

CITY TO GET FREE HAND IN HOME RULE BY NEW PROPOSAL

Gov. Miller's Appointees Said to Favor Wide Powers for New York.

Home Rule for New York City to an extent that far surpasses the brightest hopes of its champions and proportional representation in the election of all but the chief administrative officers of the city will be recommended in the report of the New York City Charter Commission which was appointed by Gov. Nathan L. Miller and which will meet to file its report this afternoon in the office of Comptroller Charles L. Craig, it was learned today.

The commission has been working for several months on the report and its recommendations will be the result of one of the most exhaustive studies of the question ever made in this country. The report, following its acceptance, will be submitted to the next Legislature for passage, and it was said that assurances already are in hand that it will be passed with little change.

Provisions of the report were kept secret prior to its submission by the commission, but it is reported that one of these is that home rule will be granted to the city just as far as the Constitution of the State permits. It has been believed that some members of the commission would oppose the granting to the city of a free hand, but this belief now appears to have had no basis in fact.

As for the recommendations with regard to proportional representation, this feature of the report is said to bid fair to revolutionize election procedure in New York City. In effect, it does away with the system of wards in the election of Aldermen, school boards and other bodies of the kind. Of course, proportional representation has no part in the election of individual administrative officers, such as Mayor and Comptroller.

Much of the representation recommendations are the result of proposals submitted to the Commission by the Proportional Representation Committee of New York City, which comprises scores of the most prominent men and women in the city. The main recommendation of the committee has to do with the election of Aldermen, so that every party and every voter may receive a fair share of representation. The committee charges that under the present election laws, a large minority of voters have a disproportionate representation.

In a word, proportional representation would do away with certain election districts and make several larger districts in which voters could vote for any one of from five to seven candidates. Take lower Manhattan, for example, in Assembly Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12, in which there are 658,870 voters. This would be made into one district under the new plan and every voter in that district could vote for any one of seven candidates for Alderman.

In the west side of Manhattan, Assembly Districts 7, 9, 11, 13, 19, 21, 22 and 23 would be done away with and six candidates would be set before 540,990 voters in those districts. And so it goes throughout the city.

FUNERAL OF BELLAMY STORER TO BE HELD FRIDAY IN PARIS.

PARIS, Nov. 14.—The funeral of Bellamy Storer, late American diplomat, who died here Sunday night, will be held at 10.30 o'clock Friday morning in the Church of St. Philippe with Mgr. Cerretti, the Papal nuncio in Paris, conducting the services. Burial will probably be at Marvejois, Department of Lozere.

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Veteran Horse Trainer, in Court as Mentally Incompetent, Withstands Withering Crossfire.

The question of "Father Bill" Daly's age, which has been agitating the Supreme Court in Brooklyn for several days in connection with the incompetency action brought against him by his wife, Mrs. Ella Daly, before Justice Callahan and a jury, was settled to-day. "Father Bill" is a noted race horse trainer.

"I'm sixty-eight years old, Your Honor, next Jan. 20, at 2 o'clock in the morning," he said in reply to Justice Callahan's question as to his age. Mrs. Daly had told the court that Daly had stated his age at various times at from 100 years down to seventy-six, and that even his father did not know.

"How do you know it was two o'clock in the morning?" asked the Justice.

"My mother told me so," replied the witness, who does not appear a day over eighty-six. "She told me if there was any doubt about it, I could write to some friends in Ireland and find out about it."

"To what do you attribute this action brought by your wife to have you adjudged incompetent?" continued the Justice.

"Well, Your Honor," replied the old horseman, "my wife and seven of the children know they can't do everything that they want to do." Daly admitted he was married once before, but when the Justice asked if the first wife was living, he replied in a voice so low that reporters could not get the answer. He said he has been training race horses ever since

he was seventeen years old, and declared he had trained some of the best jockeys in the world, including Eddie Garrison, Mickie Myers and Tod Sloan.

In answer to questions by his counsel, who fired them so fast that the court stenographers held up their hands in dismay, the old man gave exact facts and figures in minute detail about his real estate, the tenants, rents, caretakers, and other business connected with the property.

FEWER TAXPAYERS ASK LOWER ASSESSMENTS

With to-morrow the last day for filing applications for reduction of assessed valuations of real estate the Department of Taxes and Assessments to-day was nearly overwhelmed by a deluge of belated applications.

The assessment books have been open to the public since Oct. 1, but the number of applications filed up to to-day indicate that fewer claims for reduction will be made this year than last, when the number exceeded 3,500.

Applications for reduction of assessments on personal property may be filed at any time before Dec. 1.

RIFT IN ROMANCE OF LANGELOTH'S WEALTHY WIDOW

Valeria Clark, Who Got \$5,000,000 From Estate, Separates From Husband.

Mrs. Valeria Langeloth Clark, widow of Jacob Langeloth, former head of the American Metals Corporation, who left an estate of more than \$5,000,000 when he died last August, and her young husband, Anson L. Clark, have separated. He is living at his club and she has taken quarters at the Hotel Plaza.

When she was asked about the separation, she admitted that she and her husband were no longer living together, but referred all other inquiries to her attorney, Job E. Hedges, No. 145 Broadway.

Clark, who is head of a coffee importing firm under his name at No. 28 Front Street, married Mrs. Langeloth on April 29, 1921, the wedding attracting much attention and occurring six months after their first meeting.

Although, according to the marriage license, there appeared to be only a year's difference in their ages, Clark looked less than the thirty-seven years he gave as his age. It is said now that a short time ago Clark discovered

his wife's age to be fifty-eight instead of thirty-eight, and that he believed that she gave too much attention to other men. At any rate, they separated last Wednesday.

Mr. Hedges, asked whether any court action was contemplated, replied in the negative.

Mrs. Langeloth Clark received under her first husband's will \$250,000 in cash and an annuity of \$100,000, with the \$285,000 residence at No. 826 Fifth Avenue, a present from her husband on Christmas Day, 1905. This house has been sold. The remainder of the estate went to the foundation of the Valeria Home at Riverside, Conn., for those of education and refinement who had not the means to maintain homes of their own.

INJURED AVIATOR DIES.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Lieutenant Commander Godfrey De C. Chevalier, who crashed with his airplane at Hampton Roads, Sunday, died to-day at the Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., according to a message to the Navy Department. In point of service, he was one of the oldest aviators of the Navy.

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