EX-CHIEF CROKER SAYS CITY HALL IS A FIRE TRAP

On His Report Many Changes in the Old Structure Are to Be Made.

Former Fire Chief Edward Croker has condemned the old City Hall building as a fire trap liable to burn at any time. His report is in the hands of Borough President McAneny, who has ordered extensive improvements, hoping to make the fine old structure fireproof and restore its former interior design, changed during the process of repair work following a fire years ago when the roof and 4th stowyr were destroyed.

The changes to be made by President McAneny will include the abolishing of the spacious quarters of Janitor John Ryan on the top floor. For more than 30 years, living apartment have been provided there for the caretakers of the structure. Under all former administrations from the origin of the building the City Hall has been under the personal care of custodians, it never having been deemed safe to leave the building unguarded night or day. It houses many paintings and relics of historic value which never could be replaced.

Janitor Ryan has been notified to find other quarters for his family, the Borough President making provision to increase the salary of the janitor from $1,200 to $1,500 to enable him to pay rent elsewhere. Janitor Ryan declares that he will be unable to find suitable quarters for his family near the City Hall. Inasmuch as he is always on duty while housed in the City Hall, he is fearful that during his enforced absence in the event of changing quarters the old Hall will not be guarded properly.

Former Chief Croker made the inspection of the building at the request of President McAneny, who contemplates making the alterations in accordance with plans as originally drawn for the City Hall. Mrs. Russell Sage, who defrayed the cost of remodelling the Governor's Room, has donated $25,000 now towards the cost of making the more extensive changes and the fireproofing of the upper part of the structure, for this is the part declared by the former Fire Chief to be dangerous. He recently inspected interior spaces between the ceilings of the second floor and the roof and declared that they contained a "forest of tinder wood."

Janitor Ryan made a counter report to the Borough President in which he took exception to the statement of the Fire Chief and declared that no danger existed.

SAYS DAUGHTER CURSED HER

Mrs. Balch Tells Court Husband Would Have Sent Her From Home.

Had it not been for her mother love, Mrs. Georgia C. Balch, widow of Collins L. Balch, a wealthy celluloid manufacturer, testified before Justice Newburger and a jury in the Supreme Court to-day, her husband several years before his death would have sent out from his home Miss Grace C. Balch, his only child, now the chief beneficiary under his will. Mrs. Balch is suing to break that will.

"My daughter stayed out late at nights and when she came home and I reproved her, she cursed me," Mrs. Balch testified. "Her father heard her one night and wanted to send her away from home, but I would not let him. If I had only let her go then all would have been well."

The widow then told of how her daughter caused her to be placed in Bolomingdale Asylum. It was during the mother's incarceration in the asylum that the will in favor of Miss Grace was executed. Mr. Balch died during that time.

Siegfeld Off to Europe.

Florenz Ziegfeld jr. will sail to-morrow on the George Washington. He will go direct to London to join A. L. Erlanger and after a week's visit there will go to Paris and other continental cities in search of novelties for his Follies on the New York Theatre roof this summer.

TWO WORKERS' LIVES COST THE N. Y. CENTRAL $46,000.

For the loss of her husband a jury in the Supreme Court in White Plains yesterday gave $25,000 damages to Marie Lewicki, who had sued the New York Central Railroad. Lewicki, a car inspector, was killed in the company's yards in Mott Haven on Sept. 23, 1911.

He and Alwin Lorenz, another inspector, were at work on a car when a switch engine rammed it. Both men were killed. Lorenz's widow got a $21,000 verdict several days ago.

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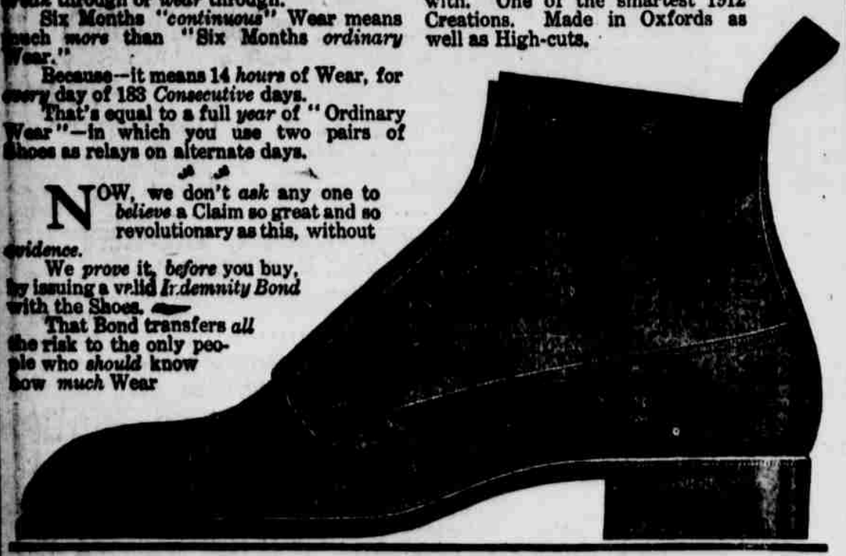

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FINE QUALITY, 45 inches wide, white Batiste, for waists and dresses; our own importation.

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