

JOSEPH LEITER WINS FIGHT TO HANDLE ESTATE

Second Court Rules Son of
Famed Merchant Able
Manages Millions.

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CHICAGO, March 25.—The intensely dramatic saga of the Leiter family in its rise to enormous riches and then to international social prestige reaches another climax with the appellate court holding Joseph Leiter capable of managing the \$30,000,000 Leiter estate.

The decision ended a legal struggle of years standing in which Leiter, who described himself as a "hard headed American business man," battled with four British noblemen over administration of the Leiter millions.

Joseph's sister, Lady Marguerite Hyde, countess of Suffolk, led the fight against him. She was supported by the baroness of Ravensdale, Lady Cynthia Moseley and Lady Alexandra Metcalfe, all daughters of the late Mary Leiter Curzon, wife of the late Lord Curzon, viceroy of India. Lady Curzon also was a sister of Joseph Leiter.

Father Pioneer Merchant

Their father, Levi Z. Leiter, was a pioneer Chicago merchant. His business prospered so well that he soon became known as "the merchant prince of the middlewest," the owner of vast riches in the form of stores, factories, coal mines, ranches and forests. In the nineties he aided his son Joseph in an almost fabulous corner in the grain market, a deal which made his name a household word around the globe.

When Levi died he left his estate to his four children, three daughters and Joseph, with the instruction that the latter be made manager of its affairs.

Two of the daughters, in becoming Lady Hyde and Lady Curzon, were in the vanguard of middle-western heiresses who obtained British titles through marriage.

Nancy on Brother's Side

The other daughter, Nancy, remained in America married, and when the litigation started in 1926, aligned herself on her brother's side.

The duchesses' baronesses and ladies of Leiter heritage came to Chicago for the court trial, thus giving local society writers the thrill of their lives.

The titled women glared at bald-headed Leiter in court, testifying that they thought him unfit and too extravagant to manage the Leiter fortune, and brought out among other things that he once ordered fifty dozen pairs of silk socks for his personal use.

"I am a hard-headed American business man," Leiter replied. "While my sisters were going to Europe, marrying titles, I stayed by our property and managed it."

Knits Shawls in Court

Nancy Leiter Campbell, in odd contrast to her brilliantly gowned relatives from England, sat in court throughout the trial, dressed plainly, knitting shawls. Occasionally she smiled and nodded encouragement to her brother.

The case was settled in Joseph's favor by Superior Judge Denis E. Sullivan in 1927. The other heirs filed an appeal, to which today's decision was an answer.

The final opinion set forth, incidentally, that during the twenty-six years Leiter has managed the widely scattered properties he has increased his working capital from \$12,920,000 to \$17,387,000 cash.

INTERURBAN SCRAPPING
BRIEF IN TEN DAYS

Greenfield Only Objector to Abandonment of T. H. I. & E. Line.

Attorneys representing the city of Greenfield, who were the only official protestants at a hearing on a plan to abandon the Richmond division of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern traction line, have been given ten days in which to file briefs, it was announced today by Commissioner Jerry West of the public service commission.

West was in charge of the hearing before the commission Tuesday and other commissioners sat with him.

City Attorney Robert E. Reeves and William Hough, former tax board member, appeared on behalf of the city of Greenfield. They will urge in briefs that the line be retained as far as Greenfield at least.

Abandonment plan of Elmer W. Stout, receiver, is based on the ground that the line operates with growing loss.

President David E. Watson of the T. H. I. & E. was principal witness regarding the losses.

REPORT HOLDUPS, THEFT

Negroes Rob Two Men; Clothes Are Stolen From Room.

As he parked his car in his garage early today, Clifford Phillips, 1129 Ashland avenue, was robbed of \$13 by two Negroes, he informed police.

Theft of clothing valued at \$125 from his room was reported to police by Paul Payne, 54 North West street.

Two Negroes late Tuesday robbed Henry B. Long, 1622 West Twelfth street, operator of a street car, of \$7, he told police.

Wounded Bandit



'NO MERCY FOR GUN-TOTER,' IS BAKER'S PLEDGE

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Pleas of politicians and friends of the defendant or of the court will have no effect in preventing the carrying out of stern justice, he said.

No Back Room Whispers

"I shall be glad in open court to hear everything that can be said in a man's favor in making up my sentence, but I don't want any of my friends or my enemies coming to me in a back room and whispering in my ear," Baker said.

Doubting the possibility of ever completely halting crime, Baker declared he believed heavy penalties will have a tendency to curb citizens of gunmen.

He commented that some of the penalties he has imposed have been criticized as too severe, but that in his own mind he doubted if they really were severe enough.

Effect of the prohibition law in filling prisons was touched on briefly by the speaker when he referred to building of the new reformatory at Pendleton several years ago.

Two Schools of Thought

"The board of trustees were perplexed as to how large an institution to build," he said. "We just had passed the Volstead law to clamp down the lid upon intoxicating liquor and there developed two schools of thought at that time.

"One group felt that now we had outlawed liquor a prison to house 600 inmates would be sufficiently large. The other thought it ought to run up to 1,600 or 1,700."

"Finally we compromised by building a prison which would hold 1,250. It was thought this would be sufficient for all time.

"Checking upon it recently, I find that there are, at the present time, in the Pendleton reformatory, in a prison built for 1,250 persons, 2,155 prisoners. The prison up north likewise is much overcrowded."

BID ON SCHOOL LOAN
ACCEPTED BY BOARD

School 56 Construction Estimates
Are Submitted.

Bid of the Merchants National

Bank and the Indiana Trust Company for a \$100,000 temporary loan to meet current expenses until spring tax installment is received was accepted at a special school board meeting Tuesday night.

The bid was for 3 per cent interest with a premium of \$39.

The American Construction Company submitted the lowest base bid for general construction of School 56, Twenty-fourth street and Marindale avenue, the bid being \$79,000. Bids of eleven other companies ranged as high as \$95,875. Final award may be affected by several alternates.

Strong Brothers' bid of \$30,546 was low on heating and ventilating, the Rub-Tex Products Company, Inc., alleging breach of a contract for royalties on a machine used in the manufacture of auto battery boxes, was filed in superior court five Tuesday by Louis W. Hotel, 25 West Forty-ninth street.

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ASKS \$1,500 JUDGMENT

Rub-Tex Products Firm Sued for
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Evidence Lacking

"We tried to gain enough evidence to get a search warrant, knowing that Judge Clifton R. Cameron would not issue a search warrant without the proper evidence," the report read. "We were admitted by Elmer Wathen, 32. We smelled liquor and walked to the kitchen, where we found a two-gallon kettle of whisky.

"We were refused admittance to the basement without a search warrant.

"Called Sergeant Landers and squad and told him to bring a federal officer, after which we entered the basement and found a ten-gallon still which recently had been operated, as it was warm."

Landers' report tells of taking the "federal men" to the house and arresting "Elmer Wathen" for illegal possession of a still.

The rail, according to records, was made Monday afternoon, but reports were not recorded until Tuesday.

Fay-Ded'

Madame Fay, Medium,
Gone With Jewelry,
Evil Spirits, Too.

THE evil spirits that haunted the white gold wedding ring and wrist watch of Mrs. Ellen Huelsman, 919 Park avenue, are gone.

And so are the watch and the ring, valued at \$102.

Mrs. Huelsman told her tale of evil spirits and woe to the police today. She said that last Thursday she took the jewelry to Madame Fay, fortune teller, 803 Ft. Wayne avenue.

It was the duty of Madame Fay to show away those spirits. She guaranteed A-1 service and told Mrs. Huelsman to return to her in a few days.

Mrs. Huelsman returned to the Ft. Wayne street address today and found the place vacant. Neighbors said Madame and her large family had "fay-ded" the day after Mrs. Huelsman's visit.

Mrs. Huelsman did not impart to police just what trouble she had had with the spirits.

CITY ATTORNEY FACES
CITING FOR CONTEMPT

Accused of Trying to "Influence
and Intimidate" State Witness.

Accused of having attempted to "influence and intimidate" a prosecuting witness to stay out of court, Horace H. Garvin, attorney, 1813 North New Jersey street, was ordered to appear before Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker this afternoon and show cause why he should not be cited for contempt of court.

Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson said Garvin approached Dorothy Wycoff, 17, of 927 East Eleventh street, and urged her to get out of town and not testify against her father, John Wycoff, who will go on trial today on a statutory charge.

Curb Kick'

By United Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 25.—A team of sleek black mules and a wagon in which Eugene Howell, 30, and Eugene Greenwell, 26, were caught hauling liquor, were ordered forfeited here to the federal government.

Howell and Greenwell, 26, and guilty to violating the prohibition law and were sentenced to six months.

The government has taken many automobiles because of liquor transportation, but this was believed the first time a team of mules was impounded.

"I'M
going, anyway"

THE modern Miss needs no "time out" for the time of month.

If you've ever taken Bayer Aspirin for a headache, you know how soon the pain subsides. It is just as effective in the relief of those pains peculiar to women.

Don't dedicate certain days of every month to suffering. It's old-fashioned. It's unnecessary. Aspirin will always enable you to carry on in comfort. Take enough to assure your complete comfort. If it is genuine aspirin it cannot possibly hurt you. Bayer Aspirin does not depress the heart. It does not upset the stomach. It does nothing but stop the pain.

Headaches come at inconvenient times. So do colds. But a little Bayer Aspirin will always help the day. A throat so sore you can hardly swallow is made comfortable with one good gargle made from these tablets. Neuralgia. Neuritis. Rheumatism. Pains that once kept

people home are forgotten half an hour after taking a few of these remarkable tablets. So are the little nagging aches that bring fatigue and "nerves" by day, or a sleepless night.

Genuine Bayer Aspirin tablets cost very little after all, that it doesn't pay to experiment with imitations!

Bayer-Tablets
Aspirin
Genuine

Her Error!

By United Press
DENVER, March 25.—Mrs. Franklin Hornaday, socially prominent young Denver matron, gained distinction six months ago when she exercised her feminine eloquence to win for the affirmative a debate entitled "Are Husbands Worth Holding?"

The emphasis she placed upon her personal experience had much to do with her victory.

Tuesday Mrs. Hornaday filed suit for divorce, charging that her husband, a singer, failed to support her and her 2-year-old daughter.

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