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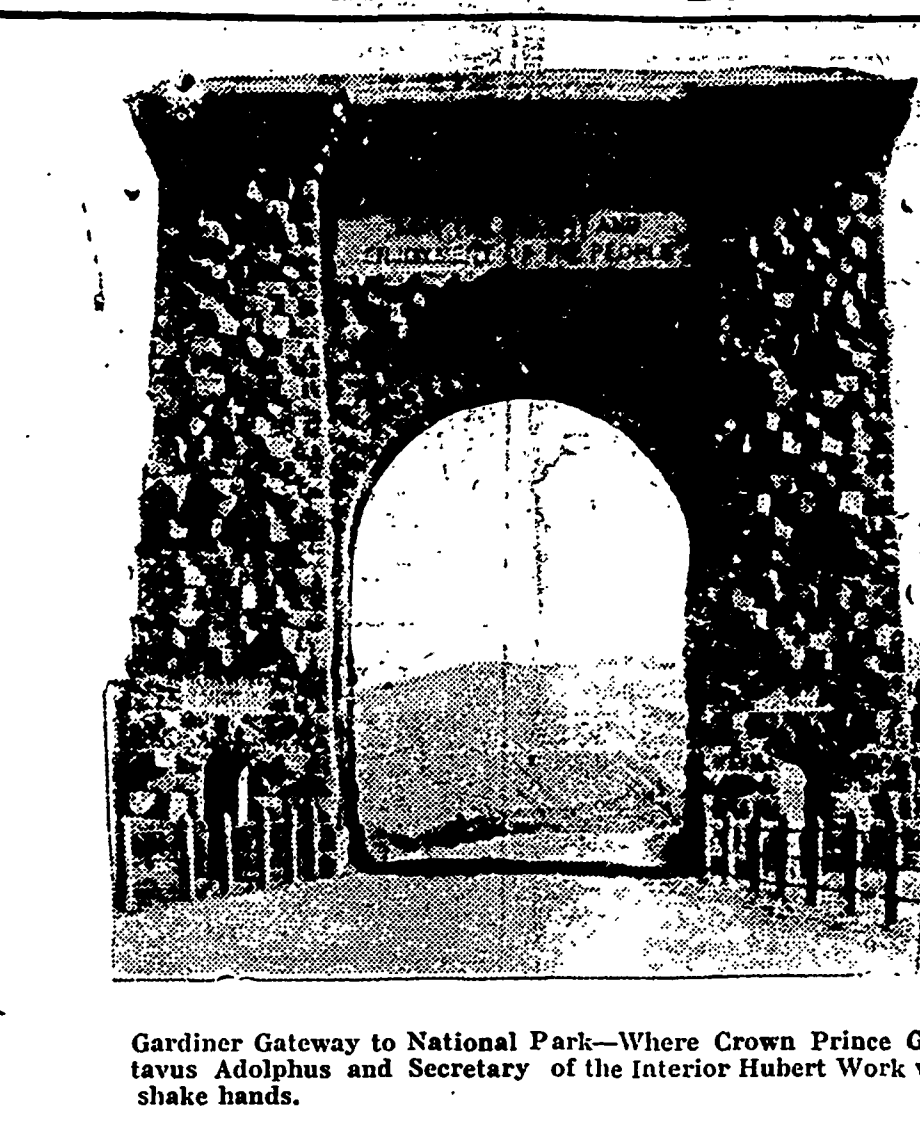
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MEMORY OF GEN. CUSTER HONORED BY THOUSANDS

All Roads Led To Custer Battlefield—Varied And Fitting Program—Body Of Unknown Soldier Interred In Fitting Style

CROW AGENCY, June 25.—On a field dotted with daisies which, like the poppies of Flanders field, seemed to have taken their hue from the blood of warriors spilled upon the ground, an immense throng gathered, today to honor the memory of General George Armstrong Custer and the more than 200 soldiers who died with him in the battle of the Little Big Horn, just 50 years ago. Not a speech was made, hardly a word spoken in the ceremonial which marked with impressive solemnity the commemoration of the sacrifice made by the Seventh cavalry so many years ago, to clear the path for civilization.

Simulating Custer's advance, the new Seventh, under command of Col. Fitzhugh Lee, but led by General E. S. Godfrey, one of the four surviving officers of the battle, came up over shaft which marks the spot where Custer fell. There the troops were met by a body of Sioux and Cheyenne vets in full war regalia, with White Bull at the head of their column. As White Bull made the sign of peace, "White Man Runs Him," the only survivor of Crow scouts who were with Custer, rode ahead from his position beside Col. Lee and extended to the Sioux leader a willow wand, bent roughly into the shape of a peace pipe. General Godfrey sheathed his sword and the two clasped hands and exchanged presents, a flag for a blanket. Then as General Godfrey and the seven other vets of the battle went on to lay wreaths upon the monument, a detachment of the new Seventh fired three volleys over the little group of graves on the hillside and sounded Taps for the men who made the supreme sacrifice under the guidons of the Seventh cavalry.



Gardiner Gateway to National Park—Where Crown Prince Gustav Adolphus and Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work will shake hands.

Belgrade Man Kills Father Of Wife And Then Shoots Himself

BOZEMAN, June 28.—A double tragedy, said to have been the outcome of a family quarrel, took place this afternoon at 1:30 at Belgrade, when Andrew Burkey, 28, shot and killed his father-in-law, Wm. Clarence Davis, 43, and turned the weapon on himself sending a bullet into his heart. The wounds were inflicted with a 30-30 rifle. Davis died almost instantly and Burkey gasped his last just as a hastily summoned physician arrived.

The cause of the trouble is said to have been of long standing and came to a climax yesterday afternoon when Burkey after packing up his household goods preparatory to moving to Maudlow, missed his wife. In searching for her, Davis met his son-in-law in the yard between their two houses and after some words, Burkey raised the gun and killed him. He then turned the muzzle of the gun on himself and sent another bullet into his heart. It is said that Mrs. Davis, the widow of the dead man, had attempted to shoot her son-in-law with a revolver as he trained his gun on his victim. The shot missed and almost at the same instant Burkey fired the fatal one that killed his father-in-law. Before Mrs. Davis could fire again, Burkey killed himself.

Cardinal Bonanzo To Visit Big Playground

CHICAGO, June 28.—Cardinal Bonanzo, papal legate to the eucharistic congress, set out today on a tour that will carry him to the Pacific coast and back to Chicago between now and July 19, covering 6,331 miles. At St. Louis the cardinal will end the consecration of a cathedral tomorrow. He will then visit Kansas City, El Paso, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Ore., Seattle, Livingston, Mont., Yellowstone park and St. Paul.

Montana Boy Failed On West Point Leave

WASHINGTON, June 25.—Secretary of War Davis has informed Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, that resignations filed by West Point cadets will be approved only when tendered under very exceptional circumstances.

Lapsed War Policies May Be Reinstated

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Liberalization of conditions for reinstating lapsed war risk insurance policies and extension of the benefits of vocational rehabilitation, which expire tomorrow, were provided for in the veterans' rehabilitation bill passed by the senate late today and sent to conference.

Col. Tom McTague Is Dead in Los Vegas

Livingston Enterprise: Colonel Thomas McTague, one of Montana's best known and most beloved pioneers, died last evening at Las Vegas, N. M., on board a Union Pacific train, according to a dispatch which reached here early this morning.

Senator Nye Running Behind Hanna in N. Dakota Primary

Fargo, N. D., June 30.—United States Senator Gerald P. Nye, seeking nomination for both short and long terms in today's republican primary election, was running behind on the first returns tabulated tonight.

Travel On Custer Road Handled In Fine Shape

Billings Gazette: Traffic congestion over a 66-mile highway from Billings to the Custer battlefield was probably the most acute Montana has ever known as a result of attempts to put a crowd variously estimated at from 35,000 to 50,000 persons over this road for the semi-centennial anniversary of the battle of the Little Big Horn.

DAUGHTER OF JUDGE STARK MARRIED AT HELENA HOME

Social Event Of Season Celebrated Saturday—Bride Reared At Livingston—Groom A Practicing Physician On West Coast

Helena Independent: Amidst a veritable fairyland of flowers and ferns and softly glowing candles the marriage of Miss Irma Stark, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Albert P. Stark, and Dr. Faris Morrell Blair of Seattle, took place on Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, 516 Harrison avenue.

Fryer of Livingston and Mrs. Gilbert Porter of Missoula. Miss Nesbitt was daintily gowned in peach colored georgette, with godets of lace, pointed bodice and full skirt; her slippers were white satin.

Usual Fate Of Two Men In River Boat

Billings Gazette:—With the canoe in which they left Livingston late last week, bound for New Orleans, capsized and floating down the Yellowstone along with two Mason jars containing their money and valuables, E. C. Edwards of New York and Clifford F. Braeken of Okmulgee, Okla., emerged from the river at a point near Billings Wednesday noon, wet, bedraggled and with but few clothes.

Judge Miller Wound Up Court Last Week

District court wound up Saturday with a jury trial of the case of S. E. Sugg vs. Leo J. Cremer. Plaintiff claimed that defendant had taken property belonging to her in an attachment of Ed Martin property. She was given a verdict of \$206.50, less than one-half the amount claimed.

Two Great Falls Men Meet Death In Autos

GREAT FALLS, June 28.—Two men are dead and one is injured as a result of automobile accidents on Cascade county roads Sunday.

Orlando Miller Loses Accident Insurance, But Wins Side Bet

Orlando Miller, proprietor of the second hand store, is loser and winner on a \$10,000 accident insurance policy for which he paid two dollars—loser of the two dollars he paid for the policy and winner of a \$25 bet he made with the agent that if he got hurt he would not get anything.

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