ESTATE, 2 WILLS AND 2 WIDOWS

Queer Complications in Settling the Affairs of the Late Louis Rossignot, Who Made Fortune in "Spit Curls."

FORTUNE IS TWICE AS LARGE AS WAS EXPECTED.

A Brother Who Did Not Know of the Will or the Widows Has Obtained Letters of Administration.

Application was made to-day in behalf of Aimee Michel, of the Hotel St. George, claiming to be the widow of Louis Rossignot, who amassed a fortune of more than $100,000 in "spit curls" and a patent bang, to have the letters of administration granted to Claude Antoine Rossignot set aside and a temporary administrator appointed by the Court.

"How did Mr. Rossignot secure letters of administration if there is a widow living?" asked Surrogate Thomas, and his eyes opened wide as H. A. Vieu replied:

"When we applied for letters of administration we did not know there was any widow, the only wife we knew having divorced him; nor that Louis Rossignot left any will. We estimated his estate at less than $50,000 and filed a proper bond to protect it. But when we opened the strong box at the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company we found not $50,000 but more than $100,000 in stocks and bonds. And we found a will, executed in 1888. It left everything to brothers and sisters in specific shares, but it mentioned no wife.

"We filed this will and got another surprise when not one but two alleged widows came forward to claim the estate, and one of them spoke of a second will made in 1897, but void because there was no attesting witnesses. One widow, Mme. Marguerite Beroux, who has a millinery establishment at No. 14 West Thirty-first street, claims a common-law wife for fifteen years—and I want to say that, as a matter of fact, the late Louis Rossignot introduced me to this lady, calling her his wife, at a French hotel in Great Neck, L. I., ten years ago.

"The other lady, Mme. Aimee Michel, claims under a ceremonial marriage on March 30, last, at Jacksonville, Fla., and she shows what purports to be a certificate of that marriage, and she is said to be about to become a mother.

"I understand there is no attack upon the will in behalf of this lady, but, of course, in law, should there be born a child, that would of itself invalidate the will, the estate going to the child and its mother.

"Otherwise, unless the will is broken, I don't see how either alleged widow can claim anything more than one-eighth of the estate, the bequest of which has become inoperative by the death of the legatee without issue."

Suggests a New Complication.

"And," commented the Surrogate, "it sometimes happens that a common law marriage is established. If that should occur in this case, then even the birth of a posthumous child would not avail to set aside the will. I suppose it would be your desire to show that Louis Rossignot was a single man when he married Mlle. Aimee Michel in Florida?"

"We claim," said Lawyer Marshall, "that he was a single man, having been divorced years ago by his first wife, and that there was no common-law marriage to the other alleged widow."

Surrogate Thomas said the bond should be increased to $200,000 at any rate, and reserved decision on the motion for a new administrator.

2,000 BALES OF COTTON ABLAZE

Scores of Firemen Overcome by Flames in a Brooklyn Storage Warehouse Filled with Inflammable Material.

FIREBOATS CALLED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE

Four Alarms Sounded and Three Ambulances Summoned — Large Section of Water Front Imperilled.

One of the most stubborn fires that the Brooklyn Fire Department has fought in many months started to-day in one of the buildings of the Bush Storage Warehouse Company, at the foot of Forty-fourth street, that borough.

Four alarms were sent in, and a great mass of fire apparatus and two fireboats fought several hours to save the great area of property covered by the storage company's buildings. Two thousand bales of cotton were consumed, and the stifling and dense fumes of smoke overwhelmed the firemen by squads at a time. Three ambulances were summoned to the scene, and the ambulance surgeons worked in relays reviving the prostrated fire-fighters. When the blaze was got under control the loss was estimated at $30,000.

The buildings of the storage company are built in rows of eight one-story brick structures. Each building is stored with a separate kind of merchandise.

2,000 Cotton Bales Stored.

The fire started in building No. 27, near the foot of Forty-fourth street. Two days ago a cargo of 2,000 bales of cotton was placed in No. 27, and locked in behind iron doors and shutters. No one has been in the building since then and Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle, who early arrived with the apparatus, responding to a second alarm, says that one of the bales of cotton must have had a fire in it when placed in the storage vaults.

All that time the fire has been smouldering and spreading to other bales. That the flames did not burst forth before to-day is due to the fact that the cotton is packed so tight that the blaze had no draught. Roundsman Broderick, a special officer assigned to patrol the wharves near the storage warehouses, discovered the fire.

As he passed No. 27 he noticed a thin curl of smoke push out from under an iron shutter. A moment later a tongue of flame thrust itself out, and by the time Broderick turned in an alarm smoke and fire was pouring from every window. The firemen who arrived on the first alarm saw that they had a blaze to deal with that would necessitate drastic treatment. The interior of the building was a furnace, and as soon as the smoke found a vent through a shutter that was burned loose from its fastenings the smoke poured out on the men in billows.

Many Buildings in Danger.

A second and a third alarm was turned in and even then the torrent of water poured on the blazing building made no apparent headway. Neighboring buildings were stored with jute, cotton and okum and their iron doors and shutters began to bulge with the heat.

Chief Croker and Deputy Fire Commissioner Doyle arrived on the third alarm and immediately turned in a fourth one. The [illegible] Deputy Commissioner and New Yorker were summoned and turned their [illegible] on the blaze.

As the danger of [illegible] fell upon the smoulder [illegible] of dense [illegible] volume of smoke increased until it formed an impenetrable wall about the burning building.

The smoke was dense and stifling, and the firemen who penetrated far within its area rapidly succumbed. Ambulances were summoned from the Seney and Norwegian Hospitals to care for the asphyxiated men, and Deputy Commissioner Doyle organized and led a rescue squad that cared for the firemen bowled over by the smoke, and carried them to the spot where the ambulance surgeons [illegible].

Water Front Threatened.

It finally became so dangerous for the firemen to work within the zone of smoke that Chief Croker gave orders to turn the streams of water from the burning building and soak the adjoining structures until the air cleared. Every effort was made to keep the blaze from spreading to the adjoining buildings stored with jute and other inflammables, for if the flames once gained headway they would have threatened the entire area of the water front. Though the fire was got under control, water will be poured on the smouldering cotton for at least twelve hours.

STOCK BROKERS SUSPEND.

F. S. Colton & Co., of Consolidated Exchange, Announce a Halt.

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—F. S. Colton & Co., brokers, of No. 27 State street, members of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange, announced their suspension to-day.

The firm has offices in several New England cities and in New York.

Get One on Subway Day!

There are a thousand questions the average New Yorker wishes to ask about the triumph of engineering art, the Subway. Thursday, Oct. 27, the day the Subway is opened, The Evening World will give away a four-page Subway Souvenir, in four colors, with each copy of the paper. This souvenir will answer 1,000 "Subway questions" and will tell you all you can possibly wish to know of the vast tunnel.

FREE PRIVATE LECTURES TO WOMEN.

Valuable Hints on Health and Beauty That Women Should Know.

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Oct. 26 and 27, at 3 o'clock, the famous and successful physician in the treatment of nervous and special diseases, Dr. J. A. Greene, of 191 Fifth avenue, New York City, between 17th and 18th streets, the proprietor of that wonderful blood and nerve remedy, Dr. Greene's Nervura, will deliver in Harlem Casino, 124th st. and 7th av., free private illustrated lectures to women only. These lectures will be beautifully and accurately illustrated by dissolving views, thus giving women a splendid opportunity to understand all those diseases and weaknesses to which they are peculiarly liable.

Valuable hints will also be given in regard to the preservation of the health, maintaining and preserving a delicate complexion and keeping a youthful appearance to mature years, as well as other important information. Previous to all lectures Prof. F. Richard Davis will present his pleasing entertainment, Magic and Mystery, and Mr. Jere Cronin will give his exhibition of wonderful moving pictures and elegant dissolving views of Japan, showing pictures of Japanese cities, towns and the customs of the people. As admission is absolutely free and all ladies are much interested in these matters, there will doubtless be a large attendance.

Banks that Pay 4%

A booklet containing a list of New York City (Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond Boroughs) Savings Banks; the rate of interest paid by each Bank; extracts from laws regulating the investments of New York Savings Banks, etc., will be sent free to any bank depositor who writes for it.

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Women's and Misses' Garments

At Prices Which Make Purchases Almost Imperative.

This special purchase of garments calls for the strongest presentation on our part. Exceptional values are represented. Beautiful styles are pictured. It is a stock superb from top to bottom; and we own it for so little that sensational prices are promised you in this sale.

Women's Suits.

27-inch Coat Suits in black, navy and brown cheviot; collarless; neck trimmed with velvet; satin lined; new model skirt with pleated panels.
Made to sell at $19.
This Week—$12.98

27-inch Coat Suits in black and white and navy and white mannish suitings; collar and cuffs trimmed with velvet and fancy braid; satin lined; side pleated skirt.
Made to sell at $27.50.
This Week—$19.98

Tourist Coat Suits in tan and gray Scotch mixtures; velvet collar and cuffs; belted back; flare skirt with triple pleats at each gore.
Made to sell at $23.50.
This Week—$16.98

Of chiffon taffeta silk in new box pleated effects; entire front of double rows of stitching; stitched back; box pleated sleeves; fancy stock finished with large silk rings and tie; new Autumn shades of blue and brown.
Made to sell at $6.50.
This Week—$4.98

42-inch fly-front Suit of French Broadcloth; black, navy and brown; full pleated back, taffeta lined; skirt with flag pleats, finely tailored.
Made to sell at $35.00.
This Week—$24.50

42-inch fly-front Suit in black, navy and brown Lymansville cheviot; lined with guaranteed satin; coat finished with closely stitched straps; 15-gore skirt with foot pleats; finished same style as coat.
Made to sell at $45.00.
This Week—$32.50

Raincoats and Capes.

Raincoats, double-breasted, with box pleated back and belt; Oxford and green.
Made to Sell at $14.00.
This Week—$9.50

Cravenettes, with cape; pleated back and belt; collarless, with box pleated back of blue and brown.
Made to Sell at $20.00
This Week—$14.98

Capes, of fine quality Kersey cloth; lined with satin; trimmed with braid; some have fur collars and edging of fur; others are plain.
Prices from $8.98 up

Women's New Model Coats.

Three-quarter Coats of black Panne Cheviot; fitted back with belt; double-breasted front; collarless; seams lapped; satin lined throughout.
Made to Sell at $15.00
This Week—$10.50

Black Cheviot Coats with velvet collars; fly front; ¾ fitted back; satin lined.
Made to Sell at $16.50
This Week—$12.50

Coats of fine black Kersey, with stitched strapped seams; finished around neck and cuffs with velvet and braid; satin lined.
Made to Sell at $22.50
This Week—$17.98

Coats of black Cheviot in collarless model; 34 inch; semi-fitted back, handsomely trimmed with velvet and braid; lined with heavy black satin.
Made to Sell at $26.50
This Week—$19.50

Misses' Garments.

Suits, made of blue, black and brown cheviot; pleated coat, collarless effect, trimmed with velvet; sizes from 14 to 18.
Made to Sell at $20.00
This Week—$14.98

Girls' Long Coats; fine quality rough cloth, with large cape; trimmed with straps of plain cloth and buttons; blue or brown; full length; sizes 8 to 14.
Made to Sell at $9.50
This Week—$5.98

Misses' Raincoats in Oxford gray and tan; mixed; collarless effect; pleated back and belt; very jaunty model; sizes 14 to 18.
Made to Sell at $13.50
This Week—$9.98

Box Coat Suits, made of fancy mixed materials; loose box; strap back; coat satin lined; sizes 14 to 18.
Made to Sell at $15.50
This Week—$10.98

Box Coats with cape; made of excellent quality fine Kersey in blue, black and castor; sizes 14 to 18.
Made to Sell at $10.75
This Week—$7.98

Walking Skirts.

Of black, navy and brown Herringbone Cheviot; new pleated model.
Made to Sell at $12.00
This Week—$7.98

Walking Skirts; pleated; made of fine quality plain cloths; very full; fifteen gore; all lengths.
Made to Sell at $7.75
This Week—$4.98

Of black and navy Kersey cloth; new pleated model; very stylish.
Made to Sell at $6.50
This Week—$3.98

Of black, navy and brown Thibet cloth; new model, with inserted pleated panels and straps.
Made to Sell at $9.00
This Week—$5.98

Dress Skirts.

Of black French Broadcloth; new panel; handsomely trimmed with taffeta straps.
Made to Sell at $15.00
This Week—$8.98

Of black French Broadcloth; fine quality; trimmed with taffeta straps.
Made to Sell at $11.00
This Week—$6.98

Of black cheviot; pleats and fancy braid trimming; splendid hanging.
Made to Sell at $8.50
This Week—$5.98

Of black Voile; flare; richly trimmed with straps of taffeta silk; made over good quality drop.
Made to Sell at $23.50
This Week—$14.98

Women's Waists.

Of heavy white vesting materials in stripe effects; fitted back and pleated front; new sleeves; hemstitched stock with tabs.
Made to Sell at $1.50.
This Week—98c

Of blue and brown Brilliantine; also fancy mixtures in blue, brown, black and white; pleated front and back; finished with fancy buttons; separate stock with tabs.
Made to Sell at $1.69.
This Week—$1.25

Of Nun's Veiling, in light blue, navy, brown, tan, white, gray or black; front of large pleats; pleated back; pleated sleeves with cuffs; separate stock with fancy tabs.
Made to Sell at $3.25.
This Week—$2.25

Of fine Taffeta Silk, in blue, white or black; front of small cluster tucks and stitched pleats; tucked blouse and back, fancy tucked leg o' mutton sleeves; finished with small silk buttons; separate stock with tie.
Made to Sell at $5.00.
This Week—$3.98

Of finest taffeta silk, entire front of hemstitching; hemstitched back; full sleeves, finished with double rows of hemstitching; also stock with tabs; new Autumn shades of blue and brown, also white and black.
Made to Sell at $8.00.
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Fine box calf and vici kid lace shoes; with strong solid leather heavy soles—splendid wear-resisting shoes—sizes 1 to 5½.

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In lace and button styles, all colors; also some felt and other warmly lined moccasins.

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Baked Beans—Extra fine, not more than 12 cans to a customer; a regular 10 cent 1-lb. can for 4c

Mixed Tea—Excellent quality; sold elsewhere for 40c. to 50c.; special, per lb. 19c

Formosa Oolong, Mixed Tea or English Breakfast. Our 50c. grade, per lb. 35c

Our 50c. Formosa Oolong, English Breakfast or Mixed Tea, per lb. 60c

French Peas, very excellent, 2 cans 25c

Job Box Tomatoes. Very fancy, large cans 11c

Wax Beans—Very fine, per can 8c

String Beans—Very fine, per can 6c

Young String Beans. Per can 16c

Large Sugar Peas. Very fine, per can 14c

Extra Fancy Sugar Peas—Can 16c

Bartlett Pears. Very good; 2-lb. can 10c

Olive Oil—The very finest from France; our 75c. very large bottle for 59c.; or, our 89c. large bottle for 35c

New Holland Herring—Milchners; keg, $1.19 and 85c

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Baby Olives—Full quarts 25c

Lobster—Finest; 1 lb. cans 38c

Sardelles—Per bottle 29c

Bloaters—Very fancy; large fish; each 4c

Wines & Liquors.

Schenley Rye Whiskey from the famous 25th District of Pennsylvania; sold elsewhere for $1.25; this sale, full quarts 75c

California Port or Sherry, very fine; per gal. 75c

California Port or Sherry, extra fine; per gal. $1.25

Beef, Iron and Wine, best; our 30c. bottle 20c

Liebig's Malt Extract, extra fine; dozen bottles $1.25

Bass's Ale, the finest on earth, and every bottle genuine and perfect; per dozen $1.39

Rye Whiskey, over ½ gal., $1.40; gallon $2.75

Monogram, very old; ¼ gal., $2; gallon $3.75

Jones's Ale or Stout, extra fine; sold elsewhere for $1.40 to $1.50; this sale, per doz. $1.15

Pontet Canet (Claret) imported; dozen $4.75

Tokay, finest domestic; beautiful, nourishing; gallon, 90c.; gallon $1.75

Imported Port Wine, Supreme; per ½ gallon $1.15

Imported Sherry Wine, Supreme; per ½ gallon $1.45

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