the activities of the government in the shipping business two years after the close of the European war.

Portugal Lends Aid to Allies

MUST SUPPLY ENGLAND WITH
10,000 SOLDIERS ACCORDING
TO TREATY.

(By Associated Press)
LISBON, (Via Paris), Feb. 12.—That the government of Portugal has resolved to carry out the policy decided upon by Congress on August 8 and November 23, was the assertion made yesterday by foreign minister Monteiro in a statement to the press regarding the international situation.

The decisions of Congress referred to by the foreign minister were to the effect that Portugal should co-operate with the Allies whenever the step seemed necessary.

A treaty of alliance between Portugal and Great Britain requires that the former country shall supply England with 10,000 troops when she is at war.

Portuguese troops have been operating against the Germans in Angola, Western Africa, for some time.

COMMISSIONERS TO DENY OWEN CHARGE

Hearing On Light and Heat
Case Starts—Will Be
Hard Legal Fight.

(By Associated Press)
WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Wm. E. Glasscock, former governor of West Virginia arrived here today expecting to testify in the appeal of the Manufacturers Light & Heat Co. from the ruling of the Public Service Commission that it reduce its rates for natural gas. Governor Hatfield, Glasscock's immediate successor, it was stated, was arranging his affairs at Charleston in order that he might come here to refute the charge that he ordered the Commission to make the reduction in gas rates after it had decided no reduction was necessary.

The hearing began yesterday before J. W. Vandervoort, of Parkersburg, master, appointed by Judge A. G. Dayton to whose court the Manufacturer's Company took its case, in an effort to overcome the Commission's decision. A. Leo Well, of Pittsburgh, chief counsel for the Manufacturers Company was arrested on a railway train recently at Williamson, W. Va., charged with attempting to bribe Chas. H. Bronson, a member of the Commission and a brother-in-law of Governor Hatfield.

The morning session today was taken up with arguments as to the competency of the testimony of Morgan Owen of Charleston, concerning alleged statements by members of the Commission that they had been coerced by Governor Hatfield.

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WHEELING, Feb. 12.—The three remaining members of the Public Service Commission, Lee S. Ott, C. H. Bronson and Wade C. Kilmer, are all attending the hearing before a special master in this city of the appeal taken from their decision by the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company. It is expected that their testimony will counteract the testimony of Morgan Owen, the young attorney who on yesterday gave the impression to the master that the governor had used his influence upon the commissioners to bring about a decision in the case. Owen's testimony was bitterly opposed by a battery of state legal lights, including Col. J. B. Somerville, of Wheeling, ex-Judge Frank W. Nesbit, of Wheeling, Congressman S. K. Avis, of Charleston, ex-Judge John H. Holt, of Huntington, and the Attorney General of the State, A. A. Lilly, of Charleston.

Master Kept Busy
Attorney J. Vandervoort, of Parkersburg, the special master appointed by United States Judge A. G. Dayton, who today in Parkersburg will face charges looking to his impeachment, throughout the day was kept busy overruling counsel for the state and Governor Hatfield, beginning with a move when the proceedings started to put the case over until after March 4, in order that one of the state counsels might answer a telegraph summons from Judge Dayton that he go to Parkersburg and help defend him in the pending impeachment proceedings.

Russia Buys Ships For Icebreaker Use

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Feb. 12.—The steel steamer Lintrose, built for the Reid Newfoundland Company in 1913, has been purchased by the Russian government for service as an icebreaker in the White sea. The vessel will replace the Canadian government icebreaker Earl Gray, which proved inadequate to cope with the severe conditions and is now frozen in at Archangel.

The Lintrose has sailed for Philadelphia, where, it is understood, she will take on supplies and passengers before proceeding to Europe.

'CHARTER FAIR'—LOWE Opponents Can't Reconcile Own Words With the Above Statement

How do the opponents of the New Charter Bill reconcile the statements they are now making about not knowing its provisions, with the opinion expressed by Senator Scott C. Lowe their representative at Charleston. Mr. Lowe is a good lawyer, and if there are any provisions of the new bill that are not fair, he would certainly have found them after two whole days of study.

A telegram which was published in the West Virginian at the time of its receipt several days ago, shows the statement of Mr. Lowe which he made on the floor of the Senate when he introduced the measure before that body. The following is the telegram as clipped from the files of the West Virginian on January 25:

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 25. THE WEST VIRGINIAN, Fairmont, W. Va., Senator Lowe introduced the Fairmont charter bill in the Senate this morning. He had the bill Saturday and Sunday and after giving it careful reading he stated that he found nothing unfair in the bill, but that some of its provisions did not meet with his approval. The bill will be introduced in the House in the morning.
L. M. DAVIS.

T.R. MAY BE DAYTON WITNESS IN PROBE

Ex-President and Judge are
Close Friends—Other
Politicians Summoned.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Friends of Federal Judge Alston G. Dayton have been discussing the possibility of former President Roosevelt coming here as a character witness in behalf of Judge Dayton, whose official acts are being investigated by a special committee of congress today.

Dayton and Roosevelt are close friends. It was Roosevelt who elevated Dayton to the Federal bench 11 years ago.

Last year the former President made public a letter strongly indorsing the official and private integrity of the judge.

Judge Dayton will be defended by District Attorney S. W. Walker, of Martinsburg, and Attorney John A. Hord, of Wheeling.

John T. McGraw, of Gratton, W. Va., Democratic National Committeeman from this state, has been subpoenaed as a witness in the investigation. Other witnesses called are Reese Blizard, Parkersburg, former Republican district attorney; George Johnson, Parkersburg, Democratic leader; John H. Holt, Huntington, W. Va., former judge, and A. T. Barrett, deputy U. S. marshal.

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PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Investigation into the charges against Federal Judge A. G. Dayton of the Northern District of West Virginia, scheduled to begin here this afternoon before Representatives McGillicuddy, of Maine, Danforth, of New York, and Gardner, of Ohio, a sub-committee of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, brought together many of the leading lawyers of West Virginia and a number of organized labor men, on whose complaint the charges were filed by Representative M. M. Nealy, of the First West Virginia district.

The resolution under which the committee will take testimony directs that it inquire whether Judge Dayton conspired with certain corporations and individuals to bring about the removal of the late Judge John J. Jackson as judge of the Federal district court, whether he has shown marked favoritism to certain corporations having extensive litigation in his court, and has summoned as jurors persons connected with these corporations; whether he has used his power as judge to further the interest of his son, Arthur Dayton; whether he has lent his services as judge to coal operators by improperly issuing injunctions; whether he has shown hatred and bitterness toward miners on trial in his court; whether he has used his office to discourage miners from exercising their right to organize and peacefully assemble; whether he conspired with certain corporations in the formation of a carbon trust in violation of the law; whether he openly stated he would not permit the United Mine Workers of America to exist in the jurisdiction of his court; whether he has said in open court that the United Mine Workers were criminal conspirators, and finally whether he has been guilty of any act for which he could be impeached.

Clarksburg Brick Plant Destroyed

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Causing a loss of \$10,000, the Glenview Brick Company's plant was destroyed yesterday by fire started by a leaking gas pipe.

HOUSE PASSES CHARTER BILL TO 3RD READING

C. L. Shaver Leads Fight On
Measure But Loses
Motion.

AMENDMENT VOTED DOWN

SENATE HAS NOT YET REACHED
THE FAIRMONT BILL ON ITS
CALENDAR.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 12.—After several efforts on the part of Democratic members to amend the Fairmont charter bill in the house this afternoon, it passed to third reading.

When the charter was taken up on the floor of the house, Delegate Shaver, from Marion county, moved to indefinitely postpone action on the bill. Mr. Shaver used as his argument that the charter had not been advertised according to law before it was presented for consideration by the legislature. The motion was lost.

An amendment was then offered proposing a referendum vote on the question, but this also lost on a vote of 41 to 25. The Democrats took a determined stand for this motion and lined up almost solidly for it.

Judge W. N. Wertz, chairman of the committee which recommended the bill as favorable, took the floor and defended it against all attacks of its opponents.

A special session of the senate was held last evening to consider the charter bill, but the Fairmont charter was not discussed, as other cities had their claims before the legislature. It is probable that the bill will be taken up and advanced to third reading at the session to be held tonight.

It is reported that Senator Lowe says he cannot see how a member of the legislature can vote for the charter bill when it is known that a notice has not been published according to law, but the senator did not let this keep him from supporting the bill abolishing the Charleston bi-partisan farce government and there was no notice published concerning the application to the legislature for a new government.

The Bluefield delegation has a bill before the legislature abolishing the bi-partisan farce government in that city, and little or no opposition is shown in the senate against that measure.

Cattle Bars Again Put Up In State

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Howard E. Williams, Commissioner of Agriculture, issued an order prohibiting the shipment of cattle, sheep and other ruminants and swine into this state from section of the country now under Federal quarantine, because of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among stock.

Cruiser Bristol In Port At Montevideo

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 11.—The British cruiser Bristol arrived here yesterday.

From reports received it would appear that the Bristol has spent much of her recent time in the Atlantic. She had an encounter with the German cruiser Karlsruhe in September, took part in the naval battle off the Falkland Islands in December and was patrolling in the West Indies in January.

Italian Volunteers Plan Of Garibaldi

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Ricciotti Garibaldi, who has lost two sons in the French army, and who recently came from Italy to interest the British military authorities in his plan to raise Italian volunteers to fight on the side of the allies, visited the Lord Mayor of London this afternoon and set forth his hopes and desires.

Russia on Eve of Great Battle

ISSUES A STATEMENT SAYING
THAT ABSOLUTE SECRECY IS
NECESSARY.

(By Associated Press)
PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.—Further explanation of the retirement of the Russian forces in East Prussia is made today in an official statement which says: "It is believed we are upon the eve of a great operation which must follow definitely the struggle in East Prussia."

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