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KING'S FORTUNE IN THIS HIDDEN WILL A Toronto Man Shares in a \$800,000,000 Estate—May Change Wall Street.

Toronto Star. In the Brower will case New York has at present an "affair celebre" which far surpasses the famous Baker case in mystery, romance and financial magnitude, including the Singer Building, Little Trinity Church and the Stock Exchange. It involves \$600,000,000 of lower Broadway real estate. If the 150 heirs now represented by 112 counsels headed by Judge P. Davenport of New York, prove their contentions in the litigation now in progress, Wall street will be driven from Wall street.

Toronto is vitally interested in the matter for one of the heirs lives in this city. Further, as almost one hundred of the heirs are in Canada, the lion's share of this colossal inheritance may cross the border. The Toronto heir is Frederick Bogardus Brower, a partner in the National Service Co., an advertising concern with offices in the Childs building.

The affair is officially known as the Anika Jans Bogardus Brower case. Anika Jans was the daughter of William of Orange, after the battle of Boyne, William III, of England, as well as Stadholder of Holland. This daughter of royalty formed a mesalliance with a private citizen of Amsterdam, Everardus Bogardus. Fleeing the wrath of her royal father she came with her husband to what had been New Amsterdam, but was then New York, having been ceded by the Dutch to the British in 1674. Here Mr. Bogardus became rector of what is now Little Trinity church on lower Broadway.

In May of this year, the church celebrated the 225th anniversary of the grant of the royal charter in the year 1673, five years before William III's death. This venerable document, four pages of wrinkled, milled parchment with frayed, faded ribbons and a huge red wax seal is still extant. It gave the church for its maintenance a monopoly on "all weights, wrecks and drift whales" that should strand on Long Island Sound. The whales, however, soon ceased to drift in, and the church owes its present wealth to other endowments, but will subsequently appear, from Mr. Brower's statement, chiefly to a questionable assumption of the usufructs of the Anika Jans estate.

King William Relents. This charter is proof that William was relenting towards his runaway daughter. Before his death he left in trust for her in Haarlem, Holland, a dowry which left untouched, is stated to have now the value of 40,000,000 guilders. On a voyage back to Holland to secure this dowry Mr. Bogardus was drowned and his widow married the next rector of Trinity church, a Mr. Brower, former spelling Brower, also a Hollander, though an Anglican, not a Lutheran. Deterred by the fate of his predecessor he made no effort to recover his wife's dowry, but remained on shore and survived her.

Her estate consisted of 169 acres of farm land just north of Battery Point, and is now worth at the lowest valuation \$600,000,000. In order to perpetuate a family fortune she granted a 99-year lease of this property and left instruction in her will that at the expiration of the lease the land should be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst all the heirs then living. The will was presumably deposited in the archives of Trinity Church which acted as trustee and at the end of the 99 years carried on as if there were no will in existence. The Brower heirs did in fact try to secure possession, but the will had disappeared and the world at large considered Trinity church the owner. When the city of New York wished to secure a clear title for a subway, the truth came out that the property was leasehold and held by Trinity church merely in trust. The city paid \$3,000,000 into court for the heirs and this with other accretions makes over \$12,000,000 now in escrow, a future melon for the Brower heirs, when they secure the legal knife with which to cut it.

The Will Is Found. Strange to say, in May of this year, the long lost Anika Jans Bogardus Brower will at last turned up. It was found in an old chest in Gap, Pennsylvania, by a farmer of Holland descent, William Schnepf. How it came there is a mystery. The will has been pronounced valid by the courts. All that is now needed is an order for the distribution of the property, and the Brower heirs will enter into the enjoy-

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ment of their huge \$600,000,000 inheritance, not counting the 40,000,000 Dutch guilders, the \$12,000,000 in escrow and further sums that may accrue when Trinity church is called to a strict accounting. There is only one more legal river to cross. Unfortunately that is guarded by the largest financial interests in the United States.

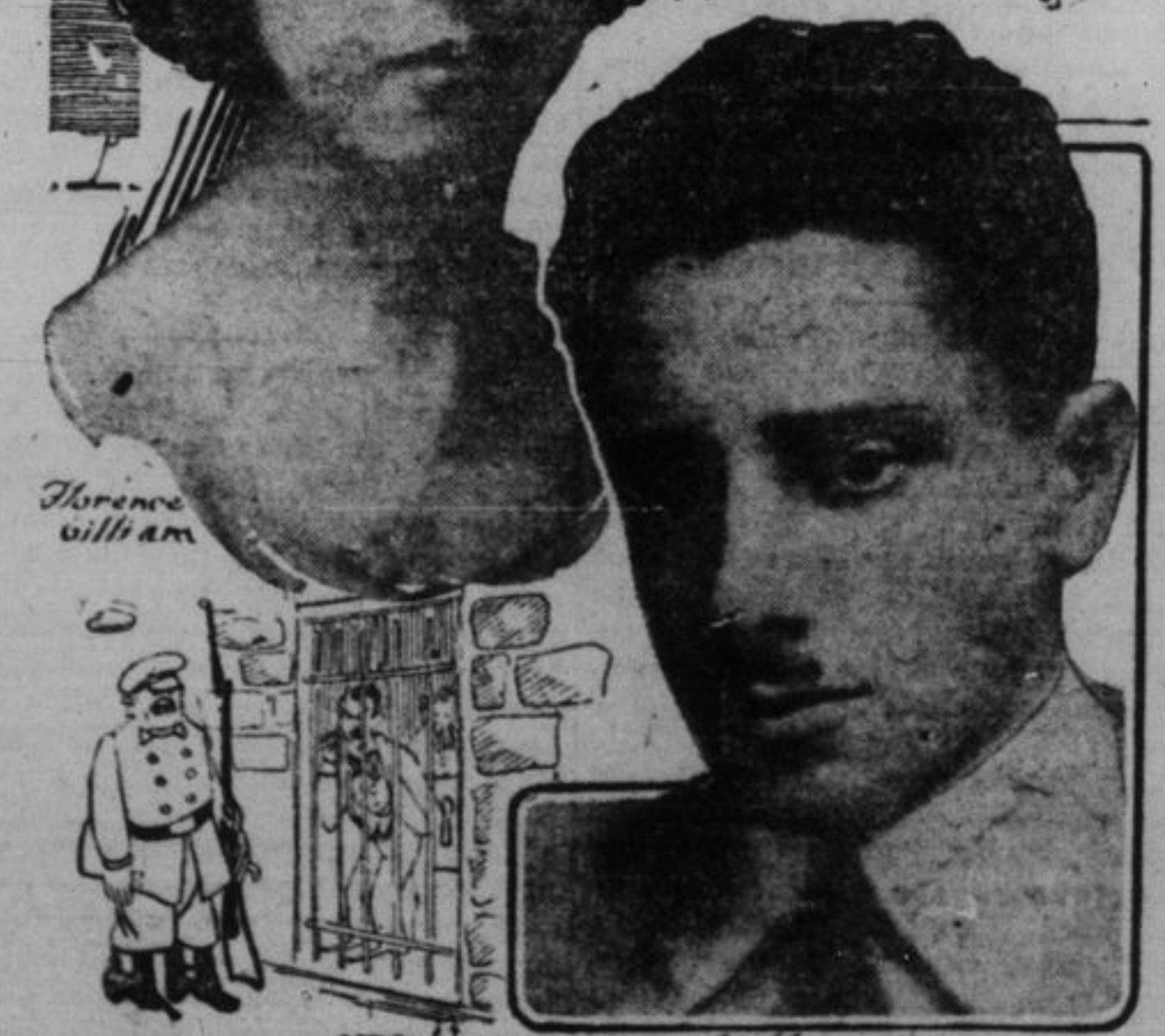
Frederick Brower, however, is optimistic, though not sanguine. He believes that where there is a will there must also be some way to at least a portion of testamentary justice. He has recently received a letter from a sister in Los Angeles to the effect that there have been important developments and that a happy solution is in sight. Till the last few months, Mr. Brower had taken only an academic interest in the claim. It is a family tradition which he remembers his father and grandfather discussing together in his early childhood. Now, however, that the will has been discovered and validated, he felt that there were good hopes for some kind of distribution. Granted that Wall Street, as seems probable, can prevent complete justice being done, there are still the Dutch guilders and the sum in escrow, no mean inheritance, even for over 150 heirs.

Many Heirs in Canada. Of these, the majority are in Canada. There are twenty-nine in California, almost an equal number in Michigan and in New York State, and the remainder in New Brunswick, principally around Fredericton. The Canadian Browers are in direct male line of descent and are said to have the best claim. The Michigan and California claimants are for the most part feminine descendants and do not bear the Brower name. Mr. Brower, Toronto, is Frederick Bogardus Brower, and his elder brother is Everardus Brower. Those names have been in his family for generations and commemorate Everardus Bogardus, the first husband of Anika Jans—the cause of her ostracism from her royal father, William of Orange.

CAUSE OF BACKACHES

Every muscle in the body needs a supply of rich red blood in proportion to the work it does. The muscles of the back are under a heavy strain and have but little rest. When the blood is thin they lack nourishment and rebel. The result is a sensation of pain in these muscles. Many people are frightened into believing that backaches are due to kidney trouble, but the best medical authorities agree that backache is very seldom due to kidney trouble. In fact not more than one backache in a hundred has anything to do with the kidneys. The whole trouble is due to thin or impure blood, and those who are troubled with pains in the back or loins, either frequent or occasional, should look to the condition of the blood. It will be found in most cases that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills by building up the blood and feeding the starved nerves and muscles will banish the pains and make you feel better in every other way. How much better it is to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for your blood than to give way to unreasonable alarm about your kidneys. If you really suspect your kidneys any doctor can make a test in ten minutes, that will set your fears at rest, or tell you the worst. All dealers in medicine sell Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, or you can get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Ex-Greenwich Villagers Out of Funds, Protest Arrest as Pickpockets



PARIS—When Greenwich Village comes to Montmartre, often as not it comes to grief, also. So did Arthur Moss, poet, Villager, famed as the man who introduced nudity into the Litteral Club balls, and founder of the Quill, who left New York in 1921 after marital difficulties which resulted in his wife, a Long Island society girl, divorcing him. With Miss Florence Gilliam he founded and edited an English magazine in Paris until he ran out of funds. Now he and Miss Gilliam have appealed to the American Embassy for redress, claiming German police of Aix la Chapelle imprisoned them in foul and inartistic cells on unproven charges of picking pockets.



SHIRLEY BOOTH AND THADDUS GRAY. In "The Cat and the Canary," at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening, Feb. 7th.

A CUTTER TRIP TO YULE ISLAND

"To little bits of sailing ships And to men who laugh at fear, The Empire her proud ensign dips, And her sailors loudly cheer." "Come on, Tumbada," said Teddy to his Uncle Frank. It is time to get on board the cutter if we are to make Yule Island tonight. I am trying to imagine a cutter lying just off the beach at Port Moresby. There is a small boat on the sand, which I think you always speak of as a dinghy, and all we have to do is to row out to the cutter and get aboard. Then we can wave to the folks in the bungalows under the cocoanut palms, hoist the sail and go scooting out before the breeze. Does that describe it, Uncle?"

"How about Captain Tom, our Hanuabada boy, who has to get on board, and Teddy, wouldn't it be advisable to pull up the anchor? Have you matches in the waterproof box; have you a bandage or a clean handkerchief; have you a knife, or have you thought of taking anything with you that might be of some use in case of being wrecked? We are going to sail out on the Pacific ocean and God alone knows whether we shall ever reach Yule Island. A guba, which is a sudden violent wind storm, may carry us on to the reef, or we may be blown ashore and wrecked. If we are not drowned we shall still have to make a big fight to live, and, Teddy, it is always best to be ready for the worst."

"If I stopped to think about it, Uncle, I would be scared to go, but I understand what you mean. Yes, I have to learn to be a better scout." "That's it, Teddy. Now let us suppose that we started out with a fair wind and made good going for a time. At first you would lie on deck watching the stars and trying to pick up Orion's Belt, the Southern Cross, and many brilliant stars. After a trip or two you would be able to tell the time by the position of certain stars without looking at your watch. The sky is wonderfully beautiful in the South Seas, but then Captain Tom would probably attract your attention at the wheel. The other boys you would see sitting in their blankets and smoking or making a cigarette. The droning sound of their voices, the flicker of the fire on deck, and the calm of the night would make you feel sleepy, and presently you would not be in a condition to notice that the shore wind had died down and that the sail was flapping idly against the mast. I do not think you would awake until dawn, and then your first thought would be for the hot coffee boiling in a billy-can on the fire. If you did not tuck into bread and butter, sardines and bull-marrow, which is that horrid canned meat, I should be very surprised. Then you would notice, perhaps, that we were getting close to the shore, and if we had had a good run, Tom would tell you that we were just off Redscar Head. If it looked like bad weather we would run in about here and anchor outside a small village I know of, or we might go on to Galdie Reach. There is a big village there, and the Samoan missionary would cook us a nice dinner while we waited for night and finer weather. Roast chicken goes well for dinner on shore after a night on the briny. The big river that comes down here runs up to Jimmy Maley's place—you remember the chap who had his arm taken off by a crocodile—and to some big rubber plantations belonging to Sir Rupert Clarke. There used to be a Cayton planter working them. We will go ashore I think, Teddy, anyhow, and sail on again tomorrow."

Tomorrow's story is about the trip from Redscar Head to Yule Island.

DIED AT ERINSVILLE

Mrs. Thomas Keegan passed away on the 9th of January. Erinsville, Feb. 3.—The death of Mrs. Thomas Keegan, which occurred on the 9th of January last, removed a most respectable and highly esteemed lady. Mrs. Keegan, whose name was Marguerite C. Lynch before she married Mr. Keegan, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, seventy-three years ago. Emigrating to Canada with her parents when she was twelve years old, the family settled north of Erinsville, where deceased lived until she became the wife of Thomas Keegan. After that she lived in Steco twenty-five years, moving back to the Keegan home-

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