

GEORGE W. STEVENS, RAILROAD HEAD, DIES

*President of Chesapeake & Ohio
Expires While Dictating a Letter—
Began as Messenger.*

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 3.—George W. Stevens, President of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, dropped dead at the Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, this morning while dictating a letter to a stenographer. Details of his sudden death were received in a telegram by former Governor William A. MacCorkle and former Senator W. E. Chillon of this city, intimate friends and business associates. His body was sent to Richmond on a special train this afternoon for burial.

As head of one of the largest trunk lines of the country Mr. Stevens was widely known among transportation men. He began his career as a messenger for a telegraph company at an early age. He became a telegraph operator and went to work as an operator for the Wabash Lines and rose to the position of General Superintendent of the Wabash. Twenty-seven years ago Mr. Stevens became General Superintendent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and later was made General Manager. He became President seven years later upon the death of M. E. Ingalls.

Mr. Stevens was active in the development of the coal fields of West Virginia, and during his term of office as President of the C. & O. an unusually large number of branch lines were built to aid in the development of the State's natural resources. It was largely through his efforts that the C. & O. acquired possession of the Hocking Valley route, thereby obtaining an outlet to the Great Lakes for C. & O. He was born in Utica, Ohio, in 1851.

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