

SCHOOL CONTRACT INQUIRY WILL BE FIRST TAKEN UP BY BOARD OF ESTIMATE

Corporation Counsel Tells Plans for Investigation Into City Work.

BIG DROP IN PRICES. 30 Per Cent. Decline Shown on Some Supplies Since Lockwood Hearing Began.

Plans for the Board of Estimate investigation of all outstanding New York City contracts were announced today by Corporation Counsel O'Brien after consultation with Mayor Hylan.

The hearings will be held on days when there is no meeting of the Lockwood Legislative Committee on Housing and Building Conditions. The first contracts taken under consideration will be those having to do with the building and furnishing of schools.

He said that brick quoted at \$3.75 when the investigation was started, now can be bought for from \$2.75 to \$2.77. Limestone contractors have resumed the appearance of competitive bidding since the committee caused the raid on John T. Herrick's office at No. 165 Broadway and seized records of the "code of practice" contractors.

CONTRACTOR SQUEEZED BY A CEMENT COMBINE. The witness declared that the cement manufacturers have a recombined organization that covers the entire country. The country is divided into districts, he said, and manufacturers do not send out of their districts. The New York price is \$4.50 a barrel, against 25 cents to \$1.25 formerly charged.

On a job for the Hotel Plaza, estimated at \$700,000 before the committee got into swing, the contracts were let at a saving of \$87,000, following the committee's activity. Mr. White said. On the limestone contracts on this job Mr. White testified the lowest bid he received up to five weeks ago was \$22,000. About two weeks ago the contract was closed at \$28,000, a saving of \$14,000.

BRITISH ASK TO SEE VANDERLIP PAPERS. American Promoter Says He Refused to Show Contracts With Soviet Russia.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Washington D. Vanderlip, the American who recently announced the granting by Soviet Russia of \$4,000,000,000 concessions in Siberia to an American syndicate which he represented, who visited this morning, he says, by officials of the British Home Office, who demanded to see his personal papers and contracts with the Russian Soviet Government.

FUREY ACQUITTED IN EXTORTION CASE, BUT IS STILL HELD

Must Stand Trial in Connection With Theft of \$5,000,000 in Bonds.

The trial of Edward Furey before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions ended today by his acquittal. Furey was arrested and indicted because of the confessions of Joseph and Irving Gluck, messenger boys for Wall Street firms, who admitted stealing some of the \$5,000,000 bonds which were taken in the succession of such robberies a year ago.

But Furey was tried on an entirely different charge—that of attempting to extort \$5,000 from Charles Pfirsch, President of the Baltic Steamship Company of Montreal, at his office in the Woolworth Building on Nov. 14, 1919. The bond theft conspiracy indictments are still pending against them and he was returned to the Tombs after his acquittal.

PENILESS WOMAN STARTS FOR DETROIT

Robbed Her of All Her Money, She Reaches Buffalo on Her Long "Hike." (Special to The Evening World.) BUFFALO, Nov. 20.—Wearing a raincoat and a red straw hat, her shoes badly worn, Joan Jones, thirty-one years old, who last Monday started from New York to walk to Detroit, Mich., arrived last night in Buffalo penniless and weak from lack of food.

Two weeks ago in Detroit, Mrs. Jones was attracted by the fabulous sums which stenographers were reported to receive in New York and arrived there Sunday. The next day, while she was in one of the department stores seeking employment, her heavy coat and her hand bag containing all her money, about \$100, was snatched. She made a futile attempt to catch the thief.

REMOVAL WARRANT DENIED. Federal Judge Holds "Nicky" Arnstein's Friend for Further Proceedings.

Three Emergency Depots to Be Located in the Bronx. The Emergency Fuel Committee of the Bronx retail coal dealers will open three emergency fuel stations in the Bronx for the purpose of alleviating the coal shortage situation locally.

WILSON LIKELY TO GET NOBEL PRIZE. STOCKHOLM, Nov. 20.—Newspapers here declared today that President Wilson probably will be awarded the Nobel peace prize.

REDS SNEAK INTO UNITED STATES BY HIDING ON SHIPS

Plot in Europe to Get Rid of Criminals Causes Increase in Stowaways.

The tremendous increase in the number of stowaways and others seeking admission to this country without supervision by the Immigration Bureau is attributed by Commissioner F. A. Wallis to a definite plan by at least two European countries to dump undesirables on America.

For this reason, the Commissioner said, inspectors of incoming ships have been asked to go through the holds of vessels and inspect the crews carefully before proceeding to the examination of the immigrants holding tickets.

With figures before him, Mr. Wallis quoted estimates of immigration in the next six years which total over 10,000,000 from Germany, Italy and Holland alone.

TWO BADLY HURT, FOUND ON STREETS. Peter J. Walsh One of Victims Strangely Injured—Other Man Unidentified.

HIS GRIP FULL OF BRICKS. Young Man Accused of Beating the Waldorf-Astoria and McAlpin.

DR. MORDOFF QUILTS SCHOOL. Principal Accused in Kissing Case in Retire After Long Service.

COHAN A FRIAR AGAIN. Returns to Fold and May Be Re-Elected as Abbot.

MOTOR PLANT TO OPEN UP. Chevrolet Company to Resume Work With 1,000 Hands on Dec. 1.

New York's Night Life As Seen Through Eyes Of Parisian Humorist



THEY LOOKED BORED TO DEATH. THE PASSIONATE TODDLERS.

Maurice de Kobra Describes Dancing He Saw in Greenwich Village.

I have a good American friend who caters for my intellectual recreations in New York. He is a man who knows what he does not know between the Battery and 46th Street.

Madame Dorothy took a dark Spanish shawl and simply said, "Come with me, my Parisian ami. I will introduce you to the hostess of the Garret, where the Marquis de La Fayette sat by the window and saw three men being hanged by the neck in the square."

Madame Dorothy was right. The public feeling that I had previously seen was just in the right place. What I saw at the Inn between midnight and 1 A. M., was like gin compared with near-here. The jazz band was playing a kind of fox trot. A few couples were going to and fro under the dim orange light that fell from the lamp shades.

What I discovered another kind of jazz—those who danced tottlers. Imagine two persons jumping up and down at a rhythm of ninety jumps per minute! These tottlers seemed to be neither sentimental nor passionate. They looked bored to death. And yet they kept on tottling; one, two—one, two. And when the band ceased to play they became wildly excited and clapped and wanted some more tottling.

DR. MORDOFF QUILTS SCHOOL. After serving thirty-five years as a teacher, Dr. Oliver C. Mordoff, Brooklyn elementary school principal, has applied for retirement and under the law will be paid \$10,000 a year for the next five years.

COHAN A FRIAR AGAIN. George M. Cohan, who left the Friars during the actors' strike more than a year ago, has returned to the order. The governor acted upon his application for reinstatement yesterday.

MOTOR PLANT TO OPEN UP. Orders were received today at the plant of the Chevrolet Motor Company, Warren, to resume the plant for the manufacture of the cars a day begins (the Detroit Post).

SEARLES ACCEPTS \$5,000,000 OFFER TO DROP CONTEST

Nephew Relinquishes Claim to \$50,000,000 Estate—Will Pay Other Heirs.

Arthur T. Walker, former employee and now heir of the late Edward P. Searles, having yesterday acquired a sure title to a sum estimated between \$25,000,000 and \$40,000,000—will go to the football game this afternoon. It may be an extravagance, but he is going. He is taking the whole day off, including the morning. And that is all that could be learned by reporters at his office.

There are various stories, said a reporter, "as to the amount of the residue of the estate which Mr. Walker is to receive. Some say the estate is worth \$50,000,000, which will leave \$45,000,000 to Mr. Walker after the \$5,000,000 settlement with the nephew. Mr. Walker himself is said to have estimated it at only \$25,000,000."

There will be forty cars of Turkeys for New York—Prices Not Lower. Turkeys this year will be more plentiful for Thanksgiving than they were last year, but the price will be higher, according to the Department of Public Markets.

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WEDDED A THIEF, NOT HAT MAKER, SAYS MRS. HELLER



Mrs. Rose Heller of No. 1461 Kelly Street, the Bronx, had been granted a marriage annulment. She testified that her husband represented himself as a hat manufacturer and later admitted he was a pickpocket.

4,000,000 POUNDS OF POULTRY COMING FOR THANKSGIVING

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PUBLICITY FORCES DOWN COAL PRICES TO THE N. Y. POOR

With Two Grand Juries Sitting, Dealers Undergo a Change of Heart.

With a Federal Grand Jury in Manhattan and a County Grand Jury in Brooklyn sifting evidence in a search for profiteering in anthracite coal, it was forecast that there would be another reduction, possibly today, in the price of small lot coal for needy consumers.

THE RESPONSIBLE OPERATORS AND DISTRIBUTORS who supply 95 per cent. of the total tonnage of anthracite have deprecated and do deprecate the action of unscrupulous parties who have taken advantage of the present situation to exact excessive and unjust warranted prices.

From the trade it was learned that because of the cessation of lake shipments during the coming six months if the 1920-1921 production is approximately the same as the 1919-1920 production, there will be available for distribution in the non-lake territory (north of the Potomac and east of a line drawn through Pittsburgh and Buffalo) approximately 2,500,000 tons additional.

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