

## EASTMAN GIFTS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$75,000,000

Kodak Magnate Ends Own Life, Feeling That 'My Work Is Done.'

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plate process, which eventually led to the dry film method of picture making, and the millions in profit it meant to Mr. Eastman.

He made his first kodak film in 1889, and one month later, received a \$250 order for a sample. That order came from Thomas A. Edison.

### Friend of Edison

To this day Mr. Eastman has kept a copy of that order in his personal files, a memento of the wizard of light, counted with Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford among Eastman's fast friends. He did not meet Edison until about ten years ago.

There is speculation today, even, that Mr. Edison's death, not so many months ago, after a life of service in many ways paralleling that of Eastman, depressed Eastman's spirits, and led him to more frequent thoughts of death.

Charles Edison, president of the Edison Industries, and son of Thomas, paid tribute to Eastman as follows:

"Two of the greatest souls the world has known have passed on within a brief period—Thomas A. Edison and George P. Eastman. Their friendship was of the most fundamental character. They understood each other. No finer American has lived than George Eastman. The sorrow that we feel at his passing is genuine and deep. His friendship was a vital force in our lives. We loved him."

And the recent death of Mr. Eastman's long-time associate and friend, Walter S. Hubbell, added to whatever fears of death Eastman may have held.

Mr. Hubbell was 82, and dependent on others for everything due for him. Mr. Eastman feared his own physique might crumble under the weight of the years, and placed him in just such a dependent position.

### Suffered Mild Stroke

The mild stroke a few years ago, which brought on occasional memory lapses, added to his fears.

There is ample evidence that Mr. Eastman years ago began preparing for death. He was quoted as saying:

"Two courses are open to the man of wealth. He can hoard his money for his heirs to administer, or he can get it into action and have his name with it while he is alive."

He got it into action. He has given away between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000. And Thomas J. Hargrave, vice-president and counsel of the Eastman Kodak Company, estimated his fortune today was between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, a trifling as compared to the fortune he had amassed.

In 1925, when he retired as president of the Eastman Kodak Company, he announced:

"The remaining years are very precious to me, and I am doing what the movies call a 'fade-out.'

He used the term known to the movies, which made him wealthy, for his business was in motion picture film. Yet he was unknown in Hollywood, and on Broadway where his film exposed in Hollywood, met the tests of popularity.

### Wanted to Die Poor

Samuel Crowther, one of Eastman's biographers, said of him in this connection:

"Mr. Eastman wanted to die a poor man." He considered his wealth a "trust for the benefit, first of the people who made it, second for Rochester, and third for other uses as far as it would go."

"He was not modest, but he disliked any show growing out of money. He didn't want to appear to be a rich man."

Mr. Eastman made his first million clear in 1898 when he reorganized the British Kodak Company. He described the incident:

"I came home with a million in cash, all mine, so I hastened to see my mother. I said: 'Mother, we have a whole million dollars now.' She looked up and smiled: 'That's nice, George.' And she never mentioned it again."

The man's hobbies, aside from his photography and philanthropy included big game hunting, music (although he could not carry a tune) and the thirteen-month calendar. He thought the present calendar of uneven months cumbersome and illogical.

### Shot Five Lions

He covered more than 4,000 miles in East Africa with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson during seven months in the jungle, and returned "looking the picture of health."

On that trip Mr. Eastman shot five lions, three rhinoceros and three buffalos. The rhinos, he said, were unreliable, for twice they "pushed him."

And he delighted in showing films of one "rush," the rhino falling dead almost under the camera. "An over-exposed film," Mr. Eastman explained.

He told one friend:

"That table top over there, I shot myself."

It was made of a rhino hide.

As for music, he installed a pipe organ in his home, and for years it accompanied a quartet which sang in his home Sunday nights. He called himself a "musical moron" because he could not carry a tune, but he wanted good music for every one, because good music "could not be abused."

Visitors were likely at any time to be drawn into an argument on the thirteen-month calendar. Eastman kept a pack of cards in his pocket with which he demonstrated the calendar's advantages.

### Boasted of Cooking

Eastman liked to boast of his cooking, that "he could boil eggs three different ways," according to Dean Carl Ackerman of Columbia University, one of his biographers. He made "home-made pies" on

# Fate of Lindbergh Baby Rests in Hands of These Men



COLONEL LINDBERGH, COLONEL H. NORMAN SCHWARTZKOPF, commander of New Jersey troopers, who went to the home to take charge.

GOVERNOR A. HARRY MOORE of New Jersey who pledged the resources of the state for the search and called nation's crime experts for conference to plan action.

HENRY BRECKENRIDGE, attorney for Lindberghs, believed to be in charge of all private negotiations for return of the baby.

HENRY (RED) JOHNSON, sailor suitor of Betty Gow, Lindbergh nurse, under quiz.

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camping trips, Ackerman said. In his youth he toured Europe on a bicycle.

He bought so many automobiles his friends accused him of buying a month.

He chartered private yachts, Pullman cars and airplanes, but never bought one, Ackerman revealed.

On his last fishing trip to Snake river, Wyoming, he rode eleven hours in the saddle. He hunted and fished more than Theodore Roosevelt. He ranked next to Rockefeller and Carnegie in his philanthropies.

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Wet leader James M. Beck (Rep.) informed the United Press that they probably would move to get separate consideration of a beer bill as an amendment to the pending tax bill. Now they have a new idea.

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