

S. J. FLETCHER DEAD AT GALLATIN, TENN.

Former President of Fletcher National Bank Succumbs at His Country Home.

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Son, Notified by Telegram, Starts
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Stoughton J. Fletcher, vice president and practically the sole owner of the Fletcher National Bank, died at 11:50 o'clock yesterday morning in his country home near Gallatin, Tenn., twenty-six miles northeast of Nashville. He had been in fill health since he retired from the presidency and active management of the Fletcher Bank four years ago and his death was not altogether a surprise. Mr. Fletcher was born and reared in the old home at New Jersey and Ohio streets and lived there until he moved Sputh for his health. He was 58 years old and a widower.

The capital stock of the Fletcher National Bank is \$1,000,000 and the surplus and undivided profits mount to \$500,000, approximately. Mr. Wetcher owned the bank property and the Fletcher homestead at Ohio and New Jersey streets.

Stoughton A. Fletcher, his son and president of the bank, who has a country home south of Indianapolis, received a telegram yesterday morning telling of a change for the worse in his father's condition, and he immediately started for Gallatin, accompanied by his wife. He received an announcement of his death when they arrived at Louisville, Ky.

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Mr. Hughes received a telegram from Booth Tarkington, who is in New York, requesting that he be advised as to the date of the funeral. Mr. Hughes wired him, but does not know whether he will he able to attend.

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When the late Mr. Fletcher's health began to fail about five years ago, physicians advised him to go South, and a year or so later he gave up the active management of the institution and followed their advice. He purchased an immense farm near Gallatin, and erected a palatial dwelling and several stone barns for horses and stock.

He lived there with a number of servants and for a while seemed to improve. He was able to make frequent trips to Indianapolis during the first two or three years and after that his son. Stoughton A., went South often to see his father. During the last several months, while his father had been failing, his son visited him every week or two.

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and several years afterward he formed a
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was then an employe.

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Allen M. Fletcher assumed the interest held by Mr. Churchman and, with his brother, Stoughton J., managed it for a number of years. Allen M. later sold his shares to his brother and he conducted the institution as sole owner until 1898, when it was changed from Fletcher's Bank, a private concern, to the Fletcher National Bank,

Some stock was sold at that time to comply with the law governing national institutions, it going to members of the family, and Stoughton J. became the president. He held the office until his health failed and he resigned and his son shortly afterward was elected to succeed him.

Mr. Fletcher began his career as a clerk in the institution which now bears his name. When at the age of 18 years he returned to Indianapolis from Waltham, Mass., where he attended school, and immediately took up the clerical duties in the bank, which then was a private institution. Subsequently he was made paying teller and held that position for finny years.

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Albert E. Metzger, president of the German American Trust Company: "Mr. Fletcher's name stands for the best and highest in banking. He certainly held the regard of people, not only in the city, but in the state as well, as perhaps no other banker in the history of Indianapolis. It is unique that one man should carry a banking institution to be the highest in the state and have it remain r. Fletcher's career. W. J. Discourse That is the remarkable thing about

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questions touching the policies of He rarely joined the counsels of his fellow bankers. In my seven years connection with banking I never saw him personally at a meeting of the Clearing House Association, nor in more than residence in Indianapolis thirty years' have I seen him in any assembly of business men touching the diverse interests affecting the welfare of the city. He was essentially a recluse, socially and professionally. How much the singleness of life and purpose had to do with the phenomenal strength of his banking house is a question upon which opinions will differ.

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Deaths of a Day.

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man of the Chickamauga and Chattano Park Commission and previously a me ber of the Antietam battle field box died at Washington yesterday. He 75 years old. Gen. Carman ser throughout the civil war.

W. W. CUMMER died at his home Jacksonville, Fla., last night. He president of numerous development copanies and vice president of the Co Cummer Steamship Company, operat between Jacksonville, Philadelphia Providence.

MRS. SUSAN WALTHAL PECK, years old, one of Colorado's, pior women, died in Denver yesterday. was born in Danville, Ill., and went Colorado from Chariton, Ia., in a cove wagon in 1860. THE REV. JOHN NATE, 77 years one of the oldest Methodist minis connected with the Rock River Conence, is dead at his home in Chicago.

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NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 25.-W the complete analysis of the stomach George Armstrong, who died under cumstances that leads to the belief t he was poisoned and whose wife, P Armstrong, is in fail on the charge murdering her husband, has not arri-

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GALLATIN, Tenh., Dec. 25.-Stoughton J. Fletcher died this morning at 11:30 o'clock at Laurel farm, his country seat, just south of here. Mr. Fletcher had, for the last four or five years, resided almost continuously at Laurel farm, which he kept in a high state of improvement. He had a fancy for thoroughbred horses, and both bred and raced them. The barns, paddocks and the mile race course at Laurel farm were a source of pride to him and are the equal of any similar equipments in the South. Mr. Fletcher's fancy harness stock is well known on the Southern fair circuit, and at the State Fair here last fall won first prize in more than one ring of showy stock. It was rare that he received a caller at his house, unless it was a business visit,

richly by his presence, and, though he was unostentatious in the acts more than one unfortunate can tell of the helping hand he generously held forth. His desire to upbuild the town is manifest in various works, most notably in the splendid hotel with a massive stone front, now in course of erection on the town's main street. It is the general comment that the hotel is "too rich for But through it he expressed the town. his feelings for the people of Gallatin, and it is understood that he has so arranged that his death would not, interfere with the completion of the building.

and he made no calls. But his seclusion did not mean that interest in the com-

munity was lacking. Gallatin has profited

The laboring classes will have strong cause to miss him here, for, in addition to the large number employed in work on the hotel, he has habitually furnished work at top wages, to a veritable army of workmen at Laurel farm. For them his presence has made times noticeably prosperous in this section. His time His time here was quietly spent at his home or to the second of the

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Although the car was crowded w passengers and a small panic ensued, escaped without injury. Traffic blocked for two hours. Help was su moned from Anderson and a special lief car was dispatched to the scene.

An effort was made to pull the bu ing car aways from the trolley wire, by the time help arrived the fire burning so fiercely that the relief tr was unable to get near.

PROTECTION FAILS TO PROTECT THE PROTECT

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of \$20. KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 25. - Jay Simpson of Phoenix, an Ulster Cou game protector, has cause to wonder j

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munity was lacking Gallatin has profited richly by his presence, and, though he was upostentations in the acts more than one unfortunate can tell of the helping hand he generously held forth. His devi sire to upbuild the town is manifest in various works, most notably in the splendid hotel with a massive stone front, now in course of erection on the town's main street. It is the general comment that the hotel is "too rich for the town." But through it he expressed his feelings for the people of Gallatin, and it is understood that he has so arranged that his death would not interfere with the completion of the building.

The laboring classes will have strong cause to miss him here, for, in addition to the large number employed in work on the hotel, he has habitually furnished work, at top wages, to a veritable army of workmen at Laurel farm. For them his presence has made times noticeably prosperous in this section. His time here was quietly spent at his home or in long drives about the surrounding country and it was seldom that he returned to Indianapolis. Members of his family came and went frequently, how-

REPORTS LEOPOLD CEREMONY

"Authoritative Person" Tells of Death-Bed Marriage to Baroness.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 25 .- The Twentleth Century, a government organ, quotes 'an authoritative person," confirming the religious marriage of King Leopold on his Main street Saturday death bed. It also says that a few days a unconscious. Later prior to this Baronesa Vaughan received

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