

ASTOR HOLDINGS ARE KEPT INTACT

Provisions of the Will of Col. John

Jacob Astor Made

Public.

VALUE \$75,000,000 AND UP

Expected Posthumous Child of the Present Widow Will Receive \$3,000,000—Vincent and Muriel, \$5,000,000.

New York, May 8.—Counsel for the family made public tonight the will of John Jacob Astor, as drawn in this city in September last, only a few days after his marriage to Miss Madeleine Talmage Force, and approximately seven months before he perished with the sinking of the Titanic.

Vincent Astor, a son, who will come to age within a year, is made the principal beneficiary and residuary legatee. No hint as to the value of the great estate is given, and by the creation of trust funds the testator has followed, as far as possible, the custom of his forebears in keeping the vast Astor real estate holdings intact. Valuations of the estate run anywhere from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000. A close friend of the family said tonight that the smaller figure was, in his opinion, nearer the correct estimate.

Aside from provisions for Vincent Astor, the will provides for unconditional bequests of only \$275,000. Among these there is but one of a considerable nature. This is \$30,000 to St. Paul's school at Concord, N. H. The remainder of the legacies are to relatives, friends and faithful servants. Nearly all other provisions of the will, as made public, deal with the trust funds of which there are three: \$5,000,000 for the young widow; \$5,000,000 for the child's young daughter, Muriel, the child of his former wife, Ava Willing Astor, and \$5,000,000 for the expected posthumous child of the present widow. This latter clause provides for "each child who shall survive the testator other than his son, William Vincent, and his daughter, Ava Alice Muriel."

NOTHING FOR DIVORCED WIFE.

No provision whatsoever is made for the wife who divorced him; and if the young widow dies or marries again the \$5,000,000 trust fund, together with the town house and other property left to her, reverts to Vincent Astor. She receives, however, \$100,000 outright, without further stipulation; and until the income from the trust fund shall become available, the trustees are directed to pay her an income of \$200,000 a year. There was an antenuptial settlement which she accepted in lieu of dower rights. The amount of this has not been made public. Rumors have placed it at \$500,000.

The colonel gives the trustees full and minute directions concerning the making of investments, following almost word for word the instructions of similar nature left by his father, William Astor. All bequests are made tax free, the taxes to be paid out of the residuary estate. As to proper investments, he directs, among other things, real estate, railroad securities and the public debts of the United States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The most important provisions of the will are as follows:

(1) To his son, William Vincent Astor, outright the following property:

a—All the lands and personal property at Rhinebeck, N. Y., over which the testator was given a power of appointment by his father's will.

b—All the lands and personal property at Rhinebeck which belonged to him absolutely at the time of his death.

c—The house and grounds at Newport, Rhode Island, with all personal property therein over which he had a power of appointment under his father's will.

d—All the pictures and statuary left to him for life by his father's will with power of appointment.

e—All his jewelry, wearing apparel, personal effects, yachts and boats.

BEQUESTS TO THE WIDOW.

(2) To his widow, Madeleine Talmage Force Astor, the town house and stable at the corner of Fifth avenue and 66th street together with books, paintings and silver, and all other objects of art, plate and silver plated ware, linen, china, glass, household effects, useful and ornamental, therein contained and not heretofore otherwise disposed of, to have and to hold the same for long during her life as she shall remain widow, and upon her death or remarriage all his personal property bequeathed to the testator's son, William Vincent Astor.

(3) For his wife (sic), Madeleine Talmage Force Astor, a trust fund of \$500,000, she to receive the income of such fund for so long during her natural life as she shall remain his widow and upon her death or in case of her remarriage, then upon such remarriage, the capital of this fund goes to William Vincent Astor.

(4) To his widow, Madeleine Talmage Force Astor, an outright legacy of \$100,000, payable immediately upon the testator's death and all horses and other personal effects and all carriages and harness and stable furniture, and all automobiles and all provisions and supplies belonging to the testator or subject to his disposal at the time of his death, excepting such of said articles as are otherwise above disposed of.

These provisions for his widow are made in lieu of dower and all other claim upon his estate and until the trust fund of \$500,000 is set up the executors are directed to pay to her an income at the rate of \$20,000 a year.

DAUGHTER RECEIVES \$5,000,000.

(5) A trust fund of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of his daughter, Ava Alice Muriel Astor. So much of the income as the trustees shall determine to be proper to be applied to her support, maintenance and education during her minority, and the balance of the income to be accumulated.

Upon attaining the age of 21 the daughter is to receive this fund with its accumulations absolutely. In case of her death under 21 years it goes accordingly to her will, and in default

of a will or issue surviving her, then to William Vincent Astor.

(6) A trust fund of \$3,000,000 is created for the benefit of each child who shall survive the testator other than his son, William Vincent Astor, and his daughter, Ava Alice Muriel Astor, to be held in trust for such child until attaining the age of 21 years with similar provisions as to the disposition of the fund in the event of the death of the child under 21 as are above set forth in connection with the trust for the daughter.

Nicholas Hiddle of Philadelphia, who went to Halifax with Vincent Astor to claim Colonel Astor's body, received a legacy of \$20,000; Robert H. Ferguson, a close friend and a trustee of his father's estate and now living in Silver City, New Mexico, gets \$10,000; Edward A. Lobbey, a brother-in-law of Theodore Roosevelt, is bequeathed \$20,000, and a similar sum goes to the testator's brother-in-law, James Roosevelt Roosevelt, James S. Armstrong of Rhinebeck, N. Y., a cousin, is bequeathed \$30,000, a sum which Colonel Astor's father also left him.

Other bequests are \$50,000 to his secretary, William A. Lobbey, of this city in recognition of "faithful services"; \$10,000 to his steward, Thomas Made, "in appreciation of his many years of devoted service"; and \$10,000 to Herbert A. Pinkham, superintendent of his country place at Rhinebeck.

PERPETUATES ASTOR CUP.

The executors are directed to pay the New York Yacht club \$1,500 a year until Vincent Astor shall become of age, this sum to be used by the club for the purchase of two silver cups to be sailed for by the yacht of the New York Yacht club at Newport during the annual regatta. It is suggested further that Vincent Astor, having arrived at age, shall continue to offer these prizes, thus perpetuating the famous Astor cup.

Named as executors are James Roosevelt Roosevelt, Douglas Robinson, Nicholas Hiddle and Vincent Astor, upon the latter attaining the age of 21. These same are also appointed trustees of the several trusts created by the will. The will was executed in the city of New York, September 15, 1911, in the presence of Lewis Cass Ledyard, Purdie C. Browne and John P. Kane as subscribing witnesses. It will be filed for probate in a few days.

There was no reading of the will to assembled relatives. As soon as Colonel Astor's death became known to a certainty, they were informed of the provisions of the document.

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Maryland's 16 Delegates Will Cast

Their Votes Accordingly at

National Convention.

CLARK HAS BEATEN WILSON

Popular Preference Vote Favored Winners More Conclusive Than Division of State Convention Indicates.

Baltimore, May 8.—Maryland's 16 votes in the national convention will be cast for Theodore Roosevelt and Speaker Champ Clark, unless the few election districts still to be heard from change the result registered today by the State's first presidential primaries. Although the result was close and Colonel Roosevelt on the face of the returns had but one more than the number of votes necessary to control the State convention, the latest count to-night did not materially change the result indicated before midnight.

The primaries divided the delegates to the State convention as follows: Republicans—Roosevelt, 66; Taft, 63; Democrats—Clark, 72; Wilson, 44; Harmon, 4, in doubt, 9.

Majority necessary to control the convention, 65.

The State delegates elected are bound to choose a convention, the national convention favorable to the protection of candidates for whom the people today expressed their preference.

Although the popular preference vote of the State as a whole did not determine the result, it favored Roosevelt and Clark by pluralities more conclusive than the division of State delegates based on the county preference vote showed. This was due largely to the sweep which both successful candidates made in the city of Baltimore.

Speaker Clark led steadily from the time the first returns arrived from the Baltimore wards. Early in the evening he looked as if Colonel Roosevelt would win by an equally big majority, but shortly before midnight returns from the strong Taft counties in southern and eastern Maryland put the President's side ahead with 53 delegates to his opponent's 42. It was Prince Georges county that decided. Both sides claimed its five votes until conclusive returns shortly after midnight placed it in the Roosevelt column.

Clark's preferential vote in this city was greater than that of Harmon and Wilson combined. He defeated Wilson by nearly three to one and the New Jersey governor was ahead of Governor Harmon by two to one.

The sweeping Clark success in Baltimore was a victory for the democratic organization. In the Republican primary here, the Roosevelt organization led by Collector of the Port William F. Stone.

Under the Maryland law the affiliated voters of the two parties instructed the delegates to the State convention by the popular vote of each county. A majority of this vote in a county instructed that county's delegates accordingly.

The delegates to the State convention must vote as instructed for a solid delegation to the national convention. This means that the successful candidates carry to the national convention 16 votes in a block bound by the law to stand by as long as in their conscientious judgment there is a possibility of his being nominated.

The Taft and Roosevelt factions have been separate entities in the fifth and seventh congressional districts and each selected delegates. It seems probable now that there will be two men selected for every one of the remaining 10 places in the Arkansas delegation. The Taft convention today adopted a platform which basely endorsed President Taft for re-nomination and approving his administration declared for woman suffrage.

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The Roosevelt convention instructed its delegates to vote for the former president so long as his name is before the Chicago convention.

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miles from the church where he preached. His room was left as if he had stepped out for an early morning walk. He took no suit case or other baggage.

So far as known he had little money, certainly not enough to have taken him more than a short distance upon the railroad. Aside from the acquaintances he had formed in his pastorate, he is known to have had only a few friends or acquaintances in this section. Mr. Grice came to Shady Hill last August from Spelman, N. C. He had passed a great deal of his time in study and he may have been deranged mentally.

Mr. Cummings said to-night that he was cheerful the Saturday night before he disappeared. He left the house Sunday morning without talking with any member of the family or in any way indicating that his absence was to be of more than a few minutes' duration. Mr. Cummings said he absolutely had no clue as to the reason for Mr. Grice leaving Shady Hill or where he has gone.

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Struggle in Maryland Decided by

Margin of 80 Votes in One

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TAFT MEN PLANNING A COUP

Think Individual Preferences of Delegates to State Convention May Enable Administration to Get Control.

Baltimore, Md., May 7.—The closeness of the struggle between President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt for control of Maryland's 16 votes in the national convention was emphasized to-day when complete returns from yesterday's primaries showed that the result depended upon one county, which on the face of the returns gave Roosevelt a majority of but 30 votes. Putting this county, Howard, in the Roosevelt column gave him 53 delegates to the State convention, just one more than the majority necessary for control. The three Howard county delegates counted for Taft would have given him the primary victory by the same margin.

Complete unofficial returns received to-day by the State Roosevelt committee and all the Baltimore newspapers agreed in giving Colonel Roosevelt a majority in Howard county of eighty-eight votes; but this slight margin left the Taft leaders to-night unwilling to concede that their opponents had won the election.

The other feature of the day following the primaries was the development of the possibility that the individual delegates elected to the State convention would include a majority of Taft men, even though the instruction by the county preference vote might bind them to vote for a Roosevelt delegation to the national convention. The Taft leaders made this claim and much speculation has resulted as to the effect on the State convention.

MAY QUIT AFTER ONE BALLOT.

It was pointed out that President Taft's friends might control the organization of the convention, force the adoption of a conservative platform and send a delegation to Chicago which would be ready to abandon Roosevelt as soon as they considered they had fulfilled their legal duties by voting for him on the first ballot. None of the leaders, however, made any such prophesies.

A statement by Representative McKim, manager of the Taft campaign, led to the effect that the republican national committee entitled the people of the first and fifth congressional districts to Taft delegates in the national convention