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\$80,000 FIGHT ON FOR ESTATE OF LITTLE IRISH NEWSTAND WOMAN

Grandchildren Contest Right of Uncle and Aunt to Fortune That Ellen Corcoran Saved Year by Year From Pennies of Passers-by on Park Row.

New York, March 12.—For many years and up until a few years ago Mrs. Ellen Corcoran, a hardy, pleasant little Irish woman, kept a news stand in front of Perry's Pharmacy, in the Pulitzer Building. In sunshine and rain, in the heat of the summer sun and in the cold of winter evenings she stood by her stand and shouted her "latest extras." There was nothing exactly pathetic about the old news woman, but often when a patron dropped pennies into her wrinkled and sometimes nearly frozen hands there would be a glance of sympathy for her. But Ellen Corcoran never asked man or woman anything but their patronage of her newspaper business, and for that she always added to the odd pro quo a cheery "Thank ye, sir," or "Thank ye, ma'am."

Then came a time when the hours of standing on the sometimes wet sidewalk began to have their effect on Mrs. Corcoran's feet, no longer young. With her spirit still cheerful, but her frame weakened by age and exhaustion, Mrs. Corcoran was compelled to abandon her news stand, at which she had become so familiar to passers-by as the Pulitzer Building girl.

The Mrs. Ellen Corcoran, over whose estate, valued at \$80,000, eminent attorneys engaged in legal battle in the Surrogate's Court, it developed, was the same Ellen Corcoran who had the "extra" at her Park Row news stand. She was not a mere tenant in the tenement house at 88 Catherine street where she died; she was the landlady. That property, valued at \$80,000, is the chief asset of her estate, all of which she left to her daughter,

Mrs. Catherine Malone, who, with her husband, Patrician Michael J. Malone, used to live with Mrs. Corcoran, and her son Michael J. Corcoran.

The court proceeding was the trial of a contest brought by three grandchildren, the children of a deceased daughter of the testatrix. One of these contestants, Mrs. Catherine Droge, testified that her aunt, Mrs. Malone, had told her that her grandmother intended to leave her money to her and her brother.

Another witness was Madeline Droge, thirteen years old, a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Corcoran. The little girl said that she called upon her grandmother just before she was to be confirmed at St. Joseph's Church. She told Mrs. Corcoran that she was not sure of having a new dress for her confirmation, for she was not sure her mother could afford to buy her one. To this, said Madeline, Mrs. Corcoran replied: "If I could do with my money as I want to I'd buy you a new dress to be confirmed in, but I can't do anything without Katie (her daughter)."

Another time, said the girl, her great-grandmother said: "I'll leave you mother enough money when I die so you and your mother can get a good education."

No evidence was adduced showing Mrs. Corcoran was not of sound mind and understanding when she executed her will, while two witnesses testified that Mrs. Malone, her daughter, had control over her and her money and used to handle her business affairs.

However, there was no provision in the will of Mrs. Corcoran for her grandchildren, who assert in their contest that Mrs. Malone, her daughter, had control over her and her money and used to handle her business affairs.

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Washington, March 12.—Police and prohibition agents today declared they had begun a clean-up of "society bootleggers" in Washington, and meant to keep it up until the national capital takes on some semblance of order.

Last Wednesday night they raided the fashionable apartment of William Edward Swanson and seized imported liquors valued at \$10,000. In the collection were more than 250 gallons of champagne, cordials, Scotch whisky and rye whiskey. The liquor was sent to Internal Revenue Bureau warehouses today.

In addition to seizing liquors, the officers took an automobile and obtained telegrams from alleged rum ships docking at Norfolk and a list of several hundred alleged customers of Swanson. The names have not been made public, but they are said to include persons of high social and official prominence. Swanson is free on bond.

Greater Raids Are Forecast.

The police and revenue men declare what they captured in Swanson's apartment is "just a drop in the bucket," however. They say this was the first skirmish in an effort to drive out of Washington and out of business the sellers of liquor in exclusive apartments and homes.

Edgar N. Read, division chief of the prohibition forces for the District of Columbia and nearby states, said Swanson had been under surveillance for several days, but arrest had been delayed in order to find out his source of supply. Read says it was Norfolk.

Ten cases of rum which were confiscated April 19, 1922, in a raid on the place of Timothy Shine, 428 Seventh Avenue, New York, were among the liquor seized at the apartment of Swanson, according to the police. The



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Man Shot in Gang Feud Refuses to 'Squeal' on Slayers

"They Got Me, But Keep Out, It's My Busy Day," Dying Victim Tells Police With Smile on His Face.

(New York Tribune.)

"Keep out. No bulls admitted. This is my busy day. I'll fix it my own way." This was what the dying gangster told Detectives Neill and Hoffman who hustled over to the Harlem Hospital from the West 123d street police station as soon as Patrolman Michael Harris had reported the killing.

The name "David Stone" apparently doesn't mean anything to the police. The well dressed chap who was shot down in Bernie's poolroom, but the circumstances of the shooting and the fact that Stone kept his teeth clamped tightly on his lips and refused to give up the name of the slayers, stamp the affair as a gang feud. "They got me," Stone said, but when the detectives told him he was dying and begged him to tell just who "they" were, he simply shook his head.

Stone entered Bernie's poolroom at 2004 Eighth Avenue, near 110 street at around four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

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Most of the misery and ill-health that humanity is burdened with arise from disorders of the liver, stomach or bowels.

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For three-quarters of an hour he shot pool with an acquaintance. There was no indication of an approaching murder cloud. The thirty or more customers went peacefully about their absorbing pastime.

Perhaps "they" had set a quarter to five o'clock as the zero hour for Dave Stone. The hands of the clock marked that precise moment when there came the staccato bark of a single revolver shot. Stone, clutching his waistband, crumpled on the floor.

The poolroom emptied as though a magic vacuum cleaner had sucked its customers into the street. In thirty seconds every one within sight or sound of the shooting had sought the open air, grabbing hats and coats from the racks on the way to the door. The proprietor, who was in a nearby restaurant, hurried back to his premises. He found the place deserted, save for Stone, who writhed on the floor, blood trickling from the corners of his mouth.

Patrolman Harris, who is attached to the West Sixty-eighth street police station, was on his way home in a surface car when the sound of the shot and sight of the sudden exodus brought him out of his seat and into the poolroom. He called an ambulance from Harlem Hospital and reported the shooting to the West 123d street station.

Stone died at eight o'clock the wise smile still on his lips, his secret inviolate.

The Women's League of St. David's church held a pantry sale of home cooking in the lobby of the Imperial Theatre on Saturday. Those in charge were Mrs. D. R. Willet, Mrs. D. W. H. Magee, Mrs. Massie Dunlop, Mrs. Patrick McKelvie and Mrs. A. R. McDowell. The proceeds will go to help swell the league funds.

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