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WILL OF HARRIMAN

He Leaves His Colossal Fortune to His Widow.

PLACED AT \$100,000,000

Magnate's Will Contained Only One Hundred Words, But Each Word Was Weighted With One Million Dollars Approximately.

New York.—A hundred brief words, weighted each with approximately \$1,000,000, and containing in their entirety the last testament of E. H. Harriman, make his widow, Mary Averell Harriman, one of the wealthiest women in the world. It is, perhaps, the briefest will on record for the disposal of an estate of such magnitude. All his property is left to Mrs. Harriman.



MRS. E. H. HARRIMAN.

Wall street estimates that Mrs. Harriman will inherit in realty and personal property between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

If the estate measures up to expectation, Mrs. Harriman, according to common estimation here, is the wealthiest woman in the world.

The will provides for the remaining members of Mr. Harriman's family in handsome bequests.

LYNCHING IN TEXAS.

One Thousand Ranchmen Took Part In Four Days' Man Hunt.

Sandy Point, Texas.—Following a four days' man hunt, in which more than 1,000 ranchmen participated, Steve Hayes and Charles DeLancy, negroes, were put to death. The lynching of these negroes brings the number of fatalities to seven, four blacks and three white men.

Two of the white men killed were H. Armour Munson, a millionaire ranchman, and Eugene Hardin, a partner.

The trouble began following the killing of Munson by Hayes. In an attempt of the officers to arrest the negro, Hardin and another posseman were killed. Hayes and DeLancy, joined by "bad" blacks, took to the plains. A hundred men in automobiles chased the gang of negroes to a point four miles west of here and by using the automobile lamps as searchlights located the negroes in a thicket. Two were killed and DeLancy and Hayes, seriously wounded, escaped, but were rounded up later and lynched.

TAFT IN CHICAGO.

President Spoke at Orchestra Hall Upon Important Questions.

Chicago.—Speaking with great earnestness to a mass meeting in Orchestra hall, President Taft declared that no question before the American people today is more important than the improvement of the administration of justice, and announced his intention of recommending to congress the appointment of a commission to take

up the question of the laws delaying the federal courts. The president said he hoped that the report of this commission, when rendered, would serve also as a guide to the states of the union in effecting remedial legislation.

The president, at the end of a day of sight-seeing, of baseball, of receptions and dining, received an uproarious greeting when he reached Orchestra hall to make the only set speech of his stay in Chicago.

Mr. Taft devoted the entire first part of his speech to the subject of labor, and said he intended to recommend to congress in his first message legislation to carry out the platform promise as to injunctions—that no injunction or restraining order should be issued without notice except where irreparable injury would result from delay, in which case a speedy hearing should be granted.

The president declared anew his belief in organized labor, and congratulated the leaders of the movement that "they have set their faces like flint against the doctrines of socialism."

URGED TO HOLD COTTON.

Plan of Louisiana's Chief Executive Finds Ready Response.

Baton Rouge, La.—A majority of the governors of the Southern states have, according to the correspondence received at the executive office, acted favorably upon the suggestion of Governor Sanders that the governors of the South urge cotton farmers to hold their cotton for fifteen cents. Letters commending the governor's course and pledging co-operation were received from Governor Donaghey, of Arkansas; Governor Noel, of Mississippi; Governor Brown, of Georgia, and Governor Wilson, of Kentucky.

The co-operation of the state executives with the farmers in the cotton-holding movement assures the forcing of the market upwards.

RESCUE IN MIDOCEAN.

Passengers of White Star Liner Cretic Witness Thrilling Spectacle.

New York.—The White Star liner Cretic has arrived here from the Mediterranean with a story of a thrilling rescue in midsea.

Twelve miles from the Azores, Joachim Campantonio, a seaman, while lowering a ladder, fell into the sea. Many of the women passengers were on deck at the time and several of them fainted. The ship was nearly half a mile away before the engines could be stopped. Third Officer Shaw and five men put off in a boat and as they reappeared with the seaman there was a burst of cheering from the decks led by Miss Alice Nielson, the prima donna.

BAGS FIVE LIONS.

Kermit Roosevelt Rivals His Illustrous Father In Hunt for Big Game.

Nairobi, British East Africa.—News has come to this place that Theodore Roosevelt, who has been hunting in the Mweru district, has killed a bull elephant having great tusks. Kermit Roosevelt has been hunting independently at Guaso Nyiro, and has been very successful, bagging five lions and three buffaloes. He has now started out elephant hunting. Mr. Roosevelt will move on to Guaso Nyiro to join his son as soon as the skin of the bull elephant has been preserved.

Mr. Roosevelt declares that he has had "capital fun," and that all the members of the party are well.

"Dakota Bob's" Long Walk.

Washington.—Bearing a personal letter, which he says President Diaz, of Mexico, gave him to deliver to President Taft, and to which is affixed the official seal of Mexico, "Dakota Bob," famous as one of the small army of pedestrians who walk the globe, has arrived in this city from Baltimore, having completed his long walk to the City of Mexico and back, a distance of 4,600 miles, in exactly one year from the time he started on his journey.

Is Cleared of Murder Charge.

Hazelhurst, Ga.—The jury in the case of the state versus V. T. Stowers, charged with the murder of J. L. Williams, returned a verdict of not guilty.

DISASTER AT SEA

When Ship Went Down All on Board Perished.

HER BOILERS EXPLODED

Terrible Marine Calamity Is Reported From the Isle of Pines, in Which Captain, Crew and Passengers Lost Their Lives.

Mobile, Ala.—Details arrived from the Isle of Pines of a great marine disaster on the night of August 23, when the steamship Nicholas Castana, en route from Havana to Cienfuegos, went ashore on the south coast of the island between Carapatachibey and Caletadel Inferno (Hell's Cove).

Every living thing on board the ship perished. The crew numbered 27, officers and men, and there were two passengers. The ship lies in bold relief on the high rocks jutting into the Caspian. Eighteen bodies have been found scattered on the coast. Some of the bodies were found headless, while others were mutilated in other ways. All were nude with the exception of one still clad in an undershirt. The missing eleven are believed to have become the victims of sharks. Identification of bodies was impossible, except that of the captain.

A government commission reported that the immediate cause of the wreck was the simultaneous explosion of the steamer's battery of two boilers, combined with violent concussion of the steamer on the rocks, whither she had been thrown by the gale and tidal wave.

CONDITION IS GRAVE.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, Undergoes Surgical Operation, Rochester, Minn.—Governor John A. Johnson was operated on in the hospital here by Dr. William J. Mayo, assisted by Dr. Charles Mayo, for a deep-seated intestinal abscess.

It was a serious operation, and Governor Johnson's condition is regarded as grave, though the surgeons hope for the patient's recovery.

A number of physicians witnessed the operation. Dr. H. H. Withstein, of this city, also a state senator, is known to have given the governor's private secretary, Frank A. Day, a gloomy view of the case, saying that it was "one of the most terrible operations of the kind he had ever witnessed."

THE POLE CONTROVERSY.

Committee Being Formed to Pass Up on Claims of Cook and Peary.

New York.—A committee of scientists, representing the leading universities, and the arctic and geographical societies of the East, is being quietly formed, it has been learned, to pass on the north pole controversy and decide whether Dr. Cook or Commander Robert E. Peary was the first to reach 90 degrees north latitude.

The committee is being formed by representatives of the societies by quietly approaching the various men whom it is desired to have on the committee. It will probably be headed by Professor William S. Halleck, head of the department of physics of Columbia university.

FIRE LOSS OF \$50,000.

Town in Alabama Has Been Practically Wiped Out.

Montgomery, Ala.—A special from Gainesville, Ala., says:

A dozen business houses were destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$50,000. There is little insurance.

This was practically all of the business part of the town. Gainesville was one of the most important cities of the state before the civil war. Fifty years ago it had a population of 10,000. Now the population is about 800.

New Japanese Minister.

Tokio.—Official announcement has been made of the appointment of Y. Uchida, former minister of foreign affairs and now ambassador to the court of Austria, to succeed Takahira, Japanese minister at Washington.

PLOT TO KILL PRESIDENT.

Salvadorean Conspirators Have Been Placed Under Arrest.

Mexico City.—Charged with being implicated in a plot to kill President Figueroa, of the Republic of Salvador, General Jose Dolores Preza and General Damas Copluel are behind prison bars in the capital of that republic of Central America, according to letters received in Mexico City.

The writer of the letters states that on the sixth of last month a big religious and civic fete was held in the capital. It was planned by a number of men, it is said, that the president should die on that day.

Secret detectives of the government discovered evidences of the plot in time to frustrate it, and while the fiestas were in progress a number were arrested and put in prison, among them being General Preza, who was commander in chief of the Salvadorean and Hondurean forces when they fought against Nicaragua in the war of 1907.

ASPHYXIATED HERSELF.

In Deliberate Manner Atlanta Woman Dies By Her Own Hands.

Atlanta.—The coroner's inquest over the remains of Mrs. Steve Glass, who committed suicide at her home, 109 West Harris street, by asphyxiation, resulted in a verdict of death by the use of gas administered by her own hands with suicidal intent.

While alone in her room, Mrs. Glass, wife of the well known Marietta street merchant and former councilman from the Fifth ward, closed all of the doors and windows leading to her room, placed a rubber tube in her mouth, turned on the gas, and was dead in a few moments from inhaling the deadly fumes.

She was not discovered until several hours later, when her husband came home for supper.

UNDER GRAVE CHARGE.

Minister Accused of Abducting Girl From Her Home.—Is Under Arrest.

Waukegan, Ill.—Rev. Wallace M. Stuckey, pastor of the Christian church of Williamsburg, Kas., and editor of The Williamsburg Star, is confined in the county jail on the charge of having abducted Lorena Sutherland, 16-year-old daughter of a wealthy farmer of Williamsburg, from her home. The girl also is in custody. She will be returned to her parents, and be used as a witness against the accused preacher.

In every principal feature the case is like that of Rev. Jere Knode Cooke, pastor of St. George's Episcopal church, Long Island, N. Y., who deserted his wife and children and fled to San Francisco with Loretta Whaley.

STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE.

Anti-Hazing Regulations Cause Trouble at University.

Orono, Maine.—Between 500 and 600 students of both sexes, comprising the three upper classes of the University of Maine, went on strike against the new anti-hazing regulations. Reclamations were suspended pending the result of a conference between students and faculty.

When the term opened each student was handed a card to sign containing a pledge against hazing. The upper classmen refused to sign, even the girls revolting. The faculty having decided that no student might enter the college who did not sign the pledge, a serious situation presented itself.

Descendant of Fulton Self-Slain.

New York.—Almost on the evening of the Hudson-Fulton celebration, Charles K. Moore, a descendant of Robert Fulton, committed suicide at his home here by taking poison. Moore, who was a graduate of Columbia university, and a civil engineer, had been in ill health for some time.

Pellagra in Tennessee County.

Nashville, Tenn.—Notice of a death from pellagra in Montgomery county has been received here by the state board of health. The notice came from the Montgomery county health officer, Dr. C. G. Wilson, who said it was the only case coming under his observation.

County Government.

Representative—G. W. Wilson.
Clerk Superior Court—T. T. Loftis.
Sheriff and Tax Collector—C. C. Kilpatrick.

Treasurer—Z. W. Nicholls.
Register of Deeds—B. A. Gillespie.
Coroner—Dr. W. J. Wallis.
Surveyor—A. L. Hardin.
Commissioners—W. M. Henry, Ch'n; G. T. Lyday; W. E. Galloway.
Superintendent of Schools—T. C. Henderson.
Physician—Dr. Goode Cheatham.
Attorney—Gash & Galloway.

Town Government.

Mayor—W. E. Breese, jr.
Board of Aldermen—T. H. Shipman, J. M. Kilpatrick, T. M. Mitchell, A. H. King, E. W. Carter.
Marshal—J. A. Galloway.
Clerk and Tax Collector—T. H. Galloway.

Treasurer—T. H. Shipman.
Health Officer—Dr. C. W. Hunt.
Attorney—W. W. Zachary.
Regular meetings—First Monday night in each month.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION.

North Carolina—Transylvania County.
In the Superior Court.
O. P. Grant
vs.
S. F. Wood, W. L. Wood, T. C. Grant and J. M. Grant.

Notice of Summons by Publication.

The defendants, T. C. Grant and J. M. Grant, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania county to have certain deeds made and executed by S. F. Wood to said defendants cancelled and to recover damages for injury to real estate of the plaintiff, and to have plaintiff declared the owner of certain lands on King's creek, Brevard township, Transylvania county.

And the said defendants, T. C. Grant and J. M. Grant, will further take notice that they are required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Transylvania county, which will be held on the last Monday in August, 1909, in Brevard, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 5th day of July, 1909.
T. T. LOFTIS,
41* Clerk Superior Court.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. P. Aiken, deceased, late of Transylvania county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of September, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.
This 30th day of August, 1909.
MARY M. AIKEN,
Administratrix of J. P. Aiken, deceased.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late C. M. Moore, of Transylvania county, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of August, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 6th day of August, 1909.
P. C. MOORE,
Administrator.

Entry No. 2555.

Mrs. Elizabeth Galloway enters and claims 40 acres more or less of land on the waters of Toxaway river. Beginning on a stake in line of lot No. 775, runs eastwardly with the line of said lot to a stake of the Mill lot, then with line of same so as to cover all the vacant land on the west side of Elizabeth Galloway's homestead to the Wood land.
Entered Aug. 30, 1909.

B. A. GILLESPIE,
Entry Taker.