

# VAST FORTUNE LEFT BY RECLUSE SPINSTER; NO HEIR

## LAST WENDEL LAID TO REST IN NEW YORK

100 Millions Built Up in Last Century Now Have No Owner.

### BREAK OLD TRADITION

Simple Funeral Is Probably More Luxurious Than Life of Mystery Woman.

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 16.—A fortune of more than \$100,000,000 was ready for disposal today, and the stern tradition of the Wendel family, established a century ago by its fur-trading founder, John Gottlieb Wendel, was broken.

Miss Ella V. Von Wendel, the last of six recluse sisters who lived in the somber, dusty house of mystery at Fifth avenue and Thirty-ninth street, joined the others Sunday in the family vault in Trinity cemetery. The simple funeral services were attended by nineteen persons and a dog.

The dog, a fat white poodle named Tobe (the last of a line of Tobees) was the only living thing to which Miss Wendel could show affection.

#### Science and Death Win

It lay during the services in front of her coffin, at the end of the dark hall facing a carved oak staircase. When the coffin was carried out to the hearse, Tobe followed as far as the door, looked at the crowd of eighteers in front of the house, and retired again.

Electric lights and a telephone, installed last week, heralded the final break-down of three generations of resistance to the advance of modern science.

The house, a fortress of the Victorian age surrounded by skyscrapers and the roar of midtown traffic, always had been lighted by gas and candles and heavily shuttered from the outside world.

The Rev. Dr. Nathan A. Seagle, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church, conducted the funeral services, assisted by Dr. Ezra S. Tipple, honorary president of Drew Theological seminary at Madison, N. J., and an old friend of the family.

#### Few Attend Funeral

Dr. Seagle read the burial of the dead from the book of common prayer, the first part of which closes: "We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord takes away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

There was no music, but Dr. Seagle recited a hymn, and Dr. Hippie delivered an informal prayer in which he alluded to the "gentleness, the kindness and the human affection" of Miss Wendel.

There were few flowers. A bunch of orchids pinned to the massive oak front door represented probably more luxury than Miss Wendel had ever known during her life.

The only ones attending the funeral were the clergymen, the family servants, including the superintendent of the Wendel estate at Irvington-on-Hudson; Miss Wendel's attorney, and half a dozen friends of the family—the only friends the aged spinster ever had.

#### Lived Like Prisoner.

Although Miss Wendel followed the precepts of her brother to increase the family fortune, refrain from marrying to avoid dispersing it, and lived like a prisoner in the ancestral house, she was not entirely unhappy, an old friend of the family said.

She did not know how to spend money, she once said, because she never was given any as a girl. She gave all the affection of a starved life to the poodle, Tobe. But she was not miserly, the friend said. She chose to live a quiet life, and liked it.

If the Wendel fortune is divided according to the wishes of Mrs. Rebecca Wendel Swope, the elder sister who died last July, it will go to fourteen specified charities, churches and public institutions, with small amounts to servants and old friends.

#### Laetare Medal to Banker

Times Special  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 16.—James J. Phelan, Boston banker and philanthropist, has been awarded the 1931 Laetare medal by the University of Notre Dame, an honor conferred on outstanding Catholic laymen.

## Would You Pay \$1.00 To End Rheumatism?

New Medicine Guaranteed to Break Rheumatism's Grip. Often Eases Pain First Day.

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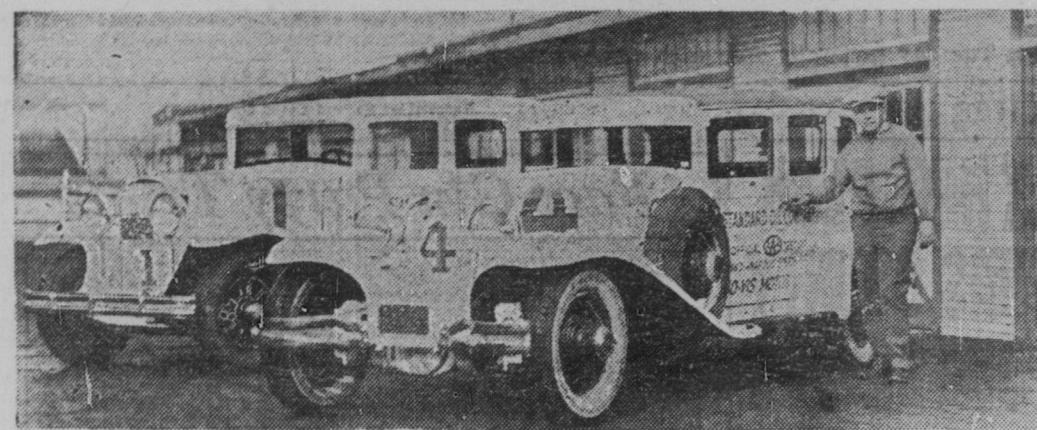
RU-MA seldom fails to ease pain the very first day. And each additional dose increases your faith in RU-MA as you see your stiff muscles and joints rapidly growing more limber, the swelling going down, the aches and pains growing less severe. Away go limping and hobbling, crutches and pains.

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## Siam Queen to Dazzle U. S. With Wardrobe

By United Press

BANGKOK, Siam, March 16.—A stunning wardrobe that would be the delight of any woman in the world was being packed today in preparation for the departure Thursday of Queen Rambalarn, who will accompany King Prajadhipok to the United States.

The queen's gowns for the American trip have been selected entirely from French creations, but were made in Bangkok.

A modiste who has created some of the most fashionable costumes in the Parisian mode, made the entire wardrobe for the trip which will start this week.

The petite, attractive queen as well as the king is fond of occasional sports and there will be many sports costumes in the wardrobe. Both are enthusiastic golfers and the queen's score often is as good as the card turned in by King Prajadhipok.

While in Siam, Queen Rambalarn wears a graceful adaptation of the Siamese national costume, and this as well as her charming manner and warm smile have endeared her to her subjects and to foreign residents of the capital.

The king, a slender and handsome man, is going to America for an opportunity to remove a cataract from one eye, but he hopes to do some time in his chief hobby—photography.

With his golf bags will be packed the finest portable cameras and equipment in the orient. He has taken thousands of feet of film, particularly during the more colorful native celebrations and on trips to other countries.

The royal couple, who will be accompanied by Prince and Princess Svat, the queen's parents, will travel incognito, but probably will formally attend certain functions in their honor in the United States in view of the century of friendship which has existed between the Siam and American governments.

The royal party will sail down the Chao Phya river and thence to Hongkong on the motorship Selandia. They will visit Shanghai and Japan, then cross the Pacific ocean to Vancouver, arriving about April 9.

They will continue immediately to Washington, but later will go to New York and will live on the Long Island estate of Mrs. Whitehead Reid, where the operation on the king's eye probably will be performed. They expect to remain in America about five months.

## 'WALLY' TAKES POST

### Middleworth Begins Work as Recreation Director.

#### Action by Governor

##### BILLS SIGNED MARCH 14

S. B. 240 (McCommon)—Provides that persons injured in accidents or the heirs of persons killed in accidents may sue insurance companies for damages in cases are insolvent, and provides that insurance companies are liable for damages in cases where the companies have been given the right to sue even though the owners have lent them to another person. (Signed March 14.)

##### BILLS POCKET VETOED

S. B. 138 (Hoffman)—Codifies the laws governing the right of individuals to sue insurance companies for property for public improvement. (Applied to Indiana only.)

S. B. 150 (Perkins of Indianapolis)—Codifying the laws relating to street and alley improvements in the class cities. (Applied to Indianapolis only.)

S. B. 197 (Perkins of Indianapolis)—Extends the powers of the state board of sanitary commissioners in the construction of sewer interceptors.

S. B. 200 (Hoffman)—Provides for issuance of restraining orders in labor disputes. Brought by Indiana State Federation of Labor.

H. B. 161 (E. C. White)—Provides that contractors shall be paid by state or county for work done on public works in the locality where they are engaged in the construction of the work.

H. B. 171 (Smith-Street-Stanton-Biddle)—Provides that contractors shall be paid in third class cities and provides for the election of the commissioners separately.

H. B. 173 (Vanderwerf)—Amends 1921 law relating to the payment of wages to transfers to schools near their homes. The difference in distance must be greater than six miles. Payment for work done outside the state highway commission is discontinued.

H. B. 245 (Weiss)—Gives the salvage company the right to collect a sum equivalent to 20 per cent of the value of the property for the first four hours of duty instead of forty-eight.

H. B. 288 (Pratt-Smith of La Porte-Denny-Smith)—Authorizes cities and towns to construct, treat and dispose of sewage or carbage.

H. B. 338 (McKesson-McCommon-Jinke-Wall-Gribble-Clegg)—Simplifies Indiana income tax ranging from 1 per cent on first \$1,000 to 6 per cent on amounts in excess of \$10,000.

H. B. 422 (Morning)—Gives boards of education the power to construct, maintain and repair public buildings or land shall be purchased for the same purpose.

H. B. 469 (Woods)—Provides that banks may not establish branches without written consent of the state.

H. B. 489 (Baldwin)—Enables Lake county cities to contribute to the purchase of land for the construction of a dam across a stream.

H. B. 500 (Vanderwerf)—Provides for widening the route of state road No. 31.

11 HELD FOR GAMBLING

Men Are Charged With Visiting Running Poker Game.

Eleven men arrested in a raid Sunday night were held by police today, one charged with keeping a gambling house, the others with gaming and visiting.

Morris Kramer, 38, of 428 West McCarty street, whom police say was in charge of a poker game, was charged with keeping the house at 914 South Meridian street.

#### MARRIED 75 YEARS AGO

Fifty of 234 Descendants Help Celebrate Anniversary.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Frye celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary Sunday. Fifty persons, a mere fraction of the family, gathered to do them honor. They have 234 descendants.

#### EDITOR TO BROADCAST

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Merle Thorpe, editor of Nation's Business, will give a radio address at 7 o'clock (Indianapolis time) tonight to the Cincinnati Retail Institute, sponsored by the Cincinnati Post. The speech, over an NBC network of twenty-seven stations, will be "Wanted—A Million Merchants."

Honored Theologian Dies

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 16.—Dr. Ozora S. Davis, president emeritus of the Chicago Theological seminary and former moderator of the Congregational church, died Sunday night on an eastbound Rock Island train near Topeka, Kan.

## NEW OUTBREAK IS FEARED AT ILLINOIS PRISON

### Enlarge Force of Guards, Install Machine Guns

#### After Saturday Riot.

By United Press

JOLIET, Ill., March 16.—An air of terrible expectancy, laden with the submerged emotions of fear, anger and rebellion, hung today over the state prison where two convicts were killed and several wounded Saturday in a riotous outbreak.

George Jakowani, 24, who was shot in the stomach and head during the rioting, died early today in the prison, bringing the death toll to two. He was serving one to twenty years on robbery charges from Chicago.

The forty-three men who led the rioting were in solitary confinement.

The 1,100 convicts who followed their lead and aided in wrecking the mess hall and furniture shops were kept in their cells.

#### FEARS Renewed Rioting

Six hundred prisoners who did not join the riot suffered curtailment of privileges.

"There will be no recurrence of the riot while we have the men confined," said Warden Henry C. Hill, "but who can say what will happen when they are given their usual privileges?"

As special guards paced beats outside the prison walls and others stood ready upon a moment's warning to man the newly-installed machine guns, curses, jeers and catcalls were heard from the cells Sunday while members of a legislative committee investigated the disorders.

Probe by Legislature

Shows of "when do we eat?" were heard frequently from the men who had been served no food since they tore up the mess hall and scattered provisions about the place, during the Saturday noon hour.

State Representatives Roger F. Little, Harry McCaskrin, M. E. Bray, and William G. Thon, Sunday made a preliminary inspection tour of the prison.

Escorted by Warden Hill, they examined the mess hall, where the riot started in which Albert Yarbeck Jr., 23, Chicago, was killed when a guard shot into a group of convicts who were beating Captain D. A. Davenport, head messhall guard.

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#### WALLY TAKES POST

### Middleworth Begins Work as Recreation Director.

H. Walden (Wally) Middleworth, former Butler university athlete and assistant football coach at Indiana university took over the post of city recreation director, succeeding David B. Kilgore.

Meantime, Miss Julia Landers, assistant director, is seeking support of the park board's order that her post be abolished April 1.

Friction between Kilgore and Miss Landers is believed reflected in Kilgore's branding the position of assistant director as "useless" when he submitted his resignation last month.

#### JOHN GAIN REPORTED

### Improvement Slow, Steady, Committee Head Says.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Slow but steady improvement in the general employment situation with permanent programs under way in New England and on the Pacific coast an encouraging factor, was noted today by Arthur Woods, head of President Hoover's emergency employment committee.

Woods said some improvement had been noted this week over last week when reports to him indicated a general picking up.

#### HEAR ALVA PHILLIPS' PLEA FOR FREEDOM

Accused Slayer of Wife to Go Before Judge Baker on Writ.

Hearing on a petition for a writ of habeas corpus for Alva Phillips, 1337 South Meridian street, accused slayer of his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Phillips, 64, Jan. 16, was to be resumed today before Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker.

Phillips seeks liberty under bond, and alleges that evidence of the crime does not implicate him as a slayer.

Preliminaries in the hearing were aired Friday before Baker three weeks ago, but final action on the petition was deferred in the absence of an arresting officer.

Deposition of testimony of Detective William Brickley was to be presented to Baker today as closing evidence in the hearing.

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## Taxed With Work Galore

### ROBBERIES NET THIEVES \$579 OVER WEEK-END

Ring Worth \$2,750 Reportedly Lost at Athenaeum Party.

Taxi drivers were the chief victims of gunmen over the week-end, several reporting to police they were robbed of small amounts. Several housebreakings also were reported to police.