

DEAD WOMAN'S HOME LOOTED

JEWELS WORTH \$75,000 AND A RARE PAINTING MISSING.

High Clothing and Other Valuable Property Carried Away While Body Lay Unattended in Home Where She Had Lived Alone—Strange Bequests Found

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Rare jewelry valued at \$75,000, valuable furs, a copy of an old masterpiece valued at \$10,000, Paris gowns, hats and opera cloaks worth thousands of dollars are included in the inventory of property reported missing from the residence of the late Mrs. George Wood, who was found dead October 13 in her house at 1239 North Broad street.

Surrounding the death of Mrs. Wood and the disappearance of her valuables there is much mystery.

The facts that the dead woman was a unique and conspicuous figure in society, that she numbered among her friends some of Philadelphia's exclusive set and that among the beneficiaries of her will are titled foreigners and distinguished Americans add interest to the case.

Mrs. Wood, the widow of George Wood, former American manager of the Royal Insurance Company and a great bon vivant, was found dead in her home on the afternoon of October 13.

She had been absolutely alone in the house. She had been dead possibly twelve hours when the body was discovered by an employee of the American District Telegraph Company.

Several hours later Dr. Thomas J. Morton, coroner's physician, after an examination of the body, reported death due to valvular heart disease. There is no record of a post-mortem examination being held. The coroner's deputy and another attaché, Frank Kite, took possession of the premises. Valuable jewels were found littered about in profusion.

The residence, which was a storehouse of rare treasures, old paintings, valuable silver and bronzes, rugs of Oriental weave and thousands of dollars worth of personal property, was under the surveillance of strangers. There was no relative to come in and lay her decently to rest. No disinterested friend was there to guard her belongings, even a faithful servant could not be found to put things in order and pay parting respects to an old mistress.

Mrs. Wood lived alone and she died alone. She was eccentric. Though she had hosts of friends and acquaintances she spent her days and nights in the big gloomy house unattended.

On October 13 this house, so Mrs. Wood's friends say, was the scene of confusion. Strangers trampled through the rooms below, valuables were piled up and taken away. Police sergeants, City Hall detectives, coroner's officials were all present, but in spite of this Mrs. Wood's friends say robbery was committed.

The mystery of the missing valuables may never be cleared away unless action is taken by the city, which falls heir to part of the estate, the Catholic Church or the various charities which were mentioned as beneficiaries in the woman's will.

There is no person nearly enough allied to the dead woman to fight for her belongings. Her will was such that those who benefited by it did so to such a slight extent that the small sums left to them are probably intact.

Following the woman's death there were rumors of a missing will. The one which was produced was executed July 29, 1904. Since that, her friends say, she had indicated that she had other provisions in mind for the distribution of her wealth. In moods of distaste she had quarrelled with various friends and become interested in other persons.

Foreign adventuresses, who always had a hold upon her imagination, and apparently on her pursestrings, had appeared at her home. She had been swayed by men of indescribable nationality, many of them speaking with broad accent, wearing strange clothes and smoking of the Riviera and European resorts, where Mrs. Wood spent much of her time. Therefore it was a surprise to Philadelphians when the old will was produced.

But the real surprise came when it was known that the trustees, the Girard Trust Company, and two women members of old families, Miss Sophie Borie and Miss Catherine Craig Biddle, had been unable to find many of the valuables enumerated in the will and personal property which friends declare Mrs. Wood was in possession of a few days before her death.

Trustees have confirmed the report regarding the disappearance of jewelry and works of art.

Sensation after sensation has been accounted for by the executors. The man who discovered Mrs. Wood dead said that when he found her he had two trunks, one a circle of diamonds, which is accounted for.

The other, valued at at least \$10,000, a gold chain set alternately with rubies and diamonds, cannot be found.

A copy of Leonardo di Vinci's famous "Mona Lisa," a tiny picture not more than ten inches long, is missing. This painting, done by one of the master's pupils, was the rarest and best in the wealthy widow's collection. She valued it highly and repeatedly said that she would not accept any price for it. Once upon it, she placed a value of \$15,000.

Thus far all efforts of the dead woman's friends and the executors of the estate to trace the missing valuables or ascertain who might have obtained them after her death have proved unavailing.

The police declare that while they have no official knowledge as to the character of the jewelry they feel that articles of this kind could be disposed of in such a way as to make its discovery almost impossible.

It is their belief that the only hope of recovering the jewels and the painting would be in the exhibition of them at some future time and that whoever has obtained them is not in a position to be forced to part with them immediately.

FORMATION OF A CONNOISSEUR TO REALIZE THE VALUE OF HIS CANVAS.

In an interview Coroner Jermon expressed surprise when questioned regarding the missing valuables. He declared he had no information whatever on the subject. When asked if it was not customary for the coroner's deputy to take an inventory of what was found in a house after death under such circumstances he said that it was not and all that was necessary was to take an inventory of articles found on the body.

This was done by Frank Kite, who in the presence of the coroner said he made a list of these articles, found on the woman and furnished a duplicate copy to George Pierie, Registration Commissioner, who, with Mrs. Wood's stepson, B. E. Wood, was left in possession of the house when the coroner's officials left it on the afternoon of October 15.

At the Girard Trust Company, the trustee, it was admitted that jewelry was missing from the residence of Mrs. Wood, but that it was as yet impossible to ascertain the amount. It was declared that as trustee the company is doing everything to clear up the matter, but so much uncertainty surrounded the case that accurate accounting for valuables is almost impossible.

Among the interesting clauses in the will of Mrs. Wood are several leaving personal belongings to prominent society women and to two of her friends abroad—the Countess Antoinette Arco Valley, to whom she left \$100,000, and the Countess Sormanni Moretti of Venice, to whom she bequeathed a pearl ring, a diamond crescent pin and her royal ermine coat.

Mrs. G. Heide Norris was to receive the Russian sables of the dead woman. Miss Biddle, besides receiving a sum of money, fell heir to a small ruby and diamond ring and a pearl ring.

To Mrs. John Moyland Thomas were bequeathed a large diamond and ruby ring set with five stones and an emerald and ruby ring to be made into a chalice, and at Mrs. Thomas's death to be left to any church she designated.

DISAPPEARS DURING TRIAL.

Leut. Gottlieb, U. S. A., Charged With Fraud, Falls to Appear at Court-Martial.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Lieut. Edward Gottlieb, Coast Artillery, whose trial before a court-martial is being held at army headquarters here, has not been seen by any member of the court since adjournment Wednesday afternoon, and the War Department has been notified of his non-appearance. Military law requires the presence of the accused at the trial, and it is expected that Washington authorities will act on the information sent from Boston. It is reported that Gottlieb has gone to Montreal, where he is known to have friends.

Gottlieb was released upon the personal recognizance of his attorney, Albert Cohn of New York. Mr. Cohn said that he last had communication with the lieutenant by telephone at 8 P. M. Wednesday.

That the evidence points to a systematic conspiracy to defraud the Government was the statement of Judge Advocate Johnson in summing up to-day when the case of Gottlieb was halted owing to his absence.

Although Gottlieb is technically charged with stealing \$714 from the Government the Judge Advocate in reviewing the testimony said that many other irregularities had been unearthed and that the evidence already at hand, as he read it, implicated hitherto reputable Boston firms.

It was stated also that the evidence in some cases showed that goods had been purchased by Gottlieb from one firm and paid for by the Government. The goods were then delivered to another firm, which in turn resold them to the Government and the Government paid for them a second time, but the Government had never received the goods. It was further alleged that the evidence showed that Gottlieb received a rake-off of \$2 per telephone on submarine telephones bought by the Government, but that the Government has not received the telephones.

TO SUBPENA LAWYER NORRIS.

Coroner Sets Date for Inquest in Lillian Falconer Doty's Suicide.

Coroner Brewer of Brooklyn has made arrangements to hold an inquest next Friday night in the case of Mrs. Lillian Falconer Doty, who committed suicide on Tuesday night or early on Wednesday at the Clarendon Hotel by shooting herself, just ten days after she had obtained a divorce in Sioux Falls, S. D. He will subpoena Benjamin F. Norris, the young lawyer whose name has been connected with the deceased, as a witness in an effort to throw some light on the circumstances of her death.

Mr. Norris could not be found yesterday either at his office in the Mechanics Bank Building at Fulton and Montague streets or at his home in the apartment house at 275 Clinton avenue, where he lived with his widowed mother. It was explained at both places that he was out of town and might not return for several days.

That Mr. Norris had for some time been acquainted with Mrs. Doty and had advised her in reference to the divorce proceedings at Sioux Falls was admitted by a friend of the lawyer. This friend, however, denied that he had made any promise to marry her after she got the decree or that an engagement existed between them. Mr. Norris's office is near the Clarendon Hotel.

It was ascertained yesterday that Mrs. Doty purchased the two dollar revolver with which she shot herself and a box of cartridges at a sporting goods store in Fulton street about midway between Mr. Norris's office and the Clarendon Hotel on Tuesday afternoon.

About a year ago Mr. Norris figured in the supposed disappearance of a tin box containing \$28,000 worth of jewels belonging to Mrs. Arthur P. Mason of Larchmont from a New Haven train by offering a reward of \$10,000 for the recovery of the box. It was reported subsequently that the box had been discovered without the payment of any reward.

LABOR MAN ON EDUCATION BOARD.

Mayor McGlellan yesterday appointed Joseph P. Holland a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Holland is the head of the eccentric engineers' organization. He succeeds Samuel B. Donnelly, who has been appointed Public Printer by President Roosevelt.

All Deerfoot Farm Senesales are made at the Farm, in Southern Mass. Their duty is to see that the deerfoot and the senesales and cleanliness of the preparation.—Ad.

COALITION WITH HUGHES OUT

AND WOODRUFF PASSING ON DEPARTMENT PATRONAGE.

Republicans Form a Sort of Harmony Ring to Preserve the Party and Look After the Offices and Legislation—No Favors to Be Asked of Hughes.

There was a conference of New York State Republicans at the Republican Club in East Forty-third street yesterday which lasted from 11 in the morning until 5 in the evening. It was attended by Chairman Woodruff of the State committee, William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr., Lieut.-Gov.-elect Horace White, Francis Hendricks, Representative Herbert Parsons, Fred Greiner of Buffalo, William L. Ward, national committeeman for the State; George W. Aldridge and Attorney-General-elect Edward R. O'Malley of Buffalo.

It was explained later that only State officers-elect or their proxies or personal representatives and Republicans connected with the organization in whose territories the coming State officers lived were present at the conference. At the close of the conference there was no disposition to speak of what had occurred, but finally this statement was authorized: "The conference held at the Republican Club to-day was for the purpose of cementing the harmonious relations which exist between President-elect Taft, Secretary Root, who is to be elected United States Senator in Mr. Platt's place, and Chairman Woodruff of the State committee, who is to remain State chairman for the next two years. Under no circumstances will Mr. Woodruff accept any appointment. He is to remain head of the State committee, and the State officers-elect and their representatives have come to an agreement that Chairman Woodruff is to be the clearing house man through whom all appointments are to be made to the State departments of Comptroller, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney-General and State Engineer and Surveyor. Those present at the conference to-day are to make no requests of Gov. Hughes for appointments."

A number of Republicans who were present at the conference explained that nothing unfriendly was said of Gov. Hughes at the conference, but the sentiment prevailed that the Governor, from all that could be learned, had his own ideas as to the appointments he is to make for the next two years and regarding the distribution of the patronage at his command, and that there was no disposition to attempt to interfere with the Governor's wishes. At the same time it was explained that the State officers-elect and their representatives believed that there should be some cohesion as to appointments, especially toward the maintenance of the Republican State organization, and only in this way can harmony prevail in the organization.

"Does this alliance to-day mean that the State organization is to oppose Gov. Hughes's policies for the next two years?" was the question put to one of the conferees.

"It does not," was the reply. "The Republicans in the Legislature and the Republican organization of the State will be very happy to acquiesce in Gov. Hughes's policies when they are meritorious, to the interests of the people of the State and the Republican organization." Gov. Hughes, it was declared, intended to recommend in his forthcoming message to the Legislature a direct nomination bill, an Australian ballot bill and an insurance in the liquor license tax in first class cities from \$1,300 to \$2,000. Should the Governor make these recommendations, it was added, those assembled at yesterday's conference will meet from time to time to discuss the advisability of carrying out the Governor's recommendations so far as they are beneficial to the people of the State and the Republican party.

It was candidly explained that there was no disposition at yesterday's conference to oppose the Governor in any measure which are to benefit the people and the Republican party. At the same time, it was averred, everything that possibly can be done to bring the party in the State in full harmony with the Taft Administration and Mr. Root as the forthcoming United States Senator and to maintain the supremacy of the State organization as represented by Chairman Woodruff is to be done.

Senator John Raines is to be elected President pro tem. of the Senate; Speaker Wadsworth is to be re-elected; Lafayette B. Gleason is to remain Secretary of the State Senate and Ray B. Smith will be re-elected Chief Clerk of the Assembly. Lieut.-Gov. White, Senator Barnes, Speaker Wadsworth are all to confer with the Republicans present at yesterday's conference as to the chairman of the Senate and Assembly committees. All Republicans connected with the organization, it was declared, are to be recognized in all ways, including patronage and measures, in order that the maintenance of harmony in the State organization for the next two years may be made as perfect as possible.

Several Republicans from up the State who learned last night of the conference and its results were rather inclined to think that the conference was a pair of defensive alliances against Gov. Hughes, but this was emphatically denied by influential Republicans who took part in the conference and who insisted that its only purpose was to bring the organization up to a greater efficiency and into greater accord with the Taft administration, and also the recognition of Chairman Woodruff, head of the State organization, through whom all recommendations for appointments in the State departments at Albany must pass.

CRUISER YANKEE AFLOAT.

Warship Freed From Reef and on Her Way to Port for Repairs.

NEWPORT, Dec. 4.—The U. S. cruiser Yankee, which has been stranded on Hen and Chickens reef for ten weeks, was floated this afternoon, according to wireless advices. The cruiser was raised by wreckers in the employ of John Arbuckle of New York, and is now on her way to the New York Navy Yard. The cruiser was to have been brought into Newport, but the weather prevented.

CHAS. P. TAFT FOR SENATOR.

A. I. Vorys Announces His Candidacy After Seeing the President-Elect.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Upon his return to-day from the East, where he talked with President-elect Taft and Chairman Hitchcock, Arthur I. Vorys to-night gave out a statement, in which he said: "I think C. P. Taft should and will be elected United States Senator. His experience in both State and national law-making, his large versatile and remarkable successful accomplishments in business, his management of one of the greatest and most influential newspapers in the country, his scholarly attainments and broad knowledge of affairs, make him exceptionally well equipped."

Mr. Vorys says that he does not want an office and that he has told the President-elect so.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 4.—Charles P. Taft was asked to-night if he had seen A. I. Vorys to-day when Vorys passed through this city on his way back to Columbus from a visit to President-elect Taft at Hot Springs. "No, I did not," answered a Taft. "Mr. Vorys was only here for a very short time, I believe. No, I do not know whether he made a statement on his return to Columbus regarding the Senatorial campaign. If he did it was all right, no doubt. He is authorized to represent me as he has represented my brother in the recent campaign."

"No, I shall not make any formal statement myself. I do not think it at all necessary."

TO EVACUATE CUBA ON JAN. 28.

Gov. Magoon Says the New Government Can Start With a Clean Ledger.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Charles E. Magoon, Provisional Governor of Cuba, who is preparing to return to Havana to-morrow, paid a brief call on the President to-day before the Cabinet meeting. The Governor, who is here to arrange the details for the withdrawal of the United States authority from the island, said the date for the evacuation had been fixed for January 28. He said that it had not yet been determined whether any of the 5,000 United States troops now on the island would be retained there after that date, but he believed they would be withdrawn.

"It is my opinion that every vestige of United States authority will disappear from Cuba on January 28," said the Governor. "All debts on account of the Provisional Government will have been met on the date of the evacuation and the new Cuban Government can start with a clean ledger."

Asked about the reported issue of bonds, the Governor said: "The Provisional Government does not need a bond issue. Certain contracts were made for sewerage the city of Havana and the expenses were to be met by a bond issue. The bonds were never issued. The new Cuban Government may be able to meet the expense of putting Havana in a good sanitary condition, and it would seem as if the better plan would be to leave the maintenance of the debt to the new Government, inasmuch as work under the contract has only fairly begun. It may be possible to pay the bill from current revenues of the city of Havana."

Gov. Magoon called attention to the fact that the United States authorities found a debt of many millions hanging over Cuba when the Provisional Government began. All of this will have been paid by January 28 and all the expenses of extraordinary local improvements met.

RULES FOR WAR AT SEA.

International Naval Conference Meets at London to Develop Hague Principles.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The international naval conference opened at the Foreign Office to-day. Foreign Secretary Grey received the delegates. He said in the course of his welcoming speech: "We have but one object in view and that is to assure the success of the prize court convention drawn by Sir Agnew conference. This convention if firmly established will remove many of the difficulties which hitherto have been potential causes of differences between nations."

He assumed that the conference would consider what universally accepted rules existed which the international tribunal appointed by the convention could administer, and said he hoped the conference would be successful in framing others which might be necessary.

The Earl of Desart, the first British delegate, was elected president of the conference.

CHINA SENDS GIFTS

For the President, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Longworth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Tang Shao Yi, special ambassador from China to convey the thanks of the Emperor for the remission by the United States of a part of the Boxer indemnity, brought several rare and valuable presents from the Empress Dowager to the President and members of his family. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, the President's daughter, has already received a pair of beautiful jeweled bracelets. The presentation was made yesterday when the special ambassador called by appointment at the Longworth residence. Mrs. Longworth met the Empress Dowager when she visited China with the Taft Philippine party. She was then Miss Roosevelt. Among her prized gifts was a pair of emerald and pearl earrings from the Empress Dowager.

For the President the ambassador carries several hundred volumes of Chinese literature. The President has already expressed his intention of presenting these to the Congressional Library. The kind of presents Mrs. Roosevelt is to receive has not been disclosed.

BALTIMORE POSTMASTER.

Senators Ask That He Be Reappointed—Congress Delegates Objections.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Attorney-General Bonaparte and some of the Republican Representatives in Congress from Maryland find themselves in conflict over the appointment of a postmaster at Baltimore. The Attorney-General has asked the President to reappoint his cousin, Postmaster Harris. Representative-elect Krommiller and other Republican members of the delegation are of the opinion that Postmaster Harris should retire. The President is reported to be somewhat embarrassed over the matter.

RUPERT HIGGINS INJURED

IN COLLISION OF TAXICABS AND COUPE IN FIFTH AVE.

Sherry's Turned Into an Emergency Hospital for the Son of the Director of Covent Garden and Other Passengers—Dr. and Mrs. O'Hanlon in the Smash.

Rupert Higgins of London, son of Henry V. Higgins, director of the Covent Garden Opera Company, who came here to be best man at the marriage of his brother, Cecil Higgins, to Miss Ethel Cryder on Tuesday, was badly cut and bruised in a collision of two taxicabs and a coupe in Fifth avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets late last night.

Coroner's Physician Philip F. O'Hanlon and Mrs. O'Hanlon, who were in the coupe, were also badly shaken up and although they were showered with glass shrapnel they escaped cuts. Albert Foster of 85 West Fifty-fifth street, who was in the second taxicab, had his face badly cut.

All were taken to the manager's office in Sherry's. Dr. Peter Gibbons was called from the Hotel Belmont, where Mr. Higgins is staying, to attend him, and Dr. O'Hanlon dressed Mr. Foster's cuts. An ambulance from Flower Hospital was called, but when it got there the injured had been cared for.

The collision, occurring just at the hour when Fifth avenue was filled with the afternoon theatre crowds on their way to the restaurants, caused great excitement in the neighborhood and a tangle of traffic that lasted for half an hour.

Taxicab 7819, in which Mr. Foster was riding, was bound south, with William J. Smith of 21 Amsterdam avenue driving it. Just behind it was the coupe of Dr. O'Hanlon, which was being driven by Arthur Glynn. The other taxicab, in which Mr. Higgins was a passenger, was bound for Sherry's, where Mr. Higgins was to join his brother and the bride.

The driver of the second taxicab turned out before he reached Sherry's to pass a carriage going north. Witnesses of the collision said that in doing so he went to the left instead of the right of the carriage ahead of him.

As it turned over toward the southbound traffic this taxicab, driven by Joseph Swindle of 231 East Sixty-seventh street, struck the side of the other taxicab which was crashing over on its side. The windows in Swindle's cab were all shattered and the fragments of glass flew over Mr. Higgins.

The driver of Dr. O'Hanlon's coupe had pulled his horse toward the sidewalk, when he saw that a collision was impending between the cabs, and as Smith's taxicab went over it struck the coupe with enough force to break all the glass in it and to send it over all one wheel almost to the upsetting point.

The noise of the crashing of glass brought hundreds of persons and several traffic policemen to the spot. The first lifted up the overturned cab and extricated Mr. Foster from the wreckage. His face was gashed. He was bleeding profusely as he was taken into Sherry's.

When the police opened the door of Swindle's cab they found that Mr. Higgins had not only been cut by the flying glass but was badly bruised from being thrown to the bottom of the cab when it struck the other machine. He was helped into Sherry's and Dr. and Mrs. O'Hanlon and their driver, who had been thrown to the ground, also went in.

Mr. Higgins asked at once that his brother be sent for, as he was in the hotel. When Cecil Higgins saw his brother's plight he telephoned to the Hotel Belmont for Dr. Gibbons, who went to the restaurant at once. He dressed the wounds sufficiently to permit Mr. Higgins to be taken to the Belmont in a cab.

Dr. Gibbons said later that one piece of glass had gone directly through the wounded man's nose, and in order to prevent this injury from disfiguring Mr. Higgins the physician spent several hours in dressing the wound. Mr. Higgins was out above and below each eye, and his elbows were cut and bruised.

Mr. Higgins expected to see this morning his cousin with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Higgins for London, and Dr. Gibbons said he thought the injured man would be able to go.

The police took both chauffeurs to the East Fifty-first street station and Dr. O'Hanlon went alone to make a complaint against Swindle. Swindle was locked up for reckless driving on the complaint of both Smith, the other driver, and Dr. O'Hanlon. Dr. O'Hanlon said he would appear in court against him this morning.

SOME LUXURY FOR BINGHAM.

Captains' Offices Must Contribute Furnishings to New Headquarters.

When Police Headquarters are moved down to the new building in Centre street, which is nearing completion, Commissioner Bingham is not going to let any of his captains have it on him when it comes to possessing sumptuous offices. As it is now many of the precinct commanders have their offices in the station houses filled up luxuriously, and the Commissioner's office is nothing to boast of in the matter of furnishings.

The Board of Estimate has refused to grant an appropriation of \$50,000 to furnish the new headquarters with desks, chairs, rugs, carpets, etc., so when the removal is made from Mulberry street Gen. Bingham, so he announced yesterday, intends to raid a few station houses where the furnishings are "simply grand" and take his pick.

"I don't intend to sit in an uncarpeted office," he said. "And his costly rug and other furnishings that now occupy the precinct captains' offices will help out a whole lot."

BOUGHT THE WRIGHTS' PATENT.

Berlin Engineering Firm Will Work on It Next Year, London Paper Says.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 4.—A Berlin despatch to the Morning Leader says that a prominent firm of engineers in Berlin is reported to have bought the Wright brothers' aeroplane patent and will work energetically thereon next year.

"BOB" EVANS WILL PAY RENT.

Doesn't Want Present of a Popular Subscription Home, and Says So.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—"Of course the people in southern California who know me will understand that I don't want to be placed in the position of accepting a home, and those who do not know me had better be told that I would not accept a house or any other present."

This is the way Admiral "Bob" Evans disposed of the plan to present him with a residence in this city. When it was announced that Admiral Evans would soon become a resident of California a subscription was started to buy him a house.

In a letter to a friend in this city the Admiral quashes the movement and declares he will pay rent, like any one else, until his business ventures yield him a sum sufficient to warrant the purchase of a home of his own.

No mention of Admiral Dewey's experience in accepting a house was made by Admiral Evans in his letter.

BARNATO LEFT \$25,000,000.

South African Capitalist Bequeathed \$1,250,000 to Various Charities.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—According to South African newspapers, the estate of the late H. J. Barnato, who died a few days ago, amounts to \$25,000,000.

It is stated that he bequeathed \$1,250,000 to various charities.

BEVERIDGE TO HAVE CONTROL.

Indiana Republicans to Reorganize and Fairbanks to Take Back Seat.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—The first step was taken toward Republican party reorganization in Indiana to-day when State Chairman Goodrich announced that he would retire from politics and would not again be a candidate. He has served four terms as State chairman and as such has represented Vice-President Fairbanks, who has controlled the organization for twelve years.

The retirement of Goodrich will mean that a friend of Senator Beveridge will succeed to the chairmanship.

From many parts of the State demands have come since the recent election for a reorganization based on the leadership of Senator Beveridge and it is understood that Mr. Fairbanks will acquiesce in it and make no contest for the control of the next State committee.

Harry S. New, member and former chairman of the national committee, is being hooped for the chairmanship.

MOORS KILL 14 FRENCHMEN.

Defeated Themselves With Great Loss in Battle in Northwest Africa.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—In a fight between French soldiers and Moors in Northwest Africa fourteen of the French force were killed, including one officer.

The Moors were defeated with heavy losses.

BRANDENBURG NEEDS BOND.

Writer Will Go to the Island to-day Unless Security Appears.

Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer, whose troubles have been accumulating of late, will go to Blackwell's Island to-day unless a bondman appears for him before the first boat leaves at 9 o'clock.

Brandenburg was arrested on a charge preferred by his first wife on July 1 for non-support. Magistrate Walsh let him off on a bond on his promise to pay his former wife \$12 a week for a year. On November 27 last, after the Cleveland interview got him into additional trouble, his bondman surrendered him, and since that time he has been in the West Side court prison trying to get some one to go on his bond.

TWO SUPFRAGISTS EJECTED

DISLIKED DIVORCE FIGURES DR. ABBOTT QUOTED.

Roosevelt Bids Women Make Motherhood the Aim of Life—Dr. Abbott Tells All He's Seen and How Much Greater It Had Been to Be a Mother.

In accordance with the spirit of their campaign slogan, "Woman's place is the home," the members of the National League for the Civic Education of Women refrained even from sitting on the platform at the meeting which they held yesterday afternoon in the Berkeley Theatre. There being therefore no sheath gowns or millinery creations to absorb so much as one ray of the limelight the attention of the audience was inevitably drawn to the fact that the league was represented by Richard Watson Gilder, the Rev. Lyman Abbott and Nicholas Murray Butler.

The sensibilities of the suffragists and the suffragettes who were present were additionally wounded by the kindness of Dr. Abbott in reading a letter from the President in which Mr. Roosevelt said that while he believed in woman suffrage he did not consider it of any great importance and that the indispensable field of usefulness for women was as mothers of families.

As if that were not enough Dr. Butler was unchivalrous enough to read a letter from Secretary Root in which the opinion was expressed that the enfranchisement of women would reduce rather than increase the electoral efficiency of the people.

Fearing that the yearners for the ballot who might chance to be present would be unable to restrain the expression of their chagrin at learning that so many of those who sit in high places were not on their side in the great struggle the executive committee of the league appealed to the Police Department for protection against any possible disturbance and bluecoats from the East Fifty-first street station were in attendance.

Uniforms and brass buttons do not, however, count for very much in the eyes of a person who has already been in jail for the sake of his principles.

When Dr. Lyman Abbott began quoting divorce statistics as an argument against the further emancipation of women Mrs. Borman Wells, who got back from London on Thursday, shrieked out: "Those figures don't apply to the States where they have woman suffrage!"

Dr. Abbott took no notice of the interruption, but went right on talking, and his indifference moved Mrs. Sophia Loebinger to try her hand at ruffling his feathers.

"That isn't a fair statement!" she shouted.

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