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signal duties proclaimed his fine abilities, his high patriotism, and his valuable services rendered for his country, although during their performance there was continued controversy and challenge of the methods used by him in the exploitation of authority and generosity with the nation's resources. Since retiring from official duties in Washington July 3, 1945, he became the impartial chairman of New York City's cloak and suit industry, succeeding former mayor James J. Walker in the post, but entered Memorial hospital in New York last November for further treatment, this developing into his last illness.

WILLIAM JEPSON, physician and surgeon, died at Sioux City, Iowa, November 31, 1945; born at Aarhus, Denmark, June 29, 1863, the eldest of three brothers living; at the age of seven came to America with his parents, Neils and Wilhelmina (Jansen) Jepson, the father a millwright in his native country who came to this country originally in the fifties, but returned to his native country, bringing his family the second time, locating at Seymour, Wayne county, Iowa, engaging in banking and later farming, his death occurring October 3, 1873.

At the age of seventeen, William Jepson began the study of medicine with Dr. Earnest of Seymour and two years later entered the medical department of the University of Iowa at Iowa City, continuing three years, the summer months being spent in study with Dr. Middleton at Davenport, Iowa; the second year at the university appointed assistant to the professor of physiology, and the third year assistant demonstrator of anatomy; graduated in March, 1886, and located at Oakland, Nebraska, removing within the year to Sioux City, Iowa, where he has since resided; went to Philadelphia, Penn., in September 1890, remaining in hospital work there until April, 1891; receiving the degree of doctor of medicine from Jefferson Medical college, and a month later the same degree from the University of Pennsylvania; from 1902 to 1913, was professor of surgery at the University of Iowa, and from 1891 to 1901 served as professor of surgery of the Sioux City College of Medicine; was president of the Iowa State Medical society, the Sioux Valley Medical society, the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners and the American Inter-professional institute; was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the International College of Surgeons; served as surgeon of the Second Iowa regiment on the Mexican border in 1916 and 1917; enlisted in May, 1918, in World War I and became chief surgeon at Camp Bowie, Texas, base hospital; married to Beatrice Baker at LeMars, Iowa, December 21, 1886; survivors include two sons, Dr. Roscoe Jepson in charge of a

navy hospital at Coronado, California, Weir, who is president of the First National Bank at Bethlehem, Penn., and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Briggs, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Beatrice, of San Francisco, California.

HANNA ASTRUP LARSEN, author, translator and editor, died December 3, 1945, at her home, Crestwood Place, Knollwood Park, Elmsford, New York; born in Decorah, Iowa, September 1, 1873, of Norwegian descent, daughter of the late Rev. Peter Laurentius Larsen, pioneer president of Luther college, Decorah, and the late Mrs. Ingeborg Astrup Larsen; educated under private tutorship; from 1901 to 1904 assistant editor of *Amerika*, at Madison, Wisconsin, and in 1904-05 special writer for *San Francisco Call* and *San Francisco Chronicle*, and from 1908 to 1912 contributed articles to newspapers and magazines in New York; literary editor of *American-Scandinavian Review*, New York City, 1913-21, and editor since 1921; also since 1921 has been literary secretary of the American Scandinavian Foundation, and thus editor of about seventy books published by it. She also translated a number of books and short stories from the Danish language republished in this country.

The Swedish Vasa Medal was awarded to Miss Larsen in 1931 in recognition of her literary work, the Norwegian Distinguished Service Medal in 1933 and the Royal Danish Medal of Merit in 1937. She is survived by three brothers, the Right Rev. N. Astrup Larsen of Decorah, president of the Iowa district, Norwegian Lutheran church; Prof. J. A. O. Larsen of the University of Chicago, and Prof. Henning Larsen of the University of Illinois, and two sisters, the Misses Karen and Ingeborg Larsen, both of Northfield, Minnesota.

ARTHUR DAVISON FICKE, poet, author, traveler, died November 30, 1945, at Hudson, New York; born November 10, 1883, at Davenport, Iowa; son of Charles August and Frances Davison Ficke; graduated from Harvard in 1904; taught English and studied law at the University of Iowa through 1907; married Evelyn Bethune Blunt, of Springfield, Mass., October 1, 1907, mother of their son, Stanhope Blunt Ficke; married again to Gladys Brown, of New York, December 8, 1923; practiced law with his father ten years in Davenport, during which time he wrote numerous books of poetry; served in World War I and attained rank of lieutenant colonel in the ordnance department, U. S. army; subsequently devoted practically all of his time to writing and traveling; became an authority on Japanese prints; resided at Hardback, Hillsdale, New York, and is survived by his widow, son and two sisters.

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