300 BRONX TENANTS TO BE EVICTED IN HIGHER RENT WAR

Women in Tears When Court Decides in Landlords' Favor —Inquiry in Some Cases.

Twelve hundred men, women and children in Part II. of the Municipal Court of the Bronx to-day heard Justice Robitzek decide 300 out of 350 higher-rent-or-eviction cases in favor of the landlords. When the Justice declared that under the law he could not refuse dispossess warrants there was weeping and lamentation. The tenants' distress was accentuated by the knowledge that in all the Bronx tenements within the means of the average wage-earner are very scarce.

Justice Robitzek did not attempt to conceal his sympathy for the tenants, many of whom have been asked to pay $50 for four-room flats now rented at $21, and which six months ago were $3 cheaper. In fifty requests he ordered inquiries and deferred his decision.

In most cases landlords merely expressed a wish to have the tenements vacated. The new tenants will find the prices up. The dispossess warrant gives the tenant five days' notice. Many such warrants were served Saturday.

Among the cases which particularly aroused the ire of the Court was that of the Ariel Realty Company, owners of apartments at No. 674 East 138th Street and represented by Herman Knoblock, of No. 55 Liberty Street, agent. In this case the tenant, described in the writ as John Friedman, was notified that in the future his four-room apartment would cost $50 a month. The rent had been $18 and now is $21.

"I am going to put this case over," said Justice Robitzek, "for examination and inquiry. I shall take it up again on Thursday.

"The price asked is plainly exorbitant. The increase is a plundering one. This landlord, it appears to the Court as at present advised, is doing his best to spread in New York the disease we know as Bolshevism. I can conceive of nothing better calculated to aid the Bolshevik craze than practices such as are indicated here, and if there is a way to check and punish these grabbers this Court means to find it."

Landlord Barney Liberman had notified John Davidorf, a tradesman with a store at No. 678 Westchester Avenue, of a $50 increase. Davidorf pays $75 a month. He was unable, he said, to pay $125. Liberman wanted a dispossess notice, Justice Robitzek assailed the landlord.

Landlord Emanuel Baer wanted a "notice" for Mrs. Mary Locudet, who occupies a four-room flat at No. 4580 Park Avenue. She has four small children. Baer said he had received no rent for three months.

"My husband is in the army," said Mrs. Locudet. "and with four little ones to clothe and feed I am behind and couldn't catch up again. My husband has written me that he will be back by the end of the month."

Satisfied of the truth of Mrs. Locudet's statement and the letter of her soldier-husband the Justice advised Baer of the Soldiers and Sailors Act, passed to meet such conditions and ordered a stay of proceedings for three months. Mrs. Locudet and her babies, Justice Robitzek said, will be cared for by the Red Cross.

In the case of Landlord Rose Rudinsky and thirty-seven tenants at Nos. 622 and 624 East 136th Street—it was the tenants who heard the word "Bolshevik" and who were charged with following false gods.

"In one of the thirty-eight apartments," said Mrs. Rudinsky, "there was a tenant who made himself obnoxious to me and I gave him due and legal notice to quit.

"There was no argument about rent, no advance in rent. The obnoxious tenant went. Then agitators came among us. There were all kinds of meetings and all kinds of speeches.

"The thirty-seven who were left immediately went on 'strike' and from that day to this have refused to pay any rent. I want dispossess notices for the whole lot."

Justice Robitzek addressed himself to the "strikers," saying: "In these times, when courts are doing all they can to protect the tenant against greedy landlords, they have a right to expect whatever help they can get from the tenant. In this case, on the contrary, the tenants appear to have been easy prey for the Bolshevik agitator.

"Judges and legislators are going to the bottom of this profiteering in rent. It is going to be stopped. This is not the time for a mistake like this. The Court will postpone its decision in this matter in the hope that tenants and landlord will get together."

Landlord and tenant got together then and there.

But in 200 cases of dispossess warrants, five days to quit were issued because the landlord merely declared that he wanted the tenement. More than 1,000 people must meet the problem of finding apartments within five days or being put out into the street.

More than half the adults in the court room were women. There was scarcely one of them who did not have a baby in arms. Some of the women, when they heard that they are face to face with possible eviction, literally tore their hair. Court officers had difficulty in clearing the room.

Twenty-five tenants of the 1731 Street Realty Company, in the apartment house at No. 1774 Washington Avenue, said they had declined to meet "another" increase in rent—there had been enough of them, they said—and asked to have the issue tried before a jury. The court set the trial for Wednesday.

Lewis Lesser, agent of the Dest Realty Company, asked for a dispossess warrant on J. Schoenbaum in a five-room apartment at No. 785 East 180th Street. This was one of the cases in which there was apparently no question of rents. The landlord wants the apartment.

Schoenbaum showed the court the certificate of a physician who declared Mrs. Schoenbaum as a paralytic who had been under his care for years. "I will look into this case and take it up later," said the court.

In the case of Landlord Rose Ru-

When Coffee Gives You a Jab

in some tender part of your anatomy, don't blame coffee—blame yourself!

You can have all the pleasure of coffee-drinking with none of its harm, if you drink

INSTANT POSTUM

"There's a Reason"

Evening Bonnet Made by Singer From Old Dicer President Wore; Here Is a Suggestion for Wives

HONNET FROM A HIGH-HAT
UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD

Ancient Silk Tiles May Be Converted Into Wonderful Creations by a Bit of Fixing.

What to do with passee razor blades, broken fountain pens, headless collar buttons, surviving waistcoats of departed suits, misfit spectacle lenses, and post-July cocktail shakers—all these may be answerless questions. But—

Have you got an old silk hat? A rattled old tile that no longer purrs and that needs a shave?

Keep it. Also if you have a wife, keep her, and if you haven't a wife, get married. Then that ancient silk hat can be made to serve again, not as the democratic $10 lid for which it was created, but as a chapeau, a veritable Paris chapeau for your wife. Net saving, $40 or $140 or whatever Mrs. You is in the habit of paying for an evening bonnet.

Mme. Marguerite Namara of the Chicago Opera Company has shown how to do it. Once an old silk hat of President Wilson's (he is the best dressed man at the Peace Conference, you know) got into the hands of the Red Cross. Then it fell into the custody of the opera star. She fixed it up a bit and now it is her most precious and most becoming hat.

Every man can afford to wear silk hats now. In fact, he cannot afford not to—if he has a wife.

MISSING GIRL CASE SOLVED.

Vaggie Valentine on Way West "to Collect $1,000,000."

Vaggie Valentine—her real name is Mae Shilk, which would hardly do for a vaude a theatrical purpose—is not in any sense dead, as one of the newspapers yesterday so believed. She hasn't been abducted, or anything like that. She's in Chicago stopping at the Blackstone, and she's on her way to Los Angeles to get a million dollars.

Whether she gets it may be a question, but she's on her way, and the bored peace of the town may go with that the search she started yesterday morning when Dan Mahoney, No. 24 West 53d Street, had them Vaggie had "disappeared."

Vaggie left some a few word behind, it seems, to hold it right.

Mother dear: I'm on my way to Chicago. Have big contract with picture company. Play leading parts in big picture called—— Please, mother, come with me." Etc., etc., etc.

DATE SET FOR "SCOLD" TRIAL

Mrs. Fuller's Attorney Fails in Effort to Get More Time.

The trial of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Fuller, of Millburn, N. J., charged with being a "common scold," was set down for next Monday by Judge W. P. Martin in the Court of Quarter Sessions to-day in Newark.

Frank Mellecmit, attorney for Mrs. Fuller, asked for an additional week's time. He stated that the notoriety had made Mrs. Fuller ill, and that she had received anonymous letters, some from sympathizers and others from persons who upbraided her. His request was denied.

Vermont Sees First Sunday Movies.

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 7.—Without a compliant, for the first time in the history of Vermont, Sunday movies were exhibited at a local theatre yesterday. The exhibition was contrary to the old "Blue Laws" of the State, which were placed on the statute books in 1787.

ARGUMENT HEARD IN SEPARATION SUIT OF MRS. BASSFORD

Wife Will Have Custody of Children Pending Court's Final Decision.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WHITE PLAINS, April 7.—Arguments were heard to-day by Supreme Court Justice William B. Platt for alimony and counsel fees pending the trial of the separation suit brought by Mrs. Florence Winnill Bassford against Abraham Bassford jr., a civil engineer and the crack tennis player of the Scarsdale Club. At the same time Justice Platt heard arguments on a writ of habeas corpus which Mrs. Bassford had obtained for custody of their three children. The children were turned over to the mother until Justice Platt rules on all the motions.

Humphrey J. Lynch, for the plaintiff, told the court Mr. Bassford is employed in the engineering department of the New York Central Railroad and earns $2,500 a year. He owns a $10,000 house at Scarsdale.

Robert E. Farley represented the defendant. He said the charges by Mrs. Bassford were trivial and that Mr. Bassford was willing to let his wife have the care of the children providing she did not take them more than fifty miles away from the Grand Central Station and that the father might see them frequently.

The couple were married April 9, 1913, and the complaint alleges that on Feb. 27, 1919, she was forced to leave the defendant because of his neglect to support herself and children and because of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Mr. Bassford denies the charges and says his wife's relatives made his life at home unbearable.

MANY ROBBERIES CAUSE POLICE TO "PASS THE BUCK"

Enright Refers Questioners to Lahey, Who in Turn Shifts Queries to Cray.

Commissioner of Police Enright, Second Deputy Commissioner William J. Lahey and Chief Inspector John Cray enacted a ten-minute farce at noon today, entitled "Passing the Buck." It was given at Police Headquarters. The audience was inquisitive newspaper men.

The newspaper men desired to learn where the police were while the burglars and safe crackers were so active in New York since midnight Sunday. Entrance to Commissioner Enright's office was barred by Lieut. William Buckley. Buckley relayed the question to his chief.

"See Commissioner Lahey," shot back Enright.

Mr. Lahey was hunted up and questioned.

"See Inspector Cray," said Lahey, and walked off.

Inspector Cray refused to talk, but took out a pad and pencil and jotted down the list of crimes, yet unsolved, and checked off the detectives he had working on each. Further than that Cray was powerless.

HERO'S MOTHER BRINGS SUIT.

Woman Wants Separation From Father of Slain Soldier.

The mother of a Brooklyn soldier who made the great sacrifice in France appeared in the Supreme Court to-day before Justice Lazansky to ask for a decree of separation from the hero's father. Two other sons are still in the army.

The petitioner, Mrs. Annie Dwyer, is employed in a Brooklyn department store. She accuses William Dwyer, her husband, of slander, charging that in letters to her friends Dwyer has described her as a drug fiend.

She recently left their home at No. 416 60th Street, Brooklyn, she says, because of Dwyer's alleged threats to kill her.

Dwyer entered a general denial of all the charges.

HIT CHICKEN: FINED $1.

Bandaged Leg of Fowl in Court Sufficient Evidence.

A cackling chicken with a bandaged leg stood on one foot, as long as a duck can today, in front of Magistrate Dodd of the Court Island Court and as a result Mrs. Marie Hernandez, No. 248 63d Street, Brooklyn, was fined $1.

Mrs. Jennie Bialis, No. 258 63d Street, owns the chicken. She charged Mrs. Hernandez of stealing it with a stick. Mrs. Hernandez said she only shooed the chicken off her front lawn. Magistrate Dodd accepted the bandaged leg as evidence and entered the fine.

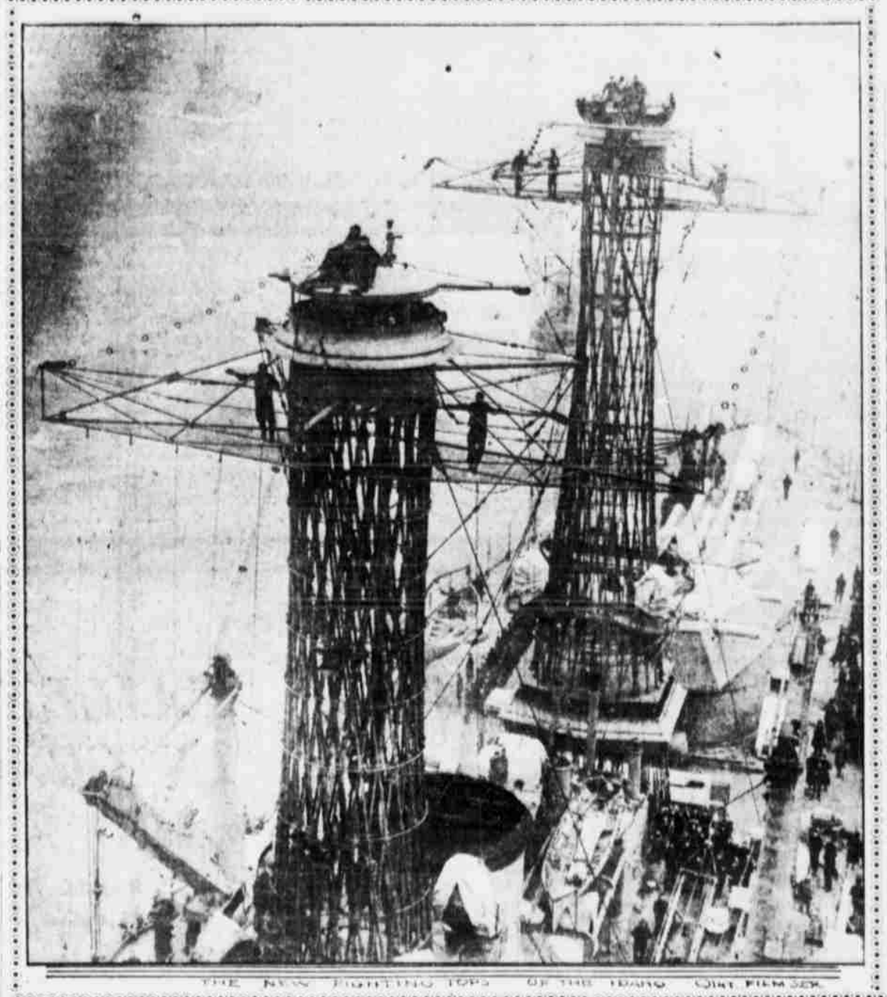
"BIG BILL" COMPLIMENTED.

Praised By Superior and Visited By Mary Garden.

Two pleasing compliments came to "Big Bill" Edwards, Internal Revenue Collector Jacobs, and spoiled the lady first, one was a personal visit by Mary Garden, who tendered the collector her income tax, just to feel sound, with a letter from Director C. Roper, Internal Revenue Commissioner, Washington.

The letter complimenting the Collector on the speedy work of his office was particularly pleased the lovely, Mr. Edwards' staff of men and women, without whom, Commissioner Roper said, the responsibilities of the organization could not have been met.

Giant Idaho, Latest American Battleship, Photographed Passing Brooklyn Bridge



THE NEW FIGHTING TOPS OF THE IDAHO. ORIG. FILM SER.

This view of the U. S. S. Idaho, newest and greatest of Uncle Sam's superdreadnoughts, showing her fighting tops, was made as the great war vessel passed under the Brooklyn Bridge on her way to the Navy Yard.

The Idaho, which was placed in commission last week, is of 32,000 tons, 624 feet long and ninety-seven feet in width. She carries twelve 14-inch rifles, twenty-two 5-inch and two torpedo tubes. In addition to these she is protected by four anti-aircraft guns and four three pounders.

Her crew consists of fifty-six officers and 1,140 men. She was built at the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J., and is the last word in battleship construction.

PLANNING TO FLY FROM HERE ACROSS OCEAN IN 35 HOURS

Cantilever Airplane, Ready in Sixty Days, Has Four 800-Horsepower Motors.

Another attempt to win the $125,000 in prize money offered to the first flyer who crosses the Atlantic was announced to-day by the Cantilever Aero Company, makers of airplanes.

In the company's plant at Amityville, L. I., a wooden bird is being built which is expected to start from New York and fly within thirty-five hours of Queenstown, London or Brest.

This machine will be ready to fly within sixty days. It will have a wing measurement from tip to tip of 180 feet and will be equipped with four 800 horse power motors, giving a speed of 115 miles per hour. These motors are connected in such a way that should one be put out of commission the operation of the machine will not be affected. The engineer will also be able, if necessary, to overhaul any of the motors, clean the spark plugs and make adjustments while the plane is in flight.

The body of the machine will be fourteen feet in diameter, insuring comfort and proper housing for the crew who will not at any time be exposed to the elements.

There will be two throttle-controlled propellers in front of the machine. Each will be twenty-one feet in diameter, capable of making 600 revolutions per minute. The weight of the machine when not flying (it carries bombs) will be controlled throughout by electricity.

Two points will be served in separate compartments, working alternately, each taking the machine for a certain length of time.

The construction and design of this airplane has been under consideration by the Cantilever Aero Company for six years and every detail has been tested and approved by the designer and inventor, Dr. William Whitney Christmas.

HOMECOMING PLANS MADE FOR 58TH COAST ARTILLERY

Men of Old 8th Regiment of the Bronx Expected the Latter Part of This Month.

Members of the Welcome Home Committee of the 58th Coast Artillery (old 8th New York) will meet to-night to complete plans for the reception of that regiment, which is expected to arrive the latter part of April.

The meeting to-night will be held in the armory on Kingsbridge Road. Seventy-five per cent. of the members of the regiment are Bronx boys. The balance is recruited from Manhattan and other parts of the city.

When last heard from the unit was at Bordeaux, where it was reviewed by Gen. Pershing, who promised the men they would start for home soon.

The 58th left here in May, 1918, and served in the St. Mihiel drive. It was to receive support in the Argonne, where it laid down a barrage for the American and French infantry. It was the first American artillery regiment to operate American-made big guns on the western front.

PERSHING'S AUTHORITY OVER TRIALS RESTORED

War Department Revokes Order for Court Martial Review By Acting Judge Advocate General.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Regulations making Gen. Pershing's authority over court martial proceedings abroad, to which the General objected, have been revoked. An amendment to General Order 41 of 1917, published to-day by the War Department, shows that the language making mandatory on the Commander recommendations of the Acting Judge Advocate General in France (the sentences be set aside, disapproved or modified) has been eliminated.

The issue concerned has played a part in the military public controversy.

Gen. Pershing protested to the War Department that the order took out of his hands a share of the responsibility in cases of crime abroad and placed legal authority in the hands of the Judge Advocate General.

RAINBOW COMMANDER BACK.

Gen. Flagler Reaches Boston With Connecticut Troops.

BOSTON, April 7.—The troopship Aquitania with 5th Regiment officers and doughboys arrived from France today. Approximately 900 of the arrivals belong to the 26th Division, but with the Yankees came several racial companies from New York and Ohio and Major Gen. Clement A. F. Flagler, commander of the former 42d (Rainbow) Division, No. 1 of the 26th Division men are from Connecticut and they received a great welcome from representatives of that State.

The parade in Boston of the 26th Division will be on April 26, it was announced to-day by Col. Albert S. Williams, Chief of Staff to Major Gen. Edwards, the old commander of the Yankees.

KIDNAPPED BRIDE FURNISHES THRILL FOR BENSONHURST

'Twas Only a Joke, but Allen Rothstein Couldn't See It at First.

It was the end of a peaceful Sunday in Bensonhurst. A powerful limousine swept away from the People's Temple, a crowd followed.

"Kidnappers! Kidnappers!" shouted the crowd. Police whistles pierced the night. Policeman Charles E. Weyes answered the call.

"My wife, my wife, she's gone," wailed Allen Rothstein, twenty-seven years old, No. 1938 85th Street, Bensonhurst. "She's gone; they've got her." Allen has just been married to Miss Gretchen Muehenthal by the Rev. Harry K. Jacobs an hour before and had just accepted the congratulations of 200 guests who attended the reception in the basement of the People's Temple. He and his bride had stepped to the limousine. The shades were drawn.

Four muscular arms reached forth as Mrs. Rothstein, helped tenderly by her husband, placed her foot on the step. She was dragged into the car. The machine sped away.

Rothstein and his friends obtained a car and started in pursuit, other friends awakening peaceful Bensonhurst and calling the cops.

"They're playing a joke on you," suggested Policeman Weyes.

"Joke?" What's the joke? A man gets married and then he isn't. There isn't any joke!" Rothstein's friends declared it was an outrage. Guided by them he went to the Bath Beach station and sent out a flier for the missing bride. Then he waited. Prosecution seemed sure.

The Washington equipped clock in the station rang nine times. The telephone bell rang.

"Mr. Rothstein?" said the voice on the wire. Mr. Rothstein answered.

"Your bride is at the Pennsylvania Hotel. Come at once. We don't think we'll wait."

But they did wait the forty-one and one-half minutes it took for Rothstein to reach the hotel and Mrs. Rothstein's side, and in the smile of her forgiveness Rothstein also forgave and bought wedding breakfasts for auto kidnappers and all.

Mr. and Mrs. Rothstein left the hotel on their honeymoon a half a hour later.

Bensonhurst returned to its early Monday morning quiet at 2 o'clock.

Soviet Army Joins Ukraine Force in Galicia Campaign.

STANISLAU, Galicia, April 5.—A Soviet army to-day joined with the Ukrainian forces, handing over to them thirty-five guns.

"DOUGHBAG" FIGHT FOR 7-CENT FARE COMES UP TO-NIGHT

Lawmakers Voting for Measure Will Find Constituents Curious About it.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, April 7.—As a result of the disclosures by Senator George F. Thompson that traction interests have expressed a willingness to spend $500,000 in securing the passage of 7-cent fare legislation, this week promises to be one of the most interesting in the history of both the Senate and the Assembly.

Either to-night or to-morrow morning the 7-Cent Fare Bill will come before the Assembly on third reading. After it has been debated by those for and against the measure, a vote will be taken. Every Assemblyman who votes for 7-cent fares will have to do a lot of explaining to the people who elected him. The 7-cent fare Assemblyman will likely be asked if he met the man with the doughbag, and, if so, whether they "shook hands."

To-morrow morning the Judiciary Committee of the Senate will resume its investigation of the $500,000 doughbag stories. Senator George F. Thompson, who testified last Thursday morning that The Evening World's "man with the doughbag" stories were true, will again be heard from. Whether Senator Thompson will consent to read the contents of his diary of traction lobbyists at the committee meeting or insist that he be permitted the freedom of the Senate floor is not known. On the floor of the Senate the accusations of the Senator would be privileged, whereas in committee this license does not prevail.

But friends of Senator Thompson insist that, inasmuch as his diary of visits made to him by traction lobbyists is to be exhibited for the edification of the public at large, Senator J. Walters, Republican leader of the Upper House, should likewise become a public educator. It will be remembered that J. Henry Walters was virtuously indignant over The Evening World's $500,000 doughbag story. He said it was a reflection on the Senate; that the newspapers should not be permitted to print stories without foundation; and that it was the duty of the Senate to find The Evening World's information and its source. That, of course, was before Senator Thompson verified The Evening World's story.

SHAM AIR BATTLE A THRILL FOR CITY

Debut of "Flying Circus" Next Thursday in Interest of the Victory Loan.

A sham air battle over New York to advertise the Victory Loan will give citizens a chance for a real thrill next Thursday afternoon. It will be the first performance of the "flying circus" which, following its New York debut, will tour the country in the interests of the loan.

Thirty shows will be given in as many cities, with American, British and French fliers participating in each. That in New York will open at 1.30, when several slow American planes will appear scattering loan literature.

While thus engaged a squadron of German fokkers darts out of the clouds and puts them to rout. But the fokkers have no more than time to congratulate themselves when a fresh American force heaves into view. A battle royal ensues, each man for himself, until finally the German turco tail and the circular distributors are able to come back and finish their task.

RIOTS IN BOMBAY REPORTED.

Police and Soldiers Called to Squelch Delhi Uprising.

LONDON, April 7.—A news agency dispatch from Bombay to-day reported extensive riots in Delhi on March 31. Police and soldiers were called out and fired on the rioters. There were some casualties.

Delhi, situated in the interior, about 400 miles north and east of Bombay, was the center of the Indian mutiny in 1857.