

\$400,000 ESTATE TO AMERICAN GROUP

Hapsburg Holdings Acquired by U. S. Syndicate Twice Original Figure.

ART ALONE \$1,000,000

Albertina Collection in Vienna Finest Private Gallery in Europe.

ESTATE SELF-PRODUCING

Romantic Aspect of Vast Transaction Revealed by J. Leonard Replogle.

The romantic aspects of the transaction, announced in Paris on Sunday, whereby a branch of the House of Hapsburg has turned over steel works, millions of acres of land, hereditary estates, castles and rare works of art to an American syndicate to be liquidated in part and managed in respect to other portions were lessened in no way when J. Leonard Replogle, one of the syndicate, yesterday narrated some of the business details. Instead of a value of \$200,000,000 as was reported in the initial despatches, the holdings of Archduke Frederick of Austria, his son, Archduke Albrecht; his wife, Archduchess Isabella, and their six daughters were appraised before the war at \$400,000,000.

Included in the Albertina art collection in Vienna, said to be the finest private gallery in Europe and valued at fully \$100,000,000. The Hapsburg holdings have been put under control of a trust company formed in Switzerland for the sole purpose of managing the estate. The legal counsellor of the trust company is René Viviani, formerly Premier of France, who already has devoted many months of work to the involved problems growing out of the desire of the Austrian royal family to convert part of their possessions into cash. The president of the trust company is A. L. Endsley, who was associated with Mr. Replogle in the steel business for many years and was formerly president of the Replogle Steel Company.

Are Revenue Producing. The properties which are revenue producing will be managed by the syndicate through the trust company. Mr. Replogle had no figures to make public in regard to earnings of the mills, forests and land, but he stated that the Bergunthut steel works alone employ 20,000 men and are working at 85 to 90 per cent. of capacity. An interesting feature of the syndicate's control of this plant, which is one of the best equipped in Central Europe, is that it is free of claims entailed in political developments growing out of the war and is being managed by Eugene Schmeider, head of the great Creusot works of France. Mr. Schmeider has bought from the syndicate an interest in the plant.

The vast estate is being handled in the typical method of American big business, although the direct operation of property scattered through Hungary, Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Italy and Jugoslavia remains in the hands of natives of those countries. The trust company, named the General Real Estate and Trust Company of Geneva, has title to all the Hapsburg possessions in question. The trust company's shares are divided two-thirds to Archduke Frederick and his family and one-third to the syndicate. In course of liquidating any particular property division of the proceeds will be in these proportions. While in the minority in regard to stock holdings, the contract with the Hapsburgs provides that the Americans shall have full control in administration and liquidation of assets.

In addition to the steel works and art collection, the properties include 1,000,000 acres of agricultural, mineral and timber land, between 400 and 500 saw-mills, large coal deposits, more than a score of palaces, valuable apartment buildings and improved real estate in Vienna. The negotiations between the Hapsburg owners and the American group began late in 1919, when the Archduke Frederick and his family arrived in Luzerne in Vienna. At that time more than three-quarters of the property was impounded by governments of countries in which it was located, and M. Viviani's task has been to straighten out the affairs of the estate. In accordance with terms of the Treaty of Saint Germain, which provides for the confiscation of properties of reigning houses, the counsellor for the trust company contended before the Allied Reparation Commission and other Government tribunals that the holdings of this branch of the Hapsburg house were free from seizure because the family never had ruled. This plea was instrumental in bringing about the release of property, although Mr. Replogle thought that possibly 50 per cent. of it was still awaiting a settlement of war claims.

Mr. Replogle declined to describe the process which will be gone through in disposing of lands and other real estate or in managing industrial units, for the reason, as he said, that no one knows just how things will work out in Central Europe.

The Albertina collection cannot be broken up and sold to art patrons because of laws protecting works of art in Vienna. The present plan of the syndicate is to free the estate of legal complications and to develop the commercial holdings along sound lines. The man who was largely instrumental in forming the syndicate is Thomas J. Felder, a wealthy American, who lives in Paris and travels much through Central Europe. It was through his offices that Archduke Frederick sought the aid of American business men, and it was Mr. Felder who interested Mr. Replogle, Frank A. Munsey, Charles H. Rubin and two or three more in the possibilities of the undertaking. A name mentioned yesterday, in addition to these, was that of Dr. Hugh Young of Johns Hopkins University, as a stockholder in the General Real Estate and Trust Company.

WOMAN SLAIN ON FARM.

Jenious Boarder Seized After Tragedy Near Jamestown. JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Micholona Marchelski was shot and killed by Joe Jaworski on a farm near Findley Lake, Chautauqua county, last night. Jaworski had been living at the Marchelski home for several years. Jealousy is believed to have been the cause of the crime. This morning Jaworski was taken to the county jail at Mayville.

HARDING RECEIVES OVATION IN THEATRE ON VISIT HERE

Continued from First Page. old friend of the Hardings from New Jersey. The President's devotion to golf caused him to rise at 7 A. M. at Atlantic City yesterday, although he had been up late the night before. He went around the Sea View course with the president of the club, Clarence Gestel, as partner. They were paired against Messrs. Frolichshyzen and Fletcher. Mrs. Harding and her guests, Mrs. Van Fleet and Mrs. Fletcher, joined them at luncheon at the club. An old man driving a battered buggy stopped him here across the fence from the ninth hole. "May I shake hands with you?" he called out. "Sure," said the President. As the old man walked toward the green secret service men automatically closed about their charge, but the old man said to the President, "I'm not going to kill you, I'm only going to shake hands with you," which he did. His name was James Matthews. His wife intended to follow him, but the horse began to gallop and she had to stay in the buggy to hold the animal down. She just waved at Mr. Harding and he waved back.

Party in Four Cars. Last Four rapidly travelling cars made the journey to New York in the afternoon. The President rode with Messrs. Fletcher, Christian and Van Fleet and Richard Jervis, chief of the Secret Service men who guard the Chief Executive. The last they saw of New Jersey was when 600 children were arrayed at the Pleasantville ferry terminal, Perth Amboy, whence the party crossed to Staten Island. The party arrived at Tottenville.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN POLICE STATION

Bronx Man Threw Itching Powders on Boys and Girls.

Edward Pierson, 30, of 730 Brook avenue, The Bronx, tried to commit suicide in the Morrisania police station last night by hanging himself after he had been locked up. He was accused of throwing itching powders on several small boys and girls. Pierson knotted his neck and then to the cell bars, but was cut down by an attendant before he had killed himself. The police say that the man had been annoying the girls and boys in the Morrisania District of The Bronx for some time and that he was caught last night after several boys on whom he had thrown powders had chased him. The specific charge against him is disorderly conduct.

The complainant is Frank Halbauer, 12 years old, of 645 St. Ann's avenue, The Bronx. The police say that a crowd of women had threatened to beat Pierson, but he was rescued by the police. In night court Pierson was sentenced to fifteen days in the workhouse.

16 SAVED BY LADDERS AT TENEMENT BLAZE

Others in Ten Families Flee Over Roofs.

Policemen and firemen used extension ladders yesterday to rescue tenants trapped by an early morning fire in the ten family, five story apartment house at 1254-1256 Second avenue. The blaze started in rubbish at the bottom of the dumbwater shaft in the cellar and spread rapidly to the upper floors. Flames and smoke made the stairways impassable. A ladder was raised to one of the windows of P. J. Luby's apartment on the third floor and firemen carried Luby and his wife and four of their five children down to safety. Patrolman Harry Hogstrom followed with the youngest child—a baby a month old—in his arms. A. W. Bascombe, his wife, Nellie, and five children who live on the fifth floor, also were carried down on an extension ladder, as was Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin, 75, another fifth floor resident.

ENGLISH WAR BRIDE DESERTS GUY SPIKER

BALTIMORE, Sept. 12.—The romance of Mrs. Emily Knowles Spiker, which caused a sensation two years ago when, as the mother of Perley Spiker's child, she came to America from England to be wed to his brother, Guy Spiker, has been shattered. Mrs. Spiker, who lived with Guy Spiker in East Baltimore, has disappeared. The child, which had been adopted by Perley Spiker's wife when she forgave her husband for his infidelity while with the American army overseas, is at the home of the Perley Spikers. The English girl left her home several weeks ago, according to her husband, leaving a note saying that she no longer cared to live with him. He said: "She went of her own free will, and she can stay." Guy Spiker has been out of work for some time and his wife sought employment. For more than a month, it is understood, she had been employed at a military camp.

Yes it's toasted, of course. To seal in the flavor— At SAKS Today A Sale of 2400 Knitted Silk Cravats at \$1 A very fine collection of All Silk Knitted Cravats, in a variety of colorings and combinations such as few men ever had the opportunity of choosing from. There are crochet weaves, accordion and embroidered effects, all-perfectly knit and comparable only to neckwear usually sold around the two-dollar mark. The Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Royal Blue, Hunter Green, Maroon and a new shade of Brown Street Floor Saks & Company Broadway at 34th Street

\$2,500 EXEMPTION VOTED BY SENATE

House Maximum Surtax Rate of 32 Per Cent. Approved in Committee.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Two of the four major provisions of the House tax bill were approved today by the Senate Finance Committee. One fixes the maximum income surtax rate at 32 per cent., as compared with the present 65 per cent., and the other increases by \$500 the exemption allowed to heads of families having net incomes of \$5,000 or less and by \$200 the exemption allowed on account of each dependent. Chairman Penrose announced that the committee would vote to-morrow on the effective date of the repeal of the excess profits tax. Even those Senators favoring Secretary Mellon's proposal to make the repeal retroactive to last January 1 were of the opinion that the committee would accept the House provision for repeal as of next January 1. Should the House date be approved, it was said, the committee probably would approve repeal of all of the transportation tax as of next January 1 and most of the other tax repeals provided for in the House bill. Secretary Mellon's proposal for retention of the transportation levies next year at one-half the present rates and the restoration of a tax on cosmetics, perfumery and proprietary medicines were predicated on retroactive repeal of the profits tax. In voting to reject Secretary Mellon's proposal that the maximum income surtax rate be reduced to 25 per cent., the committee took under consideration a Treasury plan to reduce the rate in each of the income surtax brackets by 1 per cent. so as to lighten the taxes on those having incomes of less than \$58,000 a year, as well as those whose incomes exceed that amount. Several new tax proposals are to be presented to the committee, but Chairman Penrose said it had been decided to have a final vote on the bill next Friday so as to give the draftsmen and exporters time in which to put the measure in shape for presentation to the Senate when Congress reconvenes on September 21. If necessary the committee will hold night sessions, Chairman Penrose said.

LEAVES SING SING WITH REMADE FACE

Acerno Has to Be Rephotographed for Rogues' Gallery.

Robert Acerno, a prisoner released from Sing Sing yesterday, left prison a better man—at least, better looking. Acerno's face was badly cut up in prison hospital during his incarceration, and so much improved that he had to be rephotographed for the Rogues' Gallery. When Acerno reached the prison to serve a two year term his nose was badly battered that he could hardly breathe through it, and it gave him a repulsive appearance. Dr. Amos O. Squires, prison physician, had Acerno consent to an operation, part of which consisted in making a new bridge for his nose out of one of his ribs. The operation was performed by Dr. Harold Hays of New York city.

MANY REQUESTS MADE IN W. H. CHACE'S WILL

RIVERHEAD, L. I., Sept. 12.—The will of William H. Chace of Patchogue, which was filed for probate here to-day, leaves the income from \$10,000 to "my dear friend Grace D. Chitty" of 2172 Coney Island avenue Brooklyn, with the provision that she may dispose of the principal as she will.

Mr. Chace's will also makes many bequests to his servants, among them \$300 to Hilda Anderson, "my good and faithful cook"; \$200 to Hilda Prestid, "my good and faithful waitress"; \$200 to Olga Dalland, "my former good and faithful waitress and the wife of my chauffeur, Olaf Dolland of 555 Fifty-first street, Brooklyn"; \$300 to Dalland, "my good and faithful chauffeur"; \$1,000 to Mary H. Bryan of Arlington, N. J., "my good and jovial cousin," and \$1,000 to Jennie F. Newberry, "my good and kind sister-in-law." He also left \$1,000 to another relative, Frank M. Chace, and the residue of the estate, "over \$10,000," to his son, Clarence H. Chace of 1250 East Seventh street, Brooklyn.

EXPLOSIONS ALARM HALIFAX RESIDENTS

Fire Started in Imperial Oil Plant, but No One Hurt.

HALIFAX, Sept. 12.—Five heavy explosions, accompanied by oil flames that shot high into the air, caused half of the residents of Halifax to tumble out of bed early to-day and take to the open with whatever household effects they could transport. The detonations were reminiscent of the munition ship disaster in December, 1917, when 1,200 persons were killed. They came from the Imperial Oil Company's plant at Dartmouth on the east side of Halifax harbor. No one was hurt. The explosions were due to a fire which started in one of the refining stills. The damage was confined to the Imperial Oil Company's plant.

CAPT. APPLIGATE IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Seabright Skipper, Who Helped Lipton in Cup Races, Struck Crossing Tracks.

Capt. Andrew Jackson Appligate, the Seabright skipper who sailed Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock in the America's Cup races last year as adviser to Capt. Burton and an expert on tides and winds off Sandy Hook, was instantly killed by a train last night while crossing the tracks of the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Seabright. Capt. Appligate was 68 years old. For fifty years he had navigated the waters in and about Sandy Hook, and his opinion on wind and weather had long been accepted as final by the fishing fleet along the north Jersey coast. Before the yacht races last year Sir Thomas and those in charge of the challenger selected Capt. Appligate from among all the mariners in these waters as the one whose experience would be of greatest value to the Shamrock. The Captain had been mending fish nets on the J. L. Kemmerer estate yesterday afternoon and failed to hear the train bear down on him as he attempted to cross the tracks on his way home. He was struck by the locomotive and hurled into the ditch. Capt. Appligate owned considerable property in Seabright. He leaves a widow and four children. On one occasion the Captain and one of his sons received the Congressional Medal and the Carnegie Hero medal for launching their skiff at night into the surf when it was beyond the ability of the coast guard to do so. They motored three miles out to sea and saved a party in an open launch that had been caught in the teeth of a northeast gale.

WORKERS GO ON STRIKE IN NORTHERN FRANCE

LILLE, France, Sept. 12.—The textile workers of Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing struck this morning as a protest against a cut in wages proposed by the manufacturers. The metals workers, municipal employees, street cleaners and cafe and restaurant workers joined in the strike. The gas, electrical and tramway employees continued at work. The strikers number about 60,000.

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