

# ESTATE OF \$239,000,000 IS LEFT BY PAYNE WHITNEY

## RELATIVES AND FRIENDS SHARE HUGE FORTUNE

Schools, Hospitals Given Millions Under Will of Financier.

## WIDOW'S SUM LARGEST

Security Rise Since 1927 Increases Wealth by \$45,306,372.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The late Payne Whitney, noted as widely for his magnificent sporting ventures as for his wealth, left an estate which, upon its distribution, had reached more than \$200,000,000, according to a complete accounting filed today.

The rise in market price of securities from 1927, when Whitney died, until its distribution to the heirs, during the three succeeding years, brought the gross value of his estate to \$239,001,017, an increase of \$45,306,372 while it was in the hands of the executors, Lewis Cass Ledyard, Lewis Cass Ledyard Jr., and the United States Trust Company of New York.

Legacies were paid as follows: Mrs. Helen Hay Whitney, the widow, \$811,282.15 in tangible personal property; Finley Peter Dunne, Eugene Hale and Samuel A. Clark, personal friends, \$500,000 each; Harry Payne Whitney, brother, who died in 1930, \$41,000; Katherine B. Barnes, cousin, \$100,000; Frank S. Rollins and Elmer D. Gault, \$50,000 each, and others unnamed, \$739,641.07.

## Largest in Court's History

The executors paid \$63,102,816 to trustees for Mrs. Helen Hay Whitney; \$31,551,408 to trustees for John Whitney Payson; \$31,551,408 to trustees for John Hay Whitney, and \$3,286,605 to Charles S. Payson.

The following institutions received legacies: New York hospital, \$21,691,593; New York public library, \$7,230,431; Cornell university, \$3,286,605; Yale university, \$2,286,605; Nassau hospital, \$875,321; Groton school, \$134,642; and to trustees for charitable and education purposes, \$30,236,766.

The estate was the largest on record in this surrogate's court, exceeding by nearly a hundred million dollars that of Mrs. Anna M. Harkness, previously the largest.

Estate and transfer of \$17,364,012.89, the highest on record, were paid to New York state. The federal taxes totaled \$4,390,013.32, while the state of Maine received \$353,886.14 and the state of Ohio \$26,376.42.

## Father Founded Estate

William C. Whitney, the testator's father, who founded the estate, was reported to have made money faster than any other man of his time, except John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie. He was an organizer of corporations and the greatest New York traction magnate. He was one of the greatest land owners in the east, and was heavily interested in oil, railroad and steel companies.

The Payne Whitney estate consisted mainly of his share of the estate of his father, which increased steadily under his careful management, since the elder Whitney's death in 1903. To it were added substantial legacies from Payne Whitney's uncle, Colonel Oliver H. Payne, and other relatives.

Payne Whitney was even richer during his lifetime, since he had a large income from a trust fund established by Colonel Payne Whitney, estimated at between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

## Increased Since Death

The tremendous increase in the value of the estate between the time of Whitney's death in 1927 and May 31, 1929, when it was distributed, was due mostly to the enhanced value of the stocks, which made up a large part of the estate. Since the stock market crash the value of these stocks has decreased greatly.

In stocks the largest item was a block of 50,000 shares of Northern Finance Corporation stock, appraised at \$124,198,097.

The executors sold large blocks of stock of the Standard Oil Company of New York, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Company, Guaranty Trust Company, Corn Products Refining Company and Vanadium Corporation.

## ACCIDENT KILLS THREE

Two Others May Die of Injuries in Rensselaer Hospital.

RENSSELAER, Ind., Aug. 31.—Three Chicago persons were killed and two others injured, probably fatally, in an automobile accident near here.

Mrs. Arthur Brandenburg and her 5-year-old son died instantly. Her father died while being brought to a hospital here.

Another son of Mrs. Brandenburg and her mother are believed to be suffering fatal injuries. They are in the Jasper county hospital here.

## COAST PIRATES HUNTED

U. S. Forces Ordered to Go After "Reformed" Leggers.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31.—Piracy has broken out off the south Jersey coast, United States coast guard and immigration officials declared today.

Orders were issued to Lieutenant Duke, commander of the coast guard base at Cape May, to send patrols to sea in an effort to capture two boats which have looted fishing ships. The pirates are said to be former rum runners, who have turned to piracy since the price of liquor dropped with the depression.

## Walt Pigeon Wins Race

A 130-mile pigeon race from Effingham, Ill., to Indianapolis was won Sunday by Laurel Pidge, owned by George Walt. Birds owned by E. C. Holtman and S. J. Gatto won second and third places, respectively.

## 'WITCH OF DELRAY' CONFESSES KILLING

Broken by Grilling, Admits Hurling Roomer to His Death.

DETROIT, Aug. 31.—Breaking a six-day silence, Mrs. Rose Veres, "Witch of Delray," landlady in whose shabby house twelve men died under strange circumstances, today confessed she killed one of the men after several attempts to poison him had failed, police announced.

She admitted, police said, pushing Steve Mak, a 68-year-old roomer, from a ladder at her home last Sunday.

Mak, on whose life were insurance policies totaling \$6,800, was the twelfth man to die in the Veres household in the last several years. Hounded by police inquirers since her arrest last Tuesday, shortly after Mak's death from a fractured skull, the sullen, silent principal in the twelve mystery deaths lost her stoical calm this morning when confronted with the statements of almost 100 witnesses.

## Admits She's Lying

"They're right, I've been lying about it," she screamed. "I pushed Steve off the ladder, all right," she sobbed.

She then explained that she chose the ladder method of disposing of Mak to collect his insurance after repeated attempts to achieve the same end by poison had failed, police said.

No admissions in the deaths of the other eleven men have been obtained, investigators said. Mrs. Veres also insisted she alone was implicated in Mak's death. Her son, William Veres, 18, also is held. Police are trying to link him with the beating of Mak, which preceded his death.

The widow, whose rooming house was known as a place of mystery to her neighbors, broke her long silence with a flood of words. Speaking brokenly, she told officers she killed Mak to obtain the insurance he carried, of which she was beneficiary. Police already had established that she paid the premiums, borrowing money to do so.

## Insurance on Others

Mrs. Veres also carried insurance policies on other roomers, including several of eleven others who died at her home in the last ten years.

Plucking nervously at her lace bodice cap with toll-worn hands, and her wrinkled face working with emotion, Mrs. Veres told officers of the two unsuccessful efforts to kill Mak with poison.

"Then I attacked him in the basement and beat him," she said. "But I alone made the attack. There were no others implicated. Later, when I got him to climb the ladder to the attic window, I got into the attic and pushed him off."

"Yes, I killed him for the insurance money," she said.

After her first outburst of talk, Mrs. Veres again resumed her sphinx-like attitude with which she confronted detectives for a week. Her attorney has charged she was mistreated by investigators.

## 20,000 GO TO RALLY

Foley, Sullivan Speak at Giant Safety Meeting.

"The greatest asset Indianapolis has is the school boy and girl," Michael E. Foley, Indianapolis attorney, told more than 20,000 persons who attended the safety rally program at Garfield park Sunday. "They are entitled to an opportunity to walk safely through the streets of this city."

Blame for the alarming increase in traffic deaths in Marion county during the last six months was placed on three types of drivers—the speeder, the "road hog," and the motorist who drives on the wrong side of the street.

Mayor Reginald Sullivan assured the citizens the city will continue to wage relentless war on the traffic violator.

## Wrong Trick on Wrong Man

MUNDELEIN, Ill., Aug. 31.—Of all places, Thomas Christian, 17, picked a sheriff's picnic to try his skill as a pickpocket. To make it worse, he picked a deputy, Constable John Cox, as victim number one. The result, he admitted later, was a natural one. He got caught.



## WHOSE BROWN DERBY?

(Aug. 31)

What Indianapolis man will be crowned with the BROWN DERBY at the celebration of "Indianapolis Day" at the Indiana State Fair on Sept. 11?

What man will win the bronze plaque that goes with the Derby?

Clip out this coupon and mail or bring to The Indianapolis Times. Just write your choice on dotted line. Vote early and often.

## OFFICIAL BROWN DERBY BALLOT

To the Editor of The Times:

Please crown \_\_\_\_\_ with the Brown Derby as Indianapolis' most distinguished citizen.



Mrs. Rose Veres

## POPE, PREMIER REACH ACCORD

Tension Ends as Approval Is Given Pact.

ROME, Aug. 31.—Accord between the Vatican and the Italian government has been completed, it was announced today, and has been approved by Pope Pious XI and Premier Mussolini.

Text of the accord was printed privately. It was sent to the members of the college of cardinals. Their approval is not necessary, however, as the pope took full responsibility for the negotiations.

There was a marked lessening of tension between the Vatican and the Italian government today. Prelates and members of the government staff fraternized openly for the first time since the open break. Provisions of the accord were guarded closely.

It was learned, however, that both sides were satisfied with the formula for the education of youths through a system whereby special clerical inspectors would oversee the Catholic schools.

## Bus Turns Over; 12 Killed

MADRID, Aug. 31.—Twelve passengers in a motor bus were killed severely when the bus turned over on a curve. It was traveling at high speed.

## TRUCK 'SET-UP' IS DENIED BY MANLOVE

Indians Not to Be Bought 'Blindfolded,' Asserts Veteran Purchaser.

Omer Manlove, veteran purchaser of Indiana trucks for the state highway department, denied today there is any "set-up" to buy Indians in the present competition for a fleet of 100 or more trucks to be passed on Wednesday by the state highway commissioners.

He also denied that the Indiana Truck company had been accused by a letter containing a "joker" in the way of a "sliding scale" for allowances on old trucks to be replaced.

Manlove explained that each truck to be replaced had been listed with bidders in a supplementary information sheet sent out subsequent to the advertising of the competition.

## Letter Is Submitted

The Indiana Company then submitted a letter listing the trucks and what they would give for each one, he said.

Listed with others in a huge blueprint tabulation the Indians bid on heavy trucks says that from \$350 to \$400 will be given for each old truck. This is where the sliding scale complaint came from.

Manlove was going over the tabulation today with A. H. Hinkle, maintenance superintendent, who also is head of the motor transport department.

## Sapp May Be Barr

It appeared likely that the past policy of recommending the purchase of Indiana trucks may be continued, despite the unusual effort being made by other concerns to get the business this year.

These recommendations may not be accepted by the commission, however, since Arthur Sapp, Hunting-

## CITY COUNCIL WILL DEBATE CUT OF LEVY

Civic Interests to Urge Budget Paring at Session Tonight.

City councilmen tonight were to begin a week of intensive study of the 1932 city budget in an effort to reduce the proposed \$1.08 tax levy several cents.

Suggestions have been made by councilmen, Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Taxpayers' Association officials which, if all adopted, would lower the proposed levy more than 10 cents.

The study will include argument of Albert F. Walsman, of the taxpayers' association, that by correcting alleged errors in computation of the levy, it can be pared \$.0545 without affecting the budget.

## Oppose Salary Cuts

Cuts in various budget items totaling about \$100,000, together with elimination of the thoroughfare and street repair fund items, proposed by William H. Book, Chamber of Commerce civic affairs director, would lower the levy another 2 1/2 cents, if adopted.

Another cut of nearly 2 1/2 cents would be effected by paring salaries of the 4,000 city employees, using a graduated scale whereby the highest paid employees would receive the greatest cuts. This was discussed by councilmen at the first budget meeting.

Most councilmen are opposed to salary cuts, if substantial reductions can be made elsewhere in the budget.

## Final Action in Week

Board of Trade representatives may be heard at the budget committee meeting tonight. Stand advocating salary cuts recently was taken by the Board of Trade.

The \$1.08 proposed levy is a reduction of only 1 cent over this year's levy, but the budget shows a \$545,000 drop over this year's budget, due to decreased revenue from by products and fees, together with expected decrease in the city valuation, increased tax delinquency and the fact that several city departments must cut their levies for this year by using up large balances, which they will not have next year.

Effort will be made by councilmen to complete the budget by Wednesday night ready for public hearing and final action next Monday night.

## BOOZE CAR WRECKED

Driver Flees as Three Are Hurt in Crash.

Police today sought the driver and occupants of a booze car who fled Sunday after three persons had been injured in an accident at Sherman drive and Massachusetts avenue.

Ruben Blum, 35, his wife, Bessie, 35, and their daughter, Sophia, 11, all of Dayton, were cut and bruised.

Occupants of the booze car that fled along Massachusetts avenue, fled on foot after the crash. Four gallons of alcohol were found in the wrecked car by police.

Others hurt in traffic crashes: Cassie Cash, 20, of 3355 East Walnut street, was injured when her car, worth \$7, of 612 East 81st, Clair street, was struck by a car of George O. Horne, Negro, 27, of 829 West Eleventh street, when it struck her car, worth \$2, of 2412 Kentucky avenue; Mrs. Laura Blizer, 53, of R. 3, box 46, cuts and bruises; Cecilia Marchant, 25, of 181 North Capitol avenue, body injuries; Mr. and Mrs. Waterman and their daughter, Beatrice, city cut and bruised; David Jacob, 18, of 400 East Twenty-first street, scalp wounds; Roy Moore, 11, of 244 North Pearl street, arm and leg cuts; Charles Wright, 9, of 412 Spring street, minor bruises.

## GRAF ZEP OVER OCEAN

Giant Dirigible Leaves African Coast Line, Headed for Brazil.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Aug. 31.—The Graf Zeppelin, flying steadily southwest on its non-stop journey to Natal, Brazil, passed Villa Cisneros, Rio de Oro, early today, according to reports received here.

The Graf was approximately 1,200 miles south of Gibraltar when it passed Rio de Oro, Spanish possession on the West African coast. There were thirteen passengers aboard including Herbert S. Siebel of Saginaw, Mich. They paid \$1,000 for the round trip.

## ED PY BREAKS JAIL

'Shortest Name' Man Saws Way Through Screen at Newcastle.

NEWCASTLE, Aug. 31.—Ed Py, who recently laid claim to the shortest name in the world, today was the object of a police search throughout Henry county.

Py, who was being held in the county jail, awaiting trial on a charge of grand larceny, escaped by sawing his way through a steel screen. He was to have been tried at the September term of court here. Several other prisoners made no attempt to follow Py.

## Rhymes Used in G. O. P. Drive

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Aug. 31.—Football signals for male voters and rhymed jingles for women are being used by the local Republican organization to get out the vote for their candidates. The signals consist of the numbers of the candidates' names on the ballot. The names are also rhymed into the jingles.

## WAR RENEWED IN MINE ZONE; TWO ARE SHOT

Three Others Wounded; New Labor Outbreaks Are Feared as Result.

By United Press  
HARLAN, Ky., Aug. 31.—Renewed violence in labor troubles, which have gripped this coal mining district, was feared today as a result of new outbreaks in which two men were killed and three wounded, one critically.

Two shootings occurred Sunday night after the district had remained comparatively calm under martial law ever since the shooting from ambush of deputies and mine guards last spring.

In one, Deputy Sheriff Lee Fleener shot and killed Joe Moore, 40, and wounded Julius and Jess Baldwin, brothers. Fleener said the men started firing at him when he stopped his car at a highway soup kitchen.

Julius Baldwin was shot in the head and was believed dying. The other death occurred when Deputy Sheriff Ed Rose shot Carlo Hyatt, 19-year-old miner. The same bullet lodged in the hand of Hugo Hyatt. The youth's father, when he attempted to interfere as Rose tried to arrest the young man on a charge of drunkenness.

The deputy sheriff said Hyatt attempted to resist arrest. Rose was held in jail pending an inquest.

More than fifty murder cases are pending in this and neighboring counties in connection with Harlan county's previous mine disorders. Disorders were fomented allegedly by radical left wing labor unionists who had attempted to force concessions on the part of operators.

## GUN-TOTER FINED \$25

Lebanon Man Errs; Flees as He Sees Cops.

Roy Shepard, 20, R. 2, Lebanon, carries an automatic pistol to protect him from possible attacks of bandits.

But early today he made one mistake. He sped away as police officers attempted to question him.

Shepard was halted after a two-mile chase over west side streets and appeared before Municipal Judge William H. Sheaffer to answer charges of carrying concealed weapons, speeding and failure to stop at a preferential street.

Sheaffer told the court he had borrowed the pistol because he feared bandits on his return trip to Lebanon Monday mornings after his Sunday night "date" in Indianapolis.

Sheaffer fined him \$25 and costs for carrying the pistol and confiscated the weapon. Judgment was withheld on the other counts.

## DRY AGENT IS WOUNDED

Shot by Patron During Raid on New York Inn.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Russell H. Whited, 29, dry agent, was wounded in the thigh during a raid on a city island inn Sunday night. More than 100 guests were in the inn when dry agents entered.

One of the patrons drew a revolver, shot Whited and fled. The shooting precipitated a mild panic, women screamed and ran to the doors.

## City Firm Gets Contract

Edward F. Smith Company, Indianapolis, was awarded a \$3,491.10 contract by the state highway department today for construction of a bridge over the New York Central railroad tracks near Earl park, Benton county.

## THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN

NO sooner had Senator Handout settled himself in the softest seat in his favorite hotel lobby this morning than he saw his beloved friend and collaborator in many a "milking" bill, Representative Barter, enter the dining room.

With a speed not compatible with his weight, Senator Handout was across the lobby in a leap. Both statesmen were overjoyed at the reunion. As they solemnly shook hands, visions of past joint lucrative performances raced through their minds.

Representative Barter explained to his friend that he was visiting the capital in pursuit of a temporary parole for one of his clients, now serving a long sentence in prison. "Looks as if my trip is going to be for nothing, as the Governor is out of town again, and this is the fourth trip I have made," wailed the distinguished member of the lower house.

"Why you don't have to come down here to get the parole. Just see the warden of the prison 'he'll take care of it," the senator pointed out.

"Well, it is getting so that even we men who serve the public can't get to see the Governor," complained the representative.

"First time I came here on the case he was at a football game in Chicago. The next time he was on a yacht off the coast of Florida with the head of a utility and the third time he was at the state-owned cottage at the Dunes, and now he is in Canada."

"For the amount of time he puts in his office, you would think he was elected to a part-time job."

The senator nodded agreement and said: "Every one is crying about tax relief. We certainly could save money by putting the Governor on a per diem. As it is, he is just our \$18,000 a year playboy."

## More Bodies Sought As Widow's Killer Is Declared Sane

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ton there, one by one, Powers' story indicated.

Bones and other evidence leading to continuation of the hunt for more victims were found in the ashes of a cottage near the Powers' home. It had been destroyed by a mysterious fire. It was on Powers' property.

Police revealed letters written to Mrs. Lemke, who married August Lemke in Worcester, Mass., and has been living at Northboro, Mass., with a sister, Mrs. Chester Fleming. Lemke is reported still living in St. Paul.

## Traced to Mansfield

MANSFIELD, O., Aug. 31.—The amorous affairs of Harry F. Powers, charged with the murder of five persons, once were directed from Mansfield, local police said today.

They said that Powers, then using the name of Joe Gildow, had his picture taken in the photography shop of Mrs. Minnie Cole. In ordering three expensive portraits of the picture, he told the proprietress he wanted them for his sister, mother and girl friend who lived in Cleveland.

The Cleveland woman, whose name was not disclosed, became engaged to the portly woman, who promised her a lavish honeymoon to California, police said, describing their informant as a nephew of the woman.

The betrothal was broken when the nephew and other members of the family proved false the claims of Powers that he was an engineer in a local manufacturing plant.

## SEX BOOKS SENT VICTIMS

They were volumes on sex psychology by Havelock Ellis and Dr. W. F. Robie.

"The chapter on 'The Art of Love' in Robie's book is the most valuable. Dr. Robie, a very good friend of mine, tells me he has had letters from ministers asking if they could have that chapter reprinted in pamphlet form."

A description of the contents of that chapter and similar chapters from other books followed.

There was much of that type of suggestion in Powers' letter, which closed with this comment: "I am sure that you have read the books I loaned you, you will see in marriage something beautiful and wholesome. I will say bye bye for this time. A. C. M."

## Thinks Letters Faked

Mrs. Lemke's brother-in-law described two letters purportedly from her after she left Northboro with Powers. They were signed "Dorothy." One from Uniontown, Pa., told of the end of the marriage venture, and the other from Chicago said Mrs. Lemke was about to start a European trip as a woman's companion.

It was recalled that neighbors of Mrs. Lemke had been told by Powers that she had gone to Europe. It was believed the two had been brought together then, under pretense that one was to be companion to the other on the European tour.

"My thought the letters were in Dorothy's handwriting," Fleming said. "I thought the writing was too small and must have been copied. The words were spelled too good for Dorothy."

"Mrs. Lemke was born in Germany. She divorced Adolph Lemke in St. Paul," Fleming said.

## Warned of Danger

Another sister of Mrs. Lemke, Mrs. Eva Nelson, was quoted in Boston as saying:

"Dorothy told me she was writing through that matrimonial agency for a thrill. I warned her of the danger, but she just laughed," she said.

It was indicated that Mrs. Lemke also obtained her first husband through a matrimonial agency.

## Drew \$1,533 From Bank

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 31.—Mrs. Dorothy A. Pressler Lemke withdrew \$1,533.01 from Worcester Mechanics Savings bank, July 28—the day she left Northboro with Powers.

"How come the \$18,000 a year?" "Well, he gets \$8,000 a year salary and \$10,000 for maintenance of his mansion. Oh, yes, he also spends the annual \$200,000 emergency fund as his fancy dictates."

Here the representative expostulated: "But remember, he worries all the time he is on those trips. 'Didn't he tell the comrades of Theodore Luessie when they petitioned him for the unemployed leader's release that: 'Lots of people think I have an easy time of it, but I don't. While you think I am on a vacation having a good time, I'm not. When I go home in the evening I can't sit down and enjoy myself with my family. Instead, I've got to worry on my mind.'"

"Borrowing" a cigar, the senator shook his head and clucked in sympathy.

## EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND

Flunks Dry Agent Exam; Opens Beer Flat; Arrested.