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Friday, May 21, 1909.

SPRECKELS' WILL IS BRITISH NAVY PRODUCE PRICES COMES UP IN COURT PREPARED FOR WAR? CONTINUE TO CLIMB

Heirs Who Were Overlooked
Enter Suit to Shake the Val-
idity of the Document—
Two Sons Ignored

San Francisco, May 19.—Legal proceedings, the effect of which will be to test the validity of the will of the late Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, who died at his home in this city a few months ago leaving an estate valued at many millions, were begun here.

The will divided the estate into two equal portions, one of which goes to the widow without restrictions of any kind and the other into the hands of Rudolph and Claus A. Spreckels, two of the four sons, as trustees, to be distributed as later directed on the death of the widow. The trustees were named also as executors of the will.

During the life of the widow she was to receive a portion of the income from the estate held by the trustees and on her death that portion was to be divided into three parts, one of which was to go to Rudolph, one to Claus and the other to be held by trustees and the income to be paid to the daughter, Emma C. Ferla.

Sons Ignored.
By these terms the other two sons, John D. Spreckels and Adolph Spreckels, were ignored in the distribution of the estate, except for unimportant bequests.

The executors filed a petition with the court a week ago asking that property valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, being a portion of the half of the estate held in trust, be transferred from them as executors to them as trustees. This action is protested by John D. Spreckels and Adolph Spreckels in a demurrer to the petition filed today. The demurrer is viewed as a protective measure taken by the plaintiffs with a view to the safeguarding of any rights they may have in the estate. Should the petition have been granted without demurrer, on their part the validity of the will would have been well established in the eyes of the law.

Aeronaut Has Close Call.

Seville, Spain, May 19.—Mortimer Singer, the aeronaut, had a narrow escape from injury yesterday. Just after he had cast off for an ascent, the wind dashed his balloon against the railroad station from which he intended to start, striking a moving train. Mr. Singer threw out ballast just in the nick of time and the balloon shot upwards.

Woman Found Strangled.

Dauphin, Man., May 19.—With a heavy scarf knotted around her neck, Counsellor James Moore, of Winnipegosis, found the body of his wife on the floor of the kitchen in his home late Sunday night. It was hard to decide whether it was a case of suicide or murder. Mr. Moore was on good terms with her, and had left her Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and returned to the house about three hours later. There is a family of two children.

ONLY FEW UNIONS ARE ORDERED OUT

Efforts of Revolutionary Labor
Leaders for General Strike
Have So Far Proved in
Vain

Paris, May 19.—The efforts of the revolutionary labor leaders to bring about a general strike of affiliated unions in support of a concerted movement had not yet to midnight had any widespread results.

The federal committee of the Federation of Labor held a meeting to consider a proposition of the militant leaders to fix a day for a general strike, and this excited furious discussion.

The reformists as opposed to the revolutionary members contended that the time was not ripe for the proposition to attempt a concerted movement. As a consequence no date was fixed, and only the building trades, carpenters and diggers' unions were ordered to strike today.

M. Pataud, leader of the electricians, declared that it is considered doubtful if any will obey orders of the leaders. An appeal to the workers of France to come to the aid of their comrades in the postal service by a general strike was issued by the federal committee of the postal employees and placarded throughout Paris during the night.

First Lord of the Admiralty
Makes Admission That
There Is Not a Drydock on
East Coast for Dreadnought

London, May 19.—The unpreparedness of the British navy for war was strikingly illustrated in the House of Commons the other day. Mr. McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, made the remarkable admission in reply to Mr. J. B. Lonsdale that there is not a single drydock on the east coast into which a damaged Dreadnought could enter in the worst of weather, more water than ordinarily in consequence of being flooded. He added that he understood there were no fewer than five docks in Germany with this capacity.

When Mr. Lonsdale asked how many docks of this capacity there are under construction, Mr. McKenna replied: "I believe it is common knowledge that a dock is being built at Rosyth."

Mr. Lonsdale cornered Mr. McKenna with his next question: "How long will it be before the Rosyth dock is ready?"

Mr. McKenna was silent, but a number of members shouted the answer: "Seven years."

Mr. McKenna stated, in reply to a question by Mr. Middlemore (Birmingham), that it was impossible to say how many docks England would have in the year 1918. To Sir George Doughty (Grimby) he stated that the government was considering the question of the provision of docks on the east coast.

Another remarkable answer of Mr. McKenna's was to the effect that there is not a single first class battleship on the China or Australian stations.

**THE TRAIN ROBBERS
SECURE POOR
HAUL**

After Locking Up Express Messenger, They Got Away With Only Two Hundred Dollars

Augusta, Ga., May 19.—Two robbers boarded Southern Pacific passenger train No. 97 at Warrensville, S. C., ten miles east of here last night, got the drop on Express Messenger Thomas L. Hutton, knocked him senseless with a bar of rubber hose and ransacked the car, after throwing the messenger in an empty express chest.

E. C. Ewell, agent of the Southern Express Co. at Augusta, stated that the records show that the robbers secured about \$200. The average currency expressed in said to be from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

The robbers rode into Augusta, and left the train in the heart of the city. The robbery was discovered when the messenger was liberated at the Union station. Negro porters who were engaged in unloading the express located the imprisoned man by his vigorous kicking within the chest.

Told About Canada.

London, May 19.—J. O. Smith, assistant superintendent of immigration for Canada, addressed the Royal Society Arts yesterday on Canada as a field for investment, laying stress on the tendency of British investors to seek only child labor, whilst United States capitalists had a clear field for industrialists. His excellent analytical paper was listened to by an influential audience, Lord Hilday presiding.

**HERE ARE GROUNDS
FOR DIVORCE SURELY**

Wife Claims Hubby Made Her Wads in Cold Cold Water to Catch Bait

Washington, Ind., May 18.—In the divorce complaint of Effie Hatt against John Hatt she alleges that shortly after their marriage her husband and her live in a tent on the bank of White river and compelled her to wade in cold water and catch minnows for him to fish with.

Other charges of cruelty under Mrs. Hatt's charge are made. Mrs. Hatt asks the custody of their two children.

**HOW "GERRY" FARRAR
FIRST GOT HER START**

Story of How Wealthy Woman Took Up "The Girl With a Remarkable Voice"

Salem, Mass., May 18.—The story of how Geraldine Farrar, the prima donna became acquainted with Mrs. William G. Webb, a leading member of the North Shore society set, and borrowed \$45,000 was told to a correspondent by Mrs. N. S. Saunders, who was the mother of the girl who made her home at Danvers. Mrs. Saunders said:

"My mother's attention was first called to Geraldine Farrar in the spring of 1895. A friend, whom I believe was a Boston woman, told mother that there was a very promising girl with a remarkable voice studying under Mrs. J. H. Long in Boston at that time. My mother immediately interested herself in the girl and she was introduced to Mrs. Sid Farrar, Geraldine's mother."

"My mother suggested that Geraldine and her parents should accompany her to Europe in order that the girl might receive the fullest opportunity to develop her voice under the masters in Europe. It was at this time that Mrs. Farrar received the first loan and the Farrars sailed with my mother on September 20, 1895. From time to time whenever the money was needed, my mother loaned whatever money was needed. She has always appreciated my mother's kindness, and she is a woman who deserves much credit for her success."

Hay Advances Two Dollars a
Ton—Butter Has Seen a
Drop—Expected Rise of
Bread Has Not Yet Come

Produce prices still continue to climb in a few of the important products but prices of many other commodities are bright. The steady demand for hay, coupled with the limited supply, has resulted in an advance of \$2 per ton, while the other feedstuffs are also firm. The bulk of supplies are coming from the Fraser river valley, but receipts are not sufficient to meet the demand. The heavy demand from railroad contractors in the interior who have been stocking up for the summer's work, while farmers on the coast show a disposition to hold their stocks for still higher prices.

Butter Declines.
On the other hand the expected decline in the price of butter has taken place. The action of the mainland creameries in reducing prices last week being followed by the island creameries. The recent rains have greatly improved the pastures and given assurance of a better supply of feed for the cattle.

While the big mills in the east gave a further advance to wheat prices last week of ten cents per barrel, local retail prices have not yet followed suit but advances from the east state that still higher prices will rule, following the continued strength of the wheat market and local dealers expect to advance the price of the manufactured product any day.

California strawberries are more plentiful, with the result that prices have dropped to fifteen cents per box compared with twenty-five cents a week ago. The arrivals here are of exceptionally fine quality, much better in fact, than has ever been the case at this time of year. Oregon strawberries will be on the market within a week or two. California cherries are also offering, but the quality is very poor. A large shipment of better quality fruit is expected for the 24th. Those cherries now on the market are selling at from 35c to 40c per pound. A fresh shipment of bananas, of good quality, was received here last week and retail at 35c per dozen for the best quality. A small shipment of Florida pineapples has also been received. They sell at 25c to 35c each.

In the Vegetable Line.
In the vegetable line there have been few if any changes. California wax beans are now on the market, selling at 35c per pound; spinach has dropped to three pounds for 25c; hot-house lettuce is about off the market, but the outdoor grown stuff is from day now. Local hot-house tomatoes are selling at 30c per pound. Potatoes are still holding their own. They are very scarce and prices are expected to go still higher. The demand for the northern trade keeping them to be markedly well. Local retail prices are as follows:

Royal Household, a bag	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	\$2.00
Royal Standard, a bag	\$2.00
Wild Rose, a bag	\$2.00
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00
Hungarian, a bag	\$1.85
Snowflake, a bag	\$1.85
Drifted Snow, a bag	\$1.85
Three Star, per sack	\$2.00
Moffet's Best, per bag	\$1.85

Barley, per 100 lbs.	\$1.55
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	\$1.55
Australian, per 100 lbs.	\$1.55
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	\$2.20
Oats, per 100 lbs.	\$1.85
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	\$1.85
Barley, per 100 lbs.	\$1.70
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	\$1.75
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	\$2.00
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	\$2.05
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	\$2.05
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$20.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton	\$20.00

Eggs—	
French Island, per dozen	.35
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.30
Chickens—	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neuchatel, each	.10
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	.25
Best Dairy, per lb.	.25
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.40
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.40
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.35
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.35
Salt Spring Island Creamery, per lb.	.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb.	.35

Red Cabbage, per lb.	.05
Tomatoes, per lb.	.30
Beans, per lb.	.05 to .15
Beets, per lb.	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Parley, per bunch	.05
Mat, per bunch	.05
Cucumbers, each	.05
Radishes, per bunch	.05
Celery, per head	.50 to .75
Potatoes, new, Cal., 4 lbs.	.25
Lauklover, each	.10
Cabbage, per lb.	.05
Asparagus, per lb.	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.05
Onions, 8 lbs. for	.25
Sweet, per lb.	.05
Rhubarb, 3 lbs.	.25

Legons, per dozen	.05 to .10
Pigs, cooking, per lb.	.05 to .10
Apples, per box	\$.25 to \$.50
Bananas, per dozen	.25
Figs, each	.10
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	.15
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25 to .50
Pineapples, each	.25 to .50
Grapes, Concord, per lb.	.25
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Strawberries, Cal., per box	.50
Cherries, Cal., per box	.50
Walnuts, per lb.	.50
Brazils, per lb.	.50
Almonds, Jordan, per lb.	.50

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MESSANGER BOY A PRACTICAL JOKER

Pranks of Reichstag Hermes Has Berlin Laughing and Lord Mayor Sore

Berlin, May 18.—Berlin is laughing over the pranks of a messenger boy, who has just been dismissed from service at the Reichstag for indulging in practical jokes by means of the telephone.

On the occasion in question he rang up the Lord Mayor of Berlin. A private secretary answered the call. The boy announced that he was "Prince Buelow, and haughtily dismissed the secretary, who excitedly called his employer. To the Lord Mayor, who respectfully said: "I am at your service, Highness's disposal," the boy said: "I simply want to ask you about your health. How are things going?" and then rang off.

Before being dismissed he confessed to having ordered by telephone quantities of champagne and huge baskets of flowers for the Reichstag restaurant, and caused the fire brigade to turn out a fortnight ago by giving the alarm, "Fire at the Reichstag!"

him alone in the world, and that she hoped he would immediately seek out a suitable girl and marry her without delay.

As soon as the funeral rites were over young Turner set out, though half-dressed, to find a wife. The strange death-bed request was soon known all through the town of St. Clair, and as Turner was a good-looking young fellow many a girl of marriageable age flashed at him bewitching smiles. Finally he set eyes upon Miss Checkton and speedily proposed to her, and she, knowing of the mother's request, promptly, but blushing, accepted.