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MARK TWAIN'S NEW WILL Entire Estate of Famous Writer Bequeathed to His Two Daughters COMPANY HANDLES LITERARY REMAINS In Earlier Testament Miss Lyon Was Named Executrix with Clara Clemens Author of Biography Had Permission to Use—Not to Exceed 10,000 Words

Reading, Aug. 5.—At least two residents of this town have avouched that they had seen the alleged codicil to Mark Twain's will by which his two daughters were virtually cut off from their natural inheritance, being supplanted as the main legatees by Ralph W. Ashcroft and his wife. As a matter of fact they could not possibly have seen a codicil of this import because it has and never has existed. Your correspondent explained last week that the report doubtless owed its origin to the circumstance that the codicil in question named the Ashcrofts as the testator's literary executors. This was the truth of the matter, except for the detail that only Mrs. Ashcroft, then Miss Isabel Van Kleeck Iron, was named. Today the writer has a copy of the will of which the codicil in question is a part, and is therefore able to say positively what provisions were made. The will was drawn last October but has been superseded by a will of later date by which Mr. Clemens bequeaths to his wife and daughter, and to his daughter, the codicil will be wholly absent from the later document, which says nothing about the disposition of the testator's literary remains. The will will be drawn last October but has been superseded by a will of later date by which Mr. Clemens bequeaths to his wife and daughter, and to his daughter, the codicil will be wholly absent from the later document, which says nothing about the disposition of the testator's literary remains.

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COMMISSIONER MEAD HAS NEW PENNIES Rumor that Coins Were to Be Called in Made Drive for Them at New York Sub-Treasury.

The new Lincoln coins, one cent, and their appearance in New York at the sub-treasury yesterday afternoon, long lines of curiosity seekers striving to be among the first who could get the new heads. The throng was added to by the fact that the news had become circulated that the coins were to be withdrawn because the initials of the artist, Victor David Brenner, were engraved on one side at the bottom of the coin. It is believed that the initials appeared the cent had been found objectionable was not taken seriously by others, as the custom of placing the designer's initials on the coins is world-wide, and so common a practice that it attracts little or no common attention. It served, however, to make money for many streeturchins and newboys of New York, who found the time to form in line and get their dollar's worth, all that was allowed to an individual, and then scatter over the city. Here they sold for five cents, and even more, a piece, the youthful trader receiving a profit of 50 per cent.

The demand was so great that only \$10 in the coins were allowed the different banks in the big city, while the banks of this city and State will have to wait for a while as it is through the New York sub-treasury that the local banks are supplied.

The first of the new coins that appeared in this city are those exhibited by County Commissioner Whitmore S. Mead of Greenwich. Judge Mead said that he had obtained them from his son-in-law, who is a Wall Street broker, and who was among the number who also had a way to the sub-treasury building.

IN MANY BATTLES THESE MEN FOUGHT Scant Hundred Left of "Fighting Ninth," Which Numbered 1,000 Men

REUNION AT SAVIN ROCK

While the militia and regulars are assembling around Boston to play at Harvard, there is gathered at the Savin Rock in the city of Boston a little band of men who comprise the remnants of a sturdy battle-scarred fighting regiment of the civil war. While the officers of the regiments taking part in the mimic capture of Boston are figuring out theoretical plans of attack, Colonel Fitzgibbons the old commander of the "Fighting Ninth" will be counting the days of the time when with a thousand fighting Irishmen at his back he faced the enemy's line of battle on a dozen fields of blood.

The occasion, which is so in contrast to the mimic warfare and first experience of green militia at Boston is the annual reunion of the "Fighting Ninth," the regiment which, composed of Connecticut volunteers, was known by every general in the Union army in the Civil War as an organization always ready and willing to go on the firing line and to stay there. The first of the old veterans have died and each year as the men sit around the banquet table it is noticed that one or more of the popular old men is missing.

The "Fighting Ninth" gained its name during the civil war when it showed itself to be composed of men who were willing and anxious to meet the enemy. Lusty adventure-loving Irishmen made up the rank and file of the regiment, and it was the outfit from the Colonel down who knew what fear was. When ever the army corps to which they belonged was in the thick of the fighting, the "Fighting Ninth" was sent for and they generally turned the tide of battle.

The reunion was organized by Col. Fitzgibbons September 3, 1861, at the request of Governor Buckingham, who was then chief executive of Connecticut. The first detail assigned to the regiment was with General Butler's New Orleans campaign.

At the reunion this afternoon Col. Richard J. Curtis, of Shelton, Conn., Quartermaster W. W. Harral and Privates Andrew B. Graham, Moses Mills, George Rutherford, John New Haven, secretary of all this city will be present.

FOR RIVER IMPROVEMENT Governor Weeks Names Commission to Investigate Connecticut Waterways.

Governor Weeks yesterday appointed the following commission as authority on the river and harbor of the State in Joint Resolution No. 373, creating a commission to investigate and report concerning the improvement of rivers and harbors of the State: Frank V. Chappel, New London; Henry T. Crane, 3d, Bridgeport; Oliver H. Warner, Hartford; Oliver Gilderleeve, Portland. The bill provides for the commission to investigate the condition of the navigable rivers and harbors of the State and to report to the next general assembly its recommendations relative to the subject. The commission can be taken for the improvement of the navigation.

WALL STREET TO-DAY.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Aug. 5.—At the opening of the stock market this morning the general incline was toward a decline. After the first fifteen minutes of trading however, the tone became stronger and material gains were made in a number of instances. The London operators liquidated a large share of holdings this morning. Great Northern Iron rose 1 cent to 100. The price of the 4's registered declined; other bonds strong.

AERONAUT BLERIOT FOR AMERICAN VAUDEVILLE (Special from United Press.) London, Aug. 5.—Louis Blériot, the French aeronaut who became famous in less than 30 minutes by flying a monoplane across the English channel today received an offer from William Morris, the American vaudeville manager, to appear with his monoplane in the theatres of the Morris circuit. He has the offer under advisement.

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WARATAH WITH 300 PASSENGERS 9 DAYS OVERDUE

Cape Town, Aug. 5.—Under orders from the British Admiralty, two warships were dispatched today to search for the steamship Waratah, carrying 300 passengers, which is now nine days overdue from Durban to Cape Town. The trip requires only two days and it is considered almost certain that the Waratah went down in the cyclone that swept the coast the second day she was out. This belief is strengthened by the fact that no incoming ship reports seeing any disabled vessel or wreckage from such a ship.

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RUSSIAN FEAST OF DEATH SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS

(Special from United Press.) St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—All records for death sentences and executions in Russia were broken during the first six months of the year according to official figures made public today. They show 728 death sentences imposed during the first half of the year and 249 executions, or an average of nearly two a day. These figures include only the results of formal trials and do not account for summary orders from Governors and military commanders, which would undoubtedly double the number of executions.

RESCUE PARTIES SEARCHING FOR MAORI SURVIVORS

(Special from United Press.) Cape Town, Aug. 5.—Rescue parties are today searching the coast near here for the survivors of the steamship Maori from New Zealand which sank near here last evening. It is not known how many got off in the lifeboats.

Maori carried a number of passengers. One of the lifeboats reached shore with ten survivors. Ten bodies have been washed ashore. The Maori was an English vessel.

New Britain Nolle Another Auto Case

(Special from United Press.) New Britain, Aug. 5.—The case against Riccardo W. Rice of New Haven charged with manslaughter in having caused the death of William Konarum, was nolle in the police court today at the request of Prosecuting Attorney Andrew, who stated that after a thorough investigation he could not find any evidence to warrant continuing the charge. Rice, accompanied by his wife, was in court and was represented by Attorneys Tuttle and Goodhart.

The charge grew out of an automobile accident on July 25 when Rice's auto ran over and fatally injured Konarum on South Main street. The victim died the following day.

BIG VOTE FOR BILL

Payne-Aldrich Tariff Measure Passed by Senate, This Afternoon, 47 to 31

7 REPUBLICANS ARE OPPOSED

Beveridge, Bristow, Clapp, Cummins, Dolliver, LaFollette, Nelson in Negative

Leather Schedule is Yet to Be Disposed of By Concurrent Resolution

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Aug. 5.—The Payne-Aldrich tariff bill as reported by the conference committee and already adopted by the House, was passed this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock by the Senate by a vote of 47 to 31. To make it a law there now remains only the corroboration of the leather schedule which it is proposed to accomplish by means of a concurrent resolution introduced and the signature of the President.

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HOUSE CHAIRMAN SCOTTS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES OPENED THE DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT IN THE HOUSE TODAY BY REPORTING THE BARNUM BILL. HE SAID THAT THE BILL DIDN'T CONTAIN EVERYTHING HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN IT AND CONTAINS SOME THINGS HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO BE IN, BUT HE HAD CONCEIVED IT TO BE HIS DUTY TO FAVOR IT IN THE COMMITTEE AS THE ONLY BILL THAT COULD PASS THE SENATE. REFERRING TO THE STATEMENT THAT IT WAS MR. WILSON'S INTENTION TO BRING THE BARNUM BILL UP TO THE SENATE HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE BRUTAL TO TRY TO PASS ANY OTHER BILL. THE SENATE'S ATTITUDE HAS BEEN FULLY SHOWN BY HIS REFUSAL TO PASS A RIGHTeous EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY LAW AND THE BILL ABOLISHING THE \$5,000 LIMIT FOR DEATH DAMAGES WHICH MR. SCOTT SAID HE HAD FIGHTED FOR FOUR YEARS AGO. HE WENT INTO THE DETAILS OF THE BARNUM BILL AND SURPRISED MANY BY HIS ADVICE TO BRING UP THE BARNUM BILL OF NEW ENGLAND, ONE OF THE SIGNERS OF THE MINORITY REPORT, WHO FIRST SUGGESTED A DUAL COMMISSION, BECAUSE OF THE LIABILITY OF CREDITORS TO THE RAILROADS WITHOUT RECODIFYING THE EXISTING RAILROAD LAWS, A STEP WHICH THE HOUSE HAD ALREADY TAKEN.

Mr. Scott called attention to the various features of the Barnum bill, among others its provisions for public utility, capitalization, locating of poles by telephone companies, and the inspection of gas and electric meters and the opportunities to file complaints as provided therein. He said he, "I have a queer combination of opposition exists. There are the radicals, those who oppose the amendment to the corporations, who, whatever they may say, do not want a commission, and all are coached from the side lines by the popular press. They are all advancing because of the continued drought, but that his company had not boosted the price on the retailer. He said that there are those who are getting seven cents a quart for can milk and eight cents for bottled.

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PARISH PRIESTS LEAD MOVEMENT

Union Organized by Men for Better Pay and Working Conditions

Landlords Form League and Retaliate by Boycotting the Churches

Rome, Aug. 5.—Contrary to nearly every expectation, the Pope is today taking an active part in a labor dispute and is siding with the farm laborers in North Umbria who have organized a union to compel the Lords to give them better pay and working conditions. The parish priests in the neighborhood of Perugia are not only leading the movement but they have issued a manifesto denouncing the landlords and calling attention to the hard lot of the laborers.

The landlords have formed a league and are retaliating by boycotting the churches and dismissing private chaplains who belong to the secular clergy and employing the regular clergy, instead of the parochial. An appeal was made by the landlords to the Archbishop of Perugia, Mr. Mastel-Gentile, to stop the agitation. The Archbishop replied that he approved the movement. An appeal was then made to the Pope, who has written into the North Umbrian district to investigate.

Neither side has shown a willingness to listen to suggestions of reconciliation. The priests contend that their cause is right and that their campaign is the only means of effecting a proper settlement. It is understood the Pope is considering further action.

BOTSFORD LEFT \$18,000

Inventory of Former State Secretary of I. O. O. F. Filed.

New Haven, Aug. 5.—The inventory of the estate of Frederick Botsford, who for 37 years was the State Secretary of the I. O. O. F., in Connecticut and who died a couple of weeks ago at the age of 81 was filed in the probate court yesterday afternoon. The value set to the estate is \$18,263.12.

STATE POLICE MAKE BY-LAWS

At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Police association held in New Haven last night, a new set of by-laws recently drafted by a special committee was accepted. This new set of by-laws will be printed in connection with a history of the organization.

Those present at the meeting last night were Lieutenant E. J. Farrell of Hartford, Captain Thomas Becker of Waterbury, Chief A. W. Inglis of Middletown, Chief William H. Brown of Hartford, Chief William Rawling of New Britain, Captain James J. Landrigan of Meriden, Captain James H. Redgate of Bridgeport, Captain W. Bradley of Danbury, Chief Henry D. Cowles of New Haven.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

DR. MANSFIELD, 201 Meigs, does not cutting in curing all ailments of the feet. His medicine is a harmless and scientific method.

WANTED.—Carpenters for form work. Apply on Job at Talon Branch, Bridgeport Brass Company, Housatonic Ave. Toole & Sunderlin, contractors. L 5 s * o

JIM STAPLETON corner Main and Congress sts. Just opened, first class cafe, choice brands of wines, liquors, Smith's Philadelphia Ale, fine lunch served daily. L 5 b * o

TO RENT.—In Stratford, new house, hot and cold water, bath, set tubs, furnace, etc. Very desirable, on line trolley, \$15.00. Inquire Geo. A. Porter, Stratford. L 5 d * p

OPPORTUNITY.—Ten high grade pianos will be sold at less than cost to introduce goods in the city. Easy terms if desired. Particulars sent on request. Address A. Milton, care Farmer. L 5 s * p

FOR SALE.—Pool table. Price \$25.00, sold at once. Apply Pool Table, care Farmer. L 4 b * o

TO RENT.—One large furnished room with board, 521 State St., corner Myrtle Ave. Phone 1912. L 2 d * o

TO RENT.—Entire third floor containing 6,500 sq. ft. in fireproof building. Corner Fairfield and Courtland. Apply Crawford Laundry Co. P 31 * t * o

TYPEWRITING.—Mimeographing. Notary Public, Sears, 108 Meigs Bldg. P 17 t * o

TO RENT.—7 rooms, all improvements, steam heat furnished, 530 Park avenue. Tel. 2501-4. U 23 t * o

NOTICE.—Louis Cohen, for years at 629 E. Main St., the tailor, is now permanently located at 1264 State St. P 10 s * p o

FOR SALE.—20 fine one year old Wyandotters with 50 each. Thoroughbred Rhode Island red Cockerels \$2.00 each. 2922 Main St. P 27 * t * o

CASCA-LAXINE TABLETS cure biliousness and constipation. Follow a direction. U 13 s * o