

FISHLINES FOUND IN HOTEL ROOM

Thomas Hogan Arrested, Suspected of Complicity in Idaho ex-Governor's Death.

WHITE POWDER IN VALISE

Mysterious Character Is Believed to Have Been One of the Prisoners Confined in the Coeur d'Alene "Bullpen."

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 1.—The officers believe they have one of the men responsible for the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. He is one of those who have been under suspicion. This man registered at the Saratoga Hotel three weeks ago as M. J. Hogan, giving Denver as his address. A year ago he stopped at the Pacific Hotel, registering as Thomas Hogan.

A search of his room at the Saratoga resulted in the finding of an old overcoat and some other rough clothes, also some fishlines similar to the pieces found at the scene of the explosion, supposed to be pieces of the string with which the trigger of the infernal machine was pulled. Further, in his grip was a lot of white powder, believed to be a high explosive. There was also something that looked like brown wrapping paper, but it would not burn. The contents of the valise are in the hands of chemists.

Looks Like "Bullpen" Prisoner.

It is stated that Angus Sutherland, ex-Sheriff of Shoshone County, who is on the ground, has recognized this man as one who was in the famous "bullpen" after the Coeur d'Alene riots in 1899. This story has not yet been confirmed, nor another that Sutherland has his right name.

The officers determined at first to take Hogan to Boise, as the jail here is a very poor affair and affords no opportunity to keep suspects apart. After a conference, however, it was determined to keep him here, since it was feared his removal would be construed as evidence of fear of mob violence.

Actions Were Mysterious.

Hogan has been a mysterious character. He often went out giving some explanation of his absence. At one time he went out to look at land, as he said, but it was known he had not left town. The officers believe he was carefully laying the plans for the crime and expected to escape suspicion by remaining in his quarters in the hotel until a convenient opportunity should be present to take his departure.

The funeral of Governor Steunenberg will occur tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. W. J. Boone, president of the College of Idaho. W. E. Borah will also deliver an address on the occasion.

SUSPECT WAS VERY COOL.

Behavior Was Marked Among the Excited Populace.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—W. S. Swain, manager of Tibbitts Detective Agency in Spokane, and Angus Sutherland, ex-Sheriff of Shoshone County, arrived at Caldwell this evening. They did not see M. J. Hogan, the man believed to be guilty of the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, but they examined his handwriting and expressed the belief that it was that of the man who was in the Coeur d'Alene in 1899 and was confined in the bullpen. The name of the man has not been given out, but there is a rumor that it is Matthews.

Hogan, on the evening of the murder, sat in the lobby of the Saratoga Hotel and showed great indifference. Though everybody was excited about the crime, he was as cool as a cucumber. At one time he called one of the members of the Board of County Commissioners aside and asked the latter where a good band of workers could be bought.

Captain Swain has been placed in charge of the work. The materials found in the valise belonging to Hogan are to be analyzed by the state chemist, but have not yet arrived here.

HOGAN TOLD VARYING STORIES

Suspect Said to Have Been Seen Often Near Steunenberg Home.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Hogan, the latest suspect to be arrested, arrived here December 15 and was assigned to a room in the Saratoga Hotel. He represented that he was from Denver and that he was engaged in buying sheep. He also stated that he was an insurance man, and again that he was a real estate dealer.

Hogan was repeatedly seen to walk towards Steunenberg's home, where children observed him apparently gazing through fieldglasses. Again he accosted Mr. Steunenberg's son Julian, asking him when his father would return, stating that he wished to secure some range sheep from him, and that he had had some business with him several months ago. When this was called to Mr. Steunenberg's attention on his return home, he stated emphatically that he had never had any dealings with the man at all.

Hogan had also been at another hotel here and registered as "W. S. Hogan." This and many other suspicious circumstances induced officers to make a search of his room.

Last Friday Hogan, having a small grip, took the pony express, going to Nampa. He returned on the same

train here with Mr. Steunenberg, still having possession of his small grip. Officers have since searched everywhere, and have failed to find any trace of this grip.

Two men were arrested at Weiser today who were in Nampa Friday, and who are suspected. These men will be brought to this city tomorrow with the idea of having them identified. Two suspects who were placed under arrest at Boise today will also be brought here tomorrow. In the County Jail here are two suspects who are unable to give an account of themselves, and there is strong circumstantial evidence that they might know something of the crime.

Two suspects were released last evening by the officers, but are under surveillance and instructed not to leave town. One of the suspects is an old man who came here some time ago and erected a small shack just across the street from the Steunenberg residence in sight of the gate where the crime was committed. This man has been doing chores at the Steunenberg home, and was familiar with the movements of the inmates of the house. He falls to give a clear account of his past, but maintains his innocence of any knowledge of the crime.

From private sources at a late hour tonight it became known that bankers of this city had been watching Hogan since his arrival here. It was long suspected that he was one of a gang of "eggmen," whom, it is said, were soon to make an attempt to rob a bank.

ESCAPED DEATH BY THE BOMBS

Relative of the ex-Governor Was De-layed by an Errand.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—On his return from Boise Friday, Mr. Steunenberg went directly home. Saturday morning he came down early and transacted business at different places. E. M. Wolfe, of Mountain Home, was here and he spent some little time with him and also with C. B. Steunenberg, his brother. He left them at noon and returned home for lunch. He returned down town and learned that an insurance man of Boise was in the city for the purpose of having him take up a policy for a \$300 policy which had lapsed. Before he found the insurance man he talked over the telephone with Frank I. Martin, of Boise, who had almost induced him to go to that city that day. He concluded that he would postpone his trip and at 4 o'clock he met the insurance man and arranged to renew his life insurance and had gone to a physician and passed a successful examination. He said his arrangements and then went to the Saratoga Hotel, where he sat around in the lobby conversing with friends until supper time when he got up spoke pleasantly to a few persons and started to walk home.

As Mr. Steunenberg passed the Commercial Bank building his wife's brother, a young man employed in the bank, caught sight of him and started to catch up with him. A stenographer in the bank asked the young man, whose name is Keppel, to mail some letters. He did so and it is not improbable that as a result of this errand his life was saved.

Keppel mailed the letters and meeting the ex-Governor's son, Julian, started to walk home with him. They both saw the ex-Governor five blocks ahead of them, and, when nearing their home, heard the explosion.

FLAGS ARE TO BE HALF-MASTED

All Honor to Be Paid to Remains of Dead ex-Governor.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Governor Gooding today issued the following proclamation: "In the death of the late ex-Governor Steunenberg the state has met a great loss, and that he paid the extreme penalty for standing for law and order in the state there is no question in my mind. I am asking the Mayors of all Idaho cities that flags be run up at half-mast on all public buildings and schools tomorrow, the day of ex-Governor Steunenberg's funeral. Your co-operation is sought and will be greatly appreciated.

"F. R. GOODING, Governor of Idaho."

The Governor has also requested the Treasury Department to have flags placed at half-mast on the Federal buildings at the time of the funeral. The Governor today received the following from Governor Mead of Washington: "Please convey my deepest sympathy to the family of the late ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg. His tragic death makes his memory imperishable as an executive having the courage of his whole duty at a critical time in the history of your great commonwealth."

FEDERATION TO INVESTIGATE

President of Miners' Body Deplores the Assassination.

DENVER, Jan. 1.—"An inquiry into the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg by the Western Federation of Miners," said President Charles H. Moyer, of that organization today. "We will do this, not only to prepare ourselves against any charges that may be brought against the federation, but in order to ascertain, if possible, whether or not a member of our organization committed the crime.

"The affair is lamented. No one is more sorry for its perpetration than are the officers of the federation."

Many Coming to the Funeral.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The city is crowded with strangers, who are pouring in on every train, coming from all parts of the state to be present at the funeral of ex-Governor Steunenberg, which will be held tomorrow. Hotels are crowded tonight, and mingled with friends of the dead are detectives and state officers.

Telegrams and resolutions of sympathy are being received from every part of the United States. Late dispatches tonight come from the setting of President Mc-Dowen, elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Steunenberg acted in behalf of J. G. Phelps Stokes, the municipal ownership candidate for that office. Mr. Steunenberg also presented protests against the seating of five Aldermen. They were referred by the Alder-

MERRITT'S HOPE IS IN SECRECY

Wadsworth Men Admit That Open Ballot in Caucus Means Defeat.

EACH SIDE MAKES CHARGES

Odell Suspected of Desiring Secrecy to Cover Bribery—Malby Accuses Officials of Sandbagging Votes.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—The test of strength in the Republican caucus tomorrow night will probably be taken not directly in a vote upon the candidates for the nomination, but on the question of whether the vote on the Speakership nomination shall be secret. The forces of both sides in the contest are now concentrated upon that single point. Its importance is evident in the light of the fact that the pledges hitherto obtained from the individual members of the new Assembly have had reference only to the support of this candidate or that. The issue of a secret ballot for Speaker sprang into existence late this afternoon and violently disturbed all the comparative certainties which had been supposed to exist.

Wadsworth Fears Defeat.

Leaders of the movement for the nomination of James W. Wadsworth, Jr., of Livingston, who was selected by Governor Higgins as his choice, admit that, if they cannot prevent a secret ballot, they cannot secure Mr. Wadsworth's nomination by the caucus. On the other hand, the adherents of Edwin A. Merritt, Jr., of St. Lawrence, changed their previous tactics of claiming that they could defeat Wadsworth even if they would not elect Merritt and began to assert that they were certain of votes enough to secure a secret ballot.

At last accounts tonight the best informed observers on both sides agreed that an open ballot roll call of Republican Assemblymen under the existing condition of affairs would elect Mr. Wadsworth. Both sides agreed also that upon a secret ballot the result would be very different.

Says Money Would Be Used.

That Mr. Wadsworth's supporters view the proposition of a secret ballot with solicitude is evident from a statement made late in the evening by Superintendent of Public Works N. V. Franchot, one of Governor Higgins' closest advisers. Mr. Franchot said:

"There is no change in the situation. A desperate effort has been made by the friends of Mr. Odell, including J. Calvin McKnight, recently Mr. Harriman's private secretary, to commit Assemblymen to a secret ballot. The friends of Mr. Wadsworth are able to put in one construction upon this plan, and that is, the desire on the part of those opposed to him to use money for the purpose of encompensating the members of the caucus. They do not believe this can be accomplished. The supporters of Mr. Wadsworth, representing the vast majority of the Republicans of the state, cannot be influenced by any such means.

Sandbagged, Says Malby.

This statement of Mr. Franchot soon became known about the Ten Eyck corridors and produced a profound sensation. Neither Mr. Odell nor Mr. McKnight would reply or comment upon this statement, but Senator Malby said:

"I should say in reply to the statement of Mr. Franchot that it is the policy of this state, in the interest of honesty, to have a secret ballot. Inasmuch as the executive, his Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Franchot, and other members of his administration have sandbagged every Assemblyman from Montauk Point to Niagara Falls to secure his vote for Mr. Wadsworth, justice and procedure have demanded that these men should have once again an opportunity to vote as they want to. As for the use of money—the charge comes with ill-grace from a candidate who is himself several times a millionaire.

State Chairman Odell had little to say tonight except that in his opinion Mr. Merritt was steadily gaining in strength and would secure the nomination.

MAYOR M'CLELLAN IN AGAIN

Bingham Takes Charge of Police and Makes Blunt Speech.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Mayor George B. McClellan began today his second term as Mayor, this time for four years. The ceremonies were brief, as today merely marks the opening of a new term, not a new government. A number of new heads of departments were sworn in, including General Theodore A. Bingham, the new Police Commissioner. After they had taken their oaths, Mayor McClellan called these heads of departments together and told them his ambition is to give the city a clean, efficient and honest government.

He alluded to his present office as "the last public office which, in all probability, I shall ever fill," and said, "You gentlemen, one year appointments solely to the fact that I believe you are well qualified for the office to which I have appointed you. I shall hold you to a strict and efficient performance of your duty, and should any of you fail in reaching the standard which I shall require, I shall not hesitate to remove you."

Another Contest Looms Up.

At the installation of the new Board of Aldermen today, Clarence J. Shearn, counsel for W. R. Hearst, presented a protest against the seating of President McDowen, elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Shearn acted in behalf of J. G. Phelps Stokes, the municipal ownership candidate for that office. Mr. Shearn also presented protests against the seating of five Aldermen. They were referred by the Alder-

men to a committee without having been read. Mr. Shearn said he hopes by the protests to get a writ of certiorari from the courts to effect the ruling of the Board of Canvassers of Elections, which seated the men whose offices he contests.

Bingham Says: "Be on the Level."

William McAdoo today retired from the office of Police Commissioner, and his successor, General Theodore A. Bingham, formally assumed charge of the police force of the greater city. General Bingham's first official act was to address the inspectors and captains of the department, who had been summoned to meet him. He said:

"We start this year and a new deal right here. I have been sent for to come here and do a certain piece of work. I am going to do it. I have not anything against you or against any of the men of this force. If you are really men, sportsmanlike men, you will appreciate that and treat me the same. Don't go back on the hand that I stretch out to you."

Mr. McAdoo received General Bingham cordially, told him the police were an admirable body of men and advised him to know them well.

Abolishes Spy System.

One of the first official acts of the new Police Commissioner was to abolish the "shoofly" squad and the vice squad. The former was composed of "plain clothes" men detailed to watch the uniformed force. The vice squad was the creation of the retiring Commissioner and was detailed to secure evidence against questionable resorts.

PAYNTER AHEAD IN KENTUCKY

Defeats Blackburn and Haldeman in Two Test Votes.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 1.—When adjournment was reached in the Democratic House and Senate caucuses of the Kentucky Legislature tonight the supporters of Judge Thomas H. Paynter, who aspires to succeed J. C. B. Blackburn as United States Senator, apparently dominated the situation. In the House caucus a Paynter man was elected chairman and a Paynter man was nominated for Speaker by a vote of 20 to 26. In the Senate caucus the Paynter candidates for chairman and president pro tem. were nominated by a vote of 13 to 13.

Adding the votes polled for Paynter candidates in the two branches makes a total of 37, or four more than enough to nominate Judge Paynter if he receives a vote equal to that for the two men he put forward tonight. His supporters also point with jubilation to the tactical advantage they have gained in organizing the two houses.

Set over against these claims are the flat assertions of the managers for Blackburn and W. B. Haldeman, of Louisville, the opposing candidate, that a number of legislators who voted for Paynter candidates will not vote for Judge Paynter for Senator in joint caucus. With these "cross" votes, the tactical advantage they have gained in organizing the two houses.

Neither side showed any sign of giving ground after the caucus, the Paynter managers claiming his nomination in joint caucus on the first ballot, while the Haldeman and Blackburn forces, which combined in an effort to organize the two houses, steadfastly asserted that there would be a deadlock.

The Democratic joint caucus on United States Senator will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The Republicans will meet in the interest of honesty, to have a secret ballot. Inasmuch as the executive, his Superintendent of Public Works, Mr. Franchot, and other members of his administration have sandbagged every Assemblyman from Montauk Point to Niagara Falls to secure his vote for Mr. Wadsworth, justice and procedure have demanded that these men should have once again an opportunity to vote as they want to. As for the use of money—the charge comes with ill-grace from a candidate who is himself several times a millionaire.

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TRAGEDY OF OLD WOMEN

Poverty Drives One to Murder Sister and Commit Suicide.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 1.—A murder and suicide that probably took place late Saturday night at a lonely farmhouse near East Springfield, 15 miles west of Erie, was reported to the county officials today. After an investigation, County Detective Frank Watson believes that Eliza Mearns, aged 78, shot and killed her sister, Deborah, a couple of years younger than herself, and turned the gun upon herself, blowing out her brains.

The impoverished condition of the woman and her old age are believed to have mentally unbalanced Elizabeth, who apparently executed the terrible affair.

REBELS TRAPPED ON FLOATING ICE

Troops Cut Off Retreat of Remnant of Moscow Revolutionists.

SHOT DOWN BY WHOLESALE

Hemmed in by Land, They Seek to Cross River, but Find Ice Cut. Women and Children Are Bayoneted.

MOSCOW, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The revolt in Moscow is ended. With the battle in the Persna quarter the rebels, defeated, have given up the contest for the present.

Nearly the whole rebel force in the district, numbering 400, has been taken prisoners. The revolutionary quarters were so hemmed in that it was almost impossible for any of the rebels to escape, although some of them rushed to the southern part of the city, and succeeded in getting across the river on the ice. Anticipating this movement, the troops cut a channel through the ice and cut off the retreating mob. Many insurgents were drowned, others were shot down by the wholesale as they were helplessly floating down the stream on a great area of ice.

In the attempt of the insurgents to get away, desperate resistance was met at all quarters, and women and children were bayoneted to death on all the streets. The details of the fighting are most harrowing.

It is reported that the rebels in the Baltic provinces have captured many of the small towns where riot and rapine are common. The small towns of Poland are also in a state of ferment.

GIRLS JOIN IN THE FIGHTING

Gallant Defense of Rebels in Last Stand at Moscow.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The Moscow correspondent of the Publishers Press telegraphs that he was in the Prokharoff factory during the bombardment of the buildings and the barricades of the insurgents. The factory surrendered Saturday after a fierce battle.

The insurgent militia, consisting mostly of workmen, fought with patriotic gallantry and lacked only efficient arms to hold the stronghold.

Many girls in their teens assisted in the battle, handling guns, when they could get along with the accuracy of veterans. Although nearly all the leaders in the factory barricade escaped unharmed, many women and girls were wounded by shells and rifle bullets and many innocent women and children in the path of the fighting were massacred.

The defeated revolutionaries are not suppressed, inasmuch as they will again take up arms as soon as they can, get them and continue to fight for liberty.

GATHERING UP GUERRILLAS

Government Starts Counter Reign of Terror in St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—The policy of repressing the revolutionists continues with a vengeance. Their announcement that they proposed to carry on a guerrilla warfare until a general armed revolt has been prepared has stimulated the government to redoubled energy.

A band of terrorists is known to be at work here and last night there were wholesale searches for suspects. The city prisons are so overcrowded that hundreds have been removed to Schlusselburg fortress, and to the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. Government spies are at work among the workmen and revolutionary societies with instructions to give warning of meetings, which are immediately surrounded, the members searched for arms and the ringleaders taken into custody.

Nevertheless the Workmen's Council and the executive committee of the Socialist Revolutionists are managing to evade arrest and are meeting each day at a different place in the outskirts of the city. The patriots are understood to have orders not to spare bullets if they are attacked by persons using bombs or revolvers.

An interview with Governor-General Doubasoff is printed today in which he explains that the continued duration of the revolt at Moscow is due to the extent of the region in which the military forces are operating and owing to the lack of troops which compelled Doubasoff to await reinforcements from Warsaw and St. Petersburg before giving the revolutionists their death blow.

"The most difficult task," the Governor-General continued, "was to drive them from their base on the Kazan railroad between Moscow and Pervo, three miles east of Moscow, and surround them in the Prokharoff district, so as to prevent their escape. Both of these tasks were successfully accomplished.

officials on duty and on the section as far as Chelabinsk, government of Orenburg, all the stations have been pillaged. Complete anarchy prevails at Irkutsk. The military trains are running without order or proper engineers.

A General who has just returned here from Moscow accounts for the great exaggeration in the reports of the slaughter there by the fact that the troops and artillery generally used blank cartridges for the purpose of frightening the strikers and revolutionists. He himself witnessed a battery of three guns "bombard" a house from which shots were fired, but not a single shell or shot was used. The General from Moscow added that he understood that two students, sons of Prokharoff and Schmitt, owners of the factory destroyed, were ringleaders in the organization of the Drujina.

ANARCHY ON SIBERIAN ROAD

Riotous Soldiers and Sailors Pillage Railway Stations.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Warning news has been received from Siberia. It is reported authoritatively that the Siberian railroad is disorganized as far as Chelabinsk. Railway stations have been pillaged by soldiers and sailors. General anarchy prevails along the line, and trains are being run with great delays and uncertainty.

At Irkutsk there has been a general heading-up of the line, and robbery and pillage have made the place almost untenable, except to the military. Distasters of the worst kind are feared along the whole line.

BISHOP BECOMES RADICAL.

Advocates Separation of Church and State in Open Letter.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—Antonine, Bishop of Narva, has published an open letter advocating the complete separation of church and state. He declares that the effect on the church is withering because the doctrine of absolutism and to teach the people to venerate God and the Emperor as two sides of the same thing. He says that only when the state takes its hands off the church forever will the latter fulfill its true mission.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Frank Bonner, Ball-Player.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 1.—Frank Bonner, the famous baseball player, died at a hospital in this city late last night of blood poisoning that resulted from a quinsy, aged 41 years.

He had been a professional baseball player for 20 years, and played with the old Baltimore Orioles, when that team won the pennant three years in succession. He played for Louisville before he was transferred to Kansas City, and last season was considered one of the best second basemen in the American Association. His nearest relative is a brother, in Worcester, Mass.

Governor of Queensland.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Jan. 1.—Sir Hugh Muir Nelson, Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland since 1902, and former Premier of this colony, is dead. He was born in 1832.

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THIRD WIFE OF YERKES IS FOUND

Lovers' Meetings Helped by Schoolmate of Beautiful Bride.

MARRIED IN NORTH DAKOTA

Girl Passed Off as Sister of Host Renews Her Acquaintance With Yerkes While He Qualifies for Divorce.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—It became known today for the first time that the late Charles T. Yerkes had one more wife than he had ever popularly been credited with. He had a romantic adventure in North Dakota 23 years ago, with a marriage as the distinguishing feature.

He was at Fargo in the summer of 1882, establishing a residence in order to secure a divorce. A beautiful young woman arrived at Valley City from Western New York, ostensibly to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles Sayles, wife of Dr. Sayles, a member of the general merchandise firm of Parkhurst & Sayles. At any rate, she was introduced by Mrs. Sayles as her sister.

Marriage Soon Follows Divorce. At that time Mr. Yerkes renewed a former intimacy with Dr. Sayles. So great was this friendship that Mr. Yerkes built his friend a fine home and, it is understood, helped him financially.

From the day of Mr. Yerkes' first visit, which lasted several days, he and the young woman from New York were inseparable. In the fall Mr. Yerkes obtained his divorce and his marriage to the lovely young New Yorker quickly followed, and North Dakota knew them no more.

A year or two after this Dr. Sayles committed suicide on the banks of the Red River of the North, eight miles south of Fargo, because of domestic infelicity, and his widow and children returned to New York state.

Mrs. Sayles Helped Lover. Then it was revealed that the most slight relationship existed between Mrs. Sayles and her supposed sister, but that, knowing the situation between the lovers, she and the girl having been schooled in the East, Mrs. Sayles had consented to the deception at the instance of her husband and the girl friend. The parents of the young woman visitor, supposing their daughter was merely staying in North Dakota as the guest of her schoolmate, knew nothing of the romance until after the marriage with the traction magnate.

The true name of the young woman has never been revealed.

NO CONTEST OF YERKES' WILL

Wife Well Provided for and Partial Reconciliation Made.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The will of Charles T. Yerkes will be read to his family tomorrow afternoon. Clarence T. Knight, of Chicago, who was Mr. Yerkes' legal adviser, and who drew the will, arrived here yesterday. Mr. Knight would not discuss the general provisions of the will, but said:

"Mr. Yerkes has left his houses at Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street, with their immensely valuable contents, so that the Metropolitan Museum of Art will control the property. The pictures and other objects, however, will remain where they are, the museum having the control and direction, and the collection will be called the 'Yerkes' collection.'"

Mr. Knight thought the value of the houses and their contents had not been underestimated, but it is believed that they are worth nearly \$5,000,000. Mr. Knight was asked if there was likelihood of the will being contested. He said:

"I am sure there will be no litigation. Just at this time I cannot say anything further, but I don't apprehend any trouble of that sort."

It was said yesterday that in making his will Mr. Yerkes endeavored to dispose of his property so that law-suits would be unlikely. It is believed by Mr. Yerkes' friends in this city that there are, in addition to the bequest to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, bequests to hospitals and charitable institutions. Mrs. Yerkes will receive, it is thought, a bequest equal at least to her dower rights.

A lawyer who was conversant with Mr. Yerkes' affairs expressed the view yesterday that the value of Mr. Yerkes' estate would fall short of \$15,000,000. There was at least a partial reconciliation between Charles T. Yerkes and his wife about two weeks ago, Mr. Knight said yesterday.

"Two weeks