Death of a Veteran lournalist. New Oleans, August 7 - Durant De Ponte, a veteran journalist and financler, died to-day at Alameda, Car, of a mainly tie stroke. He was sixty-five venue of age and the grandson of the Librettist of Don Glovani and other operas He was at one time editor of, the Picasune and other papers but made a fortune in speculation and rethed from literary work