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MR. T. S. SIMMS' ESTATE IS VALUED AT OVER $96,925.

Bequests to Germain Street Church for Sunday School, and for the Erection of a Church in India—Bulk of Property to His Family.

Probate Court. Estate of Thomas S. Simms, brush manufacturer. Last will and two codicils proved which give to his widow his household effects for her lifetime, and then to his children, with the dight to her to occupy the dwelling house on Germain street during her life, with the lot adjoining free of taxes, insurance and other charges. To his children certain articles of jewelry; to the Germain street Baptist church, $500, towards a fund for erecting a Sunday school building; having promised the Foreign Mission Board of the United Baptists of the Maritime Provinces a sum not exceeding $1,500 for the purpose of erecting a church at Vizianagram, India, by a codicil he directs that $500 be paid in July, 1908, the like sum in July, 1909, and the balance, or $500, in 1910, or as much of the latter amount as is necessary to complete said church. All the rest goes to his executors in trust to pay to his wife the sum of one thousand dollars a year until the youngest child comes of age and thereafter $600 a year, and after providing for such last mentioned annuity the balance to go to the children share and share alike on their coming of age, who also get the balance of the estate on the death of the widow. Real estate, $4,700. Personal estate $92,225, besides life insurance. Mrs Ida L. Simms, the widow, G. Fred A. Anderson and Lewis W. Simms, a son, sworn in as executors. Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford, proctors.

Estate of John Albert Avery, of Fairville, fisherman. Last will proved whereby all the estate is left to deceased's two nieces, Rose Gertrude Avery and Helen, daughters of his deceased brother, William Avery. Real estate including a fishing village of substantial but unascertained value, $2,500. Personal estate, $1,750. No life insurance. Deceased's sister-in-law, Mary Jane Avery is sworn in as executrix Barnhill, Ewing and Sanford proctors.

GAS EXPLOSIONS IN CHICAGO RESAURANT

Building Suffers to the Extent of $150,000—Two Men Were Hurt.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The Tom Jones restaurant building across the street from the board of trade, was partly wrecked by gas explosions early today. The explosions occurred in the basement and blew out the entrances to the building on Jackson boulevard and Quincy streets.

An engineer who was just about to enter the building was blown across the streets and a watchman's uniform was almost torn from his body by the force of a second explosion. Both men escaped serious injury. Fire followed the explosions. The damage was $150,000.

NO REFORMS MADE, SO NO MONEY VOTED

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—The defense committee of the Duma rejected today the government's demand for a grant of $1,500,000 towards the construction of four new battleships. The rejection was based on the ground that there has been no reform in the naval administration.

RAILWAY DISPUTE SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Announcement was made today by Board of Mediation of the signing in this city of a compromise agreement between the Missouri Kansas and Texas Railway Company and its employes. Engineers, firemen, trainmen and switchmen were involved in the dispute which embraced twelve points. Ten of these had to do with the construction and application of existing contracts with employes and two were demands for better terms and conditions in certain particulars.

DIED WHILE TREATING PATIENT

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2.—A special from Hornell, N. Y., says, Dr. C. M. Brasted, 70 years old, dropped dead of heart disease last evening, at the home of Wm. Kring where he had been hastily summoned to attend James Kirnerney, who has broken through the ice on the Canisto river while skating.

CHINA'S GREATEST STATESMAN DEPOSED BY THE NEW REGENT

Yuan Shi Kai, Military Commander and Viceroy of Chi Li Province is Fired—Charges Were Made That He Poisoned the Emperor.

PEKIN, Jan. 2.—An edict issued today dismisses from office Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander in chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has rheumatism of the leg. The edict orders Yuan Shi Kai to vacate his offices and to return to his home, adding: "Thus our clemency toward him is manifested."

A second edict appoints Na Tung, comptroller of customs and ex-governor of Pekin, grand councillor, presumably in Yuan Shi Kai's place.

Yuan Shi Kai, the great viceroy of Chi Li province, was one of the most influential and powerful statesmen in the Chinese empire. He has been called the strongest man in China and infinitely more powerful than Li Hung Chang. He inspired a national patriotism which is today doing much to sweep away middle ages superstitution and rebuild the empire. He organized an army in China that was the wonder and amazement of foreign military critics. He substituted modern text books for ancient classics, he compelled the abolition of torture, and he transformed Pekin from the filthiest city in the world into a metropolis well paved and cleanly kept. At the time of the deaths of the emperor and dowager empress of China, the following dispatch is said to have been received at the New York branch of the Chinese Reform Association "Yuan Shi Kai poisoned the emperor. Please cable to Pekin to attack him." It was declared at the Mott street headquarters of the Reform Association that identical despatches has been sent to branches of the Reform Association in all sections of the world and that demands made on Prince Chun, the new regent, to depose Yuan Shi Kai from power and "Do away with him." Na Tung, the successor of Yuan Shi Kai, has been in prominent situations in the service of his country. He has been grand secretary since January, 1906.

WOMAN KILLS LOVER AND SHOOTS HERSELF

Told Her He Was Going to Leave, and She Shot Him.

WASHINGTON, N C., Jan. 1.—John Emerson Stone, aged 22, highly connected in Boston and New York, graduate of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass, was shot and killed here erly today by May Woolard, who then shot herself twice and may die.

Stone went to the woman's house last night to avow his intention of leaving her. It is said she coaxed him into the house, and when he refused to remain, drew a revolver and shot Stone in the right temple.

When he fell she fired again, the ball lodging at the base of his brain. She then shot herself twice in the forehead and temple. The doctors at the hospital say that the woman has a fighting chance for her life.

Stone has two brothers, Albert Stone, of New York, and Captain Edgar Stone, U. S. A., stationed in Luzon, Philippine Islands. The former is on his way here to take charge of the body

VICTORIAS PREPARING FOR GAME AT AMHERST

Several Have Already Been Hurt—Marriage at Harrisville—Man Stricken With Paralysis.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 2—At hockey practice in Victoria Rink yesterday, Harry Brown had a tooth knocked out from an accidental blow of a stick, and Chester Gregory in a fall sustained a badly cut knee. The Victorias are working hard to be in shape for next week's Starr trophy game with Amherst. The line up will likely be:

Wortman—Goal.
McGrath—Point.
John Brown—Cover Point.
Crockett—Rover.
Gregory—Centre.
Cushing—Right Wing.
Norman—Left Wing.

Harry Young, of Halifax, will referee the first game of the series, Thursday evening.

A pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at Harrisville, when Miss Gertrude Harrop, daughter of George T. Harrop, was married to Wm. Brandor, of Northport, N. S. Rev. W. B. Wiggins, of Moncton, performed the ceremony.

Eight Scott Act cases are scheduled to come before Magistrate Kay in the police court today.

Fred. Tuttle was stricken with paralysis while at work in his father's lumber mill Thursday afternoon and is in a precarious condition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—A brisk demand for stocks carried opening prices well over the level of Thursday's.New York Central was a feature with a gain of 1 1-3. The rise extended to a point in Amal. Copper and Am. Cotton Oil and to large fractions in the Hill stocks and Tennessee Copper.

LET MOTHERS-IN-LAW WORK, ADVISES COUHT

Must Not Hang Around House and Boss Things, is Decision.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1—Vice Chancellor Stevenson, in Jersey City, in a decision said that every mother-in-law who can work must do so, and not hang around the house bossing things.

The vice chancellor rendered the dictum in the separate-maintenance suit brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Carey, of Belford, N. J., against her husband, John.

Mrs. Carey, Sr., became an inmate of her son's home soon after his wedding. She was offered a job as cook to a family in Englewood. Mrs Carey, Sr., replied that she was very sorry to disappoint them, but that she was needed at home to see that things were run properly in her son's home.

The vice chancellor, in allowing the separate-maintenance plea, said of mothers-in-law in general: "They should, by all means, unless decrepit and poverty-stricken, either work or, if of a wealthier class, stay away from their sons' or daughters' homes. They cause more trouble than any other thing in married life."

ALDERMEN ARE BEGINNING TO LOOK RATHER ANXIOUS

Temperance Movement and Reorganization Scheme Worrying Them.

These are uneasy days for some of the aldermen and every day groups of the city fathers gather around the City Hall and anxiously discuss the situation.

The chief cause of the trouble is the request for a plebiscite on the saloon question in several wards and the necessity which confronts them of dealing with the matter at the next meeting of the common council.

The temperance people want the vote to be taken on the same day as the civic elections, but the liquor people want an earlier date fixed. There are good arguments on both sides. The temperance people think they could get out a larger vote on election day while the liquor men oppose the delay as an injustice to the holders of licenses.

No matter which way they vote the aldermen are likely to offend a large section of the community and they are now trying to decide on which party they will take their chances.

Another matter that they are shying at is the proposed reorganization of the departments. The committee will have to submit some report at the next council meeting and it is possible that action regarding the appointment of an engineer may be taken at this meeting or a special meeting of the council called to settle the plan and also to select the engineer. The friends of the various officials are watching the action of the council and some of the aldermen are stepping rather gingerly when they approach this matter.

Intelligent direction is just as necessary for the securing of proper returns from investments in advertising space as in buying and disposing of any kind of merchantable wares.—Omaha Bee.

LATE ESTIMATES SAY THE DEAD IN MESSINA ALONE WILL NUMBER 115,000

Urgent Appeals Sent Out for Steamers to Convey Survivors to Other Ports, and for Food and Medical Supplies---Many of the Survivors are Committing Suicide.

ROME, Jan. 2.—The following sent by Wm. H. Bishop, the American Consul at Palermo, Wednesday evening, at 8.45 o'clock to the Associated Press here, reached Rome early this morning.

No news regarding Arthur S.Cheney, American Consul at Messina. It is believed that he and his wife died together, the consulate at Messina having collapsed. Mr. Lupton, the New American Vice-Consul at Messina, was seen shortly after the disaster but no answer has been received to telegrams sent him.

TAKING SURVIVORS TO OTHER PORTS.

The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday, and with other foreign ships, will transport refugees from the affected districts, carrying messages and co-operating in all possible ways with the authorities in the alleviating of the distress. Returning from a visit to the Calabirian coast north of Reggio, King Victor Emmanuel sent the following telegram to Premier Giolitti:

"I have visited Cantillo, eight miles north of Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. Villa San Giovanni also was destroyed. As at Messina, the rescue work is well organized. The fires at Messina have now been reduced to small proportions. Three other British and three French warships have arrived at Messina."

PALACES TRANSFORMED INTO HOSPITALS.

In compliance with the orders of the king that the royal palaces at Caesere and Naples be placed at the disposal of the wounded, one hundred injured persons from Messina already are occupying a portion of the San Ferdinando palace, the royal palace providing everything. The Duchess of Aosta has transformed into a hospital the large hall of her palace at Capi di Monte.

The Duke of Aosta has gone to Reggio, where he is continuing his work of alleviating distress and giving encouragement to the natives.

TRAIN CAUGHT BY THE TIDAL WAVE.

It is stated here a train which left Reggio early on the morning of the earthquake carrying passengers and of which nothing has been heard since, was overwhelmed by the tidal wave following the earthquake.

Almost all of the people of Reggio and Messina it is said are making up their minds to abandon their beloved cities.

DISTRIBUTING FOOD.

As an indication of the promises being made in bringing order out of the chaos the railway line from Reggio to Cantazaro was again put in operation last night. There is a break on the line, however, of six hundred and fifty feet over which passengers and freight must be transferred from one train to another. The distribution of food is also being made more regularly in the afflicted districts and many of the starving therefore have been relieved. Many persons living along the coasts of Calabria and Sicily paddle out in canoes to the large steamers passing through the straits and crave

POPE ANXIOUS TO BE AT WORK.

food for them. It is said that nobody in Italy envies King Victor Emmanuel, his errand of mercy, more than does Pope Pius who always has felt that his place was with the stricken earthquake sufferers. Having been prevented from going there, His Holiness has tried to keep in touch with the prevailing conditions as much as possible and offered bishops of afflicted zone all that he could give. His latest gift has been another $200,000. The Pontiff has never so much regretted the loss of the liberty he enjoyed as Patriarch of Venice. Now is the time that he would like again to be free again to pawn his pectoral for the benefit of suffering mankind.

AMERICANS IN SICILY

NAPLES, Jan. 2—The following Americans booked passage from here for Sicily shortly before the earthquake: Edward S. Rogers, wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Prickmore, Mrs. A. E. Bater, of Chicago, Mrs. J. A. Hunt, of New York, Mrs. Wm. O. Boyd, Short Hills, N. J., Miss Susie Chisholm, Savannah, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Cleveland, O., Mrs. S. A. McCannon, Dallota, Agnes Feeney, Rochester, N. Y., who was bound for Taormina. Dr. H. Pink, of Indianapolis, James E. Norton, of New York, who was going to Palermo.

ORPHANS CONTRIBUTE.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 1.—The first contribution made here for the Italian earthquake sufferers was $7.27 forwarded today to Governor Swanson, by nineteen orphans in the Boys' Home. The money had been given them for New Year's fireworks tonight. They asked to be permitted to send it all to the little suffering children in Italy.

At a mass meeting in Portsmouth today liberal contributions were made for the sufferers. A mass meeting will be held Sunday.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZED.

ROME, Jan. 2—The Anglo-American Club of Rome, has organized a committee of relief, of which Samuel Honey, of Newport, R I., is chairman. The club has sent a party of doctors and nurses to Sicily to care for the injured and distribute supplies. Dr. Clark, pastor of the American Methodist church, in Rome, left here today for Sicily at the head of a party of Italian nurses

TRIBUTE TO THE QUEEN.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Among the many graphic accounts of the earthquakes published here today is a beautiful tribute paid to Queen Helena by a correspondent of Southern Italy.

"One must go back in fancy and rememberance to the most touching exhibitions of womanly tenderness and self-sacrifice celebrated by poets and consecrated by Legend," he says, "to understand the benefit of the work the Queen is accomplishing in Messina. The peopl ecall her an angel of charity, and never was the name used with greater justification. Her dress is as simple as that of a work girl, she does not care for herelf and is only anxious to assist others.

"I have seen her everywhere, at points of the greatest danger, and where nobody before had dared go assisting in dressing wounds, her voice broken by sobs and her voice tearful. She accomplishes her sacred work with motherly tenderness and with a heroine strength."

ALGIERS, Algera, Jan. 2. — Light earthquake shocks were felt tonight, but no damage was done

SHIPS ARE REQUIRED.

ROME, Jan. 2.—Financial contributions for the relief of the suffering have come in so generously from the United States that Ambassador Griscom, who has been notified of these donations, is today taking a prominent part in the relief work being organized in Rome. The ambassador was requested to give his opinion regarding the best methods to apply this American succor. He said: "The work of relief is difficult owing to geographical conditions, there is only one railroad line running from Naples to southern Italy. This is necessarily choked by troops in the government service and the handling of state relief supplies, conequently most of the outside relief work to the stricken area is by sea. This is why the king telegraphing from the scene of disaster to Premier Giolitti said that ships were needed more than anything else. A partial means of getting in the relief offered by the U. S. would be to charter one or more steamships in Genoa or Marseilles, place aboard them doctors and trained nurses and dispatch them at once for the traits of Messina. Here the workmen would put themselves at the disposition of the authorities.

REFUGEES MUST BE REMOVED.

"The poverty of the country where the disaster occurred makes it imperative to remove the survivors at once to such distant points as Naples, Leghorn, Genoa or ports even further up the coast and I am safe in saying that there is not at present any limit to the amount of sea transportation needed.

"A committee could be formed of Americans in Rome which would cooperate with a central national commission in New York for the prompt expedition of relief. This need not in any way interfere with the contributons of Americans to the relief committee appointed by King Victor Emmanuel.

"Immediate action, however, is imperative and if such a suggestion as this is to be of value it should be put into operation at once. All arrangements could be completed by cable in a few hours. The steamers thus dispatched from Genoa, Marseilles, etc. could be loaded with food supplies of all kinds as well as tents, blankets, clothing and surgical and medical supplies.All these things are greatly needed in the afflicted region and the amount that could be sent in is limited only by the means placed at the disposal of the committee.

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LATEST WEATHER REPORT

FAIR and COLD