

THE ASTOR WEALTH

No Matter How Often Divided, Certain Parts of the Fortune Soon Grow to Dimensions of the Whole.

The public has recently been reading about a disinherited member of the Astor family whose estate in probate will run far into the millions of dollars. This paradox is made possible by reason of a settled policy in the Astor family. A disinherited Astor does not mean an Astor "cut off with a shilling," and thrust upon a cold and unfeeling world to earn his daily bread by manual labor, or starve. It means simply that he has not been permitted to inherit quite so many millions as have certain members of his family in greater favor with the testator. The founder of the Astor fortunes was a man of extraordinary foresight in money matters. The contingency that, at some time, there might be an Astor heir in direct line who would incur the displeasure of a paternal parent occurred to him. He wished to prevent the line of that inheritance from being sent adrift by impulsive resentment, so he made a provision in his will which placed about \$10,000,000 worth of property in trust for the possible offending heir, Henry Astor, for more than three-score years, enjoyed the income from this property, and it is now to be divided among his heirs. This what is meant by the statement that the Astor Trust is about to be dissolved.

When Henry Astor was a mere lad he became attached to Malvina Dinehart, daughter of the gardener of William B. Astor, his father, and married her. This greatly displeased the father, who cut Henry off from any part in a will disposing of \$100,000. But the father could not deprive Henry of the provision made by his grandfather to meet just such a contingency, and the income from about 125 parcels of valuable real estate in New York City came to him regularly. A news item relating to this matter is characteristic of Astor affairs. "The value of the estate in trust," it says, "is estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Its administrators say the real estate is in so many parcels of varying descriptions that it is extremely difficult to make an estimate of its exact value, beyond the fact that it runs into the millions." From the first John Jacob Astor down to Vincent Astor, son of the latest John Jacob, it has never seemed possible to arrive within millions of dollars in estimating the Astor wealth, even when dealing with a part of the family estate. This is one distinctly Astorian peculiarity; another is that, no matter how often the Astor wealth may be divided, certain of the parts soon grow to the dimensions of the original whole. Some of the heirs of the original John Jacob Astor could easily have bought him out.

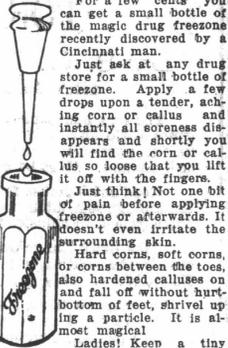
William B. Astor, father of Henry, was reputed the ablest, most successful and wealthiest of the sons of the founder. The other sons of William

B. were John Jacob Astor the second, father of Baron Astor, and William Astor (father of the third John Jacob), familiarly known as Colonel Astor, who died, on May 13, 1892. It will be noted against any position of the estate might be diverted from the Astor direct line. This document not only disposed of the property left to William Astor by his father, William B. Astor, but of certain property named in an ante-nuptial agreement made in 1853, prior to his marriage with Caroline Webster Schermerhorn. John Jacob Astor was made residuary legatee, and half of the estate of his grandfather, William B. Astor, was put in his hands, the other half of the grandfather's estate going to William Waldorf Astor through his father, Colonel Astor. The contingent that, at some time, there might be an Astor heir in direct line who would incur the displeasure of a paternal parent occurred to him. He wished to prevent the line of that inheritance from being sent adrift by impulsive resentment, so he made a provision in his will which placed about \$10,000,000 worth of property in trust for the possible offending heir, Henry Astor, for more than three-score years, enjoyed the income from this property, and it is now to be divided among his heirs. This what is meant by the statement that the Astor Trust is about to be dissolved.

There had long been a tradition in New York that the Astors never improved the property accumulated by the first John Astor, but were content to allow the growth of the city to increase its value, and to profit by what economists call "unearned increment." The first John Jacob put all of his available cash into land, and he invested with almost unerring wisdom. The records show that fortune smiled upon his ventures. He became possessed of the most strategic parcels. As population and business demanded land area for development and expansion, he leased the land on gilt-edged contracts, leaving the responsibility for improvements and taxes to the lessee. This policy was followed pretty closely up to and a little beyond the time of William B. Astor, but it has been largely abandoned during the last twenty-five years. Under the care of John Jacob Astor, the estate contributed more toward real estate development than ever before. William Waldorf, now Baron Astor, was in sympathy with the changed policy of the first. Both were investors in the great hotels which are identified with the Astor name. John Jacob and William Waldorf Astor sold whole blocks of East Side income-producing lands, which for years had been occupied by small dwellings erected under old leaseholds. In almost every instance the land was first offered

With Fingers! Corns Lift Off

Doesn't hurt a bit to lift any corn or callus right off. Try it!



For a few cents you can get a small bottle of the magic drug freezone recently discovered by a Cincinnati man. Just ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freezone. Apply a few drops upon a tender, aching corn or callus and instantly all soreness disappears and shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you lift it off with the fingers. Just think! Not one bit of pain or soreness, no freezone or afterwards. It doesn't even irritate the surrounding skin. Hard corns, soft corns, or corns between the toes also hardened calluses on and fall off without hurting the bottom of feet, shrivel up like a particle. It is a truly magical medicine. Ladies! Keep a tiny bottle on the dresser and never let a corn or callus ache twice.

to those who had held the expired leases. The money derived from such sales was invested in vacant Bronx lands then being sold, and the overflow of the great city. The present head of the family (William) Vincent Astor, has already given the promise of an intention to continue the progressive policy inaugurated by his father and co-operated in by his uncle. Enhancement of values generally, accumulation of surplus, and profitable reinvestment, taken together, make it reasonable to assume that the time is coming, if it has not already arrived, when the wealth of the Astor family will be expressed in billions rather than in millions of dollars, as has been the case for a long century. Not even in countries where the law of entail exists, is there a property more securely established and more difficult to alienate than that controlled by the Astors—Saturday Night.

COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH SWEDEN SIGNED

Agreement With Allies Will Cut Off More Supplies From Germany

By Courier Leased Wire
New York, Aug. 22.—Terms of the commercial treaty recently signed by the Allies and Sweden, and which is expected to diminish the sending of supplies to Germany, were made public here to-day by Axel R. Nordvall, head of the special commission of the Swedish Government to the United States. It gives to the Allies 400,000 tons of deadweight shipping and 2,000,000 tons of Swedish iron ore.

Sweden also agrees to license the export to the Allied Governments of wood pulp, wool, iron, steel, and to grant to the Allies suitable credit in Sweden for the purchase of Swedish goods during the continuance of the present unfavorable monetary situation.

The Stockholm Government, according to Mr. Nordvall, has given satisfactory guarantees that no goods imported to Sweden from Allied countries or any nations whose shipping the Allies control will be exported to any of the Central powers.

In exchange for these commodities, facilities and guarantees, the Allies have agreed to ship to Sweden bread, cereals, coal and coke, mineral and edible oils, sugar, rubber and rubber goods, cotton and cotton goods, hides, leather and tanning material, coffee, cocoa, tobacco, copper ferro-alloys, tin plate, tin, nitrate of soda, raw phosphates, sulphur and other goods and materials necessary for Sweden's economic life.

THOUSANDS OF MEN REQUIRED FOR HARVESTING IN WESTERN CANADA

Thousands of men are required to help in the work of harvesting the Western crop. The C. P. R. has completed arrangements to transport to the West this great army of workers.

For those going from points in Ontario to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta extra trains will be operated through to Winnipeg (the distributing point) without change. Going trip West \$12 to Winnipeg. Returning trip East, \$18 from Winnipeg.

Consult C. P. R. Agents regarding transportation arrangements west of Winnipeg. Going Dates:

August 20th and August 29th—all stations in Ontario, west of Smith's Falls, up to and including Toronto on Lake Ontario Shore Line, and Havelock-Peterboro line also from stations Kingston to Renfrew Junction, inclusive, and from stations Toronto-Sudbury line, and stations on South St. Marie branch. From stations on main line, Beauport to Franz, inclusive. From stations Bethany Junction, Fort McNicoll and Burketon-Boboyagou.

August 22nd and August 29th—From stations west and south of Toronto, up to and including Hamilton and Windsor, Ont., to Owen Sound, Walkerton, Teeswater, Wingham, Elora, Listowel, Goderich, St. Mary's, Port Burwell and St. Thomas branches, and stations Toronto and north to Brant, inclusive.

Further particulars from any C. P. R. Ticket Agents, or W. E. Howard, District Passenger Agent, Toronto. Visit the new North Ward Market at 143 William street. Fresh and cured meats.

FISHING SCHOONER SUNK BY TRAWLER

Captain And Two of Crew Land Safely in Nova Scotia

Arichat, N.S., Aug. 21.—A poverty dory containing Captain Jeff Thomas, master of the Gloucester fishing schooner Sylvania, and two of his crew, arrived here last evening, reporting that their vessel had been sunk by the armed trawler Triumph at 6.30 yesterday morning when on the fishing banks, 90 miles southeast by south of Canso. The remainder of the crew of the schooner, nineteen men and a boy, have not yet been reported, but Captain Thomas believes that they have landed safely at some small fishing village on the Cape Breton coast.

Captain Thomas said that he sighted the trawler about 5 o'clock and had no suspicions of her until she came along and her commander ordered him to leave his ship and be quick about it. He and his men at once took to the dories. Meanwhile the Germans placed bombs on the schooner and ten minutes later there was an explosion and the vessel sank. As the men rowed away they saw about two miles to the eastward a large submarine on the surface.

PROTEST

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, Aug. 22.—Milosh Ivanovich, who came to the United States as the head of a special mission from Montenegro, and who says he speaks for Jugo-Slavs in America and Europe, has filed a protest with the State Department against the acceptance by the United States of General Anto Gvozdenote as minister from Montenegro. He asserted that the new minister is a personal representative of King Nicholas regarded by the Jugo-Slavs as a traitor to his country. General Gvozdenote is on his way to Washington and it was said in official quarters to-day that he will be received as the official accredited minister of the Montenegrin government.

LOSS OF APPETITE is commonly gradual; one dish after another is set aside. It is one of the first indications that the system is running down, and there is nothing else so good for it as Hood's Sarsaparilla—the best of all tonics.

Remember the re-opening of the butcher shop at 143 William street. Fresh and cured meats.

AN AGE FOR WEAK NERVES

"No heart for anything" is the cry of thousands of men and women who might be made well by the new, red blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make.

Misery day and night is the lot of hosts of men and women who are today the victims of weak nerves. Their pale, drawn faces and dejected attitudes tell a sad tale, for nervous weakness means being tortured by morbid thoughts and unaccountable fits of depression. These sufferers are painfully sensitive and easily agitated by some chance remark. Sleeplessness robs them of energy and strength; their eyes are sunken, their limbs tremble, appetite is poor and memory often fails. This nervous exhaustion is one of the most serious evils affecting men and women to-day. The only way to bring back sound, vigorous health is to feed the starved nerves which are clamoring for new, rich, red blood. This new, good blood can be had through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which fact accounts for the thousands of cures of nervous diseases brought about by this powerful blood builder and nerve restorer. Through the fair use of this medicine thousands of despondent people have been made bright, active and strong.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers in medicine, or may be had by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WOMAN MISSIONARY DEAD

Asociated Press.
Yokohama, Japan, Aug. 23.—The educational world of Japan paid honor to the memory of Miss Julia Neilson Crosby, an American missionary, who died last month at the age of 84.

Miss Crosby, who was born in New York City, was one of the first woman missionaries to come to the country. Her first visit here was in 1871. Three years later she assumed the management of the first missionary school for girls established in Japan, the institution now known as the Doremus School. Miss Crosby's entire life was one of devotion to the education of women in Japan. The Japanese government had recognized her achievements for Japanese womanhood by conferring upon her the order of the Blue Ribbon.

REX Theatre

Vaudeville Pictures
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
HARRY MOREY
—IN—
"A Bachelor's Children"
Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature
RITTER and REID
Comedy Talking and Dancing
A Fight for Millions
TO TO COMEDY
COMING MONDAY
Griffin presents Herbert Brenson's Masterpiece
THE LONG WOLF
One of the Greatest Melodramas Ever Screened
To Be Shown at Regular Prices

MIDGET AIRPLANE 15 FEET IN WIDTH

Machine is of Smaller Dimensions Than the Great Albatross

London, Aug. 23.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The smallest British airplanes now being manufactured are actually of less span than the largest birds. The great albatross has been known to measure nearly 18 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. A certain type of "midget" airplane recently exhibited in London is only 15 feet in width.

"These are the machines which we may expect to see after the war carrying our mails," declared Major Orde Less, of the British aviation service, "and they will be almost as universal as the smart automobile and the small vans of pre-war times. These small machines will be largely used by the postal authorities on account of the existing limitations of storage and starting grounds in our great cities. Postal aerodromes, like railway stations, must be near the

BRANT Theatre

The Home of Features NOW SHOWING
MARY PICKFORD
In Her Latest Success
How Could You Jean
PEARL WHITE
—IN—
"The House of Hate"
AINSLEY and O'BRYAN
NOVELTY SINGING
Pathe News of The World
Coming Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
JACK PICKFORD
—IN—
"Sandy"
A Thrilling, Humorous Story of Old Kentucky

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Watson*

GIRL'S ONE PIECE DRESS.

The waistline is entirely ignored in this unusual little frock, No. 8838. The dress is made up in striped gingham, with trimmings of a contrasting color. It is a one piece model and hangs straight from the shoulders in front, but is belted across the back. There is an inset panel at the front with a double tab arrangement crossing it at the top and buttoning at the left side. Either the long sleeves gathered into turned back cuffs or the shorter ones may be chosen.

The girl's one piece dress pattern No. 8838 is cut in five sizes—4 to 12 years. The eight-year size requires 2 1/2 yards 36 inch, or 2 1/2 yards 44 inch, with 1/2 yard 36 inch contrasting material.



To Obtain This Pattern Send 15c to The Courier Office, or two for 25c.

Sutherland's GOLF BALLS

- Eaglet 45 Cents
- Active 50 Cents
- Scarlet Dimple 75 Cents
- Silver King \$1.00
- Dimple Colonel \$1.00
- Pimpernel 85 Cents

Drivers, Brassies and Irons, and Caddy Bags At All Prices.

J. L. Sutherland

"ATHLETIC GOODS."

Our Prosperity And What It Has Cost

You remember the uncertainty as regards trade when the war broke out. We finished 1913 with a balance of \$293,000,000 against us. We wondered—! The British Navy swept the German flag off the seas. The submarine remained, and the floating mine. Death lurked in the path of every vessel that carried the products of our farms and factories. None but heroes of the finest type would have faced such dangers. But because the men of the Merchant Marine did face them, we finished 1917 with a trade balance of \$314,000,000 in our favor. We were able to fill war orders amounting to one billion, eight hundred and twelve million dollars (\$1,812,000,000) from 1914 to 1917. But what a price has been paid! Remember the Lusitania! Remember the 176 vessels of which all trace has vanished, together with crew and cargo! Remember the 15,000 seamen of the Merchant Marine who have fallen a prey to the U-Boat and the hellish mine! We are enjoying prosperity that was not dreamed of at the beginning of the war. Let us show our appreciation in the only way worth while—by contributing handsomely to the support of the widows and orphans of the seamen who have died for us. Justice demands we shall not let them want.

REMEMBER BY GIVING

SAILORS' WEEK

September 1st to 7th, inclusive

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA
Commander Amelius Jarvis, President (Ontario Division)
34 King St. West, Toronto.
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
Sir John Eaton, Chairman