

WIDOWED MOTHERS' PENSION OPPOSED

The Legislative Committee Feels State Should Not Assume Responsibility.

HEARING HELD AT CITY HALL

Mrs. Inez Boissevain and Mrs. Hickey Speak in Favor of Plan.

The proposed plan to give state aid to widowed mothers was bitterly opposed yesterday by most of the speakers at the first public hearing in the City Hall.

The other members of the commission are Richard M. Neustadt, secretary; Robert W. Hebbard, director of investigation; Frederick S. Burr, E. Frank Brewster, Hannah B. Einstein, Anthony J. Griffin, William Harb, Sophie Irene Loeb, James G. McCue, Henry W. Pollock, James W. Rozan, Dr. William I. Slovich, Thomas K. Smith, Ralph W. Thomas and Ansley Wilcox.

Those opposing the plan were Dr. Edward T. Devine, secretary of the Charity Organization Society; Frank Tucker, vice-president of the Provident Loan Society; John A. Kingsbury, general agent for the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor; Porter H. Lee, of the New York School of Philanthropy; former Commissioner Folks, of the Charities Commission; Otto T. Barnard, Dr. Lee K. Frankel, director of the United Hebrew Charities and associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; and Miss Mary E. Richmond, of the Russell Sage Foundation.

Miss Richmond has been for nine years general secretary of the Charities Organization Societies in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Favoring the plan were Mrs. Inez Milholland Boissevain and Mrs. Josephine Hickey, who represented the League of Mothers' Clubs.

Dr. Devine said that no one had advanced an approximate idea of what the plan would cost, and that if the pension idea were adopted voluntary contributions from individuals to charities would fall off.

"Conditions among the poor in this city," he said, "are gradually improving. Cardinal Farley and Professor Hobhouse bear me out in this."

"As a matter of fact, there is no mechanism for carrying the work out, and, in addition to that, we lose sight of the fact that the issue is not on the point of charity, but whether it is wiser to keep

poor families intact or take the children away to institutions where they will be deprived of home influences."

Should the plan be adopted, the number of dependents would be increased automatically, Mr. Barnard said, and applications for many other projects of the same nature would follow.

Unless sufficient funds to enable private organizations to take care of the matter can be gathered, the plan should be favored, said Dr. Frankel, but he believed there would be no trouble in getting money. In this city, he said, there are about 1,500 widows between the ages of fifteen and twenty-four, 45,000 between the ages of twenty-five and forty-four and 127,000 more than forty-four years.

Inability by an administration to carry out the work carefully and honestly was the objection made by Miss Richmond.

Mrs. Boissevain said that it was all in the point of view whether state and municipal efforts to relieve the poor were failures.

Mrs. Hickey's opinion was that the plan would prove all right if the money were handled through the Department of Education. She objected to the use of the word "charity" in connection with the fund, for, she said, that word was not employed in the pensioning of soldiers' and sailors' dependents.

GET LAST RITES AT FIRE

Two Firemen Fatally Crushed During \$100,000 Blaze.

Jere Lowney and Walter Weatherston, firemen of truck company No. 106, were probably fatally injured yesterday at a fire which destroyed the plant of the Lignum Chemical Works, Meeker avenue and Vandam street, Williamsburg. The plant occupied a building covering a square block.

While Lowney and Weatherston were being conveyed to St. Catherine's Hospital, Father McGroen, the police chaplain, administered the last rites of the Church.

The fire started on the Vandam street side of the building. The flames gained great headway before the arrival of the first fire companies, which responded to an alarm sent in by Miss Irene Weiss, a stenographer. A second, third and fourth were quickly summoned.

Firemen found difficulty in fighting the flames because of the stifling fumes of the chemicals.

More than a score of firemen were battling the blaze on the Vandam street side when a section of the wall fell. Lowney and Weatherston were crushed beneath the burning timbers.

The fire damaged a huge cable inclosing a hundred pairs of telephone wires running to Hillside, Queens. Persons operating on these wires were without telephone service. The damage to the cable was placed at between \$16,000 and \$20,000. The Lignum company, it was estimated, suffered a loss of between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

Wickersham Ends World Tour.

Washington, Nov. 24.—George W. Wickersham, former Attorney General, paid his respects to-day to President Wilson. He has just returned from a trip around the world which he began when he left office last March.

PRESIDENT WILSON HELPS REHEARSE DAUGHTER'S WEDDING

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Gilbert Horrax, the first two ushers, were escorted by a uniformed aid. They were followed by Dr. De Witt Scott Clark and Benjamin R. Burton. First in the procession of the bridesmaids were Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, the President's youngest daughter, and Miss Agnes White, of Baltimore; then Miss Angeline Mitchell Scott, of Princeton, N. J., and Miss Marjorie Brown, of Atlanta.

The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Wilson, walked alone, followed by the bride, leaning on the arm of the President. The procession was repeated twice, on the exit march the band playing Mendelssohn's Wedding March.

The Rev. Sylvester W. Beach, of Princeton, N. J., who is to perform the marriage ceremony, was present at the rehearsal. He will read the marriage service, while the Rev. John Nevill Sayre, a brother of the bridegroom, will pronounce the benediction. The double ring service and the order of marriage of the Presbyterian Church will be followed.

Dance on the Mayflower.

The final entertainment for the bride-elect and Mr. Sayre was on board the Mayflower to-night, when the officers entertained the bridal party and several of the younger relatives and friends of the bride and the bridegroom.

Miss Wilson wore one of the dresses which belongs to her trousseau, a dainty creation in pink, and the crowning feature of her costume was the splendid diamond chain and pendant presented to her by the members of the House. She also wore the ruby and diamond bracelet sent to her by the Postmaster General and Mrs. Burlington and several of the minor ornaments sent her by girl friends.

The dance, following the dinner on the Mayflower, was one of the gayest the beautiful boat has yet accommodated, and the health and happiness of the young people were pledged many times.

The dinner at the White House to-night was also informal but notable, and for the first time since the inauguration the President and Mrs. Wilson were lost to a large concourse of their relatives. The greatest difference was in the fact that Mrs. Robert H. Sayre and other of the older relatives of the bridegroom-elect were there also.

On the table at the White House was used for the second time the splendid silver centerpiece sent to Miss Wilson by the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court. It was used on Friday night when the President and Mrs. Wilson entertained guests for Mr. Sayre and Miss Wilson.

Several of the other gifts sent to the bride have been used or will be used on the day of the wedding, as Miss Wilson wishes that historic interest given to them.

Gifts Are on View.

This was show day at the White House, and the hundreds of beautiful gifts were first viewed by the wives of the Cabinet members who made their usual on-day morning call. The large house party of relatives and bridesmaids arrived, and they, too, had to be shown the treasures, and the girl friends of Miss Jessie Wilson and her sisters and the men friends of the

LEGAL TRAPS SET TO CATCH EARLE

Attorneys Ready to Make Capture in Kidnapping Plot To-day.

WATCH SHIP HERE AND ONE IN BOSTON

Father, Child and Miss Herrmann Sought by Frantic Mother's Command.

A series of legal traps was prepared yesterday for the apprehension of Ferdinand Finney Earle, of "affinity" fame, when he arrives in this country to-day with his eight-year-old son, Harold. The child is said to have been kidnapped by his father and Miss Charlotte Herrmann, of Rutherford, N. J., from a school in Paris.

Earle, the child and Miss Herrmann sailed from Antwerp either on the steamer Marquette, of the Red Star Line, bound for Boston, on November 12, or on the steamer Finland, belonging to the same company, two days later. Both vessels are expected to dock to-day.

In Part II of the Supreme Court yesterday Justice Swayne granted a writ of habeas corpus directing Earle and Miss Herrmann to produce the child in court. Henry Wellington Wack, an attorney at No. 42 Broadway, made the application, having been retained by the mother of the boy, Mme. Fischbacher. Earle's first wife, if Earle and Miss Herrmann are on the Finland, the writ will be served when the vessel touches her pier at this port.

An examination of the passenger lists of both the Finland and the Marquette disclosed that if Earle and his associates were on board they were travelling under assumed names. To provide against their entering the country unmolested by way of Boston, Mr. Wack, accompanied by Paul Herrmann, foster-father of Charlotte Herrmann, and Hamilton Squier, an attorney at No. 306 Broadway, left for Boston last night. Papers similar to those filed in New York yesterday will be drawn up and an application for a writ against the child will be filed this morning.

It was Mr. Herrmann's belief yesterday that Earle was on the Marquette, as that vessel was the first to sail from Antwerp after the boy, according to reports, was kidnapped by Miss Herrmann, who was known in Paris as Mrs. Evans. There is but little credence placed in the report that Earle had taken one steamer and Miss Herrmann the other.

It is probable that a request for the arrest and extradition of Earle and Miss Herrmann will be made by the French government. As yet no such request has been made. If Earle brings his son here he will also be liable to a severe penalty under the laws of New York for bringing a kidnapped child here.

In the petition for the writ of habeas corpus the co-accusers, were set forth at length. His various marriages and divorces were mentioned, and it was stated that "when Mme. Marie Emma Emilie Fischbacher secured a divorce from Earle the French tribunal gave her the custody of her child, Harold."

The document brought into the case for the first time the name of another person, the mother of Ferdinand Finney Earle. A cablegram from the frantic Mrs. Fischbacher directed her attorneys to watch Mrs. Earle.

"Earle seems bound for No. 236 Broadway" (Mrs. Earle's home), the message declared. "Watch Mother Earle. Letters show her complicity."

Another cablegram from Paris, filed in the application for the writ, was as follows:

"Paris, Nov. 18.—Earle and woman kidnapped Harold. Take necessary measures. Watch all steamships at American and Canadian harbors after 18th. Track him."

The petition stated further that Earle had wasted his estate and would be unable to care for his son.

ELISOR JURIES 'UPHELD

Conviction of Louis Kuehnle Affirmed by Court.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Trenton, N. J., Nov. 24.—The Court of Errors and Appeals sustained the validity of elisor drawn juries to-day, when it affirmed the conviction of Louis Kuehnle, the Republican boss of Atlantic City. Mr. Kuehnle was charged with being financially interested in the awarding of a city contract to a concern in which he was a director at the same time that he was a member of the Board of Water Commissioners of Atlantic City. He was sentenced to a term of one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

Kuehnle will now have to serve his sentence unless the Board of Pardons interferes or the case is taken to the United States Supreme Court. It is probable that the case will be taken to the latter court. An employee of the United Paving Company named Lockwood entered into a contract with the city for the construction of a \$500,000 timber water main. Later it was found that Lockwood turned the contract over to the United Paving Company, in which Kuehnle was a stockholder, director and officer. Lockwood, it was alleged, was used as a dummy to secure the contract for the Kuehnle company.

Following his conviction Kuehnle immediately appealed to the Supreme Court on the ground that the elisor jury was unconstitutional.

Proctor Opens New House.

F. F. Proctor's new theatre in Mount Vernon was opened yesterday afternoon with vaudeville, headed by Jesse Lasky's "Water Cure" company, with Allan Brooks. Mayor E. W. Fiske made a speech at the evening performance, which was attended by many city officials.

The new house occupies an entire block in the new civic center and is in a six story building erected by Mr. Proctor. The theatre is tastefully decorated and will present first class vaudeville attractions, with a change of bill twice a week.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

Richard Walton Tully has engaged Roberto Deshon to play the important part of a rabbi in "Omar, the Tentmaker."

Owen Davis has completed a novel from "The Family Cupboard," his play now running at the Playhouse, and it will be published in book form just before the holidays.

With the presentation of "Traffic in Souls" yesterday afternoon at Weber's Theatre Carl Laemmle, president of the University Film Company, arranged for the presentation of this moving picture in seventeen foreign cities.

A reception yesterday afternoon to Sir Johnston and Lady Forbes-Robertson at the British Imperial Club, No. 108 East 30th street, by one of its members, Miss Adeline Bourne, was largely attended. Among those present were Cyril Maude, his daughter Margery Maude, and many noted British visitors to New York. A dance followed.

DIDN'T RIVAL T. R. IN HUNT

Ex-Governor Osborn of Michigan Goes to India for Tigers.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Milwaukee, Nov. 24.—Having failed to better the record made by former President Roosevelt on his African hunt, Charles S. Osborn, former Governor of Michigan, has started for India to try his hand at tiger killing.

Advices received here state that Mr. Osborn made his first kill in Africa near the place where Colonel Roosevelt brought down his first specimen. Mr. Osborn's bag so far includes lions, hippopotami, rhinoceros, leopards and other big game.

"I DON'T CARE" EVA BECOMES A BRIDE

"Tanguays" to Altar at Ann Arbor Between Acts and Becomes Mrs. Ford.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 24.—Eva Tanguay is no more, at least not legally so. She is Mrs. John W. Ford now, if you please. In the interval between matinee and evening performances Ford, who has a dancing part in the Tanguay company, coaxed the "idol" across the street from the Whitney Theatre to the office of a justice of the peace, and there Eva promised to love and obey her John till death doth part.

Edward Sloman, Hilda Sloman and N. B. Sorensen, all members of the Tanguay company, acted as witnesses. When it was all over, Eva said: "Now, surely this can't make us man and wife."

Harvard Honors New Yorkers.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 24.—Watson McLean Washburn, tennis player, and Rustin McIntire, of the New York representatives among the members re-elected for the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Harvard, as announced to-night. Both are seniors. Washburn has also been chosen to deliver the oration at the society's annual observance.

Lauds Girl for Slaying Man.

Fanny Paperman, twenty years old, of No. 189 Second avenue, was acquitted by a coroner's jury yesterday afternoon on the ground that her killing of Salvatore Cassetta had been in self-defence. Coroner Winterbottom told her she deserved praise for her act. According to the evidence, the man attacked the girl with a revolver after she refused to go with him to his command.

WHITMAN A WEDDING GUEST.

District Attorney Whitman will leave New York to-day to attend the wedding of Miss Jessie Wilson, Francis B. Sayre was for thirteen months on Mr. Whitman's staff. Aaron J. Colton, who shared an office with Mr. Sayre, and James H. Reynolds, a former Assistant District Attorney, will also be guests.

HINTS AT "TICKET" CRIME

Deuel Puts Over Opera Scandal Hearing Till December 8.

Saying that "from the prosecution's representation it is my belief that a crime has been committed," Magistrate Deuel, at the continuation of the hearing in the charge of grand larceny against Tyson & Co., refused yesterday to dismiss the case. He adjourned the hearing until December 8, pending the filing of briefs by the lawyers on both sides. Magistrate Deuel's remark followed a plea by William L. Marshall, the attorney for the ticket agency, to the effect that in pledging \$100,000 worth of Metropolitan opera tickets with the Metropolitan Trust Company as security for a loan Tyson & Co. committed no crime.

"Tyson & Co. were not the agents of anybody," said Mr. Marshall. "They were dealers, buying at wholesale and selling at retail. The tickets cannot be considered property, and therefore could not have been stolen. They are merely licenses, and non-transferable, at that."

"In other words," commented Magistrate Deuel, "when Tyson & Co. buy a lot of tickets they are forbidden by the tickets themselves to transfer them."

"Well, there was a tacit agreement with the opera company for many years not to enforce that clause on the ticket," was the reply.

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