

HENRY FORD AND HIS YOUNGEST PACIFISTS.

\$3 RING WEDDED ROCKEFELLERS

Value Fixed in Appraising Estate of Oil Man's Wife.

SHE LEFT TOTAL OF \$1,490,371

Bequest of \$438,593 to Foundation Exempted from Taxation—State to Make Test Case.

Three dollars is the value placed by the transfer tax appraiser on the wedding ring left by Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller.

The largest bequest made by the decedent was \$438,593, to the Rockefeller Foundation, the favorite philanthropy of her husband.

Will Create a Precedent. This action, if sustained by the courts, will continue a precedent under which the state will lose thousands of dollars on large bequests which will surely flow to the Foundation from the Rockefeller fortune.

The State Controller will file objections to the Surrogate's Court, to the appraisal of the appraiser, making a test case. L. A. Wray, attorney for the State Controller, requested Appraiser Spencer to find that the bequest was subject to the foundation.

Other public bequests made by Mrs. Rockefeller which also were exempted from the estate tax were: \$300,000; Women's American Baptist Mission Society, \$300,000; Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, \$100,000, and Bureau of Social Hygiene of New York City, \$5,000.

Mrs. Rockefeller left the residue of her estate to eight institutions, with power to her executors to exclude from participation any beneficiary mentioned by her.

No Reason Given for Exclusion. Under this power the executors excluded the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland; Baptist Home of Northern Ohio, Cleveland; Baptist Home Society of New York and Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

The bulk of Mrs. Rockefeller's estate consisted of stocks and bonds, valued at \$1,863,452. None of the investments included in this action was given by the executors.

Some of the other bequests by Mrs. Rockefeller were: Mrs. Alta Rockefeller Prentice, daughter, \$100,000; ring of three colored diamonds, \$750; watch and chain, \$500; coral set, \$100.

Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, daughter, \$100,000; diamond watch chain, \$12,000; diamond earrings, \$2,000; Margaret Strong, granddaughter, \$500; diamond brooch, \$2,000; solitaire diamond ring, \$500; ring, \$500.

Mrs. Abby A. Rockefeller, daughter-in-law, string of pearls and black pearl pendant, \$75,000; Emma McAlpin, niece, diamond necklace, \$10,000; Ethel Dodge, niece, pink pearl ring, \$5,000; Abby Rockefeller, granddaughter, items of jewelry valued at \$375.

The most valuable articles of apparel were a seal coat, valued at \$1,000; fifteen suits, silks and satins, were put down at \$300, and ten trimmed hats at \$50. A value of \$105 was placed on seven Belgian lace handkerchiefs.

PATROLMAN OUTFRONS MOTORCYCLE THIEF

Schoolgirls Give Alarm When Prisoner Takes Machine.

George De Boies, twenty-five, of 25 Boney, picked a bad day in which to steal a motor cycle, valued at \$100, on the 26th yesterday. He did not reckon on the slush and snow or on the sprouting ability of Patrolman Patrick Walsh, of the West 100th Street station.

When George jumped on the motorcycle, in front of the Colonial Bank, at 104th Street and Columbus Avenue, the alarm was instantly raised by schoolgirls. The girls knew the motorcycle belonged to David O'Connell, a clerk in the bank, as he often gave them rides on the tandem seat.

Walsh was standing half a block away. He heard, saw and sprang. Walsh, who pedaled furiously down 104th Street toward Madison Avenue, the motor, because of the skidding of the rear wheel, refused to get going properly.

Walsh, with a spring in his step, started his quarry. The motor began to puff, with a speed that started the wheels of the machine and smothered him in a snowbank. Meanwhile McGee was a lame second to the policeman in the chase, and another daring spring occurred when the motor was within a few feet of the station.

The motor refused to talk, beyond giving a name, age and address. In his pocket was found a clipping, containing a picture of Antonio Federici, the ex-convict who is still at large after he killed two policemen in New Jersey recently.

Reporter Gets Fire Post. George Kivel, a reporter for the New York City News Association at Police Headquarters, was appointed yesterday special investigator by Fire Commissioner Adams, and assigned to the Bureau of Investigation, to work under Chief Thomas F. Brophy, who is also a newspaper man. Kivel, who is married and lives at 319 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn, has been a newspaper man for years, with the exception of a short time when he was in the fire insurance business.



Group of college students on board the Oscar II.

FORD DESERTER HAS TALE OF WOE

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the thousands. From Kirkwall alone Mr. Ford sent hundreds of dollars worth of peace agitation through the air, most of it directed at nine different European rulers.

Convinced that the mission would be fruitless on account of internal discord and lack of a definite plan, if for no other reason, Bernann sought the port officer at Kirkwall for permission to board the Stockholm, which was held there for three days. Moved by Bernann's tale of woe, the officer allowed him to desert from service in the peace ship war.

Danes Gag Ford Peace Pilgrims; Gov. Hanna Ill

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—Denmark will not permit members of the Ford peace expedition to hold meetings here. After the recent visit of Erling Bjornson, son of the late Norwegian dramatist, it was decided that no foreigners would be admitted to lecture on the war or the belligerent powers.

On his arrival to-day Governor L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, one of the Ford pilgrims, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from influenza.

Ford Only Slightly Ill; Cable Message Reassures Family

Detroit, Dec. 27.—Anxiety of the family and business associates of Henry Ford has been relieved by a cable message from Stockholm. Addressed to Mrs. Ford, it said that Mr. Ford was well and would come on to Detroit. He was only slightly ill, the message stated.

Mrs. Ford and her son, Edsel, have made no arrangements to meet Mr. Ford in New York as the date of his arrival is uncertain. E. G. Liebold, Mr. Ford's secretary, said that the Norwegian liner Bergensford was out of range of the wireless and that it was impossible to communicate with Mr. Ford.

Mr. Ford said time and again that the Oscar II was chartered merely to attract the world to the peace plan, his business associates say. Because "the boys" did not leave the trenches on the arrival of the ship in foreign waters, the enterprise was denounced as a failure by its opponents. Friends of Mr. Ford think it is unfair to denounce his plan until the commission which is to carry it out has tried. Mr. Ford is intended to have this commission sit for years if necessary.

Ford to Back Permanent Peace Board with \$2,000,000

Stockholm (via London), Dec. 28.—Delighted over what they described as their sympathetic reception in Sweden, the members of the Henry Ford peace expedition to-day considered returning to the Hague, when a permanent peace commission is formed.

Many prominent citizens of Stockholm, including the Mayor, have tendered an unofficial invitation to the expedition to make Stockholm the center of such peace negotiations as may arise. The Ford delegates announced favorably, but that they would withhold final decision.

The entire expedition, however, will go to Copenhagen and the Hague, as already planned. The Hague three or more delegates from each country will be selected, and this body, constituting Mr. Ford's idea of a permanent arbitration board, will sit in Stockholm.

Mr. Ford to-day sent a wireless dispatch from the steamer on which he is bound for New York, saying he was improving in health and wished success for the expedition. The permanent board, the dispatch added, would be backed by Mr. Ford to the extent of \$2,000,000 if necessary.

One idea of Mr. Ford, it is announced, is to flood Europe with literature asking for the termination of the war.

Duvents Not in Hearst Suit

Jensen Brothers have requested that it be stated that it was not that firm of art dealers who were in litigation with William R. Hearst over an Elizabethan chimneypiece. The dealer who sold the chimneypiece to Mr. Hearst was Charles Duvent, who does business under the name of Charles, of London.

CALLS TO LINER UNANSWERED "BEST CHRISTMAS" ENDS IN SUICIDE

Fears Felt for Thessaloniki, Last Heard from Week Ago. Fear for the safety of the Thessaloniki, of the Greek Line, was aroused last night when it became known that the liner gave no answer to the wireless calls sent out from several radio stations along the coast.

Since last Wednesday, when the Thessaloniki, with 500 passengers on board, called for help, nothing has been heard from her. At that time she was 700 miles east of Norfolk. When the Italian steamship Stampalia, of the Veloce Line, responded to the appeal and approached within a short distance of the Greek liner the captain declined aid. He said that water which had filled the boiler and engine rooms had been pumped out and that everything aboard was all right again. The Thessaloniki was expected here Sunday. It is possible that her wireless apparatus was carried away by the storm or that it is too weak to send answers to messages inquiring after her safety.

SAY FOOD EMBARGO VOIDS NEUTRALITY

Teuton Sympathizers Demand U. S. Help Get Milk to Austrian and German Babies. President Wilson will shatter his neutrality proclamation to bits unless he takes it upon himself to see that the subject of the trip he and his mother took to St. Michael's Hospital.

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When he returned from another slide down the incline on his sled, "King of the Hill," Eddie wandered away from the subject of the trip he and his mother took to St. Michael's Hospital.

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EXPECTS CHEMISTRY TO FIND LIFE CAUSE

Biologists Sanguine of Great Discoveries, Says Dr. Eliot. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Biologists' contribution to human welfare and the prospects of further advancement in biological research were reviewed to-day by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, in an address before the American Association of Science, which opened its sixty-eighth meeting here to-day.

"The most important lesson," Dr. Eliot said, "which the great advance of applied biological science teaches is that the treatment of human evils and wrongs in the future should be preventative for the mass, as well as curative for the individual. The main functions of the medical profession are to prevent the spread of disease, the eradication or exclusion of the causes, sources or carriers of communicable disease."

The biologist of to-day, the speaker said, believes that chemistry can and will come to the aid of science and art of medicine and will ultimately enable biological science to comprehend the vital processes of health and disease and to penetrate what are now the secrets of life and death.

"Society," Dr. Eliot said, "must concern itself, not chiefly with the isolation, temporary or permanent, of the individual murderer, thief or forger, but with the extermination or repair of the genetic, educational or industrial defects which cause the production of criminals."

Dr. Eliot, who is the retiring president of the association, was introduced by Dr. William Wallace Campbell, director of Lick Observatory, the new president. Addresses of welcome were made by Dr. W. O. Thompson and Dr. T. C. Mendenhall, president and president emeritus, respectively, of the Ohio State University.

SAILOR'S NAP ENDS IN RIVER

Sways Off South Street Pier—With Rescuer, Tries Again in Hospital. August Nelson, a sailor, living at 25 South Street, took a nap on Pier 9 and fell into the East River early this morning. He's a patient in the Volunteer Hospital. In the bed next to Nelson is Police Sergeant Alexander Anderson, of the Old Slip station, who rescued the sailor after a hard struggle.

Dr. Grant used a pulmotor on both men before they recovered sufficiently to be taken to the hospital. Patrolman Jameson, William Farrell, a watchman, pulled the exhausted officer and his burden out of the river.

BURGLAR COMEDY A \$700 SUCCESS

Five Masked Men Truss Up Theatre Attendants and Blow Safe.

JANITOR DOES SPRINT, CLAD IN NIGHTSHIRT

Police Find Three Others Bound with Picture Wire—"Have a Good Time," Robbers Said.

Five methodical burglars, all provided with masks, "gats," gumshoes and stealthy manners, after the best traditions of their profession, tipped in single file into the Star Theatre, at Lexington Avenue and 107th Street, early yesterday morning.

An hour later they all tipped out again, taking with them all clues to their identity and \$700 from the wrecked theatre safe, and leaving behind them the watchman, the janitor, his wife and the scrubwoman neatly wrapped up in picture wire, all gagged and swathed snugly in comfortables.

Morris Klein, the watchman, was making his rounds at 4 o'clock, when the quintet approached him and begged him to keep very, very quiet. This, after one startled look at the revolver battery brought to bear upon him, Klein promised earnestly to do. On tip-toe, like his involuntary associates, the watchman laid them to the door behind which Abraham Doretsky and his wife were slumbering.

The burglars knocked politely, and then Klein, at their suggestion, asked the janitor to come out.

Doretsky was overpowered before he was thoroughly awakened. His wife was choked until she lost all desire to yell for the police. Then, after a fruitless hunt for rope, the pictures were ripped from the walls and their wire was used in trussing up the captives.

While they were in the middle of this operation the scrubwoman, Fannie Simons, of 1636 Lexington Avenue, rapped at the theatre door for admission. One of the five let her in.

"Come on up," Klein said. "Klein is a playing poker upstairs," he said. "Come on up."

When Mrs. Simons entered the chamber she also was strapped like a Christmas parcel and laid on the bed. Klein was removed to make room for her, and was wired to a chair instead.

"We want you to feel at home," one of the burglars professed as he carefully covered and spread it carefully over Doretsky, his wife and the scrubwoman. "And we don't like to think of your taking cold. Have a good time; but if you make any noise we'll come back and blow your lids off."

Then they disappeared. After an hour of struggling Doretsky got his hands free, at the cost of several lacerations, and unlocked and unlocked the door. He then waited to help his fellow sufferers, but left the theatre in search of the police, at high speed and in a nightshirt.

Patrolman Hans of the East 104th Street station, met him skipping over the chill pavements like a respectable, middle-aged faun. They hurried back to the theatre and released the others. When he returned he found Shadbolt lying on the floor in a rear room. He had a revolver in his hand and the room was full of powder smoke.

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WILLIAMS RESIGNS FROM P. S. BOARD

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mision during the turbulent times since the signing of the dual contracts, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have helped me in this work. I have no more to say.

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U. S. INSPECTS 7,533 VESSELS

More Than 2,000,000 Passengers Carried for Every Life Lost Says Report. Washington, Dec. 27.—In the annual report of the Supervising Inspector General of the Steamboat Inspection Service to the Secretary of Commerce for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, issued, certificates of inspection were issued for 7,533 steam, sail and motor vessels and barges, aggregating 5,612,031 gross tons; 321 foreign passenger steam vessels, aggregating 1,119,008 gross tons, were inspected; 18,412 officers of all grades were licensed; 62 steam vessels were granted letters of approval of designs of boilers, engines and other operating machinery; 1,681 boilers in or for United States government steamers and buildings were inspected. New life preservers inspected numbered 164,335, of which 217 were double-breasted.

Reports covering casualties and violations of law by vessels subject to inspection numbered 1,960. Accidents resulting in loss of life totalled 190, 42 less than in the corresponding period for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1914. In the number of passengers lost, 2,411 were carried on steam vessels required by law to report the number of passengers carried. Dividing this number by 107, the total number of passengers lost, shows 22,411 passengers carried for each passenger lost. The total number of lives lost from all causes, passengers and crew, was 368.

NEW BILLS JAM CONGRESS

6,781 Introduced During First Twelve Days of Present Session. Washington, Dec. 27.—Bill clerks of the House, who are still working on the records of proceedings of the sessions up to the holiday recess, reported to-day that the number of bills already introduced at the Sixty-fourth Congress more than doubled the number presented at a similar period at the opening of the Sixty-third Congress.

During the first twelve days of the last Congress 3,220 bills were introduced. In the same period this year, in the present session, 6,781 bills were introduced, besides 153 resolutions.

Williams Acted Wisely.

Says Senator Thompson Albany, Dec. 27.—Senator Thompson, chairman of the legislative public service investigating committee, expressed surprise when he learned of Commissioner Williams' resignation.

"No charges of any kind have been filed against Commissioner Williams," Senator Thompson said, "but I think he did wisely in tendering his resignation."

PERSONAL.

"BIG FOUR" FIGHT IN G. O. P. BEGUN

Whitman-Barnes Conference Starts Scramble Among Leaders.

There was evidence yesterday that the four delegates-at-large from this state to the Republican convention at Chicago would not be chosen without a lively fight among the leaders, near-leaders and many others who think they ought to have something to say about it. It is regarded as reasonably certain that Senator Wadsworth and ex-Senator Root can have two of the places on the "Big Four," if they care for the honor, and there isn't much doubt that they will.

The fight, therefore, narrows down to the remaining two places. It promises to be a scramble of no small proportions. Thus far there are five Republicans of prominence who think they are entitled to represent the Republicans of the Empire State at the Chicago convention at delegates-at-large, and there are symptoms that this list will be increased.

Governor Whitman thinks he is entitled to one of these places; William Barnes, jr., Frederick C. Tanner, chairman of the state committee; William Herlihy, of Brooklyn, and Nicholas Murray Butler, of New York City, are also in the Governor's Presidential aspirations, however, have proven a serious barrier to his ambition to be a member of the "Big Four," if he should be smoked out of his Presidential cellar, it would be with the understanding that, as a candidate for President, he could not also be a delegate-at-large to the convention.

The Governor out of the delegate-at-large race the chances of State Chairman Tanner being selected would be strengthened, as both come from the same district. In any circumstances, one or the other is certain to be eliminated.

William Barnes, jr., is equally insistent that he be a member of the "Big Four." It is understood he has communicated with and laid out to Governor Whitman and certain other Republicans of prominence in a way that most persons would look upon as imperative.

Neither Governor Whitman (with his Presidential ambition shelved) nor Mr. Barnes will be able to count upon his selection, however, if a movement to shelve both of them, which was started in a quiet way yesterday, should result. This movement is the result of news that the Governor and Mr. Barnes had held a conference for the purpose of getting together on the make-up of the "Big Four."

There are three versions of what took place at the meeting between the Governor and the former state chairman, but on one point all agree, and that is that no decision was reached. The reason for this, it is said, was the Presidential aspirations.

However, the fact that the Governor and the former state chairman were in the office of the latter, and a deal of gossip in Republican ranks throughout the city, and some of the comment could pass the censor of the most liberal newspaper.

The Republican State Committee will meet on January 14 to arrange for the unofficial convention in February, at which it is intended to agree upon the make-up of the "Big Four." The temporary manager of the temporary committee of the convention, meanwhile, is regarded as certain that the meeting of the state committee will produce concrete sentiment as to who should constitute the "Big Four."

DOCTOR'S WIFE HAS APHASIA

Mrs. R. R. Rupp, of Lehighpton, Penn., Found Wandering in Streets.

A well dressed woman, believed to be Mrs. R. R. Rupp, the wife of a physician in Lehighpton, Penn., was found suffering from aphasia at 1:30 this morning at Fourth Avenue and Columbus Square. She was taken to Bellevue.

She was unable to give any further information about herself than was contained on cards in her coat pocket, and began dodging the machines that whirled around the island of safety at Columbus Square. Her deep-sunk eyes closed in sleep as soon as she touched his cot, at 404 West Fifty-sixth Street. His daughter hanked his cold chest and limbs with sweaters and old coats.

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Give HER a Necklace of Tecla Pearls

In olden times it was believed that pearls possessed therapeutic properties and would heal human ills. This idea has, of course, been exploded. And yet what better medicine for a woman's heart than a gift of Tecla Pearls? To what treatment will she more readily respond? What gift to her this New Year can radiate such happiness as a necklace of Tecla Pearls whose every orb radiates the soul of an Oriental summer?

TECLA PEARLS

so perfectly resemble real pearls that women of fashion on two continents wear them continually, sometimes as duplicates of costly gems, often as affording the magnificence of real pearls with none of the risk.

Copy of a \$1000 pearl necklace in Tecla gems, \$75

Copy of a \$2000 pearl necklace in Tecla gems, \$125

TECLA PEARLS

398 Fifth Avenue

Saks & Company advertisement for Men's Genuine Austrian Velour Hats, \$3.95. Includes details about colors and quality.

PENSION'S WHO! advertisement for Mansion Coffee, featuring a story about Tom Donovan and his horses.

GREEKS HERE URGE KING TO JOIN ALLIES advertisement with text about Greek support for the Allies.

TECLA PEARLS advertisement with detailed text about the benefits and quality of the pearls.