



## SISTER OF BALDWIN APPEARS

### Illinois Woman Says She Will Demand Legacy From Estate

### Tells of Early Incidents and Cause of Brother's Leaving His Home

### Of Original Family of 15 But Three Children Are Liv- ing Today

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

FREEPORT, Ill., March 7.—Offering proof that she is a sister of E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin, and declaring that she will make formal demand for a legacy from his vast estate, Mrs. Mary Baldwin Morin, one of the most prominent women of Freeport, today astonished the community by the announcement of her relationship with the millionaire.

Mrs. Morin has not seen her brother since she was 3 years of age, when he left the family home at New Digging, Wis., because of continuous disagreement with his stepmother. She has been in communication with him, however, at various intervals during their lives. Mrs. Morin recently became 61 years of age. She has been a resident of Freeport for many years and is comparatively poor. Out of the original family of 15 children Mrs. Morin asserts that but two others now survive Baldwin, but brothers, John N. of Lincoln, former mayor of that city, and Henry of Shullsburg, Wis., an old soldier.

### Forgot Her in His Will

According to Mrs. Morin her brother expressed during his lifetime an inclination to remember her, but apparently has forgotten it in his will. She has started a legal investigation and will attempt to gain recognition from the executors of the estate. She believes his present will will be found invalid. The parents of Baldwin and Mrs. Morin were descendants of the Carpenters of Virginia. They lived at New Digging, Wis., just north of here, for many years. Baldwin senior's wife was such a shrew that Baldwin left home when about 20 years old, vowing that he never would speak to his stepmother again and that he would make his fortune. He never returned to New Digging nor had any further communication with his father.

Miss Blanche Myers, a milliner, who was personally acquainted with Baldwin, now resides here, and it was from her that Mrs. Morin learned her brother's address a few weeks ago. The day she wrote a letter to him telegrams announcing his death arrived. Miss Myers says the features and characteristics of Baldwin and Mrs. Morin were identical.

### Woman Unknown Here

Friends of the dead millionaire in this city said last night that they never had heard of Mrs. Morin. David P. Selby of Oakland, the husband of one of Baldwin's daughters, who received a bequest of \$500,000 by the terms of his will, stated last night that he knew nothing of the woman or her claims. Mrs. Selby declined to be interviewed.

### DRUM WINS HAND OF CHICAGO BELLE

### Well Known Society Man and Miss Gertrude Guerin to Wed

William Drum, a well known society man of San Francisco and Oakland, has won the hand of Miss Gertrude Guerin, one of the fairest belles in the social set of Chicago. The engagement was announced yesterday.

The bride to be is one of the season's debutantes of Chicago and the daughter of Dr. John Guerin, a leading physician there. William Drum has been known here long as a club and society man. He has large mining interests.

His brothers, Frank and John, are prominent in business, the former being an official in the San Francisco gas and electric company. John S. Drum recently married Miss Georgia Spieker. His two sisters are Mrs. William Geer Hitchcock of San Mateo and Mrs. John Gill, formerly Miss Safa Drum.

Mr. Drum's wedding will take place in Chicago, but the date has not been set.

### "BRIMSTONE CHURCH" IS DAMAGED BY FLAMES

### Noted Pittsburg Edifice Suffers Loss by Fire

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 7.—The Smithfield Street Methodist church, known as the "Brimstone Church," from the character of the sermons preached there in earlier days, suffered damage of \$25,000 by fire of unknown origin tonight. The memorial organ was ruined.

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## SOCIETY WOMAN FILES STARTLING DIVORCE ACTION

### Mrs. Lena Sefton Wakefield's Charges Against Husband Promise Social Sensation

### Case Begun by Noted Heiress Involves Prominent San Francisco Women

Local society circles were surprised yesterday to learn of the serious turn that the domestic affairs of Frank A. Wakefield, millionaire clubman and social light, have taken. The news which has kept the gossips buzzing is that Wakefield has been sued for divorce by his wife, Lena Sefton Wakefield, a well known heiress of this city and a leader in San Francisco's most exclusive circles.

The divorce complaint, which was secretly filed by Mrs. Wakefield in San Diego in answer to her husband's petition that he be permitted to see his children, teems with sensational charges, and the document bids fair to rival San Francisco's most startling divorce cases, which have recently been abundant.

Mrs. Wakefield names as correspondents several prominent San Francisco women, but so secretive have been all persons interested that no hint as to who the women are has leaked out.

### Denies All Charges

Wakefield answered the divorce complaint in a gallant manner, denying all of the charges and making no charge whatever against Mrs. Wakefield. To this denial Mrs. Wakefield replied assertively that her original complaint needs no supplement.

The news of the estrangement and its unexpected culmination was conveyed to this city in a letter written by Mrs. Wakefield's friend.

Other allegations in the complaint, which are of a startling nature, are closely guarded by members of the Sefton family and by the woman's attorneys. In his answer to these scattering allegations Wakefield has made a general denial.

The Wakefields were married six years ago and the occasion was a gala society event. Wakefield was prominent in social, club and commercial circles and the possessor of a fortune estimated in excess of \$1,000,000. His wife, as Miss Sefton, was known as a member of the smart set in Chicago, San Diego and San Francisco. From her father, who had banking interests in Chicago and San Diego, she received a fortune equal to that of her husband. The couple lived in harmony until a few months ago, when Mrs. Wakefield went to the home of her parents in San Diego and her husband remained in San Francisco. Then the trouble began.

### Sought to See Children

An unceasing attempt on the part of Wakefield to obtain a court order allowing him to visit his two children so angered Mrs. Wakefield that, in support of her contention that her husband should not be permitted to visit his children, the divorce complaint was filed. There had been no foreboding of this action on the part of Mrs. Wakefield, and even Wakefield, the defendant, was surprised when, through the customary legal procedure, he was notified of his wife's action.

The business career of Wakefield has been marked with frequent ups and downs. Son of a wealthy manufacturer, he inherited an immense fortune. In the course of his financial dealings Wakefield lost his inheritance. He operated heavily, but before his fortune dwindled away he had built a handsome home in Piedmont, where Mrs. Wakefield entertained at exclusive functions. In the midst of his financial difficulties Wakefield sailed for Haiti, gathered a second fortune and returned to San Francisco.

### News Causes Surprise

Wakefield was not at his home in Franklin street last night. The news was received with surprise by Dr. Samuel Wakefield of Oakland, a brother. Apparently, according to his statement, the domestic tranquillity of the Wakefield home had been smoothed over satisfactorily to both sides of the controversy.

"I am greatly surprised to hear of Mrs. Wakefield's action," declared Dr. Wakefield last night.

### SOLDIERS BREAK UP STUDENTS' MEETING

### Many Arrested and Warsaw University May Be Closed

WARSAW, March 7.—The police, aided by infantry, today broke up a meeting of students in the university hall at which was being discussed the question of a change in the system of examinations.

One hundred and seventy-eight students were arrested and may be deported to their native towns in the interior of Russia. It is possible that the university may be closed.

The student body of Warsaw is made up entirely of Russians. Poles boycotted the Russian university.

## TAFT RELATIVES ARE NUMEROUS IN CALIFORNIA

### Mrs. William A. Edwards of Los Angeles Is President's Only Sister

### Several Cousins of Executive Are Residents of San Francisco

The inauguration of President Taft has a special interest for San Francisco, as in and about this city are many relatives of the new chief executive of the nation. There are a number of Taft's kin in the whole state, but most of them are in this city.

First to be considered among these are two brothers, William F. Wood and Samuel Austin Wood, first cousins of the president. The former lives at Sausalito, and was very close to the president, who then was the secretary of war, when he made his journey to the orient. Mr. Wood was with Mr. Taft much of the time in San Francisco, and sped the secretary's departure for the far east on the liner Manchuria.

Samuel Austin Wood resides at 3233 Pacific avenue with his family. When his famous cousin was here he also aided in entertaining him.

### President's Only Sister

Then there are the Davenport, E. H. Davenport of 1881 Pacific avenue, his daughter Eleanor and sons Hewitt and Bixwell, whom Mr. Taft claims as cousins also, and in Los Angeles there resides at 2600 West Adams street the president's only sister, Mrs. William A. Edwards, wife of Dr. Edwards, a physician of the southern city.

The intermarriage of some of the old families of Mendon and Millbury, little Massachusetts towns, is responsible for the California relations of the president, for members of these families emigrated west, and carried their mixture of Taft blood with them. The Woods come from Millbury, and the Davenports from Mendon, which is but 30 miles away.

Mrs. Charles T. Blake of Berkeley is another cousin of President Taft. She has two sons, Anson and Edwin, both of them well known here, and a daughter, Mrs. Sherman Thatcher, now residing in the Ojai valley near Santa Barbara.

### Cousins of the President

President Taft's mother was Louise Torrey of Millbury, and the mother of William and Samuel Wood of this city was Susan Torrey, her sister. Louise Torrey married Alphonso Taft, who became secretary of war and attorney general of the United States under President Grant, and afterward minister to Austria and Russia. Mrs. Taft died in Millbury, her native town, December 8, 1907, while her son was secretary of war, the position previously held by her husband.

Samuel Wood has perpetuated the family names in christening his children Helen Torrey Wood and Austin Wood.

Mrs. Edwards is very proud of her "big brother," as she calls the president, and talks freely about the bond that exists between the Taft children and all those connected with them by blood relationship.

There are many Tafts in California who are not related to the president. Over in Alameda the Tafts occupy quite an appreciable position on the pages of the city directory, yet they do not claim relationship, and all over the state are Tafts and Tafts.

### NAVY MAN LEAPS FROM SECOND STORY WINDOW

### Commander James H. Reid's Dive May Prove Fatal

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Lieutenant Commander James H. Reid, U. S. N., today leaped from a second story window of the naval hospital and was perhaps fatally injured. Lieutenant Reid sent his nurse from the room to procure a glass of water.

The attendant had hardly left the ward before the officer barricaded the door. Then, seizing a heavy oak table he jammed it against the window sash, tearing it from its fastenings.

Reid took a running jump and dived headlong from the window.

### BURN NEGRO AT STAKE FOR ATTACKING WOMEN

### Texas Mob Wreaks Vengeance on Black Assailant

ROCKWELL, Tex., March 7.—After having been identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney as the negro who attacked her Friday morning, Anderson EMIs was taken from the Rockwell county jail here, tied to an iron stake driven into the earth, was burned to death in the presence of about 1,000 persons. Earlier in the evening Will Clark, a negro, was shot and killed when his father, Andrew Clark, refused to allow a posse to search his premises, on the assumption that Ellis was concealed there.

## Head of Nation Has Many Kindred Here

President Taft's sister, Mrs. William A. Edwards, and cousin, William F. Wood.



## TAFT RIDES AND ROOSEVELT RESTS

### President and His Predecessor Attend Church and Then Enjoy Quiet Day

WASHINGTON, Mar. 7.—Simplicity characterized the first Sunday in the White House of the Taft family. President Taft, accompanied by his brother, Charles P. Taft, walked to the Unitarian church for morning services.

After luncheon the president rode horseback for 12 miles, with General Edwards, his military aide, and Captain Butt.

President Taft saw no callers who had business to transact during the day, thus beginning his administration with his heretofore enforced maxim that Sunday should be a day of rest.

No longer will the terms "The president's carriage" and "The president's driver" be in vogue, for with the new administration come the terms "The president's automobile" and "The president's chauffeur."

The White House automobiles will have the right of way throughout the district of Columbia and will know no speed limit.

Two splendid new machines already have been purchased with \$12,000 appropriated by congress. One is a big touring car, painted dark green, to be most used by the president. The other is painted black, and was purchased for Mrs. Taft. Both bear the official coat of arms of the United States.



## FOUNDER OF Y.M.C.A. IN RUSSIA HONORED

### Anson Phelps Stokes Given Ad- dress of Appreciation for Charitable Work

ST. PETERSBURG, March 7.—Premier Stolypin, M. Kohnlkoff, president of the duma, and other prominent government officials have signed and address to Anson Phelps Stokes of New York, in appreciation of his aid in founding the Russian Young Men's Christian association.

The address was presented to John R. Mott, general secretary of the World Student Christian Federation of New York, at the annual meeting of the association today by a deputation led by Countess Spualoff.

Mott read a special message to the young men of Russia from former President Roosevelt. Emperor Nicholas, the empress and other members of the royal family, are taking a lively interest in the association. The emperor has contributed liberally and Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich has given \$1,500. The emperor has issued a special order that the apparatus for the new gymnasium be entered free of duty.

### CONDITION OF POPE PIUS CAUSES APPREHENSION

### His Indisposition Is in the Na- ture of Influenza

ROME, March 7.—The pope's indisposition has taken on the character of influenza and his condition causes apprehension. Notwithstanding his ill-health, however, he took the keenest interest in the electoral struggle today, insisting upon seeing the dispatches giving the returns.

### ALL HANDS LOST WHEN WINDJAMMER SINKS

### Norwegian Bark Wrecked Off Coast of South Africa

LUDRIG BAY, German Southwest Africa, March 7.—The Norwegian bark Auckland, Captain Githwark, has been wrecked in a gale off Possession Island. All the members of the crew were lost. The Auckland was bound from Hosario, January 27, for this port.

## F. W. LAKE'S LAND GRAB FRUSTRATED

### Surveyor General Puts Quietus on Clever Scheme to Se- cure 70,000 Acres

### Joker in Johnson's Bill Provides for an "Exchange" for "Clients"

### Hyde Promptly Demands from Former Understudy a Di- vision in Deal

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

CALL HEADQUARTERS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING, SACRAMENTO, March 7.—A clever scheme to secure about 70,000 acres of state school land through a special act of the legislature has been frustrated by Surveyor General William S. Kingsbury. Grove L. Johnson, an attorney of this city, who is also a member of the assembly, has in the lower house a bill which he introduced for Fred W. Lake, the land attorney, whereby Lake would acquire an immense acreage of public lands in exchange for surveyed school land of little or no value on which he has had "clients" file applications. The bill is in the committee on public lands and forests despite Johnson's efforts to have it reported back to the assembly.

Would Be Lieu Land King

"If this bill goes through it will make Lake the lieu land king of California, and poor old Hyde will be relegated to the background," asserted Surveyor General Kingsbury today in discussing the measure.

Lake evolved a novel plan to make a rich haul at the expense of the state. He set out to so change the land laws of the state that persons perfecting the title to surveyed school lands in forest reserves could exchange them for unapportioned non mineral government lands. Having worked out his system, he had "clients" file on surveyed school lands, which have been spurned by claimants heretofore chiefly because of their lack of value.

The law as it now exists does not permit the exchange of surveyed school lands in reserves for other lands, and that explains how Lake has found no difficulty in finding land for his "clients" to file on.

Lake's "clients" have filed applications on more than 70,000 acres within the last 90 days. He has presented the applications of about 115 "clients." With each one claiming the limit of 640 acres, this would bring the total for 115 applicants to 73,600 acres.

John D. Ackerman, one of the prominent land attorneys of the state, says he learned of Lake's scheme when the latter first began filing his claims. He spoke to Lake about it at the time and he says Lake asked him why he did not "get in" on the proposition. Ackerman says he told him he did not care for such tactics.

Hyde Demands Division

"Lake told our committee last week that F. A. Hyde had made demands on him for a division of this land, or he would kill the Lake bill," said Chairman W. R. Flint of the public lands and forest committee today. "He admitted that it was his purpose to make a profit in the deal, but held that the state would be benefited as it was proposed to exchange the base for land in the desert, where it was proposed to bring in water."

Lake, according to one of those who is following the land bills before the legislature, was formerly satisfied to take what was left after F. A. Hyde, John A. Benson and one or two other land attorneys had claimed public land, but Hyde and Benson have been so busy the last few years fighting for their liberty that Lake has begun to operate on a much larger scale.

Now that he has launched his scheme to get at least 70,000 acres for his "clients" he says that Hyde is demanding a division.

### Aimed at Monopoly

Hyde was in this city last week directing opposition to Senator Thompson's bill, which has gone through the upper house and is now before the assembly committee on public lands and forests. This bill proposes to break up the fine monopoly that a few land attorneys have had whereby they have been able to acquire state school land base in forest reserves for their "clients" by filing claims as soon as the government has withdrawn public lands, their agents at Washington having advised them as soon as the lands were withdrawn.

Both bills will be considered at a meeting of the committee tomorrow night. It is expected that Ackerman, Hyde, Lake, Johnson and others will be present in an effort to influence the action of the committee.

There is also a desire on the part of the committee to let the Lake bill die, notwithstanding Grove L. Johnson's insistence that it be reported out.