

# \$71,000 Left Chorus Girl By J. J. Ryan

## Widow, From Whom He Was Separated, Cut Off With \$100; Two Children Get \$5,000 Each

### Relatives Expected To Contest the Will

#### Relations of Dorothy L. Whiteford and Finan- cier's Son a Mystery

Dorothy Lucille Whiteford, a chorus girl, is the principal legatee under the will of Joseph J. Ryan, Thomas Fortune Ryan's youngest son, who died November 25 last. The will, which was filed for probate in the Surrogate's office yesterday, cuts off the testator's widow, Annie Morse Ryan, from whom he was separated, with \$100.

The value of the estate is estimated at \$86,000 and Miss Whiteford's legacy at \$71,000. It is explained in the will that a settlement adequate for the support of Mrs. Ryan and their two children was included in the separation agreement executed May 6, 1915. The estate consists of two life insurance policies, aggregating \$25,000, and Ryan's one-fifth share in realty left by his mother, the late Mrs. Thomas Fortune Ryan.

Miss Whiteford, who has been visiting friends in Rockledge, Fla., since January 3, is twenty-three years old, extremely pretty, and makes her home with her father, mother, brother and several sisters at 172 West Seventy-ninth Street. One of her sisters is the wife of J. M. (Jack) Welch, book agent for the Selwyns. Her father, John H. Whiteford, is a toy manufacturer of 675 Hudson Street. Miss Whiteford was in the chorus of "The Royal Vagabond," in one of the George M. Cohan revues and other musical shows. She has not been on the stage in the last few months.

#### Knew Him Four Years

Beyond the fact that Miss Whiteford and Joseph J. Ryan had been acquainted for four years preceding his death and that she was at his bedside in the Hotel Ansonia with members of his own family when he died, little could be learned concerning their friendship.

"We were just good friends; that is all, so far as I know," Miss Whiteford's brother said yesterday. "I knew Joseph J. Ryan was a musician."

"Do you know how they met?" the brother was asked.

He said he didn't, although John J. Robinson, Miss Whiteford's attorney, told her that Ryan was introduced to her by a friend named Whiteford. "Does your sister know Mr. Ryan's family?"

"I can't truthfully say she is acquainted with them," Mr. Whiteford answered.

"I can't say why there should be so much interest in this matter," he added. "It is a matter of the estate of Thomas Fortune Ryan's son there wouldn't be any attention paid to it."

"My daughter, Dorothy, had known Mr. Ryan for some time, the mother said. "She was his friend—in fact, his only friend. She was with him when he died. She was a sort of confidential secretary to Mr. Ryan."

Mr. Whiteford's statement was made before the interview with her son and he was displeased when informed of her concluding remark.

Dorothy wasn't Ryan's confidential secretary or anything like that," he explained.

#### Will May Be Contested

Efforts to reach Thomas Fortune Ryan last night were unsuccessful. A representative of Mr. Ryan has inquired at the Surrogate's office every day for the last month, but the will has not been filed, and this occasioned surmise that a contest may be in prospect. Mrs. Annie Morse Ryan and her two children, Mrs. M. J. and Joseph J. Ryan Jr., are in Italy.

"I don't know the woman and never heard of her before," was the comment of Allan A. Ryan, a brother of Joseph. "I am not to discuss my brother's will or the affairs of his estate."

Mortimer L. Shuford, of 64 Wall Street, executor of the will, said Ryan had provided for the payment of an "ample monthly sum for the support of his wife and children" when they were separated. Mr. Shuford said a report about six weeks ago that Joseph J. Ryan's heirs would forfeit his share of his mother's estate because he lied before a court was distributed was erroneous.

"Joe's heirs will inherit one-fifth of his mother's estate," said Mr. Shuford. (Continued on page 10)

### Cold Nips New York as Mercury Hits 7 Above

#### Day's Highest, 16 Degrees; Hud- son Frozen at Tarrytown; Slightly Warmer To-day

New York shivered in temperature that ranged from 7 to 16 degrees above zero throughout the day. The lowest mark was reached at 3 m. At 9 p. m. the thermometer showed 3 degrees.

Whipping gales that swept the five boroughs Monday subsided yesterday, but the temperature was not enough to convince every one that the belated winter season had arrived at last. The wind spread the news to the frozen over at that point, and that the ferry to Nyack had been suspended.

The weather bureau predicted last night that the mercury would rise a bit to-day, with moderate winds prevailing.

New Yorkers who squeezed their way into subway cars yesterday morning complained bitterly of the lack of heat in the cars. Some of the protesters addressed James D. Walker, secretary of the Public Service Commission. He said the transit companies were unable to maintain temperature in the trains ranging from 45 to 65 degrees. He said that inspectors would investigate to-day.

Did Office Help? Widow's workers Monday 3:00 p. m. at the office. The office is through any of the streets. Advt.

# Husband Finds Mrs. Berentsen In Hotel by Trailing Letter

## Mt. Vernon Woman, Missing Since Saturday, Located at the Lucerne After Directing That Missive Bearing Check Be Sent to General Delivery

Special Dispatch to The Tribune  
MOUNT VERNON, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Richard B. Berentsen, who disappeared from her home at 239 Primrose Avenue here last Saturday, was found this afternoon by her husband and a detective in the Hotel Lucerne, 201 West Seventy-ninth Street, New York. Her whereabouts became known after Mr. Berentsen had trailed a letter he sent to her in care of general delivery, New York Postoffice.

The letter contained a check, for which Mrs. Berentsen had asked in a letter she wrote to her husband Monday night and in which she also requested him to address his reply to the postoffice. The letter was called for by Bellboy from the Hotel Lucerne, who was followed by Mr. Berentsen and the detective.

Started Off for Cambridge  
Mr. Berentsen said to-night that his wife, who had returned home from a sanitarium only a short time ago and who was very nervous, left home Saturday night with the intention of going to Cambridge, Mass., to see her two young sons, who are living with Mr. Berentsen's sister there.

She walked to the estate of the late James Bailey, where she asked a motorist to take her to the Harlem Railroad station at Mount Vernon. She then boarded a train for New York and went to the Hotel Lucerne. She stayed there all night, but could not pay her bill the next morning, according to Mr. Berentsen. She pledged her watch as security for the bill and left.

Belboy Obtains Letter  
At about 3 o'clock this afternoon the bellboy from the Hotel Lucerne came in and got the letter for Mrs. Berentsen and Mr. Berentsen and the detective followed him.

"I was very much surprised that the hotel management had not notified me my wife was there," said Mr. Berentsen, "but I was told that nobody in the hotel had read anything about the coming of the states looking for her. I brought my wife home this evening in my automobile. She is in a nervous state, and I am going to have a physician examine her."

"I had only recently brought her from Dr. Givens's sanitarium at Stamford, where she had been treated for two years for a nervous breakdown. She hadn't seen her boys for two years, but I told her she was in no condition to see them so soon."

It was reported to-night that Mrs. Berentsen may be sent back to the sanitarium for further treatment, as it is feared she may try again to escape.

# Briand Cabinet Leans Toward Policy of Force

## Danger of Rupture Between France and Germany Is Declared Still to Exist In Spite of Millerand

### Poincare Influence Felt Loucheur Outspoken for Militant Action to En- force Terms of Treaty

By Ralph Courtney  
Special Cable to The Tribune  
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PARIS, Jan. 18.—All danger of trouble between France and Germany does not appear to have been disposed of by the elevation of Briand to the French premiership. Briand encountered such a powerful movement favoring a strong attitude toward Germany during his political negotiations that he was forced to take this pressure into account in forming his Cabinet.

Some of his own ministers, particularly Louis Loucheur, are now making declarations favoring strongly of the Poincare policy of force. Loucheur even anticipates the day when the Allies will have to take control of Germany.

Although Briand normally was selected to carry out the moderate policy of President Millerand, aiming at a reasonable reparations agreement with Germany, he has been compelled by the force of political opinion to hold another long conference with France's ex-President, Poincare.

Briand Leans Toward Poincare  
It is rumored that Briand is now more in sympathy with Poincare in some matters than he is with Millerand and that the two statesmen might have worked together in the same Cabinet if it had not been for Millerand. The President, who believes that Poincare's strong policy is a danger to France and Europe, refused at any price to call Poincare to the premiership.

Velled attacks on President Millerand have begun to appear in the press. Newspapers which had been inclined previously to support the President, such as *Leclair* and *Action Francaise*, are now criticizing him.

More than a year ago, with Clemenceau as chief responsible for the reparations clauses of the Treaty of Versailles, now sits in the Briand Cabinet as Minister of Liberated Regions. His declaration to-day are highly significant. He said:

"We have discussed enough. Germany must pay. It is for France, Germany's right, to give them formal notice that she has decided to do everything necessary to make them pay."

Loucheur says it would be a great fault for Germany to pay her debt by means of a loan, for in this way French industry would be ruined. "The only positive solution which I believe is possible is that Germany should pay."

### Baroness de Korwin Sues For Divorce in Chicago

#### Daughter of Late Otto Young, Millionaire Merchant, Charges Nobleman Deserted Her

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Baroness Cecilia Young de Korwin, daughter of the late Otto Young, pioneer millionaire merchant, to-day filed suit for divorce in the Superior Court against her husband, Baron Joseph de Korwin. The baroness, who was married to the late Otto Young in Paris eight years ago, deserted her in Paris eight years ago.

Baron de Korwin, who was a captain in the Austrian army when the war broke out, last month applied for a court order requesting the custody of his eight-year-old son, whom, he claimed, he had not seen since 1914.

The principals in the case gained attention in 1918, when Federal authorities investigated the Young estate, said to have been \$25,000,000, with the intention of confiscating it under the alien property act. The baroness, however, was exempted on the ground that she had separated from her husband at the beginning of the war.

Vienna Relief Cash Stolen  
VIENNA, Jan. 18.—Officers of the American Quakers' Society, which has been engaged in relief work, were entered recently by burglars and one million crowns stolen.

# Britain Likes Harding Plan Of Disarming On Palmer

## Idea of Calling Early Con- ference Wins Approval; Program Linked With Council of Dominions

### Little Opposition To Big U. S. Fleet

#### Pulp and Cable Contro- versies Also Will Be Discussed With Geddes

By Arthur S. Draper  
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LONDON, Jan. 18.—If Washington dispatches forecasting President Harding's determination to call an international disarmament conference are accurate Great Britain will be decidedly pleased. A conference in April would fit in with British plans admirably, especially as the imperial conference is scheduled to take place the following month.

It is anticipated that a disarmament conference would last several weeks, and consequently there probably would be simultaneous meetings of the disarmament representatives in Washington and of the imperial premiers here.

Certainly this possibility will be discussed thoroughly during the sojourn here of Sir Auckland Geddes, who is expected Friday, and he will return to Washington fully informed as to the views of the Lloyd George government.

#### Press Restraint Relaxed

Whatever Sir Auckland accomplishes in London, his trip is bound to prove well worth while, if for no other reason than that he will set the press of both sides to speaking frankly. Much restraint has been removed, and for the first time since America entered the war the British press particularly has handled the points at issue between Great Britain and the United States without fear of giving international offense. Hitherto the policies of American policy have considered it a wiser policy to express their dissatisfaction in an undertone, but now they are speaking their real thoughts, and there seems to be a change that with Sir Auckland's return many difficulties will be ironed out.

Nobody of importance on this side of the water is likely to raise his voice in opposition to the American plan of increasing the strength of the United States Navy. What may be suggested is that the nations come to an agreement in the matter of naval defense, and here the opinion prevails that the recommendation which the dominions make in this regard will carry great weight with the imperial government.

#### Says The Daily News:

"War with America is not a reasonable contingency. If it were, we should be reverting our policy of a hundred years and are fortifying our Canadian frontier. If we can do without rival fleets, we can do without rival fleets. If America thinks she needs more ships for her special requirements that we need to meet ours, well and good."

Chalmers to Accompany Geddes  
It is said that Lord Chalmers, British financial representative, whose expected visit to the United States has been postponed pending the return here of Sir Auckland, will go to Washington with the Ambassador. While the two men are here they will confer with treasury officials.

Among questions that will be discussed while Sir Auckland is here, which have not been mentioned in these dispatches, is the Canadian wood pulp dispute. This is a matter of minor importance alongside of disarmament, Ireland, Anglo-Japanese relations, Panama Canal tolls and control of the former German cables, but it is responsible for considerable friction and important financial interests are involved.

Some way out of the deadlock on the matter of the cables must be found and it is possible that concessions can be made on both sides. Frankly, the British cannot appreciate America's attitude in the cable dispute, but it is recognized that the present uncertainty of the Alien Property Custodian and the Department of Justice dating from

#### Responsibility in Washington

"I place the main responsibility for this monstrous condition squarely at the door of the Department of Justice. Its record of the last eight years is one of incompetent supervision and worse—that is, unacceptably bad. Its persistent inaction we owe largely to the stranglehold of these combinations of the alien property custodian and the Department of Justice in its enforcement of the anti-trust laws, the honest and humiliating blundering and inefficiency of the Attorney General in dealing with these combinations are almost a brilliant success compared with his accomplishments in other directions, such as in the administration of the alien property custodian and the internment of alien enemies."

There has never been a governmental department, national or state, so urgently in need of immediate and painstaking investigation as are those of the Alien Property Custodian and the Department of Justice dating from

#### Wait Word From Miller

The fight for increased fare legislation promises to be one of the big issues of this session. Both sides are already lined up, and they are anxiously awaiting some word from Governor Miller on the transit situation and reorganization of the Public Service Commission.

#### Father Held as Wife's Slayer Shielded by Son

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 18.—Albert Troy, nine years old, tried for twelve hours to-day to convince the police that he and not his father had killed the boy's mother, Mrs. Marie Troy, twenty-eight, who was shot dead at midnight last night. She was ill in bed at the time of the shooting.

The boy's father, Walter C. Troy, a former special policeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad, when arrested in connection with the crime denied he was guilty and contended that Albert had shot his mother accidentally. All day the boy, hoping to bring the responsibility to his own shoulders, told the police that he had fired the shot, but late to-night he broke down and admitted that he had not.

Mrs. Emma Condon, mother of Walter Troy, told the police that her son had had a revolver in his possession last night and that she had heard him threaten his wife.

#### Police Balked by Giants

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 18.—Malinda Oden, weight 360 pounds, scaled a clean net over Lieutenant Archie Holt, amateur wrestling star of the Richmond police force, when the officer tried to arrest her single handed for alleged traffic in drugs.

A hurry call brought him reinforcements, and the prisoner was walked to the city jail, only to create further embarrassment. She wouldn't fit the cell doors, so she sat outside until released on bail.

# Whitman Will Request Indictment of Another Police Captain To-day

## Hell's Kitchen Station Closed In Widespread Police Shakeup

### Orders Issued Without Warning or Explanation Also Abolish 12th Inspection District and Make Many Other Changes

#### Books of a Publishing Concern Said to Show Illegal Fees Paid to Accused During Strikes

#### Inspector Reported Involved in Graft

#### Trail of Corruption Leads to Headquarters, Is the Belief of Prosecutor

Former Governor Charles S. Whitman, special counsel to the January extraordinary grand jury, will present evidence to that body to-day with a request that that body to-day returned against a police captain, he announced last night.

The captain will not be Captain William A. Bailey, who, as commander of the West Thirtieth Street station, was last week indicted for "illegally accepting fees."

The request for the indictment will be based on evidence gathered by Mr. Whitman and his assistants from examination of witnesses and the books of a publishing company here. This company is alleged to have been the clearing house for "illegal fees" to policemen and the captain under fire, during recent strikes.

#### Asks Delay in Retirement

It is known that yesterday afternoon Ex-Governor Whitman learned that a police captain whose acts have been the subject of scrutiny had applied for retirement. It is reported that at 6 o'clock he telephoned Commissioner Enright, trusting to the Commissioner's promise of cooperation made on Monday, asking for a delay in granting the application of this particular captain.

Other developments of the investigation yesterday were: Two witnesses sought by the process servers from Mr. Whitman's office have disappeared. They are wanted, it is said, in connection with a matter referred to Mr. Whitman by Meier Steinbrink, counsel to the Board of Estimate's investigation into city contracts.

This case is said to involve thousands of dollars in graft and will implicate city officials not connected with the Police Department, but close to City Hall.

#### Rule 184 Not Publicly Revoked

Commissioner Enright did not publicly rescind Rule 184 of the Police Department, which was considered "listen-in" on any District Attorney investigation.

Police Sergeant "Al" Thomas, whose services were requested by Whitman, refused by Enright and Monday promised by Mayor Hylan, reported for assignment to Mr. Whitman yesterday and was put to work on the investigation.

"Has the captain you have in mind for indictment retired recently—say to-day?" Mr. Whitman was asked yesterday.

"I refuse to answer that question," was the prosecutor's reply.

"Do you intend to take advantage of the charges made against Mr. Enright by ex-Deputy Police Commissioner Frank Lord in a speech Monday night?" was the next question.

"Commissioner Lord has been a close friend of mine for years. I know that his information is at my disposal at my request. Of course, there will be no need of subpoena. Frank Lord will come here any time he feels that we are ready to act on the information he has to give us."

#### Leads to an Inspector

Concerning the indictment to be asked for to-day, it is said that the case leads to an inspector and possibly to Police Headquarters. It is known that the prosecutor's assistants, William Chivers, Arthur M. King, Esq., Assistant District Attorney Smith and ex-Magistrate Frederick J. Groehl believe that this case will lead directly into headquarters.

Assistant District Attorney Smith had before him yesterday a man who is reputed to have given valuable information which can be used as corroborative evidence against Captain William A. Bailey, now under indictment, and possibly will involve other police officials.

A number of witnesses are under subpoena to-day, and startling developments are expected within the next few days, the least of which will deal with the sudden and unexplained elimination of the West Thirtieth Street station.

#### Mexican Dam Breaks; 18 Killed, 26 Injured

Rumors That Rebels Wrecked  
Structure Are Current, but  
Lack Proof

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—Eighteen persons were killed and twenty-six were injured to-day, when the Xotol Dam, two miles above the town of Pachuca, burst, flooding the valley to a depth of several feet.

Rumors are current that the bursting of the dam was the work of rebels, but these cannot be confirmed here. The mining companies are leading in the rescue and relief work in the stricken area.

Pachuca, capital of the State of Hidalgo, lies fifty-five miles northeast of Mexico City. In that vicinity are rich silver mines. The town lies at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. It is one of the oldest mining towns in Mexico. The electrical power of Mexico City is obtained from the impounding dam at Pachuca. The town has a population of about 40,000.

### THE WEATHER

Fair and not quite so cold to-day; tomorrow partly cloudy and warmer; shifting to east winds. Full Report on Last Page.

TWO CENTS  
In Greater New York

THREE CENTS  
Within 500 Miles

FOUR CENTS  
Elsewhere