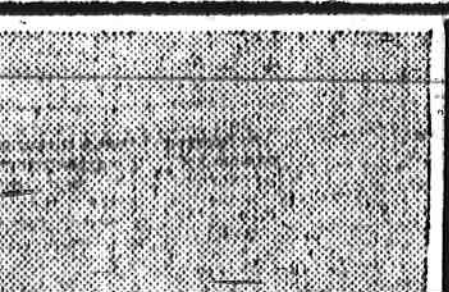


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Former President of Fletcher National Bank Succumbs at His Country Home.

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Son, Notified by Telegram, Starts South, but Hears of Death at Louisville.

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 ill 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 South 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 amount to \$500,000, approximately. Mr. Fletcher owned the bank property and the Fletcher home-stead 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 be able to attend.

When the late Mr. Fletcher's health began to fall 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.

Stoughton J. Fletcher inherited a half interest in the bank when his father died in 1882. Before that time his father, S. A. Fletcher, and Francis M. Churchman owned and conducted it as a private institution. Mr. Fletcher was the founder and several years afterward he formed a partnership with Mr. Churchman, who was then an employe.

### Gains Complete Control.

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 many years.

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W. J. Richards, vice president the Union National Bank: "As a banker Mr. Fletcher was a strong character, clear cut, of uncompromising views on all questions touching the policies of his bank. 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 thirty years' residence in Indianapolis have I seen him in any assembly of busi- ness men touching the diverse interests affecting the welfare of the city. He was essentially a recluse, socially and pro- fessionally. 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.

GEN. EZRA AYRES CARMAN, chairman of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Park Commission and previously a member of the Antietam battle field board died at Washington yesterday. He was 75 years old. Gen. Carman served throughout the civil war.

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

MRS. SUSAN WALTHAL PECK, 75 years old, one of Colorado's pioneer women, died in Denver yesterday. She was born in Danville, Ill., and went to Colorado from Charlton, Ia., in a covered wagon in 1860.

THE REV. JOHN NATE, 77 years old, one of the oldest Methodist ministers connected with the Rock River Conference, is dead at his home in Chicago. He was born in England.

## ANALYSIS OF STOMACH OF SLAIN MAN HELD SECRET

Condition of Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, Held in Jail at New Albany, Continues to Improve.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Dec. 25.—When the complete analysis of the stomach of George Armstrong, who died under circumstances that leads to the belief he was poisoned and whose wife, Pearl Armstrong, is in jail on the charge of murdering her husband, has not arrived it is understood that the local authorities have heard from the analysis, which was made at the Indiana University, Bloomington, but they refuse to give what has been heard.

Walter V. Buleit, prosecuting attorney, stated tonight that he had nothing to say concerning the analysis.

Information comes from another source that the result of the analysis so far learned is satisfactory to the prosecution.

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## FIRE CONSUMES TRACTION CAR COMING FROM MUNCIE

Broken Trolley Wire Causes Blaze. Small Panic Follows, but No Person Is Injured.





