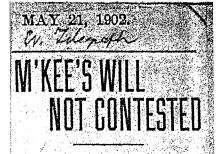
PHILADELPHIA EVENING TELEGRAPH (May 21, 1902)



Heirs of Millionaire Withdrew Caveat and Institution Provided for Will Be Built.

COMPROMISE IS EFFECTED

The heirs of the late Colonel John Me-The heirs of the late Colonel John Mer-kee, the negro, millionaire, who left his enter fortune to be devoted to charitable; uses under control of Archbishop Ryan and the clergy of the Roman Catholic; Church, have decided not to contest the will. The caveat, which was filed with Recister of Wills Singer on April II, sev-eral days after the Colonel's death, to provent the registration and execution of the will, was withdrawn this morning by: the will, was withdrawn this morning by excludge Gordon and T. J. Minton, attorneys for Abbie A. P. Syphax and B. Melkon Minton, daughter and grandson, of the dead millionaire. It is said that the withdrawal of the cavent was the result of a compromise reached by the executors and the contestants, whereby

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Joseph F. McCullen, one of the executors hamed in the will, tolday qualified for his position, but Archibishop Ryan, the other executor, has as yet falled to do so. The will of Coloniel McKee greatly surprised his relatives and triends. Though all his lifetime known to be a member of the Lombard Street Contral Presignational Church, he left the bulk of his fortune in charge of the Catholic Church. Now that the contest has been deopped the will becomes operative, and plans are already under way to carry out its provisions.

The entire estate is devised in trust to Archbishop Ryan and Joseph F. McCullen, for the founding of a home for white and colored orphan boys. The home that the will provides for is to be erected on a farm mater shall be given a sound; English education and a naval training similar to that given in the Government school at Annapolis, with a view to fitting them for service in the navy. The control of the institution is to be vested in a Board of Government school at Annapolis, with a view to fitting them for service in the navy. The control of the institution is to be vested in a Board of Government school at Annapolis, with a view to fitting them for service in the navy.

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In addition to providing for this institution, the will bequeaties to the Bishop of the diocese a tract of twenty acres, near Red Bank, N. J., as sites for a Roman, Catholic church, schoolnouse and convent. This bequest is to be devoted to erecting college buildings. The principal is to remain untouched as an endowment fund for the institution.