

IVINS ON DEBT LIMIT CUTS METZ'S ESTIMATE. Margin of Borrowing Capacity Reduced to \$8,582,705.

In a report to the Governor on the city's debt limit, William M. Ivins, chairman of the Charter Revision Commission, cuts Controller Metz's estimate of \$7,831,649 as the margin of borrowing capacity down to \$8,582,705.

We are of the opinion that when the borrowing capacity of the city has been so nearly exhausted as it appears at the present time to be, whatever borrowing capacity remains should be treated purely as a matter of fact.

The Controller's statement of the city's borrowing capacity was prepared at the request of the special committee of the Senate and Assembly now investigating the municipal finances, and also at the request of the Charter Commission.

The element of the Controller's calculation to evoke most of the criticism of the Charter Commission is his estimate for land liabilities of \$15,935,561. The report observes that at the start of this estimate, while the city had no title that land where title has actually passed to the city.

The following table shows the Controller's method of calculation: Gross bonded indebtedness, November 1, 1908, \$533,121,157. Less reserve bonds, \$100,578,190.

There is how the charter commission would, revise the Controller's estimate: Controller's estimate, \$57,931,440. Additional estimated land liability, \$23,600,000.

FERRIES COSTLY TO CITY. Staten Island and 39th Street Lines Run at Big Loss, Witness Says.

Testifying yesterday before the legislative committee investigating the city's finances, John M. Phelan, auditor of the Department of Docks and Ferries, said that the city lost \$93,272 in 1907 through the operation of the Staten Island and 39th street ferries.

Answering a question by Senator Cassidy, Mr. Phelan said that the total cost of the Staten Island ferry properties, at the start it cost \$40,000 for the boats and \$20,000 for other properties.

John F. Ambrose, superintendent of ferries, said a private company couldn't make the ferry pay and give as good service as the city.

Commissioner Spooner of the Department of Docks and Ferries said that by the time the Whitehall ferryhouse was completed the outlay on ferries would exceed by \$2,000,000 the figures already given.

First Punishment of That Kind Under Truancy Law Meted Out to Queens Co. Parent. For neglecting to send his nine-year-old son to school, Stephen Bruchack, a farmer, living on the North Hempstead Turnpike, in Bayside, Long Island, was committed yesterday to the Queens County jail in default of \$500 bail, by Magistrate Connolly in the Flushing police court.

MAYOR THANKS GOLD STREET WORKERS. Mayor McClellan yesterday wrote to Walter Benson, sanitary superintendent of the Department of Health, and Kingsley L. Martin, chief engineer of the Bridge Department, thanking him for their services in connection with the Gold street gas explosion accident in Brooklyn on December 5.

MANIKINS ACT CRIME DEPICT ANNIS MURDER. Witness in Hains Case Missing—Juror's Father Dead.

A dramatic scene marked yesterday afternoon's session of the Thornton J. Hains murder trial, in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, in Flushing, when there was reproduced in miniature the yacht club pier and float where on August 15, William E. Annis was shot to death by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., while Thornton J. Hains held the club members back with a revolver.

It was demonstrated that as Annis approached the float in his boat, Andrews stood in the bow of his son's small yacht, and Thornton J. Hains, Birchfield and Storms stood above upon the pier.

Hammond Under Bond. President of Typewriter Company Must Keep Peace. James B. Hammond, the seventy-year-old president of the Hammond Typewriter Company, who was paroled yesterday when brought to the New Yorkville court on Tuesday, had a \$200 bond for his good behavior for three months.

Merges with Automobile Club. A coalition between the Automobile Club of America and the Aeronautic Society was formed yesterday in the rooms of the Automobile Club, in West 44th street, last night.

Pushcart Pedler Killed by Auto. Abraham Bleuer, a pushcart pedler, of No. 155 Allen street, was hit by an automobile at 10th street and Second avenue yesterday morning and thrown against the curb.

Dodges Trolley Car in Second Avenue, but Machine Hurls Him to Curb. Abraham Bleuer, a pushcart pedler, of No. 155 Allen street, was hit by an automobile at 10th street and Second avenue yesterday morning and thrown against the curb.

AN 'L' SEAT FOR ALL BROOKLYNITES. P. S. C. Issues Tentative Order for Improved Service on Three Lines. The Public Service Commission issued yesterday a tentative order for improved service on several Brooklyn elevated lines.

TO START HAFEN HEARINGS SOON. Wallace Macfarlan, who has been designated by Governor Hughes to hear the charges against Borough President Haffen made by Mayor McClellan, said yesterday that the hearing would begin as soon as possible.

try—we settle them with our fists, to which Hains replied, "You are evidently not an American." Mr. McIntyre, unable to prove by the witness that he ran with upraised hand toward Captain Hains, next endeavored to show by the witness whether there were cars, bathhooks, tackle or anything beneath the boom, but the witness caught up to use as an offensive weapon.

Word was brought to Alexander Jardine, the Indian, who occupies the seventh seat in the jury box, that his father had died. Justice Crane called the lawyers to the desk, and he asked the Indian to step out of the box.

WANTS HIS LIABILITY LIMITED. H. W. Putnam, Jr., Sued for Accident on His Steam Yacht Alcayone. Henry W. Putnam, Jr., owner of the auxiliary steam yacht Alcayone of 23 tons net register, and worth \$15,000, filed yesterday in the United States District Court a petition for limitation of liability.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. MINIATURE ALMANAC. Sunrise 7:19. Sunset 4:34. Moon rises 1:02. Moon sets 2:44. HIGH WATER. A. M.—Sandy Hook 2:15. Island 2:34. Hell Gate 4:47. P. M.—Sandy Hook 2:15. Island 2:34. Hell Gate 4:31.

WIRELESS REPORTS. The Atlantic, reported as 1,008 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 a. m. yesterday, is expected to dock about 6 p. m. Friday.

INCOMING STEAMERS. TO-DAY. \*Vesuvius Prince, Harland, December 9, Atlantic. \*Hull, Prins, Harland, December 9, Atlantic.

OUTGOING STEAMERS. TO-DAY. \*Vesuvius Prince, Harland, December 9, Atlantic. \*Hull, Prins, Harland, December 9, Atlantic.

TRANS-PACIFIC MAILS. Destination and steamer. Close in New York. Hawaii, Japan, Corea, China and Philippines via San Francisco.

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Don't think our overcoats are all high because we have at the top of the range such coats as the luxurious Montagnacs at \$70.

At every step down to \$18 there are first-class coats which will give satisfactory service, cut on the same smart models as the highest priced fabrics.

Indeed from the standpoint of service, our \$18 frozies will outwear many of the higher priced coats.

Plenty of fancy fabrics through the range this year.

Damp days don't dampen the enthusiasm of the wearers of Schlichten Ramic underwear.

It's then that the special properties of Ramic fibre are most effective.

"Double" shoes are as waterproof as leather can be. Double thickness of waterproof leather, with oiled silk turned into the seams where water most often gets through.

On your Xmas tree—Sweaters, knitted vests, umbrellas, suit cases, Thermos bottles, goggles, auto trunk, suitcase, gloves, neckwear, steamer caps, razors—Gillette and Auto Strip, bath robes, dressing gowns.

NEW AMSTERDAM. THEATRE, 421 St. West of B'way. EVENING 8:10. MATS. Wed. Sat. and Xmas. 2:15. LITTLE NEMO. THEATRE, B'way and 45th St. EVENING 8:15. MATS. Wed. Sat. and Xmas. 2:15.

BROADWAY THEATRE. B'way and 41st St. EVENING 8:15. MATS. Wed. Sat. and Xmas. 2:15. THE TRAVELING SALESMAN. MIMI AGULLIA. THE SICILIANS. PECCATRICE AND CALLELLA. THE PATRIOT. KNICKERBOCKER. FRITZI SCHEFF. SAVOY. THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE.

LIBERTY THEATRE. 42d St. near Broadway. EVENING 8:15. MATS. Wed. Sat. and Xmas. 2:15. JOSEPH O'MARA. THE TOMMY WITH MUSIC "PEGGY MARCHIE".

ELMENDORF. SUNDAY. YELLOWSTONE PARK. SEATS NOW \$1.50 TO 20c. HANMERSTEIN'S. HENRIETTA. BROADWAY. HERMAN KLEIN'S NEXT SUNDAY POP.

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ASTOR. B'way and 45th St. EVENING 8:15. MATS. Wed. Sat. and Xmas. 2:15. THE MAN FROM HOME. OPENS TO-MORROW NIGHT TOY SHOW. Holiday Christmas Carnival.

COLONIAL. CLAYTON WHITE and Marie Stuart. ALHAMBRA. Alice Lloyd, Henry Lee, the Killbuck. ACADEMY OF MUSIC. LAST TWO WEEKS. MONTGOMERY and STONE. THE Red Mill.

CARNEGIE HALL. THIS AFTERNOON AT 3. THE MUSICAL RENAISSANCE OF THE SEASON. MUSICAL ART SOCIETY. CHORUS OF 75 ARTISTS. FIRST CONCERT TO-NIGHT AT 8.

GERMAN THEATRE. IRVING PLAZA. EVENING 8:15. SATURDAY MATINEE 2:15. GARDEN THEATRE. 27th and Mad. Ave. Prices 10c to \$1.50. ICE HOCKEY. ST. NICHOLAS RINK. 69 West 42d St.

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