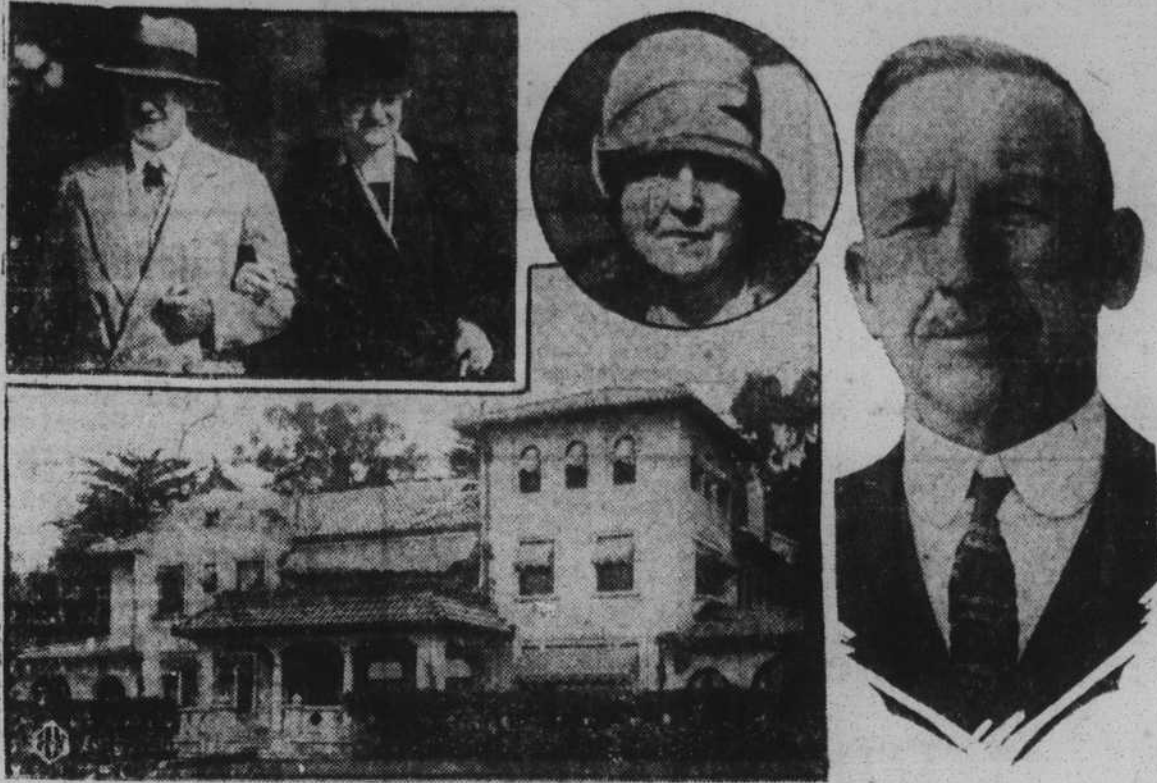


# Legal Battle for Guardianship Of Heir to Harvester Millions



Behind closed doors before Superior Court Judge Deby, of Santa Barbara, Calif., the battle of McCormick millions is on. The hearing involves the guardianship of Stanley McCormick's \$50,000,000 estate. (Upper left) Harold McCormick and his sister, Mrs. Anita McCormick Blaine who seek the custody of their brother, Stanley, who is adjudged mentally incapable. (Inset) Mrs. Katherine McCormick, his wife, who contends that the guardianship is her sole prerogative. (Lower) View of Stanley McCormick's home in Santa Barbara in which he is confined. (Left) Superior Court Judge Deby, who will decide the vital question of custody of the \$50,000,000 estate.

## Will Any Of Cleveland's Gold Star Mothers Get To Visit Europe

Government Will Give Free Trips To World War Battlefields To Mothers Of Boys Killed.

There are around 30 Gold Star mothers in Cleveland county, mothers who gave boys who gave their all for their country in France, who will be directly interested in the American governments offer to give them free trips in 1930 to the European battlefields where their boys were killed. The free trip offer is also open to widows whose husbands were killed, provided they have not married again.

The New York Times tells of the offer and the trip as follows: From May 1, 1930, until October 31, 1933, the United States government will give free trips to Europe to the mothers and widows of American soldiers and sailors who died in the world war and whose bodies are in cemeteries overseas. Congress has given its approval to these pilgrimages and the war and navy departments are now trying to get in touch with the next of kin of all the soldier and sailor dead overseas.

The pilgrimages will be arranged under the supervision of the secretary of war. As passed by congress, the act provides that mothers or widows may be taken care of at government expense in Europe for as long a time as two weeks. It is planned, if possible, to use vessels owned by the government for the pilgrimages. On the ocean trip, the mothers and widows will have cabin class accommodations. The government will pay for the meals and other accommodations overseas. Only those widows will be eligible for the pilgrimages who have not remarried since the death of their soldier or sailor husband.

The cemetery division of the quartermaster corps estimated that there were 12,684 mothers living in the United States in May, 1925, whose sons had found their last resting place in one of the American cemeteries overseas. Widows, it is said, would constitute a comparatively small group.

Plans For Accommodations. Five of the eight American cemeteries in Europe are located at places not easily accessible. Accommodations at these five cemeteries are rather meager. Officers of the graves registration service estimate that the hostess house at the Meuse-Argonne cemetery could take care of 35 persons for two nights, while if a large party should come most of its members would have to be distributed in such nearby towns as Verdun, Dun Doulon, Sedan or Stenay. At the St. Mihiel cemetery, near the small town of Thiaucourt, accommodations are available for 25 persons. There is also a Catholic convent at Thiaucourt, which could take care of a dozen or more. Large parties, again, would have to be sent to such towns and cities as Metz, Nancy, Verdun, Commercy and St. Mihiel, all some distance away.

For visits to the Oise-Aisne and Aisne-Marne cemeteries, which are 110 kilometers and 95 kilometers, respectively, from Paris, it is thought best to have the parties make the trip back and forth to the cemetery from Paris in a single day by automobile. Flanders Field cemetery about three kilometers from Waerenghem, Belgium, where hotel accommodations for approximately 35 persons could be found in the town

The Somme cemetery is about 17 kilometers from St. Quentin, where about 30 persons could be taken care of at St. Quentin. Suresnes, outside Paris, is easily accessible.

### To Supply "The Personal Touch."

The cemetery division of the quartermaster corps is now working on the preparations for the pilgrimages. This division has supervision over the American cemeteries in Europe and maintains a small force overseas. Additional personnel, it is expected, will be necessary. A small organization will be needed at the port of embarkation, as well as at the port of debarkation overseas. An effort will be made to see that the personal touch is maintained from the time each pilgrimage starts until its members have returned to their homes, whether in New York or California.

The tours overseas will be controlled, it is expected, from a central office in Paris, where a group of "traveling agents" will be on hand who will have knowledge of the American battlefields and cemeteries.

James F. Barton, national adjutant of the American legion, has asked all posts of the American legion and auxiliary units to do everything in their power to inform mothers and widows of the opportunity awaiting them. Posts of the legion are asked to report all names of eligible mothers and widows in their communities to Major Gen. F. Cheatham, quartermaster general of the army.

### Preserving Weaklings Hurting Human Race

Eliminate Incompetents And Breed For Genius Is Advice In Child Welfare Work.

New York.—To preserve human weaklings is to contaminate human stock. As we become more highly civilized it is questionable whether such preservation will be tolerated as it is under the present method of child welfare work. With this proposition Dr. Charles R. Stockard, professor of anatomy at Cornell Medical college, started sharp discussion at the ninth annual New York City tuberculosis and public health conference in the Hotel Biltmore.

"We should work for the preservation of the superior type and breed for genius," said Dr. Stockard. "Without geniuses our civilization would be nothing."

Dr. Stockard speculated on the inbreeding of families of genius, pointing out that it finds favor with breeders of fine animals, and "surely the same physical laws hold true in the human sphere."

"Impreciable and visionary," said Health Commissioner Wynne. "It is inherently unsound; inbreeding leads most often to an exaggeration of defects."

"Such a philosophy indicates a lack of belief in existing institutions. Ordinary people are just as much needed in the world as unusual ones," said Dr. Henry Chaplin, vice president of the Children's Welfare Federation.

More than 3,500 doctors, social workers and school teachers attended the conference. Eighteen welfare organizations were represented. Dr. Stockard spoke at the child health session. Another speaker at this session was Dr. Charles Davenport of Carnegie Institution, Washington.

Try Star Wants Ads.

## Widow Defends Her Hubby's Good Name

Munich.—The most tragic widow in Europe today is Frau Cosima Wagner, second wife of the immortal German composer, whose reputation she seeks to defend against sensational allegations that he was a libertine, a hypocrite, and a heart-breaker, and that she herself aided him in his deceptions.

Aged, deaf, and almost blind, there is poignant pathos in her denials that the official Wagner biography which bears the composer's own signature and seal, was fabricated in Paris, and that she deliberately suppressed and "edited" letters proving his true character. So determined is she that Wagner's honor shall be vindicated that she has decided to make public for the first time in history the whole of the great Wagnerian "archive" at Wahnfried Villa, which, up to now, has been hidden from the gaze of all but the Wagner family living at Bayreuth.

### Attack In Book.

The attack on Wagner is made in a book, "The Truth about Wagner," written by two young Americans, Mr. Philip Dutton Hurn and Mr. Waverley Lewis Root. The book is based upon the long-neglected Burrell collection of Wagner MSS., which lay for 30 years undiscovered in a London safe-deposit before it was stumbled upon by Mr. Hurn.

## Bare Legs Matter For The Girls Themselves

Yorkville Enquirer. We see much in the papers in criticism of the young girls and young matrons of the country, including South Carolina, who are going about these days without stockings. Somehow this editorial writer of The Yorkville Enquirer can find no voice of criticism to add to the call of the mob of editorial brethren. In a youthful experience it has been our observation with women that they are going to do as they please; wear what they please and the more the male of the species protests, rejects, tears his hair, scents and steams, the more milady is determined to wear no stockings or rather those decimal or fractional ones we saw a duo of Yorkville ladies of eighteen summers, more or less wearing this morning.

They were not abashed by their apparent dishabille. "We are cool and comfortable," they said. "We see little difference between exhibiting our pink limbs without sheer pink silk covering and with it. Besides, we have on socks even as you wear. In addition pink silk stockings cost \$2 a pair. They don't last long either."

Looking down at our own shapely legs we saw we had on no socks and remembered there were none in the dresser drawer when we looked for a pair this morning.

And looking back at the shapely shins of the young women without stockings, we decided that whether they had been clothed in lisle, saten, rayon, silk or not cold at all as they were not, we just couldn't and wouldn't.

To produce snake skin articles about 800,000 snakes were killed last year.

## Lattimore Youth Back From Meeting

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and Miss Katie Mae Toms Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shytle of Chimney Rock spent Wednesday night with Prof. and Mrs. Lawton Blanton.

A number of people from here attended the funeral of Mr. J. T. S. Mauney at Union Baptist church last Sunday.

Miss Donnis Gold who teaches in Hickory arrived Wednesday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Georgia Gold.

Mr. L. E. Hoyle has returned from Georgia where he spent several days on business.

Mrs. Julia Harrill had as her dinner guests Thanksgiving day Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrill of Shelby.

Mrs. William Davis and children of Charlotte, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Hunt and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Blanton and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harrill and children.

Miss Anna Chaplain of Charlotte is spending a few days with Miss Annie Davis.

Mr. Paris Weathers attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Jennie Horne which was held near Chesnee, S. C. Tuesday.

The intermediate B. Y. P. U. members were entertained with a social at the home of Misses Beatrice and Annette Blanton last Thursday night. Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served. All present reported a good time.

Mr. James G. Johnston of York, S. G. the "one man orchestra" along with some other expert entertainers will give a 3 act program in the auditorium Saturday night at seven o'clock.

The children of the elementary grades are enjoying the new playground apparatus which was added to the campus this week.

Miss Mada Wilson arrived home Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving holidays.

Misses Maude and Allene Crowder and John Crowder were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Crowder Thanksgiving.

## How Long Will Mull Hold It?

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form during the past nine months, among the most difficult being those in which he acted as the personal representative of Governor Gardner during the strikes and industrial outbreaks of the summer and fall, it is no secret, that his duties in connection with pardon and parole matters have proved the most burdensome to Judge Townsend. This was largely because Judge Townsend is so intensely human and so sympathetic that when his mind cannot permit him to do what his heart and feelings would like to do, a consequent nervous strain has resulted. This has been especially true in capital cases, where he has had to conduct investigations and decide whether or not men sentenced to death should be electrocuted. The day after day contact with families and relatives of prisoners and condemned men has added to this strain.

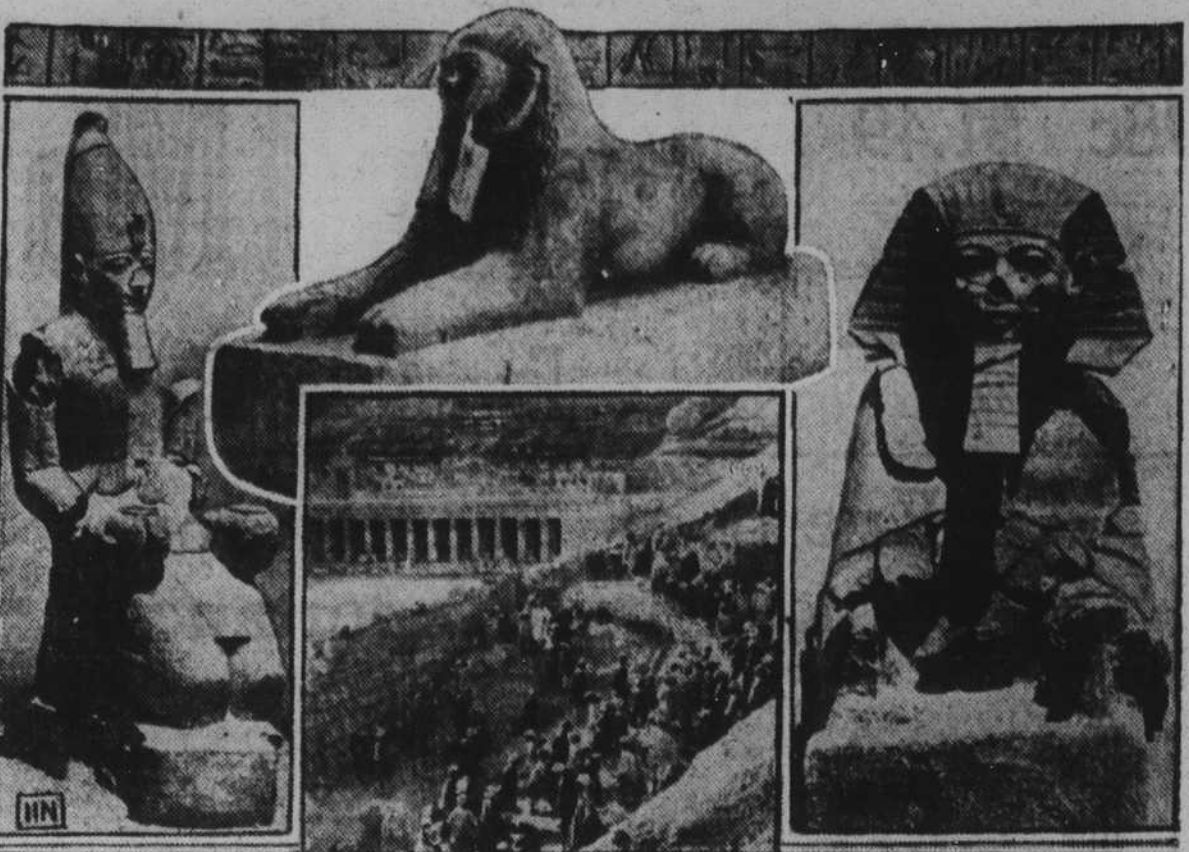
So it was that "the ghosts" got him," as the prisoners in the state prison said of "Crap Thomas when he resigned as one of the official state executioners, who became a virtual nervous wreck after he had pulled the switch that sent some 12 or 14 men to their death, and as the "ghosts" got H. Hoyle Slink, who was commissioner of pardons in the early part of McLean's administration, and as they "got" Edwin B. Bridges, who followed Slink as commissioner of pardons until Townsend took over the post. Both Slink and Bridges voted the job the most difficult and nerve wracking in the state and said "never again" when they resigned from office. Townsend now joins in the chorus and makes it a trio.

And now Mull comes along to take a chance at the job, to act as chief shock absorber for the governor and to do the unpleasant things that governors formerly had to attend to themselves, but which they now pass along to assistants. Not that the governor does not have some of this nerve strain, for he does, and he must make the final decision. But in 99 cases out of 100 he follows the recommendations of the executive counsel, who makes the actual investigations, talks with the prisoners and their relatives, and who bears the brunt of these personal contacts.

While Mull has an affable and approachable personality, and while it is true that he rarely gets ruffled and disturbed by the course of even no matter what the course may be, many are inclined to wonder if Mull will not follow in the footsteps of his predecessors and eventually decide that the nervous wear and tear is too much even for his steel nerves and dedicate to the "ghosts" that haunt the death chamber and the corridors of the state prison.

John W. Vanderslice, 70, an "odd job" man in Denver, Colo., fell heir to \$350,000 and kept right on mowing lawns.

# American Expedition to Egypt Discovers Priceless Treasures



The Egyptian expedition of the Metropolitan Museum of Art under the leadership of Herbert E. Winlock, has reported several discoveries among the ancient ruins, nearly 4,000 years old. Above illustration shows some of the important discoveries to date recorded at the Museum in New York. (Left) A striking limestone sphinx of Queen Hat-Shepsit, whose rule historians set down as 2,000 B.C. (Upper center) This large kneeling statue, part of which through a previous expedition, graced the Hall of the State Museum in Berlin. (Lower center) With the aid of native labor, the American Expedition is uncovering the ancient temple of Deir El Bahri. (Right) This majestic granite sphinx of Queen Hat-Shepsit is one of the priceless treasures discovered at Deir El Bahri. The gorgeous tomb of Queen Meryet-Amun, also unearthed, is said to rival in splendor and significance that of Tut-Ankh-Amen.

An empty coffin, fragments of a stone statue, a small granite sphinx, its expression of utter placidity befitting the fact that it is a likeness of Queen Hat-Shepsit who usurped the throne of Egypt nearly thirty-four centuries ago. Such are some of the treasures discovered by experts of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, who are excavating in the tombs of Thebes, the burial ground of Egypt's kings. And there is drama and romance in every fragment of stone, in every faded garland of flowers, in every gilded face that decorates a coffin lid. For it is by these things that the story of Egypt's past glory is vividly revealed to us, for the tomb is the true chronicle of Egypt's royal and great.

One of the most dramatic and important results of the expedition has been the finding of the tomb and mummy of Queen Meryet-Amun, believed to be about three thousand years old, and rivaling in beauty and historic influence the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen. Dislodged brickwork that disclosed a small entrance gave the excavators but scant warning that they were on the threshold of a famous tomb, but a further investigation revealed that such was indeed the case. And what a story of horrid torment, of pillage and plunder did that tomb unfold. For it was apparent that the tomb had been walled up three separate times. What happened in the depths of the cavernous tomb that houses the

mummy of Queen Meryet-Amun that she who was royal should have been so carelessly left in an unclosed inner coffin, with the outer coffins and their covers in different parts of the tomb? Were plunderers interrupted at their gruesome tasks? The excavators hope by their finding to reconstruct the true story of the burial of the queen, and the events that later transpired in the tomb, which it is believed was plundered in B. C. 1049. Whatever really happened it cannot heighten the drama of the figure of a slender little mummy simply wrapped and festooned with garlands, which Professor Winlock reports are still fresh enough to show what color they were three thousand years ago.

A few hours after his release from prison, Walter Kessels of Chicago applied to a police station for shelter in a cell, saying it was the only home he knew.

### Cards Of Thanks.

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