

ASTOR BABY NEEDS A LARGER INCOME

\$20,000 a Year Not Enough, His Mother Asks More.

HIS FORTUNE IS \$3,000,000

Income of \$140,000 Annually Held in Trust With the Exception of \$20,000 Allowed For Expenses—Mrs. Astor Has Had to Dip Into Her Own Purse to Pay the Bills.

New York.—The report of Mrs. Madeline Talmadge Furce Astor as general guardian of her three-year-old child, John Jacob, the posthumous son of Colonel John Jacob Astor, shows that \$64,000 has been expended in the child's interest since his birth, Aug. 14, 1912, and that the mother does not consider \$20,000 a year allowed by the court sufficient for his proper maintenance.

Of the \$60,000 permitted to be taken from the infant's estate during the three year period, soon to expire, \$40,000 had been paid over by the trustees.



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prior to Dec. 31 last. It was on this date that the accounts in the report were closed. The balance expended has come from Mrs. Astor's private purse.

She does not ask that the deficit be refunded to her, but she leaves a way open for such request to be made in the future and also for the filing of a petition asking for a larger maintenance income.

Prophetic of such a demand, Mrs. Astor calls attention to a provision in the will of Colonel Astor, who met death when the Titanic sank, by which a \$3,000,000 trust fund was set aside for their child. The interest from this amounts to \$140,000 a year. Regarding this income, she says, it is plain that her husband intended the child to enjoy every comfort money could buy.

"The necessary expenditures since the birth of the infant to Dec. 31, 1914," she reports, "for professional services rendered the said infant by physicians and lawyers, and for my bond as general guardian, all paid by me, have been upward of \$8,000."

"From an examination of the accounts of various merchants and others with whom I have dealt, I find that there has been expended for clothing, supplies, toys, etc., for the use of said infant since the date of his birth to Dec. 31, 1914, and paid by me, a sum upward of \$5,000."

"I have not charged the infant with any portion of the rent paid by me for my summer home at Bar Harbor, Me., or of the cost of various trips to which he has accompanied me; or of the cost of the upkeep of automobiles maintained by me, from all of which he has received substantial benefit, and with a reasonable portion of which expense, as I am advised by my counsel, Hon. Henry A. Gildersleeve, the said infant might properly be charged.

"From this it would seem that the expenditures I have incurred for the benefit of my said infant are far in excess of the moneys received by me."

"By the provision made in the creation of a trust fund of \$3,000,000 for the benefit of each child of mine that might survive him it clearly appears that it was his intention to provide a sum for the maintenance and support of such infant ample to secure everything for the comfort, welfare and education of such child that money could provide."

Mrs. Astor then incorporates section 8 of Colonel Astor's will, in which the trust funds are created, and continues:

"I am informed by the trustees of the trust created for the benefit of said infant, John Jacob Astor, under the above quoted provision of the eighth clause of the will of my late husband, and verily believe that the annual net income from said trust amounts to the sum of \$140,000."

THE ULTIMATE GREATNESS.

Men are ennobled by morals and by intellect, but these two elements knock each other and always beckon to each other, until at last they meet in the man, if he is to be truly great. The man who sells you a lamp shows you that the flame of oil, which contented you before, casts a strong shade in the path of the petroleum which he lights behind it, and this again casts a shadow in the path of the electric light. So does intellect when brought into the presence of character. Character puts out that light.—Emerson.

An Old English Custom. "Gavelkind" was a usage universal in England before the conquest, by which, if a man died intestate, all his lands passed equally to all his sons, or, failing issue, to all his brothers. The custom still survives in Kent, where, unless property has been "disgavelled" by special act of parliament, the law concerning "gavelkind" holds good.

In the Canary Islands. Produce in the Canary Islands is never brought to market by cart or wagon load, but only in such quantities as a woman can carry on her head for six or eight miles. Household servants in the Canary Islands are paid \$3.50 to \$7 per month with food and lodging. They are difficult to get, the women preferring work in the fields or factories.

A Spelling Test. Long ago some university professor, said to be President Eliot, produced a test sentence that would serve as an examination in spelling for old Noah Webster himself. "It is amusing to view the unparalleled embarrassment of a harassed pedlar or saddler, sitting on a cemetery wall and viewing the symmetry of a peeled potato, pomegranate or persimmon."

Indian Corn Griddlecakes. For Indian griddle cakes scald one pint of yellow cornmeal with enough boiling water to moisten. Do not allow the mixture to get soft. When cold add one cupful of wheat flour, one pint of milk, beat and stir in three well beaten eggs, add one teaspoonful of salt and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and bake on a hot griddle.—Delmonico.

His Own Appraiser. "Willie," said his mother on her return from a shopping expedition, "I told you if you were good while I was out you might have a piece of candy, and now I find you've taken all there was in the box." "Yes, mamma," replied Willie, "but you're no idea how very good I've been."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Deduction. "Are you certain Mrs. Firmly's ancestors fought in the war of the revolution?" "Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "I feel convinced of it. If she inherits any of their traits of character there is no doubt that they fought in anything that offered an opportunity."—Washington Star.

Don'ts For Novelists. Don't make your heroine "drop her eyes." The public has grown tired of that trick. Don't make your hero "heave a sigh." It is more modern to make him heave a brick. Don't say the heroine "swept him with her eyes." All modern heroes have vacuum sweepers nowadays.—Indianapolis Star.

Looks After Him. "My old wife certainly looks after me good," said an old wag. "She even takes off my shoes for me." "That's when you come home from some saloon, I suppose," said another old wag. "No," said the first one; "it's when I want to go there."—Detroit Free Press.

The Time He Won. "Mamma," said Harold, "I made a bet with George." "But, my son," said the mother sternly, "you know mamma does not allow you to bet, and it will serve you right if you lose." "Well, I bet my new rubbers against five marbles that you would give me a dime. You don't want me to lose my rubbers, do you?"—Lippincott's.

A Tangle. The justice of the peace was just on the point of marrying the couple. "Oh, before I begin," he said, "I must find out your names." "Marriss," said the bridegroom. "Sure," said the J. P., "as soon as I find out your names." "Marriss," said the bridegroom. "Yep," repeated the J. P., "but I must first know your full names." "Will U. Marriss," said the groom. "No," said the J. P.; "I will be blowed if I will."—Pennsylvania State Froth.

Thief Proof. Some years ago a well known London solicitor, recently deceased, successfully defended a man charged with burglary, and a few days later there came by post a valuable gold hunter watch with an inscription to the effect that it was a gift from a certain London society, presumably of doubtful practices. Years afterward the solicitor had the watch stolen from his waistcoat pocket, but it came back to him by post with a letter of apology, stating that "we never rob one of our pals."—London Answers.

PRIDE. Pride is as loud a beggar as want and a great deal more saucy. When you have bought one fine thing you must buy ten more that your appearance may be all of a piece, but Poor Richard says, "Tis easier to appear the first degree than to satisfy all that follows it."

Floods in Holland. Despite the great dikes of Holland, holding at bay the eager waters of the sea, there are records of terrible inundations which have claimed great numbers of the population. In the latter part of the thirteenth century the waters overcame the dikes at the mouth of the Ems, causing a loss of 80,000 lives. Again, in 1421, the overflow of the Meuse buried seventy-two villages and drowned 100,000 people, and in 1570 another 100,000 lives were swallowed up by the North sea when it broke through.—Argonaut.

BRYAN LEAVES FOR FAIR. LINCOLN, Neb., July 1.—William J. Bryan and Mrs. Bryan left Lincoln today for San Francisco, where Bryan will deliver an Independence day lecture at the Panama-Pacific exposition next Monday. A one-day stop-over at Lake Tahoe will be made, the arrival at San Francisco being scheduled for Sunday.

EVELYN THAW FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF COURT

NEW YORK, July 7.—Evelyn Thaw was declared in contempt of court today by Justice Hendrick and a writ of body attachment was issued for her.

The court acted at the request of Deputy Attorney General Cook, who declared she had tried to evade a subpoena by sending a physician's certificate. A deputy was sent to Lake Chateau Gay to bring her here to testify in the sanity trial of her husband, Harry Thaw.

Attorney Cook said Mrs. Thaw left New York without his consent and that he did not see her during her 12-hour stay.

Justice Hendrick examined Dr. Bernard Livingston, who sent the physician's certificate to Attorney Cook. Dr. Livingston said Evelyn was under a constant strain and that she could not possibly stand the ordeal of a court examination. Justice Hendrick declared the reasons given for Evelyn's non-appearance were not sufficient.

How Harry Thaw whipped girls in her house was told this afternoon in the Thaw sanity hearing by Susan Merrill, but on cross examination she was greatly confused and her story of Thaw's degeneracy greatly weakened. The Merrill woman admitted she had gone to the office of Thaw's attorney, John B. Stanchfield, and also that she had tried to see Thaw. She stoutly denied, however, that she had tried to get money for testimony in Thaw's favor.

4830 SALES MADE OF O. & C. GRANT LAND

PORTLAND, Ore., July 6.—A large part of the land in the Oregon & California railroad land grant, which was disposed of by the railroad company, was sold in tracts exceeding 2000 acres. The entire acreage in the grant was approximately 3,153,000 acres. The amount sold approximately \$20,000,000, leaving a balance of 2,375,000 acres, which are to be disposed of as congress may direct. If the suggestions offered by the United States supreme court in its recent decision are carried out.

In one of the exhibits made a part of the brief prepared by B. D. Townsend for the government in the government's suit to have the lands forfeited, a recapitulation of the grant lands sold is given. This table shows the following:

There were 4930 sales in quantities not exceeding 100 acres, making a total of 295,727.52 acres, sold for amounts totaling \$1,234,528.51. In quantities exceeding 100 acres, but not exceeding 500 acres, 230 sales were made, aggregating 91,434.67 acres, amounting to \$462,725.29. In quantities exceeding 500 acres but not exceeding 2000 acres, 56 sales were made, aggregating 60,366.29 acres, amounting to \$410,728.12. In quantities exceeding 2000 acres, 40 sales were made, aggregating 372,399.46 acres, amounting to \$2,922,250.67.

ST. CHARLES STRUCK BY BIG TORNADO

DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED AT \$100,000 IN MISSOURI CITY — TRAIN WRECKED.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 7.—More than \$100,000 damage as caused by a tornado sweeping through St. Charles, Mo., at 4:45 o'clock this afternoon.

The Catholic church was completely destroyed and the Baptist church and hospital unroofed.

St. Charles is less than seven miles from Gilmore, where a Wabash train was reported wrecked and is thought that the tornado, possibly uprooting a bridge or portion of track, may have been responsible for the wreck.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 7.—Passenger train No. 9 on the Wabash line was wrecked this afternoon near Gilmore, Mo. Five coaches left the track but it is not known as yet whether there was loss of life.

Relief trains have been dispatched.

ST. LOUIS, July 7.—Reports received by the local offices of the Western Union Telegraph company declared that St. Charles, Mo., had been struck by a cyclone. The bridge of the Wabash railroad, more than a mile long, spanning the Missouri river, was reported to have been destroyed. Several buildings and the Catholic church at St. Charles were reported wrecked.

SWEDEN ACCEPTS EXPLANATION.

STOCKHOLM, July 7.—Sweden has accepted the explanation of Russia for violation of the former nation's neutrality by engaging in a naval battle with a German squadron off Gothland, and the incident now is considered closed, according to official announcement here today. Russia explained that a heavy fog was responsible for the fact that the battle was fought off Gothland, the Russian officers losing their bearings in the mist.

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Pendleton: Six streets ordered improved with standard bitulithic.

COUNSEL FOR HARRY THAW CONFIDENT THAT HE'LL BE DECLARED SANE



John B. Stanchfield is the leading counsel for Harry Thaw in Thaw's latest and most determined fight for freedom. Thaw is seeking to convince a jury that he is sane. After nine years the chances for Thaw's ultimate freedom never looked brighter. All his lawyers are confident that the jury will find that the slayer of Stanford White is sane. Great crowds daily attend the trial in New York city.

GOVERNOR OPPOSED TO O. & C. LAND SALE

SALEM, Ore., July 2.—Governor Withycombe made it plain today that he is opposed to the state's buying the lands involved in the O. & C. suit, saying that he believed the undertaking too speculative, and one requiring a constitutional amendment.

His plan is to recommend that the lands be classified as to value and sold within a reasonable time, and that all over \$2.50 per acre go to the state, and be divided among the irrigation, highway and school funds.

The governor is sending out letters to all members of the legislature telling of the plan and asking for its approval and suggestions. He also asks the legislators if they think a special session advisable.

At present Governor Withycombe says he does not consider one advisable, but if a majority of the legislators wants one he will give the matter consideration.

16 HURT IN TRAIN SMASH AT ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Ore., July 6.—Nine passengers and seven employees were injured in the yards here early today when an excursion train going from Yreka, Cal., to Grants Pass crashed into two helper engines.

The most seriously injured is Loyd Taylor, fireman on one of the helper engines, whose hip was broken.

A helper engine with Engineer Boxers in charge was standing on the main line in the Ashland yards. He saw the excursion train approaching and reversed his engine, colliding with a second helper engine being taken out of the roundhouse. At almost the same instant the excursion train crashed into the tank of the first engine.

Fireman Homer, of one of the helper engines was sent out to flag the excursion, but had ran only a few car lengths when the crash came.

The passengers on the excursion were returning from an Independence day celebration at Yreka.

Three physicians were on the scene soon and rendered first aid until the injured people could be taken to the hospital.

The train was not badly damaged, most of the injuries being caused by the passengers being thrown from their seats.

Fireman Taylor, the most seriously injured, was caught between the tank of his engine when the passenger jammed into it.

AMERICAN REPLY IS NOW IN GERMANY

SOLDIER KILLS HIMSELF.

SEATTLE, July 7.—Fritz Waldenberger, 26 years old, a private in company E, Fourteenth United States infantry, is dead today at Fort Lawton after shooting himself through the head with his army rifle. At the time of the suicide Waldenberger was being disciplined for infractions of army regulations.

BRITISH ADMIT THAT ARMENIAN WAS TRANSPORT

VESSEL'S RIGHTS ARE CONSIDERED FORFEITED BY HER FLIGHT.

WASHINGTON IS NOT ALARMED AS NO NEW QUESTION IS RAISED

Desperate Attempt to Escape Held to Overshadow All Other Issues and Incident Loses International Importance.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Official information regarding the sinking of the British steamer Armenian, with the loss of several American lives, was lacking tonight, and until all details are available, Secretary Lansing said that the position of the American government could not be determined.

From news dispatches, however, and a closer reading of official reports yesterday, officials were inclined to the view that inasmuch as the Armenian apparently refused to submit to the warning command of the German submarine to halt and attempted to escape, according to international law, the sinking of the vessel was justified, even though non-combatants were on board.

There was little tension over the incident in official quarters here after it became known that the Armenian had sought to evade capture. It was admitted that if official reports bore out the press dispatches there was no likelihood that any new cause of complaint would be added to the issues pending between the United States and Germany.

One or two officials suggested that, inasmuch as Germany had in effect given warning that enemy ships would be torpedoed without warning, a merchantman carrying contraband might be justified in attempting to escape, since to halt would mean certain destruction, with no assurances of an opportunity for the crew to escape.

It was pointed out that the last American note to Germany on the Lusitania and Falaba cases said: "Nothing but actual forcible resistance or continued efforts to escape by flight, when ordered to stop for purpose of visit, on the part of the merchantman has ever been held to forfeit the lives of her passengers and crew."

LUMBER TRADE BAD AS POSSIBLE, HE SAYS

EUGENE, Ore., July 1.—The condition of the lumber market is so bad that it could be no worse and will not be better until the purchasing power of the railroad, which uses 25 per cent of all the lumber manufactured in America, is restored. The war is having little effect on the situation. But seven to eight per cent of the lumber manufactured in the northwest is shipped to foreign countries, while forty to fifty per cent cutting capacity of the mills is idle.

This is the estimate of the condition of the lumber trade given by J. W. Blodgett of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is in Oregon on business connected with his interest in the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, the Oregon Land & Livestock company, and as chairman of the bondholders' committee of the C. A. Smith properties, which include the largest timber holdings in the state.

"The condition of the lumber business is just as bad as it can be," he stated. "I can't use any language to express the situation. No lumber mill in the northwest is making any money today and the very large majority of the mills are losing money. If proper allowance is made for interest and depreciation all of us are paying out more than we are making."

"The conditions in the lumber business will not be normal until the purchasing power of the railroads is restored. The railroad and their subsidiaries and auxiliaries consume at least twenty-five per cent of the lumber manufactured in the United States. The loss of that proportion of business is enough to prostrate any industry and it has prostrated the lumber industry."

PORTLAND ELKS TO BUILD.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2.—The Portland lodge of Elks has decided to purchase a valuable property which ultimately will be the site for a new lodge home.

At last night's meeting of the lodge the board of trustees were authorized to purchase a lot 100 by 100 feet at the northeast corner of Twelfth and Alder streets from the owner, Dr. Charles W. Cornelius of this city. The price agreed upon was \$107,400.

In part exchange Dr. Cornelius has agreed to take a lot at the southwest corner of Thirteenth and Taylor streets, 150 by 100 feet in dimensions on a valuation of \$23,733. This property has been owned by the lodge for some time.

GERMAN GAINS DETAILED.

BERLIN, July 7.—By Wireless to Sayville.—Driving toward Warsaw from the west, the Germans stormed Hill 95, south of Borzymow, and made further advances west of the upper Vistula river.

Today's official bullet from the German general staff also claimed capture of 3850 Russians on Zlota Lipa. In the western theatre, admission was made that the British entered German trenches north of Ypres, but were later ejected.

AGED NATURALIST IS RECOVERING FROM AN ACUTE STOMACH ATTACK



WEST PARK, N. Y., July 6.—A few weeks ago at his home here John Burroughs, the naturalist, was attacked by a intestinal trouble which weakened the action of his heart. For several days the illness was grave, but the heart responded to stimulation, and the toxic attack yielded to treatment. His son, Julian Burroughs, says the naturalist is greatly improved, and expects soon to leave his bed. Mr. Burroughs was seventy-eight years old on April 3.

MISUSE OF FLAG TO BE PROTESTED BY U.S.

WASHINGTON WILL SEND NOTE TO BRITAIN—GERMAN REPLY HERE BY JULY 4.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Representations concerning the misuse of the American flag by British merchantmen will be included in the general note which the United States intends soon to send to Great Britain covering restraints of American commerce in connection with the so-called blockade. Secretary Lansing disclosed today that the investigation being conducted by the United States government into cases of alleged misuses of the American flag to deceive German submarine commanders had not yet been completed, but that evidence in specific cases probably would be called separately to the attention of Great Britain, while the general subject would be included in the new note.

Secretary Lansing indicated today he does not expect the reply of the German government to the latest American note regarding the Lusitania incident will be transmitted until July 4, at least. According to the Berlin press advices the answer is now before Emperor William at his army headquarters. A delay until next week will bring the new German note to Washington after President Wilson's return from his summer residence at Cornish.

CAPITAL BUILDING SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION

WASHINGTON, July 2.—An explosion occurred in the senate wing of the capitol shortly before midnight tonight, doing considerable damage. The explosion took place in the reception room on the second floor of the building next to the office of the sergeant-at-arms. The doors of the room were blown out but no one was hurt. Authorities immediately began an investigation.

The doors of the capitol were closed immediately after the explosion, and no one was permitted to enter while the investigation was under way. While the origin of the explosion had not been explained, some reports in circulation said it might have been caused by a bomb.

ANDERSON KNOCKED OUT.

PENDLETON, Ore., July 6.—Bud Anderson of Vancouver was knocked out last night in the fourteenth round of a scheduled 20-round bout by George Ingle, a clever Seattle ironworker. The former near-champion was completely outclassed, and it was Ingle's fight from the first round. He gave Bud an awful beating before stowing him away, smashing rights and lefts to the head with bewildering frequency. In the ninth he sent Anderson to his knees with two terrific lefts, and from then on the Vancouver boy was in Ingle's mercy. In the fourteenth Bud's seconds threw up the sponge after their man had been floored twice.

GERMANS TAKE 140,000.

BERLIN, via wireless to London, July 1.—Austro-German forces have captured 140,650 men and 409 officers in Gallicia since June 1, the war office announced today. Eighty cannon and 268 machine guns have been taken, the official statement said.

AUSTRIAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

ROME, July 7.—Austrian forces are attacking the Italians along the entire front in the southwestern theatre, but, according to messages from General Cadorna, all attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses. The Italian advance on the lower Isonzo continues slowly in the face of heavy opposition of the Austrians, who are strongly entrenched and plentifully supplied with artillery and machine guns.

GERMAN OFFER IS NOT APPROVED BY WASHINGTON

OUTLINE IS RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON FROM AMBASSADOR GERARD.

ADMINISTRATION VIEWS ASSENT AS A SACRIFICE OF RIGHTS

Important Changes in Reply From Berlin Regarded as Necessary Before Criticism Aspect is Removed.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Germany has submitted informally to the United States through Ambassador Gerard in Berlin, a tentative draft of its reply to the note of June 5, which asked for assurances that American rights on the high seas would not be violated further by German submarine commanders.

After careful examination of the contents of the proposed note as outlined by Ambassador Gerard, which coincides with Berlin press dispatches of the last few days, high officials practically are agreed that the United States cannot, without sacrificing important neutral rights, express its approval of the German proposals in their present form.

The draft was shown to Ambassador Gerard with the idea of eliciting from him an expression of opinion, and he promptly asked for instructions from Washington as to whether the United States could make concessions. President Wilson has been advised of the situation in several long messages sent to his summer residence at Cornish, N. H., and the impression obtained tonight from reliable quarters was that the American government probably could instruct its ambassador within a day or two to decline to express any view until after the formal reply is delivered to him.

Just what Germany proposed has not been officially divulged. Secretary Lansing today took the position that it would not be proper for him to disclose Germany's position as informally reported by Mr. Gerard without authorization from the Berlin government.

WORK IS RUSHED ON NEWEST RAILROAD

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2.—In anticipation of the completion of the Willamette-Pacific railway from Acme to Marshfield, a number of people already are acquiring country home sites along the lands of the two chains of lakes that connect the lower waters of the Siuslaw river with the Umpqua.

Ralph E. Moody, general attorney for the Southern Pacific company, has just returned from an inspection of the entire line, accompanied by H. P. Hoey, assistant chief engineer, who is in direct charge of the work. W. H. Fontaine, engineer, and H. L. Mollthrop, secretary to Chief Engineer Hood.

Track-laying has progressed as far as Acme, on the Siuslaw river. Mapleton is now the operating terminus of the line from Eugene, at the head of navigation. Continuation of track-laying will be hastened as fast as the bridges are finished and trains will be operated on the Acme as soon as the ballasting is completed, within 30 days. All the grading and tunneling on the entire line is finished. There are 10 tunnels, two east of Mapleton and eight west, one of them 4100 feet long.

The biggest obstacle to the speedy completion of the line is the construction of many trestles across the chain of lakes south of the Siuslaw. These lakes, Tsiltons, Tah-Genteh, Ten-Mile lake and many smaller ones, are featured by many inlets radiating out from the main body, which require expensive timber work to carry the tracks across.

ALFALFA URGED AS SURE CURE FOR BLUES

CHICAGO, July 2.—Alfalfa as a remedy for indigestion and mental depression was recommended today by Dr. Alexander L. Blackwood, of Chicago, at the closing session of the annual convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy.

Dr. Blackwood told of experiments made with the new remedy on patients at a Chicago hospital. "During the past year observations were made of the action of alfalfa on 17 persons," he said. "All of them noted that they grew so hungry that they could scarcely wait for their meals. Their minds were clear and bright, all bodily functions were stimulated and it was impossible to have the blues."

CHARLES HAYGARTH IS FOUND NEAR ALBANY

ALBANY, Ore., July 1.—Charles Haygarth who disappeared from his home at Gilbert station, was picked up at Miller's station, five miles north of Albany, last night. He was riding a bicycle and claimed he was on his way to visit an uncle in California. His mother was notified and she took the lad home today.