

# 1100 HEIRS TO WEALTH OF ASTORS

## St. Louis Attorney Leading Fight for Group of Claimants — Estates of Fifty Millions Sought — Descendants of John Emerick Say Forebear Founded Fortune.

By Leland L. Chesley, United Press Staff Correspondent, ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—In a little law office, littered with affidavits, letters, questionnaires and photographs, sits a man who may lead 1,100 persons to wealth—wealth from the coffers of the Astor family.

Calvin I. Hoy, a St. Louis attorney, is the man who is representing this group in the fight for an estate which has been conservatively estimated at approximately \$50,000,000.

Although they have encountered several legal rebuffs these eleven hundred—all descendants of one John Nicholas Emerick who, they claim, started John Jacob Astor in business over a hundred years ago—continue with grim determination to get what they claim is theirs.

Hazing already lost their first legal fight in the United States district court in New York, the Mississippi Valley Association of Emerick Heirs is preparing to appeal its case. If they lose the appeal they are planning to take their claim to the United States supreme court.

When the appeal is heard the court will review incidents of more than a century ago which the Emerick heirs say took place—and which the Astors say didn't.

**Old Agreement Found.**

The story which the Emericks will relate in court was, until recently, a family tradition, but in 1926 the discovery of a will and trust agreement was made. The Emericks say that they are the

missing documents which prevented prior settlement of the case.

The story, handed down from generation to generation, says that Emerick, after giving Astor his start in life as a business man, made him his partner-manager in his \$1,500,000 fur business.

Emerick died in 1816, the story goes, but prior to that time Emerick had entered into an agreement with Astor stating that his share of the business—\$1,000,000—was to continue under the management of Astor but stipulating that at the end of 30 years the heirs of the Emerick family were to receive his entire estate. The Emericks claim that the estate has grown to 50 times its original value.

**Documents in Trust.**

The 30 years expired in 1847 or thereabouts, but the Emericks did not collect, although they claim the Astors agreed to settle at that time, providing the will and trust agreement could be produced—but they were missing.

In 1926, however, Mrs. Edna Carnahan, an Emerick heiress, discovered what the Emericks claim to be the missing documents in the lining of an old trunk which belonged to her wealthy ancestor.

Then came the organization of the Mississippi Valley Association of Emerick Heirs with 1,100 members and the selection of Hoy as their leader. The primary reason for their organization was to cut the expense of conducting the legal fight.

Months of hard and costly work followed, then came the hearing—but the Emericks lost because the court held that the suit should have been instituted long ago. But the Emericks say they had only a tradition "long ago" and without evidence they could not be successful in a court fight.

Now, during the present term of the United States appellate court, the "Lion of the Eleven Hundred" stands ready to attempt to overcome another great obstacle in its fight for fortune.

V. J. Emerick, former mayor and local citizen is one of the claimants to the Astor fortune and has been active for several years, in joining other members of the family in pursuit of the recovery action noted above.

## WASHINGTON TOWNS ALSO AIR CONSCIOUS

The aviation committee of the Spokane chamber of commerce has found that 57 towns in Washington have been given "air designations" where they were previously unmarked. This indicates the "air-mindedness" of the communities which can now be identified by any pilots or plane passengers.

# WALL STREET'S WORKERS PETS OF SANTA CLAUS

## One Hundred Million Dollars Will Be Divided As Christmas Bonuses By Big Concerns—Morgan Aides Get Year's Wage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(U.P.) The New York World says today that more than \$100,000,000 will be distributed as Christmas bonuses in the financial district, mostly to clerks and bookkeepers in brokerage offices and banking institutions.

A survey indicates that the payments will be as large or larger than 1928, the largest on record. Despite the crash in stock values many firms will make new records for net profits in 1929.

J. P. Morgan & Co., which never reveals its bonus plans but is reputed to have paid a year's salary as bonuses for the last several years, was reported likely to follow the same policy this year.

Among bonuses announced are: Goldman Sachs & Co., a year's salary; the Chatham Phoenix National Bank and Trust company, 5 per cent; the Bank of the United States, up to 10 per cent; the Chemical Bank and Trust company, 12 1/2 per cent; the International-Madison Bank and Trust company, 5 per cent; the J. S. Bache & Co., up to 60 per cent of a year's pay; Barton & Barton, 25 per cent; Clarence Hodson & Co., up to one month's salary; the E. I. DuPont de Nemours company, 100,000 shares of stock with a market value of approximately \$2,000,000.

# WILSON FAVORS STATE AND FEDERAL AID FOR AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

The following communication, written by E. M. Wilson, member of Medford's city council, appears in the current issue of the Airport Construction and Management, a monthly publication issued in southern California:

"I am in hearty accord with your views as expressed in your editorial on federal and state aid for airports.

"We are just completing Medford's new Class A airport at an expenditure of \$120,000, authorized by Medford municipal bond issue in April, 1929. While we have exerted every economy in our construction, and have carried out every detail necessary for the immediate need and requirement for our port, we realize that the near future is going to demand more. The expenditure of \$120,000 by our little city of 15,000 people is a commendable effort. How our future will be taken care of is yet a problem, for we must guard well against a too heavy tax burden.

"Every developed airport gives added opportunities and benefits to state and federal activities. Federal and state aid has been given for the benefit of rail and highway transportation. Airways are equally entitled to aid, particularly so where municipalities have gone their limit in preparing a way for government and other transportation lines. I hope your efforts will be well supported."

## Junior High

Junior High Christmas Program. Reporter, Eunice Fleming.

The annual Christmas program will be presented Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

"My Lady's Yuletide" will be given by the I class, assisted by a group of dancers.

The play is based on the Christmas customs of old England. English carols will be sung and English dances will be enjoyed during the Christmas revels.

"MY LADY'S YULETIDE" By Isabelle J. Meaker and Eleanor Ellis Perkins. Characters.

Celia.....Helen Patton  
Oswald.....Lewis Campbell  
Edgar.....Paul Dorf  
Mary.....Kathryn Dale  
The Woodcutter's Wife.....Mary Thompson  
The Woodcutter.....Herbert Neilson  
Officers from the Castle.....Earle Pederson, John Snider.  
The Wait.....Teruko Maruyama  
The Lord of Misrule, master of the Christmas Revels.....Cathryn Willoughby  
The Jester.....Barbara Holt  
Sir Christopher Cateby, steward of the Castle.....Dolph James  
The Lady Blanch.....Catherine Brandt  
Ladies in Waiting.....Dorothy Burgess, Evelyn Leonard, Helen McAllister, Kathryn Robinson.  
Yule Log Bearers.....Earle Pederson, John Snider.  
Waits.....Teruko Maruyama, Marjorie Stewart, Russell Ulrich.  
Serving Men.....Mollie Brown, Patricia Turnquist.  
Dancers.....Mabel Anning, Joyce Banish, LaMerle Beck, Agatha Buchanan, Dorothy Gore, Evelyn Herman, Jean Rice, Barbara Schmidt.  
Dorothy Gore will play Christmas carols between acts.

Act I—Christmas eve at the Woodcutter's cottage.  
Act II—The Christmas eve revels at the castle.  
Act III—Christmas morning at the Woodcutter's.  
The public is invited.

# Little Yarns of Yuletide.

1918  
By Chester L. Shaw

Mars-sur-Allier was conscious of Christmas at 6:30 a. m. The bugler heralded it with first call after he had thawed the ice out of his horn.

The calendar said it was Christmas, anyway. To Henry Ekins, second class private in the American Expeditionary Force, it was just another day—as cold and drear as yesterday. And tomorrow probably would be the same.

To the others in the dozen or so American base hospitals that swam on the muddy plains of Mars-sur-Allier, it was just another day, too.

Mars-sur-Allier was a place of mud and snow.

Draughty wooden barracks, each heated by a pot belled sheet iron stove and containing 52 white steel cots, housed wounded men.

The 52 men in Henry's ward were typical. Some merely had flesh wounds, some had lost an arm, some legs—but none had lost his appetite. So when the bugle sounded this twenty-fifth of December, the ward awakened eagerly.

Hunger is a good alarm clock. Henry made his bed, military fashion, and dressed. Dressing was easy. Each convalescent had a pair of pajamas which did double



Turkey and trimmings!

duty—in bed and out. Over the bottom of them he pulled a pair of heavy woolen socks, then stepped into his hobnailed shoes and donned an overcoat.

In that somewhat summery garb the convalescent walked to the mess hall, there to stand in the chill rain and wait for those in line to take their plates, gulp the food at a rough wooden bench, and make room for the others. Orderlies carried plates of food to the bed patients.

"It'll be rice this morning," said Henry to his neighbor in line.

It was rice, with three prunes, a cup of black coffee and all the bread you wanted. When it wasn't rice at Mars-sur-Allier it was oatmeal with the same trimmings—prunes, coffee and bread.

Not the best breakfast in the world, but, as the French said, c'est la guerre.

Henry polished his plate and returned to the ward. In his pockets were four slices of bread he had filched. He joined the other con-

# CIRCULATION OF MONEY GROWS IN XMAS RUSH

## Government Reserves Tapped to Fill Purses Shoppers—More Money in Circulation During Holidays for Gifts.

By Cecil Owen, United Press Staff Correspondent, WASHINGTON, Dec.—(U.P.)—Reserves of the United States government and Federal Reserve system are being tapped to the extent of between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000 this year to fill the purses of Christmas shoppers.

The large expansion of currency in circulation for Christmas needs is an annual feature of the nation's credit structure. Unless the federal reserve system adopted measures to forestall it, the rapid growth and contraction of outstanding currency would seriously disrupt credit conditions.

Currency in circulation aggregates about \$5,000,000,000 during normal times. It reaches a low point in July, but begins to expand as harvesting of the nation's crops exerts a demand for funds.

Then in early November the first sign of Christmas is reflected in a growing demand for additional funds by department stores and other merchants with which to replenish their stocks for holiday trade. Banks, in turn, borrow from the reserve fund system to meet these needs of their customers.

**Gold Coins as Gifts.**

Part of the Yuletide increase in currency is in gold coins, principally quarter eagles of \$2.50 each to be used as ballast in the toe of the Christmas stockings. Nearly \$250,000,000 of new gold coins are specially issued for this purpose each year.

Virtually every kind of currency, national bank notes, gold certificates, United States notes, gold and silver coin is affected by the extra demand for cash during the Christmas season. Gold certificates alone increase by between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

End of the Christmas season in early January is marked by a sudden sharp drop in currency outstanding as the millions of dollars spent by Christmas shoppers are returned to banks and reserve vaults, department stores.

Federal Reserve officials consider it part of their duty to see that this seasonal currency demand has no untoward effect on the position of member banks or

# JACKSONVILLE PROGRAM AT GYMNASIUM FRIDAY

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 18, (Sp.)—A Christmas tree and program will be given at the school gymnasium Friday evening. The teachers are preparing a splendid Christmas program, and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

# JACKSONVILLE BUILDING TO HOUSE APARTMENTS

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Dec. 18, (Sp.)—J. O. Orchard recently purchased the old "Times" building, and plans to repair and change the interior for apartments and rooms.



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