

CROKER CHANGED HIS DESIRES OF RICHES AFTER SUIT OF SONS

He and Indian Wife Made New Wills, Disposing of Two to Five Millions.

SONS LIKELY CUT OFF Never Got Over Charge of Insanity and Dissipating Fortune.

BACKED IRISH FREEDOM

Former Tammany Boss De- plored Prohibition as Hard- ship on the Poor.

Richard Croker and his wife both made new wills disposing of his estate just prior to coming to this country for their last trip. The documents were drawn in England and it developed yesterday that in all probability none of his family here knew what dispositions he made.

Estimates of his wealth varied yesterday among even his best friends here. None of them had been in close touch with the former Tammany chief in the latter years of his life, but the belief of his old time associates was that the estate he left, virtually all of which was accumulated in New York when he was ruler of the city's political destinies, might be expected to range anywhere from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

It is also believed here that the last will was drawn expressly to leave the bulk of his estate to his widow, who was Miss Buelah Benton Edmondson of Florida, "the Indian bride" whom he married in November, 1914. Her will was made at the time his last testament was drawn in order to provide against contingencies which might arise from their ocean travels.

Makes Will After Quarrel

This will was made after Mr. Croker's quarrel with his children, which culminated in an action brought by his sons and daughters in March, 1919, in the Federal court in New York. The Federal court eventually unseated and restrained him from "further dissipating his estate." The children charged their father was squandered unduly by his second wife, and by means of gifts and deeds was being possessed of all his fortune.

The case went to trial in 1920 in the Fifth Beach court, both Mr. and Mrs. Croker coming from Ireland to defend the action. Judge Benjamin D. Townsend, who presided, found the charges against the Tammany ex-boss and became convinced that Mrs. Croker had not fraudulently gained possession of any of his property. The order was given that the estate be divided equally between Mr. and Mrs. Croker.

Advised Ireland's Freedom

Down to his end Mr. Croker maintained a deep interest in Ireland's fight for a free state. It was his last political interest and activity. On the evening before he left this country the last time he spent five hours with John Whalen, one of the Irish patriots who passed his life in the cause of Ireland's freedom.

"You just watch these men, Michael Collins and Griffith," he then said. "They are the equals of any statesmen in Europe, and you will hear from them before we get through. Lloyd George will find they are as able as any statesmen he has ever dealt with in Europe and they will make the best of the best of any time. They are two of the brightest men I ever met."

150 OF KU KLUX TO SURRENDER

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—News of the death in New York of Mrs. Grainger reached Los Angeles this afternoon while Percy Grainger was conducting a concert of his compositions by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

He was not notified of the accident which cost his mother's life until after the concert, when he said he would have immediately for New York.

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—One hundred and fifty members of the band of men who raided a residence at Inglewood, a suburb, a week ago last night, thus precipitating a Grand Jury investigation of the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Los Angeles county, will surrender in a body to the District Attorney next Wednesday. It was declared to-night by W. S. Coburn, Grand Goblin of the Klan for this "Pacific domain."

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5,000 Chicago Families Fight Rents, Use Tents

CHICAGO, April 30.—Conveyances of every description—fluffers, trucks, wagons and even buggies—were pressed into service here to-day by Chicago tenants. It was the biggest moving day Chicago has known since the war.

Moving van companies are swamped and many report that they are booked solid for the next ten days. Three thousand dwelling places, principally apartments, will be empty in Chicago this summer, declared A. E. Potter, business manager of the Chicago Tenants Protective League, to-day.

Close to five hundred families have pitched their tents in the forest preserves near the city, and all say they will stay there until rents come down. According to the county officials, permits have been let to 5,000 families to tent in the forest preserves.

GRAINGER'S MOTHER PLUNGES TO DEATH

Hundreds See Her Drop From 18th Story of Aeolian Building.

SUICIDE, EXAMINER SAYS

Mrs. Antonia Sawyer, Her Partner, Tells of Australian Woman's Illness.

Several hundred persons in Forty-second street and in Bryant Park saw Mrs. Rose Grainger, concert manager and the mother of Percy Grainger, the Australian pianist, climb yesterday afternoon from a window of her office on the eighteenth floor of the Aeolian Building, at 29 West Forty-second street. Mrs. Grainger stood for a moment on the window sill, looking downward, and then she threw both hands above her head and plunged forward.

Her body turned over several times and landed on the roof of the five-story building at 25 West Forty-second street, smashing a hole three feet square in the shingles and tiling of the roof. The screams of several women among the crowd which witnessed the jump attracted the attention of policemen, and they rushed up in time to find Mrs. Grainger's business manager, Mrs. Antonia Sawyer, trying to open the door of the office, which had been locked.

Police Force Lock

The police forced the lock and went into Mr. Grainger's office. They found the window open, and looking downward, they saw the body of the woman lying on the roof fourteen stories below them. Even at that distance they could see her move about faintly.

Other policemen had hurried up the steps and elevators of the building on the roof. They found her still alive, but her skull had been crushed and she had suffered internal injuries. So that she died before an ambulance surgeon could take her to a hospital.

Had Been Suffering

Several times during the morning Mrs. Grainger complained of pain, and shortly after noon she asked Mrs. Sawyer to go to a drug store for medicine to relieve her. Mrs. Sawyer went at once, and returned she found the door locked. It is believed that during the absence of Mrs. Sawyer the pain got so severe that Mrs. Grainger, either hoping her pain would be relieved, or in despair, went to the window and jumped out, first locking the door to insure against interruption.

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WITH RIFLE BY MATE; TWO ACT AS SECONDS

Campers, Quarreling Over Can of Soup, Decide on Gun Fight.

BATTLE IN SCOUT STYLE

Contestants, Hiding Behind Trees and Rocks, Crawl Up on Each Other.

ONE IS SHOT IN FOREHEAD

Three Arrested After Victim Is Removed From Woods in Queens.

Jacob Kabitz, 19 years old, of 57 North First street, Brooklyn, and Victor Jancudilich, 15, of 126 South Second street, quarreled over a can of soup yesterday afternoon, and to settle their argument fought a duel with rifles in the woods north of the old village of Queens, not far from Jamaica. Shooting across a pond about a hundred feet wide and adopting Indian tactics of hiding behind trees and rocks, the two boys fired between ten and twenty rounds at each other, but finally Kabitz was shot in the forehead and died while being sent to the Jamaica Hospital in an ambulance.

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Wooden Structure in Rich- mond Hill Housing Forty Families Flame Swept.

BLAZE SPREAD RAPIDLY Mad Rush to Fire Escapes as the Single Stairway Burns.

Two persons were killed last night in a fire that destroyed a four-story frame tenement house at Atlantic avenue and 114th street, Richmond Hill, Queens. Twelve others were so badly hurt that they had to be taken to hospitals, and four firemen were burned about the hands and face, but were able to remain on duty. Many members of the forty families whose homes were in the building were carried down fire escapes and ladders by firemen and policemen.

The dead, whose bodies have been recovered, are Mrs. Cunningham, 65, first name unknown, and Edith Kronberg, 9 years old. It was reported that several others were killed, but the Police and Fire departments said early this morning that they have not been able to find any more bodies in the ruins, and that they have no reports of missing persons. The firemen, all of whom were hurt in rescuing tenants from the burning house, are Mark Janeske of Engine Company 292, John Scherer of Engine Company 143, Ike Shaw of Engine Company 294 and Frank Ross, driver for Battalion Chief Moore.

Police Aid in Rescue

Four ladders were turned in for the fire, bringing the water towers and all available apparatus in the borough. The fire burned swiftly, eating into the frame structure with such speed that the firemen had to confine their efforts for a time to getting the tenants to safety. They were assisted by the police reserves.

Ambulances were sent from the Mary Immaculate Hospital, Jamaica, and the Jamaica Hospital. At midnight the police had not determined how the flames started.

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Fourth Alarm Sounded

In the meantime Battalion Chief Moore had reached the scene and turned in the second and third alarms and finally sent in the fourth, when it appeared that several other houses in the immediate vicinity would catch fire. The fourth alarm brought Fire Commissioner Thomas Drennan and Deputy Thompson to the fire, and they took charge of the work.

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Two bullets flew so wide that they whistled by the heads of the seconds, conning these boys to take cover also. During the remainder of the fight the seconds lay hidden in the marsh grass around the pond, waiting for one or the other duelist to shout that he had been shot. They told the police that for a time there was no shooting, as both Kabitz and Jancudilich had left their hiding places and were crawling toward the brush to hunt another vantage point. But finally the seconds heard the crack of a rifle. They looked up, just in time to see a bullet from Jancudilich's rifle clip the bark from a tree behind which Kabitz crouched. The next instant Jancudilich's hand and shoulders appeared behind the tree. Kabitz's head

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British and French Gunboats Off Tientsin

TIENTSIN, April 30 (Associated Press).—French and British gunboats have arrived here. Another American gunboat is expected. The foreign consuls met to-day to consider the question of proclaiming martial law in the concessions and for the purpose of requisitioning means of transport.

It is said to be the plan of Chang Tso-Lin to place a censorship over the posts and telegraph. The Manchurian leader remained on his special train at Chun Lian Cheng, thus blocking traffic at Shan Hai Kwan.

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SOUTH CHINA JOINS NORTH FORCES IN BATTLE FOR PEKIN

1,000 Fall in Drive of Two Armies Northward From Changhsintien.

MARTIAL LAW RULES

200,000 Men Will Soon Be in Field to Overthrow President Chang.

FOREIGNERS SO FAR SAFE

U. S. Legation Asks Another Warship—Naval Attache Describes Fighting

PEKIN, April 30 (Associated Press).—Martial law was declared in Pekin to-day.

The armies of Gen. Chang Tso-lin, Governor of Manchuria, who is charged with seeking to establish a military dictatorship, and Gen. Wu Pei-fu, military leader of central China, fought continuously throughout Sunday. The fighting centered around Changhsintien, twelve miles southwest of Pekin. A Government communique says Chang Tso-lin was victorious in the fighting at Machang. It is reported that Sun Yat Sen, head of the South China Government, has combined with Gen. Chang. Both Gen. Chang and Wu are fighting the present Pekin Government.

Demand Armies Withdraw

The first proclamation said the Chinese people were terrified, that merchants were suffering losses and the industry of the nation was demoralized. Therefore, it was demanded that Chang Tso-lin and Wu Pei-fu immediately withdraw their armies.

The second proclamation declared that as Pekin was the capital of the nation peace and order must prevail. The government in the direction of the chief of the metropolitan area must take adequate measures.

Emphasis was laid in the third proclamation on the necessity to protect the lives and property of foreigners and for compliance with treaties with the Powers. It was added that the Chinese railroad administration had sent a protest to the Government asserting the railroads of the country face bankruptcy in consequence of the suspension of traffic, and that this fact involves foreign obligations.

See Armies in Battle

Commander Hutchins reported that firing had not ceased during the last thirty-six hours. From a hillside overlooking the Hun River he witnessed the operations of both armies, with Chang's troops holding the village of Changhsintien and the Wu Pei-fu forces two miles southward fighting desperately to advance. Smoke from the cannon enveloped the hillsides, shells were bursting in the trenches, camels were to be seen transporting guns to various points and refugees were observed running from their homes. A vivid picture of the seriousness of the contest was obtained, according to Commander Hutchins.

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POPE BACKS LLOYD GEORGE RUSSIAN POLICY IN NOTE; PRAYS FOR GENOA SUCCESS

ALLY OF PREMIER General Belief That the Pontiff's Warning Will Have Bene- ficial Effect.

LENINE REJECTS ALLIED COMPENSATION DEMANDS

RIGA, April 30 (Associated Press).—Despite two operations he recently has undergone, Nikolai Lenine has been active in directing Soviet affairs in Genoa, according to official Soviet circles in Riga. On Saturday Lenine is said to have sent instructions to George Tchitcherin under no circumstances to agree to the allied demands for the full restoration of private ownership to former foreign concerns in Russia, and to oppose the proposals for compensation for nationalized and requisitioned property.

According to Russian official circles here Lenine takes the view that as the allied demands have been widely discussed, not only by the Soviet press but also in public meetings, the Soviet Government feels justified in rejecting the demands, to which, it is contended, the peasants in particular object strongly. The peasants take the view that if the demands should be accepted they would have to pay not only for the land but the buildings and other equipment which they now hold free from the Government.

GENOA MUST END NATIONS' DISTRUST BY STABILIZING THE WORLD CURRENCIES

Bankers Will Not Supply Credit Until Another War Is Out of Question, Says Sir George Paish—Loans Are Kenyote of Present Depression, Which Is Gravest the World Has Ever Faced.

By SIR GEORGE PAISH.
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GENOA, April 30.—Confidence is the life blood of the world to-day. Without it business under modern conditions would be impossible. Without it neither food nor material could be produced beyond the immediate needs of the producers. Nor could it be distributed if produced. Without it there would be no effective medium of exchange. Entire lack of confidence would bring business to complete standstill.

Stabilize Currency Value

The financial commission of the conference has come to the conclusion that "the essential requisite for the economic reconstruction of Europe is the achievement in each country of stability in the value of its currency."

But this statement reverses the whole situation. The economic reconstruction of Europe will be complete when each country has succeeded in permanently stabilizing the value of its currency. Stability of currency is a consequence and not a cause. The present instability is a consequence, and all that has happened and is still happening cannot rectify it until the causes of instability are removed.

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By FRANCIS M'CALLAGH.

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GENOA, April 30.—Premier Lloyd George has found a new ally in Pope Pius, who, through Cardinal Gaspari, has made public a letter to all peoples of the world, appealing for world pacification, and warning of disasters which would follow if efforts such as are being made here should fail.

Pope Sees Happy Issues

"I have no doubt of the happy issue of such a great congress," he says, "which includes representatives of all nations concerned with Christian civilization. The people who have suffered so much in past conflicts and in their recent sad experiences desire a removal by the conference of the peril of a new conflagration. The consequences of such noble intentions is preparation of at least a basis for peace at no distant era."

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