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# 14 DIE WHEN TRAIN HITS DANCE PARTY BUS

## ALL NEW RENT LAWS MAY NOT BE PASSED REPORT IS DELAYED

Assembly Committees Have Only Until Tuesday Night to Complete Work.

AT MERCY OF "RULES". Powerful Influences Seek to Prevent Passage of the Measures.

By Joseph S. Jordan. (Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, March 4.—All the Lockwood housing bills with the possible exception of the amendments to the emergency rent laws are in danger of not being passed at this session.

The reason for this is that the report of the committee, which embodies all the recommendations resulting from the three years' work of the committee, admitted to be the best work ever done in the history of the Legislature, has been so long delayed.

So far as the main body of the committee is concerned, there can be no doubt of their earnestness in getting the report with its recommendations and the bills to carry them out before the Legislature.

But the fact remains the bills were held back to the last possible moment, and even now all of them have not been introduced. One thing the committee has accomplished, and that is the extension of its life for another year. This will serve to make the profiteering landlords sit up and take notice, for they are aware that there is in existence a body which can compel them to observe the rent laws, and has power to punish them if they attempt to do otherwise.

It is also notice to the profiteering contractors and building trades that they dare not continue in their illegal combinations to keep up the high cost of building. The Lockwood Housing Committee will be on the job for another year to make them observe the laws.

But the fact remains that violations can be punished only by fines, and that the bill which would send the violators to prison for their contemptuous disregard of the law is only in a nebulous condition. The bills which would compel the savings banks and the insurance companies to devote at least 40 per cent. of their assets to investment in first-class mortgages, to give the desired impetus to building, are locked up in various committees. The pet bill of Mr. Undermyer, which would permit the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to put up tenements which would rent for \$9 a room, is also held in committee.

The life of the standing committees

## For Those Interested in Poultry and The Garden and Farm

The Sunday World to-morrow will print more advertising devoted to Poultry and Poultry Supplies, the Garden and the Farm, than has ever appeared in any single issue of a New York newspaper. No one interested in poultry raising, seeds, plants, trees, etc., can afford to miss reading these timely and important announcements.

The World's Great Annual Poultry, Garden and Farm Edition SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH DO NOT MISS IT!

## 63,341 OLD MAIDS IN N. Y. CITY; 6,775 DIVORCED WOMEN

Census Bureau Gives These Figures in a Population of 5,620,048.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—New York City's population of 5,620,048, on Jan. 1, 1920, according to the Bureau of Census, comprised 2,901,025 males fifteen years of age and over, of whom 1,143,543, or 57.2 per cent., were married, and 2,026,797 females fifteen years old and over, of whom 1,115,670, or 55 per cent., were married.

In the earlier years of adult life the proportion married is much larger for females than for males, but after the age of forty-five the proportion of married men exceeds that of married women—76.4 per cent. as against 64.36 per cent. These were in New York City 78,999 widowers, 232,991 widows, 4,303 divorced men and 6,775 divorced women. The population forty-five years of age and over included 62,902 single men and 63,341 single women.

## LEADERS CALLED BY LLOYD GEORGE TO END CRISIS

Premier Will Quit Unless Week-End Conference Results in Settlement.

LONDON, March 4.—Premier Lloyd George to-day summoned leaders of the Conservative Party, including Austen Chamberlain, Arthur J. Balfour and Lord Birkenhead, to Chequers, his magnificent country estate, for a week-end conference of the utmost importance. Bonar Law may be invited also, it was said.

Although the Unionist revolt, led by Sir George Younger, was checked Thursday night, Lloyd George was determined to reach a complete understanding with the less radical leaders of the party this week-end, or hand in his resignation.

Sir Gordon Hewart, Attorney General in Lloyd George's Coalition Cabinet, resigned to-day, and has been appointed Lord Chief Justice. This is taken to indicate the first official compromise of a Cabinet crisis, for Sir Gordon has relinquished the post from which he could have been removed in the event of a Government change for one unaffected by any Parliamentary shifts.

Sir Gordon's fitness for the position is unquestioned, as he is a lawyer of the highest distinction. He read for the Bar while on the staff of the Manchester Guardian.

The speeches last night of Austen Chamberlain and Sir Laming Worthington Evans patched up the situation, which arose from an attempt by the Younger group to force Lloyd George's resignation, or a general election, but they have left the British political situation in a state of uneasy truce.

## IS FATHER OF 36, AND THE STORK IS FLAPPING AGAIN

Charlie Sobb Lives With Only 12 of Them, But May Soon Have Yet Another.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 4.—The champion father of Alabama—and perhaps of the nation—has been found here. He is the father of 36 children, at sixty-one years of age and the stork is again flapping its wings around his little home.

## JERSEY GAS RATE IS REDUCED FROM \$1.40 TO \$1.25

Cut Has to Do With Price of First 20,000 Cubic Feet.

NEWARK MAY BE LOWER. Board Rules Contract With By-Products Firm Reduces Operating Expenses.

TRENTON, March 4.—The New Jersey State Public Utility Commission to-day announced a reduction of the base gas rate of the Public Service Gas Company serving North and Central New Jersey and a portion of Southern New Jersey from \$1.40 per 1,000 cubic feet to \$1.25 per 1,000 cubic feet. The reduction is effective on March 25.

The base rate is for the first 20,000 cubic feet used per month. Referring to the contention of Newark and Jersey City and the Counties of Hudson, Bergen and Essex that they should be segregated from the rest of the system and given a special rate, the board said that these requests do not justify a reduction of the rate of the company in any of the divisions other than the Passaic division.

The board said that in view of the practice heretofore adopted the rate should be continued as a "company-wide" rate until it is possible to obtain an appraisal of all the properties in the divisions.

The board stated that if the valuation of the property in the counties of Essex, Bergen and Hudson should be disregarded and a rate should be fixed upon a basis of the operating costs of the By-Products Coke Company, under which the gas company is supplied with gas as a by-product from the coke company's plant.

The main reason for the lower operating costs in Essex, Bergen and Hudson Counties, the board said, is the contract between the Public Service Gas Company and the Sealers By-Products Coke Company, under which the gas company is supplied with gas as a by-product from the coke company's plant.

It is reported that the Public Service Gas Company will take an immediate appeal. The rate demanded by the Hudson, Bergen and Essex divisions was \$1.10.

## TWO MORE BROKERS CLOSE THEIR DOORS

E. H. Clarke & Co. in Bankruptcy Proceedings; C. C. James & Co. Suspended.

Two stock brokerage firms were to-day suspended from membership in the Curb Market Association for failure to meet their engagements. They were E. H. Clarke & Co. and C. C. James & Co.

## The Whole World Is Asking HAS PROHIBITION PROHIBITED?

Read the verdict of 50 business and professional men, from every part of the country, on this important question. Their answers will be found in an article of national scope and interest in THE EVENING WORLD MONDAY.

## \$10,000,000 FIRE SWEEPS MONTREAL CITY HALL, BURNING VALUABLE RECORDS AND ART

Mayor Places Loss at That Figure After Check-Up of Documents.

FOUR FIREMEN INJURED. Structure a Smoldering Ruin—Insurance Only \$200,000, in City Fund.

MONTREAL, March 4.—City officials to-day awaited the cooling of the embers of the fire which last night destroyed the city hall, that they may open the big safes in the services department and ascertain if signed debentures valued at \$5,000,000 and other valuable public documents were damaged.

The building, erected in 1873 at a cost of \$700,000, is a total loss. So rapidly had the flames progressed when the firemen arrived that it was impossible to save many valuable papers.

Six firemen were injured, one of them, Capt. Riley, seriously. Mayor Martin estimated that eventually the fire and the rehabilitation labors it will necessitate would prove to have occasioned a \$10,000,000 loss to the city. In addition to the destruction of the building and its contents he based his estimate on the cost of building anew, of replacing lists of assessments, taxes and other records and the temporary expense of housing the city government. The only insurance was said to be a reserve fund of \$200,000 set aside to meet fire losses and other eventualities.

Many rare works of art were destroyed. The resulting disorganization of the city's finances, Mayor Martin said, would be incalculable. He thought it probable that the Government would authorize a special loan of \$2,500,000 or more for a new city hall.

## FINALLY CONFIRM PECK'S PROMOTION

Now Lieutenant Colonel After Long Fight in Senate to Block Promotion.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Promotion of Major Robert G. Peck to be a Lieutenant Colonel, bitterly opposed because of statements he was reported to have made disparaging the Kansas and Missouri National Guard contingents of the A. E. F., finally was confirmed to-day by the Senate.

Flows were made by Senators that he had been punished sufficiently by War Department rebukes and by rejection of his first promotion last year.

## REDS IN TIPPERARY SEIZE GAS WORKS

Transport Workers Union Replaces Manager With Employee Who Was Dismissed.

TIPPERARY, Ireland, March 4.—(Associated Press).—The local branch of the Irish Transport Workers' Union seized the gas works here to-day and hoisted the red flag.

## USE RADIO TELEPHONE TO RUN DOWN ROBBERS

Broadest Description of Kentucky Thugs Who Get \$10,000 Fine. LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 4.—The radio telephone was used early today to broadcast descriptions of four robbers who, last night, held and paroled James T. Clark, his wife and two Negro servants and escaped with diamonds valued at \$10,000 and \$25 in cash. The robbers bound their victims with wire taken from expensive pictures which they tore from the walls.

## FLEISCHMANN CO. TO FIGHT HAYNES'S ALCOHOL RULING

If Order Barring Permits Is Not Modified, Plan Is to Begin Mandamus.

"BAD FAITH" CHARGED. Diversion for Beverage Uses and Disposal on Forged Permits Alleged.

Officials of the Fleischmann Co., Inc., yeast manufacturers, said to-day at the main office No. 701 Washington Street, that the action of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes in revoking their permits to sell denatured and other alcohol came as a surprise.

"The first intimation we had of it," said Vice President Henry Kaltenbach, "was when I was called up last night by a reporter for a news agency. The formal notice reached us at 11 o'clock to-day by registered mail.

"Alcohol is a by-product of yeast. We had permits to ship to agents throughout the United States alcohol and denatured alcohol from our warehouse and distillery at Peekskill and from our denaturing plant and denatured alcohol warehouse at Langdon, D. C. These have been revoked. We don't know why.

"The agents who sell our product were appointed by the Prohibition enforcement authorities who supervise them. We pay them. So far as we know, our permits have been handled regularly, and not a pint of alcohol has reached the hands of bootleggers. Our books are always open.

"We have instructed our attorneys to call on Commissioner Haynes as soon as possible and try to get the order modified. If we are unsuccessful there we shall institute mandamus proceedings.

Commissioner Haynes announced the revocations in Washington last night. He accused Fleischmann Co. of irregularities and bad faith.

The alleged irregularities consist of: "Diversion of non-beverage alcohol for beverage purposes; disposal of non-beverage alcohol on forged permits and without permits to purchase; and maintained false records, and at times no records whatsoever; received and disposed of non-beverage alcohol and failed to file transcripts or records with the Collector of Internal Revenue."

## TWO MEN AND BOY HOLD UP MAN WITH \$2,100 AND ESCAPE

Robbers Ignore Twenty Men Standing By on Lexington Avenue at 54th Street.

Michael Dempsey, manager for Imperial & Co., undertakers' supplies, with a \$2,100 bag of money, and a factory at No. 251 East 54th Street, started out of the office door at 11.30 o'clock to-day to take the payroll, \$2,100, in a tied-up envelope to the factory. He was met at the doorway by three men, one a tall brown boy, and two others, one of whom thrust a revolver against his side and told him to drop the envelope.

## PRESIDENT DENIES RUMORS ABOUT HARVEY

Has Not Asked for Resignation of the Ambassador.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—President Harding to-day authorized an official denial of reports published in London that he had decided to ask George Harvey, Ambassador to Great Britain, to resign or that the name was being considered for removal.

## DANCE PARTY IN AUTO BUS SMASHED BY N. Y. C. FLYER; 14 KILLED, 3 MORE DYING

On Way Home Driver Does Not Hear Warning of Watchman and Only One Is Saved From Death or Serious Injury

Seven of the Dead Are Women and Three Bodies Are Found Impaled on Locomotive Pilot at Painesville, O.

## HIGH POWER WIRE, 59 OPERATIONS, CAN'T KILL GIRL, 6

Dorothy Cannon Recovers After Nine Months on Back—Shows Few Signs of Ordeal.

DALLAS, Tex., March 4.—Dorothy Cannon, six year old, who has undergone fourteen serious operations and forty-five skin grafting applications, will be discharged from a hospital here within another month, a well child, doctors declared to-day.

Dorothy was given up as dead when found lying on a live wire in a puddle of water last June, and then looked upon as a hopeless case for two months after she was brought to the hospital.

When her mother found her, her clothing had been burned away and her body was black. Dorothy has been able to walk a little more than a week, but in that time has gained in weight. There are few visible signs of the agonizing condition which kept her flat on her back for nine months.

## REFUSED \$3,000 BOY, 18, SHOTS FATHER 4 TIMES

Says Wounded Parent Denied Him Money Held in Trust—Struggles With Brother.

Carl Wenz, eighteen, of White Plains, early to-day shot his father, Charles, four times while the latter was in bed at his home at No. 131 Sherman Avenue, Jersey City.

According to the elder Wenz, who is at City Hospital, he and his fourteen-year-old son Alfred were awakened by Carl who asked that his father deliver \$3,000 he was holding in trust for him. When refused, the father stated, Carl drew a revolver and fired, the bullets striking him in the mouth, the shoulder and in the side. Alfred grappled with his brother, who tried to fire again, but the revolver failed.

After the father had been taken to the hospital, Alfred led the police to the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Kline, at No. 487 Palisade Avenue, where Carl was arrested on a charge of felonious assault. The father is expected to recover.

Carl admitted the shooting, it is stated, in a written statement to Detective Cusack. He said that when he was six years old his left arm was cut off in a trolley car accident in Jersey City and that his father collected a judgment of \$3,000. He left home three years ago, he continued, but returned last month and demanded the money. It was refused and he returned again last night.

"I fired five shots," he said in his alleged statement. "Just to lay him up for a while. I asked him about the money. He said he would not give it to me. Then I drew the gun. He said, 'Go ahead and shoot,' and I fired five times."

## N. J. CAN CONDEMN LAND FOR SCHOOLS

TRENTON, March 4.—Gov. Edwards last night signed a bill by Senator Stevens of Monmouth permitting the State Board of Education to condemn land for school sites. The measure is particularly applicable to condemn land in Hudson County for a new North Jersey Normal School.

"I blew the whistle just as we reached the limits of the town," Engineer Fernandez declared. "An instant later I saw the automobile on the track immediately ahead of me. The space before me struck it was so brief I could not even know whether the automobile was standing or in motion.

"As I threw on the brakes I felt the collision and fragments of the wreckage flew past as quickly as possible. I am sure we stopped as quickly as possible."

The story of Fireman Milo Combs



Lady PATRICIA RAMSAY

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## LONDON, March 4.—Prominence

is given in all the morning papers to the announcement that "Lady Patricia Ramsay is leaving London this morning to rejoin Commander the Honorable A. Ramsay, whose official duties prevented him from attending Princess Mary's wedding. The Commander and Lady Ramsay will spend the next few months at their residence in Paris."

Comment had been excited by Lady Patricia's increasingly long separations from her husband in the last two years. She had practically returned to the parental roof, living with her father, the Duke of Connaught, either in England or on the Riviera. It is said the King and Queen have insisted that the Ramsays put an end to gossip by setting up house together again. Rumor attributes their differences to the husband.

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## BROTHER OF COL. WHITELESEA DIES

WILMINGTON, March 4.—Elliott White, brother of the late Gen. Col. Whitelesea, died yesterday at his family home. His death is the fourth in a family of five children.

## INSPECTOR HALLOCK'S LAST DAY ON THE FORCE

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