

EXTRA ASTOR'S WILL

Offered for Probate in the Surrogate's Office this Morning. Over \$100,000,000 Worth of Property to His Son Waldorf.

Museum of Art \$50,000, Astor Library \$450,000, St. Luke's Hospital \$100,000. A document disposing of over \$100,000,000, and probably \$150,000,000, worth of real and personal estate was offered in the Probate Clerk's office of the Surrogate's Office to-day.

It was the will of John Jacob Astor, head of the family of that name and the wealthiest man in America, who died at his Fifth avenue mansion on Washington's Birthday.

About noon Charles F. Southmayd came into Probate Clerk Bernard J. Finney's room in the Surrogate's office and filed the will of John Jacob Astor.

He was accompanied by William Waldorf Astor, who was dressed in deep black, wore a silk hat with mourning band, and black kid-gloves. The will covers two and one-half sheets of parchment, two of the sheets being written on both sides. Of the third sheet but one-half of one side is written upon.

It took Mr. Southmayd just about one-half hour to draw up the petition for probate and young Mr. Astor then read and signed it.

The text of the will is as follows: I, John Jacob Astor, of the city of New York, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say:

First—I give and bequeath to my friend, Alexander Hamilton, now residing at or near Irvington, the sum of \$30,000.

Second—I give and bequeath the following legacies, viz.: To the corporation known as St. Luke's Hospital, \$100,000; to the corporation known as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, \$400,000; to the corporation known as the New York Cancer Hospital, \$100,000, and to my cousin, James Simmons Armstrong, \$30,000.

Third—I give to the corporation known as the Trustees of the Astor Library, from my personal estate, the sum of \$400,000; to be paid at the expiration of two years from my death, and to be invested and kept invested by said corporation in any stocks or securities or property of any other description which, in the discretion of the trustees of the said corporation, styled "The Trustees of the Astor Library."

And I will, and direct that the net income of the said fund of \$400,000, from time to time be applied to and expended in the purchase of books to be added to the library, and not to be used for the payment of or for the increase of salaries of officers or employees, nor for the purchase of furniture or other current expenses, nor for any other purpose than the purchase of or binding of books.

And I will and declare that the special declarations above contained in this third article in relation to the investment of said bequest, as a permanent fund, and the application of the income thereof, as aforesaid, are not to be construed as to create any trust not legally permissible, nor so to impair the legal ownership and control of the fund and its income and proceeds by the corporation as fully as may be legally necessary to the validity of the bequest to it of the sum aforesaid.

Fourth—I give, and bequeath to the said corporation, known as "The Trustees of the Astor Library," the further sum of \$20,000, and I request that this sum be by said corporation invested, and kept invested, as a permanent fund, and that the income thereof be applied to paying the trustees of said corporation from time to time fees or allowances for attending the meetings of such trustees, at the rate of \$10 to each attending trustee at each meeting, and that if, and as these fees may be, an accumulation of such fund, after making such payments, so as to permit the raising of the rate of such regular fees or allowances, and the payment thereof out of the net income of such fund without trenching upon the capital, may suffice to pay.

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The attesting witnesses were examined, and swore that they were present at the drawing and signing of the will. Alexander Hamilton, who is named in the will as legate to the amount of \$30,000, died last December at his home in Irvington.

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

The Emperor to Study English and American Labor Systems.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.) LONDON, Feb. 26.—Count Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador, has been instructed by his Government to write a report on the labor question in England for comparison with the system which obtains in America.

Dr. Paul Niemeyer Dead.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.) BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Dr. Paul Niemeyer, the famous lecturer and writer on hygiene, is dead.

Dead of Starvation, While Hugging Her Gold.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.) LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Countess Carlotta, the English wife of a deceased French nobleman, has been found dead in her chair. The unfortunate woman was hugging in her arms a bag containing \$10,000, in gold, at the very moment when she was dying of insufficient nutrition, being too miserly to purchase the food that she needed to keep her alive.

Respect for Our Navy.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.) BERLIN, Feb. 26.—The Kreuz-Zeitung, in an article on the United States, dwells upon the arduous and perilous work of the American navy, and characterizes it as the second in power in the world. The paper also declares that the new navy will be superior to that of France, but that with the two allied England's navy could be easily annihilated.

May Let the Duke Escape.

(DUNLAP CABLE NEWS SPECIAL.) PARIS, Feb. 26.—It is believed here that the Government proposes to get out of its scrags, and avoid the charge of perjury, by allowing the Duke of Orleans to escape from the prison at Clairvaux.

SENATE FARCE OR BUSINESS?

Mayor Grant Believes in Making the Investigation Thorough. Senator Fassett's Legislative Committee of curiosity-seekers met here to-morrow to organize for the presentation of their political comedy. Investigation. The play has been rewritten and rearranged by the committee, and is to be presented to the Senate to-morrow.

STABBED IN A SALOON.

A Sailor Plunges His Sheath-Knife Into His Companion. Andrew Hanson, a Swedish sailor, was held for examination in the Tombs Police Court to-day on a charge of stabbing a fellow-countryman, Andrew Wilson.

Mrs. Cleveland Her Guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Smith are giving a series of musical entertainments at their studio in Madison avenue on Tuesday afternoons during Lent. At the first one, given yesterday, there was some delightful music.

VAN COTT'S DISTRESS SIGNAL.

Flag Raised on the Post Office with Union Jack Down.

It Was an Accident, Say the Tired and Worn Officials.

The Stars and Stripes were hoisted on the flagstaff on the Federal Building containing the Post-Office and United States courts this morning.

REARRESTED AND HELD.

President Wallack Surrenders Himself and Gives Bail.

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EXTRA WILL WON IT,

But Frank Ward Made a Fine Race for the Onondaga Handicap. THE FINISH WAS EXCITING. Can't Tell Defeated the Favorite Prodigal Two Lengths.

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