

"Village Horseshoer" of Chicago Retires



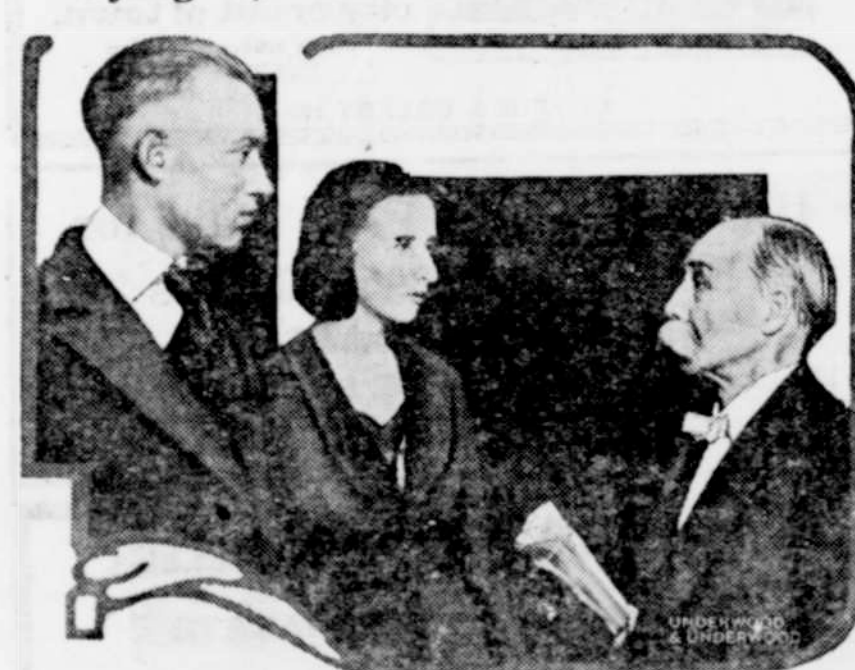
Out at 2737 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, in a little frame-gabled building constructed long before the Civil war, Grant E. Pattee, master farrier, reigned for forty years as "the village horseshoer." The other day he quit. He sold the shop to one of his assistants and retired. The "gasoline age" was too much for him, he said. The illustration shows Mr. Pattee and the shop as it is today.

Flying to the Virgin Islands



These are the two crews of marine corps aviators who left Anacostia, D. C., on the first leg of a 5,500-mile flight from Washington to the Virgin Islands. Two De Havilland planes were used for the trip.

Tying 5,000th Matrimonial Knot



When he married Winnie Towle and Walter Rasmussen, both of Benson, Neb., Rev. C. W. Savidge, Omaha's "marrying parson," reached the goal of his ambition, having married 5,000 couples. Mr. Savidge performed his first marriage ceremony October 15, 1879, in Richfield, Minn. The photograph shows him performing the 5,000th ceremony.

Howard Escapes Mother's Wrath



St. Paul, Minn., is not infested with wolves or rattlesnakes, but when Howard Bussman, twelve years old, built this tree top dwelling, he had a good reason for doing so. When his mother is armed with the razor strap it affords an excellent refuge. Howard, with the assistance of some boy friends, built the house in the high tree in the yard and equipped it with a cook stove, lamp, cooking utensils and sufficient food to last until his mother's temper was cooled.

WISE ABOVE HER EARS



Little Susan Mitchell, eight years old, photographed at her home in New York city, has the mind of a child of fourteen, and has passed the Binet tests for that age, some for sixteen-year olds, and even one for eighteen. Susan is in every other way a normal and quite attractive little girl, who delights in the things all good little girls do. She also writes wonderful stories.

COLLEEN AT OUR GATE



Here is Miss Sadie O'Connell, one of 545 Irish immigrants, the first to arrive in the United States since 1914. They landed in Boston from the S. S. Vedie.

REUTERDAHL AT WORK



Lieut. Com. Henry Reuterdahl placing the finishing touches on his model, "We Are Ready Now," which was recently unveiled in the Missouri state capitol at Jefferson City.

Prayer in Gaelic at the Funeral of Sinn Feiners



A prayer in Gaelic at the grave of three prominent Sinn Feiners who were shot dead in their homes. The funeral is in the "Republican Plot" in Limerick. The dead were Mayor Clancy of Limerick, ex-Mayor O'Callaghan and Joseph O'Donoghue.

Royalty Gets Grip on Leeds Millions

Coming Marriage of Young Leeds to Princess Solves Finances of Royal Family.

YOUNG GIRL IS TRUMP CARD

Great Fortune Built Up by One-Time Indiana Florist, Then Tin Plate King and Railroad Pyramider to Go to Greek Nobility.

New York.—Royalty, rather battered now by fortunes and misfortunes of European wars, seems in a fair way to get practically every penny of the "tin plate" millions of the American Leeds family. Good old America!

The great fortune built up by the late William B. Leeds, once Indiana florist, humble railroad worker, then manufacturer of tin plate, then railroad pyramider, is going for the benefit of impoverished titles of Greece.

News came from Athens the other day which, it is now disclosed here, means that royalty as represented by King Constantine of Greece and his relatives, have won the lone chance of getting the Leeds fortune.

King Plays Trump Card.

And a seventeen-year-old girl was the "trump card" of the king of Greece in the game of royalty vs. American millions. The girl is Princess Xenia Georgievna, second daughter of Grand Duchess Marie and niece of King Constantine. She is to marry William B. Leeds, Jr., eighteen-year-old son of the late W. B. Leeds and Mrs. Leeds, who is now Princess Anastasia of Greece.

Young Leeds is sole heir to the millions his father left from his exploits in midwestern and Chicago finances. Mrs. Leeds, now Princess Anastasia, of course, has the use of the estate, variously estimated \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000, but on her death, under the terms of the Leeds will, the whole estate goes to young Leeds or his heirs.

In other words, Greek royalty didn't stand much chance of keeping the Leeds millions unless they got the son of Mrs. Leeds (Princess Anastasia) into the royal family some way or other.

Princess Anastasia has been ill of late, too. In fact, she has been so ill in Athens that young Leeds recently rushed from New York to France, then by airplane to Athens, to be at the bedside of his mother.

It is interesting to note that Athens press dispatches say that young Leeds proposed to Princess Xenia the day after he arrived in Athens to see his sick mother. He was promptly accepted. And Xenia's acceptance means the battered and unlucky royalty can struggle along a few centuries more with the new riches, unless politics or whims of subjects change things from royalty to democracy.

Building the Fortune.

And now the details of how the Leeds fortune was started and built are being recalled and uncovered. Few persons of great wealth had a humbler start in life than William B. Leeds of Richmond, Ind. It is a strange contrast to the life of the king, princesses and others of Greek royalty who now share its benefits. Leeds started in Richmond as a florist, and by his marriage in 1883 to a relative of Harry Miller, then general superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad, he got work in the railroad field. At length he was division superintendent of the Richmond division of the Pennsylvania and his wife inherited a large sum of money.

Then with Daniel C. Reid as a partner Leeds went into the making of "tin plate." The tariff laws were aimed at the development of home industries and a tariff on tin plate permitted the growth of that business in Indiana.

Moore Brothers as Partners.

Acquiring the aid of W. H. and J. H. Moore of Chicago, Leeds and Reid soon organized the business on a national scale under the name of the American Tin Plate company. In 1908 the United States Steel corporation

bought the concern and the profits of the "big four" were estimated to have been close to \$40,000,000.

Mr. Leeds and his associates invested their profits in the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. Those were the good old days of watered stocks and the Leeds-Reid-Moore combine soon had the Rock Island a far different institution than in the calm days of R. R. Cable's control. Leeds was made president of the road in 1902, but after two years he quarreled with his partners and was ousted from office. However, he had "cleaned up" and his fortune had grown apace.

Divorced From First Wife.

Meanwhile Leeds had been divorced from the wife of his earlier years—whose money was the nest egg of his huge fortune. She received a flat sum of \$1,000,000. They had a son, Rudolph Gaar Leeds of Richmond—who by the way received \$1,000,000 by his father's will.

Mrs. Leeds No. 2, the present Princess Anastasia, was Miss Nannie May Stewart, daughter of a wealthy Ohio banker. She was regarded as one of the prettiest girls in Cleveland when she was married to George E. Worthington. It was not long before the Worthington marital bark struck rough waters. Mrs. Worthington secured the divorce.

It was about this time that Mr. Leeds met her and became infatuated with her. It was only three days after the Leeds divorce was granted that Mrs. Worthington became the second Mrs. Leeds. As a wedding present Mr. Leeds gave his new bride jewelry valued at more than a million dollars, a mansion on Fifth avenue estimated to be worth \$2,000,000, and an ocean-going steam yacht. It was on one of their visits to Paris that Leeds bought Mrs. Leeds No. 2 a \$340,000 pearl necklace.

About that time a son was born to the happy pair—the present W. B. Leeds, Jr. This youth gained the title "poor richest boy" because of the great care his mother and father provided and the fortune spent on guarding his footsteps.

A Royal Bringing-Up.

When this child was two and one-half years old he went with his father and mother to London. And here, in part, is a cable newspaper dispatch of how the once humble florist and railroad worker provided for his heir by second marriage:

"Not even an heir to royalty could have more elaborate care nor more luxurious service than this little American is now receiving. It is the wonder of the whole hotel (the exclusive Claridge).

"Two nurses are in constant attendance and a maid, valet and extra servants are devoted to chasing away dull care."

Death of Mr. Leeds.

It was June 23, 1908, in France, that the "tin plate king" died. The will was filed at Mineda, L. L. September 3, 1908.

Stripped of legal phraseology, here is the paragraph that gives to royalty of Greece (by marriage) the bulk of the "tin plate" millions:

"If the son, William B. Leeds, Jr., or issue of his shall survive the widow (Mrs. Leeds No. 2, now Princess Anastasia) three-fourths of the residuary estate is to be set aside for William B. Leeds, Jr., or his issue."

In other words, if Princess Anastasia dies, her husband, Prince Christopher, brother of King Constantine, gets about \$10,000,000, and young Leeds about \$30,000,000. Then when young Leeds dies, his royal widow or their children, if any, will get the \$30,000,000 or more of good American money.

After the death of Mr. Leeds and in the years before his widow was captured by the Greeks, she broke into European society right and left—real royalty's private grounds—because of the Leeds' millions at her command. Many a dented title sought her hand in marriage. Her marriage to Prince Christopher occurred at Geneva on January 31, 1920, and made her a cousin of most of the royalty of Europe and gave her such exalted rank as had not been held by an American woman in many years. That's how

Blind Ox Dies in Pining for Gander

Greensboro, Ala.—The blind ox, famous as the protege and ward of a stately gander on the J. A. Holcroft plantation, ten miles west of this city, is dead, and those on the Holcroft farm believe his death was due directly to separation from the gander.

Since last fall, when the ox lost its sight, the gander had acted as personal guardian of its huge, helpless friend. They were in constant association—the gander always present to fight away other cattle, on the spot when the ox needed a drink at the nearby pasture creek, and alert to every chance to give service.

Recently it became necessary to transfer the ox to another field. The gander was unable to follow. It was unused to the new environs and a separation ensued. It was too much for the ox. He pined the first afternoon and drooped and gloomed the following day and finally lay down and died. And thus ended one of the strangest friendships on record.

she got the title "the Dollar Princess."

Bringing Up Golden Child.

While Mrs. Leeds was carrying on her conquest of royalty at their home towns, young Leeds was being kept under the care of a small crew of servants, instructors, and others afforded only by mean millions. Here is an account of how the youth "grew up":

"Young Leeds had every imaginable safeguard placed about him to prevent his being kidnapped and to shield him from other harm. His mother installed him in her former home in Montclair, N. J. When he stepped from the carriage or automobile each morning at the Montclair academy, he seemed to breathe freely. For most of the time he attended school there his mother was in Europe and he lived 'alone' with the servants to minister to his wants and detectives to protect him—but all to keep him from enjoying the pleasures of other boys of his age."

His mother, while abroad, got daily cable reports on his health. Then, later, she took him to England to complete his education, giving as the excuse that "he might not become dissipated like so many rich American boys."

Recently in America.

Young Leeds, around whom the Leeds millions really center, was in this country only a few weeks ago. He arrived in Los Angeles late in February on his return from an adventurous trip into the wilds of the Sumatra jungles, where he hunted tigers. He had been bitten in the arm by a poisonous insect. He went to a sanitarium in Shanghai, but did not recover wholly from the infection and hurried to this country to undergo an operation in New York.

While he was crossing the continent his mother, believed to be dangerously ill, was preparing for an operation in Athens for an intestinal trouble. He went to the Ritz-Carlton, intending to arrange for his own surgical treatment, but news of his mother's condition led him to abandon that project and sail for Europe.

Stork Spoils Feast.

Smith Center, Kan.—It was butchering day at the C. A. Garrison home the other day. Help had been summoned, the knives sharpened, water heated, the derrick raised and the scalding barrel tilted to the correct angle. Then the boss and help adjourned to a small shed to dispatch the intended victim, a large sow. But, lo! they found her surrounded by six frisky young pigs, born only a few hours before. Mr. Garrison is now advertising for a hog already killed and dressed.

Filipino Grow Leprosy Tree.

Manila, P. I.—Seeds from the chaunmoogra oil tree of India have been received here by the bureau of science, and it is hoped to produce the plant in the Philippine islands.

The oil of this tree forms the base of a treatment which has been successfully used in leprosy cases here.