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### NEW HAVEN'S EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE FREIGHT MOVEMENTS

The New Haven Railroad Co. issued yesterday the following order to all field men of the traffic department:

"Effective at once and until further notice it is desired that you insist from any carrier solicitation of freight and in place institute a systematic campaign among all receivers and shippers of freight on the New Haven Railroad, prevailing upon them to promptly release cars by expediting unloading in order that the terminals may be relieved quickly, thereby avoiding congestion and enabling the company to return the foreign equipment on our rails to the home lines more rapidly.

"Patrons of the company taking delivery of freight through the houses, should also be impressed with the importance of promptly taking away all traffic consigned to them, thus avoiding a congestion of these facilities.

"Will you please have forces start this work at once and on any questions of overlapping territory confer with the other and evolve some satisfactory scheme to bring about the desired results promptly."

### BRIDGEPORT CLUBS PREPARE FOR GREAT NEW YEAR'S CEREMONY

Elaborate preparations for an exceptional New Year's observance are being made throughout Bridgeport today by cabarets, restaurants and hotels, where special dinners will be served, and attractive features will be staged for witnessing the birth of 1916. Good cheer will be provided for a larger multitude than ever.

In addition, however, the largest celebrations of the night will be made. The entire membership have been scheduled to meet at the city hall at 7 o'clock. Members of the parish will present a mystery play, with the help of Miss Grace D. Clarke, Mr. Frank L. Armstrong and Miss Anna Troy.

The parts will be taken by the following persons: The Virgin, Florence Turton; The Angel, Adelys Kingsbury; St. Joseph, Mr. Joseph Wilkins; The Magi, Mr. Irving Hamme; Edward W. Price, Philip G. Clarke; The Shepherds, Mr. George E. Howard, Andrew Johnston, Robert Johnston, Goodwin Cline, Morris Simmons, Charles R. Clarke, Jr.

There will be a midnight service New Year's Eve, beginning at 11.45, at which any persons of the neighborhood will be welcome.

The Bank of England bought 615,000 pounds in bar gold.

EMAS HOPING AND WRITERS OF LAUREL.  
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## ANOTHER WILL BY ENO, NOT NAMING COLUMBIA, IS FOUND AFTER FIGHT

### Battle at Vault Door Despite Surrogate's Order is Disclosed in Newer Developments—Clerks Seized and Burned Many Documents on Day of Death—Other Wills Had Been Executed, is Belief.

New York, Dec. 28.—William P. Eno, one of the three temporary administrators of the estate of Amos F. Eno of Sauguttuck, later found in two boxes sealed by the deceased multimillionaire in the vaults of the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company, No. 49 Broadway, a will executed by him in February, 1912, which may have a decided bearing in the proceedings brought in the Surrogate's Court to upset his will of June 15, 1915, in which the testator bequeathed the residuary estate to Columbia University. The will was obtained after extraordinary efforts.

The will found by the administrator gives the residue jointly to him, to Mrs. Mary E. Pinchot and to Dr. Henry C. Eno, brothers and sister, if they shall outlive the testator, and in the event of the death of either of the beneficiaries the residue is to go to their heirs. Both Dr. Eno and Mrs. Pinchot died before their brother, since their shares, valued at more than \$2,000,000 each, went under the will, go to their children. Those of Mrs. Pinchot are Lady Antoinette Johnston, Gifford and Amos R. E. Pinchot; that of Dr. Eno is Professor Henry Lane Eno of Princeton University.

Two Other Wills Reported.  
The administrator also has information that Lucius H. Beers, executor and a temporary administrator, has in his possession two other wills bearing the signature of the decedent. One of these was executed in January, 1914. When the other was executed has not been learned by Mr. Eno. Mr. Beers is a member of the law firm of Lord, Day & Lord and for many years was the personal attorney of Amos Eno.

The importance of the discoveries lies in the fact that it now appears three wills antedating that offered for probate did Mr. Eno so much as mention Columbia University. In the document the executors seek to probate, the university will receive about \$7,000,000, the estimated amount of the residuary estate.

The case will be called for trial Monday morning before Surrogate Mahalan and a jury will unquestionably prove to be one of the most important ever brought in this country. Eminent counsel have been engaged and it is improbable that the matter will go over to give both sides more time for preparation.

The contestants comprise every next of kin of the decedent, and in this the contest is very unusual. Besides Amos and Gifford, the contestants are William P. Eno, brother, those objecting are Prof. Henry Lane Eno, nephew; Mrs. Antoinette E. Wood, and Miss Mary P. Eno, Mrs. Florence L. Graves and Mrs. Weston, nieces; Lady Johnston is a sister of the Pinchots and wife of the British Minister to the Hague.

Undue Influence Charged.  
All contend that Amos Eno was not competent to devise his great estate in the will of February 1912, but that he was under duress. In proof they are pointing to the three earlier wills having no mention of Columbia as a beneficiary, and allege the fact that during his entire life Eno attended colleges and maintained that young men would be better equipped for life if they did not acquire higher education.

In connection with these charges many affidavits, some of a sensational character, have been filed in the Surrogate's Court. From these and from other sources considerable has been learned concerning the lines along which the contest will be fought by the contestants. These facts stand out:

The day Mr. Eno, a bachelor, 82 years old, died at his home, 32 Fifth avenue, surrounded only by servants, Mr. Beers sent to the law office of Lord, Day & Lord, and one of the witnesses to the 1915 will, Merz ransacked Mr. Eno's private desk and safe and, two or three days later, ordered burned in the furnace several boxes of papers of private papers. Most were destroyed. The remainder, unburned because the furnace smoked, were later found by Gifford Pinchot behind ash cans in a cellar where they had been placed by Syvante Johnson, the useful man about the house.

Fought for Private Papers.  
Immediately the relatives demanded access to the room in which Mr. Beers and Merz had locked the decedent's books, diaries and papers. They were particularly anxious to inspect two 1915 diaries, in one of which, they had been told, Mr. Eno described the idea that his fortune amounted to only \$5,000,000. They say that had he so believed, his bequest to Columbia would, in his own mind, have been negligible. The request of the heirs, the affidavit shows, was peremptorily refused.

The Pinchot brothers then engaged as their counsel former Surrogate Charles H. Becker, who was also later retained by Lady Johnston, Arthur C. Train, the firm of Sullivan & Cromwell and that of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett were engaged by other relatives. Nash & Jones had already served notice of appearance for Columbia, and Henry De Forest Baldwin of Lord, Day & Lord for Beers and his fellow executor and administrator, William Mitchell.

With the retaining of counsel immediately developed a stiff fight for an inspection of such of the private books, papers and memoranda of Mr. Eno as had not been burned. Before the heirs won, a sharp row occurred in the vaults of the Atlantic Safe Deposit Company, which at one time verged on a fist fight.

The battle to inspect the documents began when Philip G. Bartlett of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett demanded of Beers that William P. Eno, his client, be permitted to look over all the books and papers Beers had removed from the Eno home in the two boxes. He met a flat refusal. A little later one of the heirs, with his attorney, called on Beers at the offices of Lord, Day & Lord by appointment.

Admitted Having Prior Will.  
Instead of seeing Beers, he was handed a note in which Beers declined to show him the wills, diaries and other papers. A relative then demanded access to such papers as were in his possession. This request was refused, but an attorney acting for Beers admitted the executors had such a will. He said he would give it only to the temporary administrators upon request.

The contest promptly followed and the two executors, Beers and Mitchell, with William P. Eno were appointed temporary administrators pending the outcome of the proceeding. In signing the order Surrogate Fowler gave instructions that the relatives be given access to such papers, diaries or memoranda as they believed would aid them in their fight to break the will and cut off Columbia from its large bequest. The surrogate said on the bench that no one had as much right to see these effects of the decedent as they.

Mr. Beers, however, did not give up. On Dec. 17 there gathered in the assembly room of the Atlantic Safe Deposit Co. by arrangement Beers and Mitchell, with their counsel, Mr. Henry De Forest Baldwin; William P. Eno, with Reeve Schley from the office of Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett; Gifford Pinchot, with Edwin C. Mulligan of Mr. Beckett's staff; Mr. Quinn from the office of Sullivan & Cromwell; Mr. Nash, representing Columbia, and an official from the State Comptroller's office. They had come to review all the Eno securities and place them in the vaults of the United States Trust Co., appointed depository by the surrogate.

Row at Door of Vault.  
The story of what happened, gathered from several reliable sources, is substantially as follows:

When the men were entering the vault Mr. Baldwin jumped in front of Mr. Mulligan and Beers and stretched on this arms and effectually barred their entrance.

"No one except the temporary administrators and their counsel shall enter here," Mr. Baldwin is said to have announced.

"But," Mr. Quinn is alleged to have replied, "I represent Sullivan & Cromwell. I am from their office. One of our clients is a sister of the decedent."

"I'll understand you," retorted Mr. Baldwin, "but we won't let you go in just the same."

"Well," insisted Mr. Quinn, "I'm going in and if you want to get me no I'll get you. You might call in a strong arm squad or the police!"

Quinn appealed to William P. Eno, and to Mr. Mulligan, and to that of Mr. Mulligan. He stated that, as a temporary administrator, he had retained as his attorneys all the counsel retained by the contesting heirs, and Quinn and Mulligan, two of the heirs' attorneys, Quinn then asked Baldwin to give his reasons in concrete form. To this the lawyer said, in substance, that the Surrogate had ordered the trustees to be made by the temporary administrators.

Box Sealed Despite Orders.  
While the row was in progress one of the boxes was removed, but not opened, and Mr. Beers suggested that the order be removed the cover without a specific order from the court, although he had already had a general order. So the box was sealed and the trustees to open the box. Eno relatives were as far from getting a peep at the contents as they had been before.

It was not until William P. Eno later made a peremptory demand upon Beers and Mitchell that he gained access to the boxes and found among the papers the will of February, 1912. Mitchell said the contents of the box could not be ascertained, but if he has not he will ultimately.

While none of the attorneys would discuss the matter prior to appearing in court, with the facts that if Beers refuses to produce the two wills declared to be in his possession the Surrogate will be asked to force him to do so, the order instructing the temporary administrators to produce all documents helpful to the contestants, such a petition one administrator the curious part of this is that the proceedings against his fellow administrators.

The list of the Eno stocks and bonds filed with the court by the United States Trust Company shows they alone are worth, at present market values, about \$6,000,000. The other properties in the estate are nearly as considerable. In the latter are valuable art works and furnishings in the Eno Fifth avenue home. The total value of the estate is estimated by both sides at upward of \$15,000,000.

Say Estate Was Underestimated.  
Eugene Southack of No. 128 East Sixty-fourth Street recently has had more to do with the Eno real estate than any one else. A search of the city records shows that this comprises ninety-one parcels. The total value is not far from \$9,000,000, much greater than was commonly supposed before Mr. Eno's death. Whether he knew its worth is a question. The heirs contend that he did not, and that he had also underestimated the worth of his stocks and bonds. Here are some of the parcels he owned:

Nos. 34 to 31, 239 to 231 and 85 Front Street; No. 21 South Street; Nos. 15, 17, 31 and 41 South William Street; Nos. 75, 77 and 77 Pine Street; Nos. 427, 429, 431, 433, 434, 474 to 476 and 456 West Broadway; No. 165 Pearl Street; No. 93 West Third Street; No. 60 Washington Square; No. 41 on Washington Square; Nos. 33 to 51 and 28 to 32 Fifth Avenue; No. 8 West Tenth Street; Broadway to Stenth Avenue, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third Streets; Nos. 229, 231, 233, 235 and 259 West Fifty-third Street; the Adelphi apartment house on West Fifty-third Street; Nos. 1819 to 1821 Broadway; a plot on Broadway, between Fifty-eighth and Sixty-ninth Street, extending through to Amsterdam Avenue; Nos. 13 to 15 West Sixtieth Street; a plot at Broadway and Sixty-fourth Street; a country estate at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., called the Gables; and the old Eno homestead at Simsbury, Conn.

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# NIRDLINGER

Next to Steinert's

## COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE BOARD WANT BIG FUND

### Would Add 50 Men to Department and Erect New Headquarters.

The fire commissioners at their meeting last night adopted resolutions asking for 50 additional men for the department and an appropriation of \$50,000 extra for salaries in order to introduce the two platoon system. The men, the plan is, will be divided among the companies so that some will have all night shifts one week and all days off the next. The resolutions and plans have been sent to Mayor Wilson.

Plans for a new headquarters building and fire alarm building in the triangular spot north of the present headquarters in Middle street, were presented to the board last night. Plans for two new fire houses, one to be located in the North End and one in the East End, were also presented. The board decided to ask for \$145,000 to complete this work. The building in Middle street will be three stories high. There will be a machine and repair shop on the ground floor, if the board sets it, headquarters for Chief Johnson, Clerk Hall and the fire commissioners on the second floor and the manual fire alarm system on the top floor.

The \$140,500 will not pay the salaries of two additional companies but will be pay for ladder truck combination chemical and other apparatus to be installed.

Hereafter no fireman may return to bed until the recall is sounded, even if the fire is far distant from the section in which his company is located. Hoseman James P. Glancy, stationed at No. 3 Engine company, heard the first alarm for a fire that rang in at 4:09 a. m., Dec. 28, but did not hear the second alarm. He was reported by Lieut. Killian and Glancy must appear before the board at its first meeting in January and explain why he did not stay on the floor until after the recall sounded.

Edward B. Mahoney, a lineman for the fire alarm system, was working on a pole at De Kalb and Seaview avenues and dropped a wrench on the head of Herman Rebstock of 428 Seaview avenue, as the latter passed beneath. Rebstock asked the board for damages and the payment of medical attention. For broken plate-glass windows caused when one of the horses of the department ran away, W. A. Smith & Son presented a bill of \$102. The Gates Wagon Co. asked for \$15 for damages to a wagon. All were referred to the claims committee of the common council.

It was reported that the recent storm did damage of \$700 to the fire alarm system of the department. This damage was occasioned where the wires were overhead. The underground system remained intact. Back pay for time he was ill was granted Lineman P. O. Snow. It was voted to pay St. Vincent's hospital \$8.25 for treatment of Fireman Arthur Chambers for injuries suffered at a fire in Lyon & Grumman's store. The board refused to pay a bill presented by the Star Electric Co. of Newark for repair of a defective fire alarm box.

In closing the meeting, President Leonard of the board thanked the members for the assistance they have given him during the year and also praised the work of the members of the department during the recent severe storms, particularly the linemen of the department.

## FRENCH HOSPITALS COST MILLION FRANCS DAILY

Paris, Dec. 28.—There are 500,000 beds in the military and auxiliary hospitals of France. The cost of their maintenance is 1,000,000 francs daily. This figure, however, gives no idea of the expenditure per patient, for the number varies constantly and a considerable proportion of the beds are always empty.

American contributions for French

## OBITUARY

### DOROTHY EVA WATSON

Dorothy Eva, the four year old daughter of William and Eva Shepherd Watson of this city, died yesterday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Aaron Stovang of Roxbury. A brief illness with Bright's disease was the cause of the little girl's death. The funeral will be held in New Milford.

### ELIZABETH MOTT BOWKER

Elizabeth Mott Bowker, one of the older residents of East Bridgeport, died yesterday at her home, 886 Seaview avenue. Mrs. Bowker was about 60 years of age and had lived in this city for the past 35 years. She is survived by a daughter, Mabel Mott and a son, Walter Mott of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

### MARGARET SMITH

The funeral of Margaret Porter, widow of John G. Smith, was held from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Philip L. Holser, 1071 Iranistan avenue, yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Stephen F. Shuman, pastor of St. John's Episcopal church, was the officiating clergyman. Many sorrowing relatives and friends were in attendance. Burial was in Union cemetery, Stratford.

### WALTER F. CASEY

Walter F. Casey died last night at the home of his parents, Michael and Mary Casey, of 576 Grand street, after a lengthy illness. Mr. Casey was 49 years of age and had lived in Bridgeport for many years. He was a printer by occupation, having learned his trade in the office of the Bridgeport Telegram. He was well known and liked. Surviving him are his parents, six brothers, Maurice, Attorney John H., Edward, Michael, Daniel and David and a sister, Miss Catherine Casey.

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December 25, 1915.

Estate of Mary Bonnes late of the town of Bridgeport in said district deceased.

The Court of Probate for the District of Bridgeport, hath limited and allowed six months from the date hereof for Creditors of said Estate to exhibit their claims for settlement. Those who neglect to present their accounts, properly attested, within said time, will be debared a recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

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