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DIES IN 25-STORY FALL FROM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

OLD FRANCHISES REVIVED TO GRIDIRON ENTIRE CITY WITH STREET BUS LINES

Promoters Deem Time Propitious as Surface Lines Are Now Bankrupt. CLAIM SOLE RIGHTS. Franchises Long Dead, Asserts Legal Expert for the City.

While city officials are planning the scrapping of surface railway lines, a big project is being engineered to install a private bus system in the heart of New York City. Many street railway lines have fallen into bankruptcy and the street car is in popular disfavor. The promoters of this project believe that the time is ripe for them to step forward.

They have a perpetual franchise to run buses and trucking vehicles on any street, not only in New York City, but in Buffalo, Albany, Rochester and other cities in the State. This franchise alone is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. But they have other franchises. They have a franchise to build a passenger and freight tunnel under the East River, and they have a franchise for an electric light and power company with rights in the heart of the city between 42d Street and 59th Streets, from river to river.

All of these franchises have been merged in one big corporation, which aims to operate them and other corporations as a unity. The company having the bus franchise is the Manhattan Transit Company. The New York and Brooklyn railroad Company has the franchise for a tunnel under the East River. The Long Acre Electric Light and Power Company is the other of the trio of corporations.

MADE SURE OF A GASOLINE SUPPLY FOR THE BUSES.

Back of them, however, is still another corporation, the Creole Development Company. This company owns valuable oil concessions on Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela. According to geologists' reports, it has there about 1,000,000 barrels of oil. The plan is to ship the oil in tankers to refineries at Edgewater, N. J. The gasoline produced will be used for the bus system. The residue of oil will be made in briquettes, which will be the fuel power for generating electricity. This will be conveyed to Manhattan and distributed by the Long Acre Electric Light and Power Company. The plans call for the use of 90,000 barrels of oil a day and the production of 250,000 horse power. The same interests that are con-

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TRIKING OF CERTAIN NOTE BY MUSICIANS MAY HAVE AIDED THEATRE COLLAPSE

From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World. WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Vibration used by musical instruments, set off by the weights snow, is being considered by scientists as a contributing cause for the disastrous collapse of the Knickerbocker theatre roof on Saturday night. Night swaying, which may have been caused by certain notes struck by the orchestra or the huge pipe organ, possibly assisted in making the supports insecure, according to

BRONX MAN TRIES TO KILL CHILD, WIFE AND SELF

Sedrick and Two Victims, All With Skulls Fractured, Rushed to Hospital.

Philip Sedrick, 37-year-old, his wife, Olga, twenty-three, and Arthur Victoria, their three-year-old son, are in a serious condition in Lincoln Hospital to-day as a result of Sedrick's attempt to murder his wife and child and commit suicide in their home on the fifth floor of No. 333 East 150th Street, the Bronx, late last night.

The couple have had many quarrels in the past three months, and recently, after a beating, Mrs. Sedrick had her husband arrested, but the next day released and the charge was dismissed in the Morrisania Court. Last night at dinner she was frightened at his threats, and asked some of her women friends in the house to spend the night with her.

Sedrick went away and she thought she was safe for the night in sending her friends home and retiring. About 11 o'clock the husband came noisily into the apartment. She rose up in bed, she said later on becoming conscious in the hospital, and was immediately struck down by a blow in the head. The police have been unable to find the weapon he used, but her wounds appear to have been made with a hatchet.

William Wood, in his apartment across the hall, heard her scream and with other neighbors gathered in front of the Sedrick door undecided whether to interfere. They heard a blow and then Sedrick say he "would finish the boy, too."

The neighbors were ready to break through the door when they heard the child pleading with his father not to hurt him. Later investigation showed Sedrick had seized the child by the feet, whirled him around and dashed his head against the kitchen wall and bedpost. The neighbors heard the thud of the child's body as the father threw it to the floor, and they began breaking in the door.

Sedrick dashed to a rear window and plunged five stories to the yard, landing on his head. All three were unconscious when neighbors and Policeman Kelleher of the Morrisania Station found them.

The police believe Sedrick threw the hatchet out into the snow before leaping. In the hospital the child was found to be the worst injured, and his death is expected. Mrs. Sedrick was operated on immediately for a compound fracture of the skull, and while she recovered consciousness, her condition also is critical.

SAYS MRS. STOKES IS SOCIAL PIRATE; "PREYS ON RICHES"

Hotel Manager Displays a "Photographic Memory" in Recounting Episodes.

BRUTALITY CHARGED.

Best Man at Wedding Says Millionaire's Actions Were Deplorable.

Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes was classed as a "social pirate" by the former manager of the Ansonia Hotel when her suit to restore her dower rights was resumed before Justice Colahan in Supreme Court to-day. On further questioning the hotel man defined "social pirate" as "one of a breed who prey upon rich men." Mrs. Stokes smiled broadly at the characterization given by the witness. A deposition was read from E. Loren Embrie, who is ill in a Milford, Conn., sanitarium, in which he told of the violent fits of temper of W. E. D. Stokes and his frequent ill treatment of his wife. Mr. Embrie was Stokes's best man at the marriage.

Mr. Embrie related a conversation in his presence in Mr. Stokes's Ansonia Hotel office in which the late Thomas Stokes, brother of W. E. D., called Mrs. Stokes "bad names" and said "she wouldn't get a cent because they had fixed that."

Q. In what way did he abuse her in your presence? A. By profane words, filthy remarks and wrong actions at the table.

Q. Did you ever see Mr. Stokes display his temper? A. Yes, I saw "him" strike a man on the roof of the Ansonia and I have seen him break dishes. He always had a violent temper.

Frederick L. Searing, manager of the Ansonia Hotel from 1902 to 1916, was asked to describe a conversation in the hotel, which was the last witness called during the forenoon session. He was the notary who acknowledged one of the deeds which Mrs. Stokes claims to have signed under duress and physical violence from her husband.

Mr. Searing had such a vivid recollection of the day's happenings when Mrs. Stokes is alleged to have signed the deed that Samuel Untermyer expressed amazement at his memory over a period of ten years.

In explanation of why he had remembered everything so clearly on the occasion when Mrs. Stokes signed a deed, yet could not remember any other acknowledgments he had made while a notary, Mr. Searing said: "I considered Mrs. Stokes was a well trained social pirate and I would have to be on my guard."

"Have you any fact why you considered her a social pirate?" asked Mr. Untermyer. "None whatever," replied the witness. "What do you mean by social pirate?" interrupted E. Galmburg, Mr. Stokes's counsel. "A social pirate is one of a breed that preys on rich men," wisely averred the former manager of the Ansonia.

Q. And on what do you base that opinion of Mrs. Stokes? A. I have nothing to do with it. Q. How did you come to it? A. On current stories.

FIANCE OF REAM HEIRESS HOUNDED INTO EXHAUSTION BY NOTORIETY SEEKERS



MRS. MARION B. REAM STEPHENS TO WED YOUNG CHEMIST.

Nonsiaty Retires in Y. M. C. A. Room a Tired Young Man, but Is Four Times Awakened to Reply to Ridiculous Inquiries.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Anastase Androvitch Vonsiaty Vonsiaty climbed into his narrow bed at the Chester Y. M. C. A. last night a weary young man. This was at about half past 9 o'clock. Four times in the next hour the telephone assaulted his slumber. Four times he arose to sign his name to a special interview, to decline an offer to become a shareholder in a Mexican oil corporation, to consider an invitation to drink tea with a lady who approached him for having lived so long in Chester in one, and to inform the night clerk to tell all subsequent inquiries that he was dead or seriously ill with amnesia.

Then he pulled the quilt over his head and slept until about 5 this morning, when the \$1.29 alarm clock on his washstand brought him again to consciousness. Next having paid his morning orisons, the young man, who, in five days, is to marry Mrs. Stephens, crawled into his raincoat and union suit, faded green trousers, army shoes, green striped shirt and blue coat and ran for the train that would take him to the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Edgewater.

Anastase Androvitch is now the most remarkable personage in Chester. He cannot proceed ten paces from the Y. M. C. A. without exciting whispering groups among the

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"DIRT FARMER" SLATED TO SUCCEED KENYON IN SENATE

James R. Howard to Replace Head of Farm Bloc This Month, Is Report.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—James R. Howard, Iowa, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation, has been agreed upon to succeed Senator Kenyon, Iowa, newly appointed Judge of the Eighth Federal Judicial Circuit. Unless an unexpected last-minute change in plans occurs, Howard will take his seat in the Senate about the middle of February, when Kenyon steps out.

President Harding, Gov. N. E. Kendall of Iowa and Senator Kenyon are agreed on Howard, it was learned. In fact, Kenyon postponed acceptance of the judicial post until he was assured that either Howard or Hanford McNider, Commander of the American Legion, would succeed him. It was learned, Howard, it is understood, was given first consideration for the office.

Howard, for years an agricultural leader, is expected to step into the shoes of Kenyon, who was virtually leader of the farm bloc in Congress. Howard is forty-eight years old and was born in Iowa. He owns a farm of 480 acres in Marshall County and prides himself on being a "common, average man" and "a dirt farmer."

STRANGLER TO DEATH WITH OWN STOCKING

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—The body of an unidentified woman of about thirty-five years of age, who had been choked to death by her own silk stocking, was found in the road early here to-day, the police announced. Except for the lower extremities, the body was fully clothed in black. The remains of a sock were found on the skirt, which was in the stomach. Police believe the body was hanged from an automobile wheel. Frederick Griffith, attorney, was asked by a client to search for "Miss Ethel Rucker" he told the police. The description of Mrs. Rucker corresponds with that of the body, they said.

JONAS M. LIBBEY DIES IN FALL FROM MUNICIPAL BLDG.

Plunge From Roof, 25 Stories High, Kills Union League Club Member.

IDENTIFIED BY PAPERS.

Man Narrowly Escapes Being Struck by Falling Body—Crowd Sees Plunge.

A man whose description, apparent age and the contents of his pockets indicated to be Jonas Marsh Libbey, one of the oldest members of the Union League Club, jumped or fell from the roof of the twenty-four-story Municipal Building at 12.45 o'clock this afternoon and was instantly killed as his body struck the sidewalk in Park Row.

Throng of clerks, stenographers and others of the lunch hour rush were pouring in and out of the building and through the street, and hundreds saw the plunge or heard the impact of the body.

One man, Louis Moses, of No. 69 1/2 First Street, escaped only by inches from being struck by the body, which landed at his feet.

No one has yet been found who can ascribe a reason for the suicide, if it was that, nor has anyone been found who knows why or just when the man went to the roof.

One of the documents in his pocket was a notification addressed to Mr. Libbey and telling him that a public hearing was to be held in the office of Borough President Miller at 11 o'clock this morning on the question of the closing of Overlook Terrace from 17th Street to Fort Washington Bridge, where he is said to have had property.

It was learned that Mr. Libbey had neglected to pay the taxes on his real estate in Washington Heights, and that all of his holdings were to be sold at a tax sale to-morrow.

Other documents in the pockets were personal cards of Mr. Libbey, tax bills on real property, cards of the Union League Club and a baggage check (No. 546) of that club. There were letters of a business nature from the Brown-Wheelock Company, No. 14 Wall Street, and from Polson Brothers, referring to property at 191st Street, Northern and Fort Washington Avenues.

The first policeman to reach the scene was Patrolman Gallagher of the Elizabeth Street Station. A patrol wagon was called and the body taken to that station.

Mr. Libbey once lived at the Murray Hill Hotel and constantly passed most of his time in the Murray Hill district. His father, William Libbey, was once associated in business with the late A. T. Stewart.

Mr. Libbey belonged to the family that built Libbey Castle at Inwood, near 192d Street. There was a private lane that led through a part of

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"GO INTO A ROOM AND FIGHT IT OUT."

New York Assemblymen in Wordy War Invited by Speaker to Finish It Later.

ALBANY, Feb. 1.—Speaker Marchand of the Assembly to-day brought a heated argument during debate in the Lower House to a close by inviting Assemblymen Louis A. Cuyler and Samuel Dickstein, Democrats, of New York, to enter a room by themselves at the close of the day's session and "fight it out."

Assemblyman Cuyler objected to the advancement of the Dickstein bill, designed to make it a misdemeanor for corporations, other than banks, express companies, telegraph companies and other public companies or trust agencies to advertise in any newspaper to accept money for transmission to and from foreign countries unless licensed by the State Comptroller.

POWERS ADOPT SEA TREATY LIMITING GREAT NAVIES ON PLAN PROPOSED BY AMERICA

Arms Envoys Accept Restrictions in Document Hughes Acclaims as Greatest Peace Move in History—British to Return Wei Hai-Wei.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Formal assent of the five powers to the Naval Limitation Treaty was given at the plenary session of the Washington conference to-day.

Just before the presentation of the treaty by Secretary of State Hughes and after resolutions affecting China had been quickly adopted without dissent, the Shantung agreement was announced and described with satisfaction by the representatives of China and Japan.

Arthur J. Balfour, heading the British delegation, described the treaty as "the crowning work of Secretary Hughes and the representatives of China and Japan," and then threw in another surprise by the flat announcement that Great Britain would hand back to China her leasehold of Weihaiwei.

Secretary Hughes, presenting the Naval Treaty, announced he would not read it because copies had been distributed generally.

Secretary Hughes gave a somewhat detailed review of the principal terms and stated that the original American proposal as to capital ships, while changed in details, had been adopted substantially.

"The integrity of the plan presented on behalf of the United States," said Secretary Hughes, "has been maintained and the spirit in which that proposal was made and in which it was received has dominated the entire negotiations and brought them to a very successful conclusion."

There was applause when Mr. Hughes said the United States retained the number of capital ships proposed on Nov. 12 and that Great Britain and Japan were situated similarly, the latter with the exception of the new battleship Mutsu. The effect of the retention of the Mutsu, Mr. Hughes explained, made necessary the changes in the original American programme by which two dreadnaughts of the West Virginia class are to be completed and the battleships North Dakota and Delaware then scrapped.

FOUR AMERICAN PRINCIPLES GOVERNED. In the American proposals, Mr. Hughes said, four principles had been governing. They were:

First, that all capital ships now building and completed should be abandoned.

Second, that there should be a further reduction of naval armament by scrapping older ships.

Third, that regard should be had to the existing naval strength of the powers.

Fourth, capital ship tonnage should be used as a basis for determining proportions of auxiliary craft.

These four principles, Mr. Hughes said, had been applied in negotiating the naval treaty and had governed its agreements.

Secretary Hughes, in closing, said no more extraordinary or significant

MERCHANT SHIPS PROTECTED FROM ATTACK BY SUBMARINES

Vessels Cannot Be Molested Unless They Refuse to Submit to Search, Nor Sunk While Any One Is Aboard.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 1922. A merchant vessel, according to the resolution on submarines, presented to the plenary session of the Conference on Limitation of Armament to-day, must be ordered to submit to visit and search to determine its character before it can be seized, it must not be attacked unless it refuses to submit; and it must not be destroyed unless crew and passengers are first placed in safety. If a submarine cannot capture a vessel in conformity with these rules, it must permit it to proceed unmolested.

The use of asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and all analogous liquids, materials and devices is prohibited.