

JOSEPH LEITER WINS FIGHT TO HANDLE ESTATE

Second Court Rules Son of Famed Merchant Ably Manages Millions.

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN United Press Staff Correspondent

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 Joseph Leiter, who described himself as a "hard headed American business man," battled with four British nobles over administration of the Leiter millions. Joseph's sister, Lady Margaret Hyde, countess of Suffolk and Berks, led the fight against him. She was supported by the baroness of Ravensdale, Lady Cynthia Mosely and Lady Alexandra Metcalf, all daughters of the late Lord Curzon, viceroy of India. Lady Curzon also was a sister of Joseph Leiter.

Father Pioneer Merchant. His 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 midwest," the owner of vast estates 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, testified 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 Objecter to Abandonment of T. H. I. & E. Line.

Attorneys representing the city of Greenfield, who were the only official objectors at a hearing on a plea 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 Jere 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 plea 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



John Sink With a bullet wound in his head, another in his abdomen and a third in his right leg, John Sink, 31, lay in city hospital today, expected to pay with his life for his attempted holdup of a grocery store Tuesday night. As Sink and his two accomplices fled from a grocery at 3704 West Washington street after robbing Carey Harlan, the proprietor, Harlan swept their car with rifle fire, wounding Sink probably fatally.

HEARSAY ONLY WARRANT FOR RAID ON HOME

Negro's House Searched With No Court Authority, Police Admit.

Her home raided by police who admitted they had no search warrant, Mrs. Elvora Wathen, Negro, 2911 Paris avenue, today awaited action of the federal court on a charge of illegal possession of still. According to police reports, officers entered Mrs. Wathen's residence Monday afternoon without a warrant, armed only with hearsay complaints that the liquor law was being violated on the premises.

The officers, headed by Sergeant John T. Welch, are alleged to have gone to the kitchen of the house, where they said they found two gallons of liquor in a kettle.

Mrs. Wathen refused them admittance to the basement, police said, and then Welch called Sergeant Irvin Landers and requested that he "bring a federal man" to the house.

Enter Basement. Revelation of the raid without a warrant today recalled various activities of police and enforcement authorities who have broken into private homes without warrants and with "John Doe" writs, and sometimes, faulty ones, on complaint of persons.

Police, in the raid on the Paris avenue residence, said that after Landers and a federal agent named Wilson arrived, the gained entrance to the basement, where they claim they found a ten-gallon still, warm from operation, and five gallons of alleged liquor.

In his report, Welch said the officers went to Mrs. Wathen's home on a complaint that she had been supplied one of the patrolmen.

Evidence Lacking. "We tried to gain enough evidence to get a search warrant, knowing that Judge Clinton R. Cameron would not issue a search warrant without the proper evidence," the report read. "We were admitted by Elvora 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 we had been operated, as it was warm."

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

The raid, 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 E. 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 within a few days.

Mrs. Huelsman returned to the E. 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.

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

Heaviest Penalties None Too Severe, Declares Criminal Judge.

No leniency can or will be shown in Marion criminal court for men who, armed to the teeth, set out to rob and pillage, and to kill if necessary.

This ultimatum to the lawless was decreed by Criminal Judge Frank P. Baker before the Indianapolis Purchasing Agents' Association at the Severin Tuesday.

It was a statement of policy from the man who assumed the criminal court bench Jan. 1, succeeding James A. Collins, criminal judge for sixteen years.

The heaviest penalties the law provides are none too severe for the potential killer, Baker declared.

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 activities 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 that a prison to house 600 inmates would be sufficiently large. The other thought it ought to run up into 1,000 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 would not issue a search warrant to meet current expenses until spring tax installment is received.

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 Maryland avenue, the bid being \$79,000.

Bids of eleven other companies ranged as high as \$95,675. Final award may be affected by several alternates.

Strong Brothers' bid of \$30,546 was low on heating and ventilating, while Roland M. Cotton's base bid of \$9,981 on plumbing was low.

Low base bid of \$4,887 on electrical installations was submitted by Robbins Electrical company. Bids will be tabulated and the tabulations will be submitted at the meeting next Tuesday night.

There now are more than 290 persons living on Robinson-Croose's island.

"I'M going, anyway"

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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.

STAY OF DOOM IS GRANTED TO NEGRO SLAYER

St. Joseph Judge Recalls Death Warrant Signed for Frank Scott.

Frank Scott, South Bend Negro, knows today that he will not die in the electric chair in Indiana state prison at Michigan City at midnight Thursday, as scheduled.

Judge J. Elmer Peak of St. Joseph superior court recalled the death warrant late Tuesday following arguments in his court. South Bend by R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis Negro attorney.

Sheriff Walter I. Fagan of St. Joseph county visited Scott in his death cell, where he remains, Tuesday night, and told him of the warrant recall.

"I prayed and God heard me," Scott declared, filled with joy over the sheriff's message.

Holds for Two Weeks. The warrant recall will hold for at least two weeks from last Saturday.

The judge said he recalled the time the court order, No. 24, first signed the court order. His failure to sign had been disclosed by Bailey in investigating the case at South Bend.

Bailey declared today that at least two weeks must elapse before a death warrant may be issued. He won the warrant recall from Judge Peak by proving that a death warrant had been issued without the court order ever having been signed.

Scott declared death on the superior bench Jan. 1. In recalling the warrant, he did not grant any definite stay of execution in the matter of time.

Serves Appeal Notice. Bailey stated he is studying the case in regard to further procedure. While in South Bend Tuesday, he served notice on the St. Joseph county prosecutor of an appeal to the supreme court. Bailey and his partner, R. L. Brockmeyer, Negro, originally planned to file appeal with the supreme court and secure a stay of execution there.

L. O. Chasey, secretary to Governor Harry G. Leslie, had assured them that, if necessary, the Governor likely would grant reprieve so that appeal could be perfected.

But the warrant recall puts a new complexion on the entire matter and the case may be reopened for retrial in the lower court, instead of on appeal, Bailey declared today.

Scott was sentenced for the murder of Isham Hampton, Negro, whom he alleges stole his wife. He was defended by a pauper attorney appointed by the court.

No motion for a new trial or appeal was taken, as he was without funds. His was the first death sentence in St. Joseph county in the last forty years.

ASKS \$1,500 JUDGMENT

Rub-Tex Products Firm Sued for Alleged Unpaid Royalties.

Suit for a \$1,500 judgment against 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 Tuesday by Louis W. Hottel, 25 West Forty-ninth street, Chicago.

Hottel avers he holds the patent rights on the machine, and that, according to a contract with the Rub-Tex company, he was to receive a 2-cent royalty on each box manufactured. To date, \$1,353 is unpaid and owing, he charges.

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VICE-PRESIDENT SAYS SENATE'S MOST VALUABLE

Curtis Defends Upper House Rules After 36 Years in Congress.

BY WILLIAM C. MURPHY JR. United Press Staff Correspondent (Copyright, 1931, by United Press)

WASHINGTON, March 25.—After observing the United States senate from both sides of the presiding officers desk for more than twenty years, Vice-President Charles Curtis still thinks that much criticised body is "among the most valuable branches of our governmental system."

"My two years of service presiding over the senate as Vice-President have not in anyway altered my opinion that the senate is among the most valuable branches in our governmental system," Curtis said.

Differing from those who think senate rules should be modified to permit the majority to rush through legislation "at breakneck speed—as is some times done in the house—Curtis thinks a reasonable amount of delay often is valuable for "cooling off" purposes.

"The senate provides an opportunity for careful consideration of important questions of government policy," he said. "It was designed for just that purpose, and it is no disrespect to any other department of the government to point out the senate's unique position in that regard."

"There are some who criticize certain of the senate rules, particularly that permitting unlimited debate."

"When I was in the senate I tried on several occasions to bring about some modification of that rule. The present cloture rule, adopted during the Wilson administration, is a modification of one which I had proposed before."

"Also, it has seemed to me at times that it would be wise to limit debate somewhat during the closing days of a session. However, those are questions for the senate itself to determine and I made my views known while I was a senator."

But the present rules are not at all had in the Vice-President's opinion and he has had ample time and opportunity to formulate that opinion.

For fourteen years he served in the house of representatives, then for twenty years in the senate, and now he has just completed two years as Vice-President. There is no question of the house today who was in that body when Curtis was sworn in.

MAN RECOVERS MEMORY. Amnesia Victim Identifies Self as Joseph Ellis, Muncie.

Recovering at city hospital today, a man who was found wandering on the National road by a motorist on Monday night, told authorities he is Joseph Ellis of Muncie.

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HINDUS TO BE HERE

Author Will Lecture at Kirshbaum Open Forum.

"The Russian Problem" will be discussed Sunday night in the open forum of the Jewish Community Center Association at Kirshbaum auditorium following an address by Maurice G. Hindus, Russian author.

Hindus has gained widespread recognition as an authority on Russian affairs, because of his writings and discourses.

Born in Russia he came to America as a youngster and worked his way through Harvard and Colgate universities.

He re-visited Russia and working as a peasant laborer learned the attitude of the people.

He is best known for his book, "Humanity Uprooted."

Bandits Slay Patrolman

CINCINNATI, March 25.—Patrolman William Sorrell, 28, was shot to death here Tuesday night when he walked into a drug store while two Negro bandits were robbing the place. The bandits escaped.

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CALLED KILLER IN COURTROOM, 'HYMIE' SMILES

Prosecutor Flings Opening Charges in Cleveland Politician's Murder.

By United Press CLEVELAND, March 25.—The Parkwood drive apartment where former Councilman William E. Potter was killed Feb. 3 was rented by "Pittsburgh Hymie" Martin, who was in Cleveland from Jan. 26 until the night of the crime. Ray T. Miller, county prosecutor, charged today in his opening statement to the jury which is trying Martin on first degree murder charges.

The debonair Martin viewed the proceedings with interest. He smiled as Miller, aroused by the ardor of his own words, pointed to him accusingly and named him as the assassin.

Under the alias of "M. J. Markus," the Pittsburgh racketeer rented suite No. 4 in the building on Jan. 26, in a conspiracy to assassinate the former Republican leader, the prosecutor said.

Martin has been identified as "Markus" by several tenants of the death flat, the state charges.

While the suite was reserved for perpetration of the conspiracy, the prosecutor alleged Martin was living with his paramour, "Akron Mary" Outland at the downtown Auditorium hotel under the alias of H. Chambers, the maiden name of his sweetheart. The hour in which the couple left Cleveland for Akron on the night of the crime was set at an hour later than that claimed by the defense.

In his address Miller disclosed the state was at a loss to explain the motive of Potter's death. While asserting that the defendant was hired to engineer the deed, he admitted the principals behind the purported plot were unknown.

Demolay News Editor Dies. KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25.—Frank A. Marshall, newspaper man for forty years in Kansas City, died Tuesday night. On the staff of the Kansas City Journal Post for forty years prior to 1928, he then became editor of the Demolay News. He was author of the Demolay ritual.

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