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## JOHN F. BASS DEAD; NOTED WAR WRITER

Correspondent of Chicago Daily  
News in Conflicts From  
From 1896 to 1918.

WITH KITCHENER IN EGYPT

Witnessed Massacres in Armenia  
Disguise—Saw World War in  
France, Italy and Balkans.

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CHICAGO, April 16.—News of the death in Tucson, Ariz., of John F. Bass, famous war correspondent of The Chicago Daily News, was received today. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Bass was a native of Chicago, began his newspaper career in Europe in 1894 and became a recognized authority on international events. In that year he was in Egypt with Kitchener's army and several months later covered one of the occasional insurrections in Crete.

In 1896 he traveled in disguise through Armenia to witness the massacres. He witnessed the Cretan general rebellion of that year and the Greco-Turkish war of 1897, and became the close friend of the Greek statesman, Venizelos. When the international fleet bombarded the Cretan forts in 1896 he was chosen by the rebels to negotiate terms for them.

Mr. Bass was author of "The Peace Tangle" and of "America and the Balance Sheet of Europe." He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London and a member of the Explorers' Club of New York and the University Club of Chicago and the Chicago Athletic Association.

He is survived by a widow, a son, John Foster Bass Jr.; his mother, Mrs. Perkins Bass of Peterboro, N. H., and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Bass Warner of Eugene, Ore. His home here was at 200 East Pearson Street.

Admitted to the New York bar in 1894, the year of his graduation from the Harvard Law School, Mr. Bass soon found practice was not to his taste, for he was in Egypt with the British a few months later, beginning his work as a war correspondent. Thereafter he missed few of the conflicts worth reporting. He was a correspondent during this country's war with Spain, the Philippine insurrection of 1900, the Bulgarian uprising in Macedonia in 1904 and the Russo-Japanese War, was with the Russian Army in Poland and Galicia in the first year of the World War, and afterward successively with the allied forces in France, Italy and the Balkans until 1918, when, after performing a government mission in Italy, he remained on the American and French fronts in France. Since 1909 he had been chairman of the executive council of the National Conservation Association and treasurer of the association.

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