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DEVILLA LEET, Deceased.

Solomon Whitenail, executor of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that the 23 day of July, A. D. 1906, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and it is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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William McClung having filed in said Court a petition praying that a certain instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, now on file in said Court, be admitted to probate, and that the administration of said estate be granted to himself, the executor named in the will, or to some other suitable person.

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St. Michael's Burned.

The great church of St. Michael's, in Hamburg, with its tower and spire 126 feet high was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday. The tower in falling crushed several neighboring houses and they caught fire. Four workmen who were repairing the church were killed.

When the tower fell, the many thousands of spectators uttered involuntary cries that, together, sounded like a vast sigh. The flames then blew up fiercely and began to spread to adjoining houses, threatening the city, but the fire department finally succeeded in obtaining control of the flames.

The church was one of the city's objects of pride. It was largely of brick and was erected on the site of the ancient church which was burned in 1750 as the result of being struck by lightning.

Rojestvensky Assumes Blame.

In a manly effort to save the surviving members of his staff and the other officers who, he believed, surrendered the gunboat Bedovi, on account of their affection for their wounded commander and their desire to save his life, Admiral Rojestvensky has pleaded guilty before a Russian court martial.

In a short speech to the court the admiral declared that he took all the blame on his own shoulders, and asked that he alone be punished to the fullest extent of the law, virtually an appeal for condemnation and death, which is the penalty for hauling down the St. Andrew's cross to a hostile vessel.

All the other defendants, including Capt. DeColongue, aide of Admiral Rojestvensky's staff, and Capt. Brannoff, commander of the Bedovi, pleaded not guilty.

Rockefeller Now.

Prosecutor David, of Hancock county, filed information in Findlay Thursday, in the probate court against the Standard Oil Co. and John D. Rockefeller.

The informations allege that in 1882 Rockefeller combined individual partnership corporations into the Standard Oil Co.

The purpose of this company, the informations assert, was to monopolize the production, sale and transportation of crude petroleum and its by-products. This, it is alleged, was a conspiracy against trade and a violation of the anti-trust laws.

Since July 6, 1901, the information declares, and at all times since, the Standard Oil Co. has been operating in this county through subsidiary companies, known as the Buckeye Pipe Line Co. and the Ohio Oil Co.

The probate judge has directed that the Rockefeller action be expedited.

Archbishop Farley has dedicated a church in New York that holds 2,000 people. It measures 224½ feet and the top of the tower is 20 feet from the ground. Sixteen years ago, when Frank Dischi was brought to be christened he vowed that if he recovered he would build a church. He recovered and, although very poor, he started to keep his promise. He worked and saved and built the church with his own hands. It is of white marble, beautifully decorated inside. Many oil hangs in the little tower. Over the arched door, in letters of gold, is the inscription, "Frank Dischi and family, to the Holy Virgin of the Immaculate Conception."

Warden Is Liberal.

Compulsory attendance at the Protestant chapel service has been abolished for Catholics, who are entitled to be such by priests. Warden Armstrong has issued the new order, and it became effective yesterday for the first time. Heretofore all convicts have been forced to attend the service at 10:30 Sunday morning.

It has been customary for low mass to be celebrated Sunday morning at 8 o'clock in the "conference" room by the assistant chaplain. Last Sunday Fr. Ryan, of Detroit, conducted services in the large chapel, celebrating high mass for the first time in the prison. The chapel was prettily decorated with palms, ferns and roses, the color effect being green and gold.

In those days of strife between two great political parties we must remember that after all we are just a band of brothers here on earth, traveling from the cradle to the grave. We live side by side, our children attend the same school and after the smoke of the battle has cleared away, we will still be friends and neighbors. Let the bitter things go unsaid. At best, life is short, and we get out of it a full measure of sorrow. Let us in our little city live as one big, good natured family.

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