

REILLY WINS LEGAL FIGHT WITH FRIAS

Contract with Cuban Set Aside and His Counter Claim Dismissed.

WATERWORKS ON ISLAND INVOLVED

Both Men Alleged to Have Used Services of Sulzer When He Was in Congress.

By a decision of Justice Newburger, Hugh J. Reilly, a contractor, won a victory yesterday in his suit against José Antonio Frias, formerly a Cuban Senator and Mayor of Cienfuegos, and the Latin-American Contracting and Improvement Company. Reilly sued to set aside a contract with Frias, and the defendant filed a counter claim asking for part of \$27,000 paid to Reilly by the Cuban government under certain contracts. Justice Newburger sustained the action brought by Reilly and dismissed the counter claim of Frias.

There has been much bitterness between the parties to the suit, one outcome of which was the indictment of Frias in this city for perjury. Both men had made use of the service of William Sulzer while he was in Congress. Reilly testified that he had advanced \$10,000 to Sulzer, following his nomination for Governor, to enable him to pay his debts. Justice Newburger said in his decision that he could find nothing in the record of the case to uphold the statement of Frias that he was a partner of Reilly in the contracts awarded to the latter by the Cuban government, which included one for building waterworks at Cienfuegos. The court held that the relations of Frias and Reilly were only those of attorney and client, finding also that Frias had received large compensation for his work.

Reilly made the acquaintance of Frias in 1902 in Cienfuegos. Through him he obtained the contract for the waterworks, which had been originally granted to Michael J. Dady, of Brooklyn, but later was rejected by the Common Council of Cienfuegos. Frias also procured for Reilly a franchise for a railroad. Reilly agreed under contract to build and equip the railroad in return for 19,340 shares of stock and \$2,000,000 in bonds, secured by a lien on the railroad. Frias left Cuba in 1906 after a political fight, in which Congressman Villuendas was assassinated. He did not return there until last winter. Governor Magoon, at the head of the government of Intervention in 1907, and the Cienfuegos Common Council revoked the waterworks contract, a new contract being made in 1913 on the recommendation of William H. Taft, at that time Secretary of War. This contract was approved by President Roosevelt. Reilly wrote to Frias in 1909 telling him that the people who were fighting him believed that Frias was his partner. Reilly asked Frias to assign to him a contract that he had with the railroad company to provide at 40 a horsepower such power as might be needed for electric lighting along the line of the proposed railroad. Frias executed this assignment. Frias also alleged a 20 per cent interest in the money to be paid by the Cuban government to Reilly on the waterworks contract. He transferred this claim to one Altamira, who organized the Latin-American Contracting and Improvement Company, to which he transferred the claim of Frias against Reilly.

Reilly sued to set aside the contract of Frias with the railroad company for supplying power and to set aside the assignment of Frias to Altamira, and the one by Altamira to the Latin-American company of the claim against Reilly. This the court upheld.

Frias sought to compel Reilly to account for 20 per cent of the money he received from the Cuban government and to transfer part of the stock of the railroad company to Frias and the contracting company. This claim was dismissed.

INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPENED

Better Relations with Employes Aim of Business Men.

An exhibition to better industrial relations, organized by business men of the Society for Ethical Culture, was opened yesterday in the society's building, at 2 West 64th st. Short addresses were made by Professor Seligman, of Columbia University, and Coroner Healy.

The exhibit consists mainly of a series of models and charts intended to show the industrial activities that recognize the human factor. It was pointed out by the managers of the exposition that the movement was started by employers of labor who are desirous of improving relations with their employes.

The exhibit will last until April 26. Special meetings will be held evenings at 8 o'clock, the speeches to be illustrated with motion pictures. Borough President Marks will preside at to-morrow night's meeting.

CREDITORS PURSUE ANGER

Lay Claim to Personal Property of Baking Company Head.

The troubles of the Anger Baking Company, in which Max M. Hart, the note holder, is involved, took another turn yesterday, when J. Sidney Bernstein, attorney for Hart, filed a petition in bankruptcy against John A. Anger, president of the baking concern. Hart became manager of the company, at a salary of \$250 a week, shortly before the concern went to pieces.

Bernstein insisted yesterday that he had filed the petition "for other clients" who had claims against Anger, and that Hart did not enter into the matter at all. Anger holds real estate at 34 and 26 Rutgers Place, also in Clinton st. and at 242 East 10th st. Those who wish to levy on the property are Francis J. Unger, for \$100; Charles Wiseman, for \$225, and Abraham Mandel, for \$14. The Anger Baking Company began business sixty-three years ago and made a fine reputation for its products.

Military Academy Dinner.

Cord A. Meyer, president of the Alumni Association of the New York Military Academy, presided last night at a dinner, at Murray's in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the academy. Captain A. C. de Rublo spoke on "Our Graduates on the Texas Border."

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The New Silks for Summer

are now awaiting selection in a large assortment which includes Chefoo and Shantung Pongees, the clan tartans in Irish Poplins and French Taffetas, Roman-stripe Silks, Washable Striped Habutai, Washable Crepes and Satins, Black Habutai (water- and perspiration-proof), and White Washable Silks adapted for making Pajamas and Underwear.

MODERATE PRICES PREVAIL.

The Dress Goods Department

has just received and is now showing a shipment of new Summer-weight Gabardines in a large variety of the fashionable colors; also Printed and Embroidered Veilings, in novel effects; Silk-and-wool Crepe grenele; and a large assortment of the White Suitings (including Gabardines) that are to be the vogue during the Summer season.

The Department for Summer Dresses

is showing Women's Dresses and Coat Suits made of the fashionable cotton and linen fabrics and featuring the styles that will be in favor during the ensuing season. Included are Morning Frocks of gingham, linen and ratine; Afternoon Dresses of crepe, voile and muslin, all daintily embroidered; and smart Dancing or Garden Party Dresses of lace and net, with silk combinations in white, colors or flowered effects; also chic Coat Suits of ramie, linen, eponge and ratine; and Separate Skirts, for sports or general wear, made in a variety of cotton fabrics.

Betalph Guaranteed Silk Hosiery

is distinctively the Hosiery for men and women who desire to be well-dressed. It has the cachet of style, and its wearing qualities are unsurpassed. Made exclusively for B. Altman & Co., it is shown in black, white and the fashionable colors, at surprisingly moderate prices.

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SALES FOR MONDAY

A Special Sale of Women's Capes & Coats

for street and travel wear, will offer very unusual values at the following attractive prices:

- Coats of cable cord in black or navy blue, with trimmings of black satin; silk lined throughout, at \$16.50
- Coats in three different styles, made of eponge, crepe poplin and tweed, at \$18.50
- Capes of French serge, with buttoned vestee; in navy blue, with trimming and lining of red or green satin; in black with white combination; or in all-black, at \$19.50
- Imported Wraps of black silk taffeta, unlined, at \$26.00

Women's Washable House Dresses

in a variety of desirable cotton materials, will be placed on sale at the unusually low prices of \$1.25, 1.65, 2.00, 2.75 & 3.85 (Department on the Second Floor)

Women's and Misses' Imported Wool Sweaters

in a semi-belted model, showing a variety of the popular vivid colorings, will be offered at the exceptional price of \$5.25

Women's Knit Underwear

at special prices.

- Combination Suits of ribbed cotton, with loose or close-fitting knee pantalon, at 50c.
- Vests of fine Swiss ribbed cotton, with hand crochet top, at 65c.

On TUESDAY,

April 21st

An Important Sale of French Tea Gowns & Negligees

will be held in the Department for Women's House Gowns, on the Third Floor. This Sale will present new, effective models, just received from Paris, marked at most unusual prices.

- Tea Gowns of cream lace mounted on chiffon; finished with rosebud trimming, at \$39.00
- Boudoir Gowns of soft satin, in the pastel shades and white; with collar of hand-embroidered net and trimmings of lace, at \$25.00
- Negligees of albatross, in the pastel shades and white; with hand-embroidered lingerie collar and lace trimming, at \$12.50

Also on TUESDAY,

April 21st

An Interesting Sale of Women's Spring and Summer Blouses

offering, at much below their actual values, a variety of specially prepared models featuring the popular materials and color effects.

- Dresden Voile Blouses, with plaited collar and cuffs of white, at \$2.25
- Tailored Blouses of linen, in white, tango and Copenhagen, at 2.50
- Voile Blouses, introducing filet lace and hand embroidery, at 3.00
- Chiffon Voile Blouses, with organdie collar embroidered in color, at 3.90
- Blouses of silk crepe Georgette, in white, gold, rose, maize and peach, at \$5.50
- Blouses of silk crepe Georgette, in white, gold and shell-pink; with trimming of craquele lace and neck-ribbon of moire, at \$9.75

SALES FOR MONDAY

One Thousand Choice Oriental Rugs

will be offered, commencing tomorrow (Monday), at extraordinary concessions from the usual prices.

Included in this offering are Kirman-shah, Gheoravan, Meshed, Mahal and Asia Minor Rugs, the sizes of which range from the smaller Rugs to room sizes; and an interesting assortment of Hall Runners.

Imported Cotton Dress Fabrics

in a large assortment of plain and fancy effects in desirable colorings, will be offered at the following low prices:

- English Printed Voiles, per yard 12c.
- English Cotton Crepes, in printed designs or woven stripes, per yard 21c.
- French Cotton Duvetyn, per yard 38c.
- French Cotton Ratine, per yard 60c.

SALES FOR MONDAY

A Special Sale of French Robes and Tunics

will present very remarkable values in the following, all of which are this season's importations, taken from the regular stock and marked at special prices:

- Hand-embroidered Lingerie Robes (unmade), at \$10.75 to 16.50
 - Hand-embroidered Lingerie Robes (semi-made), at \$12.75 to 16.50
 - Hand-embroidered Tunics of sheer batiste and organdie, with combination of filet lace, at \$16.50 and upward
- Also a number of Hand-embroidered Net Tunics, in designs exclusive to B. Altman & Co., at reduced prices.

A Sale of Wool Dress Goods

will comprise the following, at appreciable price advantages:

- 4,000 Yards of French Crepe, in a large variety of the season's popular colors, per yard 58c.
- 2,500 Yards of Imported Black-and-white Check Suitings (in checks of various sizes), per yard \$1.10

The First Spring Sale of Silk Parasols

will present a special selection of this season's Parasols, featuring the newest shapes and the smartest colors and color combinations in the fashionable silks, at the very special price of \$3.00

Also Men's and Women's Twilled Silk Umbrellas

of excellent qualities, with natural wood or novelty handles, at \$2.00 & 2.45

Owing to their efficient representation abroad and their close association with the leading Paris houses, B. Altman & Co., are immediately apprised of every development of fashion and are constantly receiving new shipments of advance novelties.

FURS, RUGS AND DRAPERIES RECEIVED FOR STORAGE