

REGULAR RENTAL FOR PIER IS PAID, DECLARES HILAN

Says Luckenbach Ship Co. Has Only Permit Which Can Be Revoked on Short Notice.

Mayor Hylan today, answering statements that the city was losing money by the temporary lease without public auction of the pier at the foot of 32d Street, Brooklyn, to the Luckenbach Steamship Company for \$265,000 a year when the Kerr Steamship Company had shown a willingness to pay, and had paid \$228,000 a year, said in part:

"As I understand it the Luckenbach Steamship Company has only a permit which can be revoked on short notice and is paying the regular rate of rental. When the Peace Treaty is signed this pier will revert to the original lessees.

"The Luckenbach Steamship Company, an American concern, was ousted by the last administration from a pier in South Brooklyn due to the influence of the British and other foreign shipping interests. The British shipping interests are opposed to the American shipping interests obtaining any facilities in the port of New York.

"In past administrations the British shipping interests obtained control and paid a nominal rental for the use of the best piers we own. If the British interests cannot control, every pier becomes vacant, thereby depriving

American shipping interests of any accommodations, and they begin their lying newspaper propaganda. "I have directed the Commissioner of Decks to give American shipping first preference. In Revolutionary War time we took control of the port of New York and I see no reason why we should calmly surrender every privilege in this port to foreign shipping interests. When American ships enter foreign ports they get little consideration. Why not apply this same rule in this country? While I am Mayor I am going to do all I can to aid American shipping interests in the port of New York."

FIRE RUINS LIQUOR CACHE.

Loss Paid at \$22,000—Tennessee Routed Into Streets. Liquor valued at \$20,000, and \$2,000 worth of beer in the cellar of Martens, Holcher & Co., at No. 400 Columbus Avenue at 89th Street, which had been put aside for a "wet" day, were destroyed by fire this morning. John Bartuch went into an adjoining cellar to thaw frozen water pipes with an acetylene torch, and the partition caught fire. Fifteen families were forced to leave from the 84th above. Mrs. Ann McGee, 67, suffering from a fractured hip, was carried out by Fireman John Hummel. The blaze was confined to the cellar.

MORSE WEDS MRS. REYBURN.

Daughter of Fountain Maury Bride of Shipbuilder's Son. It became known today that Edwin A. Morse, son of Charles W. Morse of shipping fame, was married last Monday to Mrs. Georgie Maury Reyburn, daughter of Fountain Maury and former wife of William S. Reyburn, son of former Mayor John Reyburn of Philadelphia, whom she divorced. The ceremony took place in the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, and save for a

few intimate friends there were no invited guests. In the marriage license, signed Dec. 13, it was set forth that Mr. Morse is 31 years old and lives at No. 293 West 51th Street. Mrs. Morse stated her residence to be No. 2154 Florida Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C. Her age is given as 23 years.

STATE TO BUY A MOUNTAIN.

Controller Will Sell \$2,500,000 Bonds to Purchase Marcy. ALBANY, Dec. 18.—Mr. Marcy, the highest peak in the Adirondacks and the State, will soon become State property, it was learned today. The State Land Board has authorized the controller to sell \$2,500,000 worth of bonds to purchase the mountain. When the State takes over the mountain it will be placed under the care of the Conservation Commission.

MRS. BLAKE NOT TO TESTIFY.

Woman Accused of Killing Son Too Ill to Leave Hospital. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Esther Miller Blake will be unable to testify to-night at the inquest into the death of her five-year-old son, James M. Blake Jr. Physicians announced this to-day after examining her in a hospital here. Mrs. Blake is charged with murdering the boy, whose body was washed up on the beach in Ventnor last Sunday.

Bishop Lloyd Called to New York.

Bishop Arthur S. Lloyd, who has just returned as President of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, owing to the transfer of missionary activities to the control of the presiding bishop and council of the church, has been engaged to assist Bishop Charles Sumner Birch of the diocese of New York. It is probable that a request will be made to the church authorities for the appointment of a regular suffragan or coadjutor bishop.

Falls Dead in Street.

Henry B. Strange, sixty-five, a public accountant, with an office at No. 25 Williams Street and living at No. 5 West 98th Street, dropped dead at 90 Avenue and 5th Street yesterday. He was widely known in the Wall Street section. He was born in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England, and came to this country about twenty-five years ago. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Lucy and Winifred.



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WOMEN

Velvet Bags, studded on metal frame. Nicely lined and fitted. Black, taupe or brown, 4.95
Tailored Blouse of fine dimity with tucked front, collar and cuffs edged with pleatings, 3.95
Italian Silk Vest, with band top. Flesh only, 3.75

BABY

Sweater, coat model, in pink or blue, 1 to 3 yrs, 2.85
Bath Robe, of eiderdown, cord girdle, satin trimmed; pink or blue, 1 to 3 yrs, 3.50
Carriage Boots in quilted satin with fur trimming. Pink or blue, 2.85
Cereal Set, four pieces, china bowl, pitcher, plate and mug. Nursery decorations, 4.75
Costumer, white enamel with pink or blue satin bow, 3.00

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