

Carl Hess Falls from Oldtimers' Ranks: Death Sudden



CARL HESS

Carl Hess died Friday morning, April 6, at his home, of a heart attack of which there had been no warning save slight discomfort in the

altitudes at Baguio when he had visited there a few days prior to his death. He had breakfasted the morning he died, and was preparing to go to his office. But feeling a bit tired, he had said he would lie down for a while. Death came to him in sleep. Next morning at 9 at the National Funeral Parlors Dr. George W. Wright, over a bier buried in floral offerings, enlorged Carl Hess's life. The room was crowded with bereaved friends from all communities in Manila. Many were standing. Final services occurred at Cementerio del Norte, where the body was interred. Mrs. Hess and a son, Carl Hess, Jr., survive. The son had recently been associated with his father in the Hess & Zeitlin brokerage offices on the Escolta, which continue under the same firm name.

Carl Hess died a week prior to his 60th birthday, which he had invited friends to celebrate with him. He came to Manila a civilian quartermaster employed in 1899 and upon leaving the government service launched into the brokerage and contracting business in which he became prosperous. Three years ago he undertook development of the Salacot group of gold claims, across the gulch from the Ipo mine in the Angat district: the new goldfield 30 miles from Manila on a modern motor road. The property was developed conservatively, and the company had been reorganized and was amassing capital for a mill when Carl Hess died. This work will go on without interruption.

In earlier years Carl Hess was on the directorate of the American chamber of commerce. He was a member of many clubs and had many sincere friends both in business and social life. In business he was able, in life, charitable. His passing is widely mourned. It thins once more the dwindling ranks of the American oldtimers in the islands.

A death that shocked Manila greatly was that of Joseph E. Mills, finance adviser to Governor-General Frank Murphy and one of his closest personal friends. It was caused by typhoid fever, and occurred at Sternberg General Hospital, where Mr. Mills had been treated after the malady was somewhat advanced. Death came at 12 minutes past midnight, Saturday, April 7, with Governor Murphy at the bedside to the last. Overwhelming to him was this parting with his able friend and associate, whose aid had meant so much of his own success.

Mr. Mills was 39 years old. Funeral services at the Cathedral of St. Mary and St. John, where Bishop Governor Mosher read the service for the dead, filled the cathedral with friends Mr. Mills had made in official and social life since his arrival in the islands with Governor Murphy last June: so much had he won widespread respect and friendship in 9 short months.

"He was the best executive I ever knew," said Governor Murphy, "and the best public servant."

The body will be interred at Detroit, the Mills' home city. Mrs. Mills and the daughter, Betty Lou, return to Detroit soon. In Detroit Mills had gone with Governor Murphy when the latter

left the bench to assume office as mayor; he had first reorganized the city's purchasing department, then administered the Detroit Street Railway—in each instance, tactful success and remarkable economies. Here he had headed the railroad, represented the governor general at the bank and in the government companies, and had placed the provinces on a sound budget basis.

He was working on the budget system and monthly statements for the towns at the time he fell ill. His unassuming manner and universal courtesy were remarkable. Systematic to the last degree, he discharged a large volume of work with apparent ease; yet he did so much that it must have undermined his resistance. C. M. Cotterman temporarily fills his place at the Philippine National Bank, while Governor Murphy has selected his permanent successor and cabled for him to come to Manila.



—From Judge.

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