

OFFERS TEACHERS PENSION PLAN

Mayor's Commission Details Scheme to Put Fund on Sound Basis.

WILL COST CITY \$2,099,930 A YEAR

Contributions from 20,000 Beneficiaries Placed at \$1,529,700 Annually.

The Mayor's commission on pensions yesterday submitted an entirely new plan for placing the pension fund of the 20,000 public school teachers in the city on a sound financial basis.

The committee was confronted with the need of immediate action because of the present collapsed condition of the fund. The present liabilities of the fund are \$69,899,760, with assets of \$15,045,440.

If the plan is accepted in full it will mean an increase of the annual contribution of the city from tax revenues from \$557,174 to \$2,099,930, or 7 1/2 per cent. It will also increase the total teachers' contribution from \$285,257 to \$1,529,700.

The proposed increased payment by the city with the added contributions of the teachers would meet all the obligations of the fund and make possible a future crisis.

The principle adopted is that the cost of retirement on pensions should be borne jointly by the employees and the city. It will mean a very substantial contribution on the part of those teachers advanced in the city's service.

The number of teachers who are reaching the retirement age is, of course, relatively small.

The committee stated that it is recognized that the report may not be acceptable either to teachers or to the city, as it stands. It is submitted at this time in order that it may furnish a basis for discussion and adjustment.

Cost Less Than Police Pensions. The equal division of cost is supported with the adequate safeguard of the interest of the teachers that in case they withdraw from the service prior to retirement their contributions shall be returned to them with 4 per cent compound interest.

The main points of difference between the present plan, which brought about the insolvency, and the proposed new plan are:

First—Under the present law the maximum pension of a school teacher is \$600 after thirty years service.

Under the proposed plan the minimum pension will be 50 per cent of the average salary for the last ten years.

Second—The maximum pension for teachers and principals under the present system is \$1,000 and \$2,000 for supervising officials. There is no maximum fixed in the new plan.

Third—The present basis of pension scale is the salary at the date of retirement. The new basis will be the average salary of the last ten years.

Retirement at 65 Compulsory. Fourth—There is no provision under the present law for superannuation retirement. A teacher may teach as long as she appears able and is willing.

Under the new plan a teacher must submit to compulsory retirement at the age of sixty-five, unless medical examination shows physical and mental capability to continue teaching.

Fifth—Under the present system a teacher may obtain a disability retirement after a twenty-year teaching experience, at least fifteen years of which shall have been in New York City. The new plan cuts this service to ten years.

WIRELESS TYROS IN DEFENCE RALLY

National Amateur Society Promises 1,000 Operators for Signal Corps.

From the offices of the National Amateur Wireless Association came the announcement yesterday that wireless operators throughout the country would have an opportunity to join an organization for the defence of the nation.

Operators will organize as a trained signal corps battalion at a preparedness meeting to-morrow in Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, under the auspices of the National Amateur Wireless Association.

Officers of the association, of which Narcon, inventor of wireless telegraphy, is president, have promised to recruit, if necessary, more than one thousand experienced operators from the ranks of the amateurs.

One wireless corps has already been organized and is drilling. Forty companies of infantry are being trained under military instructors throughout the city.

In training operators, instruction in practical field work will be given to an extent never before attempted in volunteer martial organizations.

A manoeuvre camp, where the recruits will be taught how to send radiograms from barbed wire fence aerials, from the iron rails of bridges and other emergency points, will be established next summer.

The use of kites to carry wireless antennae will be investigated under the direction of experts.

Promoters of this movement said yesterday that the United States would have difficulty at present in mustering enough wireless men to provide for the defence of even a small strip of its coast.

They pointed out that from the five thousand licensed amateurs a force of competent operators, adequate for all needs, could be developed within a year.

The same organization is also interested in the Junior American Guard, which is expected to furnish a large number of recruits for the signal corps battalion.

The purpose of the guard is to teach boys patriotism, self-sacrifice and devotion to high ideals of duty.

The guard was organized in 1915 by Brigadier General Andrew C. Zabriskie. When the boys have reached the age limit their training qualifies them for commissions.

"I wish to commend most heartily your movement known as the Junior American Guard," Major General Leonard Wood has written to the officers of the organization.

"If every able bodied boy in this country were thoroughly trained and organized along accepted military lines this country would need have no fear of invasion by any other nation or combination of nations."

Commenting on the growth of the preparedness movement among wireless amateurs, J. Andrew White, acting president of the National Amateur Wireless Association, said that judging from the number of inquiries received there would be at least half a dozen well equipped battalions ready for emergencies and to take up practical field work in camp by summer.

HE FIRES A HOTEL TO ROUSE BROOKLYN

Then Police Turn Deaf Ear to Honest Confession.

Brooklyn's reputation for being slow was upon Edward Miller's mind when he reached here from St. Louis yesterday afternoon.

He was still pondering the subject when he was assigned to a room in the Clarendon Hotel, Washington and Johnson streets, Brooklyn.

An inspiration came to Miller. He would put the city to the test by judging the speed of its fire department.

He piled newspapers and rubbish in the middle of his room and set the place on fire. When the flames had progressed well, he sauntered downstairs and turned in an alarm.

Three minutes later the engine dashed up. Guests were driven to the street. Elated at his success, Miller walked up to a policeman and announced that he had caused the fire.

The policeman frowned and pushed him back. Miller tried to give himself up to a fireman, and finally told John Russell, the hotel clerk. Then he was turned over to Fire Marshal Thomas Brophy.

Miller is nineteen years old and is believed to be mentally deranged.

CANADIAN OFFICER TO DIE

Lieutenant of Expeditionaries Murdered a Sergeant.

London, Feb. 5.—Lieutenant Georges Codere, of the Canadian expeditionary force, was sentenced to death to-day at Winchester on the charge of having murdered Sergeant Ozanne, of his regiment.

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Misses' Street & Evening Wear

The selections made for early Spring are out of the ordinary, and in the splendid array of models, materials and color combinations reflect the best ideas of the fashion experts.

- The assortments contain Tailor-made Suits at \$18.50 to 145.00 Silk Dresses for afternoon wear at \$19.50 to 135.00 Evening Frocks, 25.50 to 235.00 Theater Wraps, 53.00 to 72.00 Practical and Dressy Coats at \$24.50 to 75.00 Separate Blouses, 2.25 to 32.00

Several Thousand Yards of Cotton Dress Fabrics

in a varied assortment which includes printed effects and plain colors in a number of different textiles, will be placed on sale to-morrow at 17c. per yard

Included in this Sale will be Semi-made Linen Skirts (sizes incomplete) suitable for every-day, sports and country wear, marked in order to facilitate an immediate disposal at \$1.25, \$1.75 & \$2.45 (Cotton Dress Fabrics Department)

A Special Sale of Women's Afternoon Gowns

commencing to-morrow (Monday), will comprise several smart models featuring charmeuse and taffeta silks in the newest colors. These Gowns will offer exceptional value at \$32.50 (Sizes 34 to 44) (Ready-to-wear Department, Third Floor)

A Sale of Women's Silk Petticoats

specially priced for to-morrow at \$5.75 will present new and attractive models for street and general wear, made of excellent-quality taffeta, or of silk jersey combined with messaline (in black and colors); also dainty lace-trimmed Evening Petticoats, of white or teinte-de-chair crepe de Chine.

Special Salespeople will, if desired, be detailed to accompany patrons to the Store's various departments; or goods will be assembled for inspection in a private showroom.

Three New Sections for Young People's Apparel

have been opened on the Second Floor

- THEY COMPRISE Junior Misses' Section containing Suits, Coats and Dresses for the younger misses. Little Children's Outerwear Section in which will be found Coats and Hats for the little children (heretofore in the Infants' Wear Department); and Boys' Washable Suits Section

An Important Offering of Women's Tailor-made Suits will be commenced to-morrow (Monday) in the Department for Imported and Special Costumes (Third Floor). It will present a number of new Spring models, developed in imported tweeds, covert cloths, gabardines, serges and taffetas, all of which will be marked at the special price of \$58.00 These Suits are made in workrooms in the establishment, and embody the best materials and workmanship.

Women's American-made Underwear

- In a specially-prepared Sale featuring the wanted styles and fabrics, will present remarkable values to-morrow at the prices quoted. Nightrobes Crepe de Chine \$3.85, 5.00, 7.50 Washable Satin 3.85, 7.50 Lingerie 1.00, 1.90, 2.90, 3.90 Outing Flannel 85c., 1.00, 1.25 Chemises Crepe de Chine \$1.90, 2.85, 3.90, 5.00 Washable Satin 3.90 Lingerie 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.85 Combination Garments Crepe de Chine or Washable Satin at \$3.90, 5.00 Lingerie 1.00, 1.90, 3.90 Underbodices Crepe de Chine \$1.00, 1.50, 1.90, 3.85 Washable Satin 1.50, 1.75, 3.85 Lingerie 85c., 1.00, 1.50, 1.90 Knickers Crepe de Chine \$1.90 Washable Satin 3.00 Lingerie Drawers 65c., 1.00, 1.50 Lingerie Petticoats 1.00, 1.50, 3.90

Spring Dress Fabrics

A visit to the Department for Woolen Dress Fabrics will reveal a magnificent assortment of the best productions from the leading foreign and American manufacturers. Especially interesting are English and Scotch homespuns, chevots, checked suitings, coverts and tweeds; also jerseyette, gabardine and silk-and-cashmere velours, in all the bright colors now so much in demand.

Imported Hand-made Lace Pieces

FOR DECORATIVE USE will be most attractively priced in a special offering, to begin to-morrow, comprising Hand-made Filet Lace Covers Circular each \$3.25, 4.00, 4.75 to 48.50 Square each \$4.00, 4.50, 5.00 to 58.00 Hand-made Filet Lace Scarfs each \$8.00, 9.00, 10.50 to 32.00 Hand-made Filet Lace Chair Backs each \$4.75, 5.50, 6.00 to 15.00 Also Hand-made Russian Cluny Lace Covers (a limited quantity) at \$1.50, 2.00, 2.50 to 5.00 This Sale will take place at Special Sales Tables on the First Floor.

Men's Hats and Shoes

In the conservative and more pronounced styles FOR EARLY SPRING are now ready for selection. Prices reasonable. (The Departments are located on the First Floor)

Correct Mourning Outfits

The new fashions and materials for the approaching season are well represented in the assortments provided for the appareling of women and misses. Suits and Dresses in fine woollens, silks and effective combinations are shown, as well as all the smart accessories for the mourning costume. Mourning Stationery

All Charged or Paid Purchases (including heavy and bulky shipments) will be forwarded Free of Charge by mail, express or freight to any point in the United States. The methods of shipment are optional with B. Altman & Co. and no discounts are allowed.

UNRESTRICTED PUBLIC SALE The Yamanaka Collection BEGINNING TOMORROW (MONDAY) AFTERNOON AT 2:30 "THERE IS, IN FACT, SO MUCH OF EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST THAT THE FEW DAYS ALLOWED FOR EXAMINATION BEFORE THE SALE SEEM QUITE INADEQUATE." —THE TIMES. "THE COLLECTION OFFERS VISITORS A PLEASURE OF A VERY RARE ORDER."—EVENING POST. The Remarkable Yamanaka Collection "Of Rare Artistic Distinction" To be sold at unrestricted public sale Tomorrow (Mon.) and Tuesday Afternoons of This Week, Feb. 7 and 8, at 2:30 o'Clock And on Tuesday Evening of This Week, Feb. 8th, at 8 o'Clock At The American Art Galleries MADISON SQUARE SOUTH WHERE THE REMARKABLE COLLECTION IS ON FREE VIEW FROM 9 A. M. UNTIL 2 P. M. (Sunday Excepted) BEGINNING SATURDAY, FEB. 12 (LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY) At The American Art Galleries MADISON SQUARE SOUTH On Free View until date of Sale The Famous Catholina Lambert Collection Removed from Castle Belle Vista, Paterson, N. J. TO BE SOLD AT UNRESTRICTED PUBLIC SALE By order of the Paterson Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Paterson, New Jersey, Trustee and Mortgagee On the Evenings of February 21st, 22d (Washington's Birthday), 23d and 24th In the Grand Ball Room of the Plaza Fifth Avenue, 58th to 59th Street *Profusely illustrated De Luxe Catalogue limited to five hundred and fifty copies, with Descriptions of the Early English and Old Masters, and introductory note by William Roberts, Art Critic of the London Times and author of several authoritative art publications, and descriptions of the Modern Pictures by William A. Coffin, N.A., will be supplied at Five Dollars Each. The Sales will be conducted by MR. THOMAS F. KIRBY and his assistant, Mr. Otto Bernet, of AMERICAN ART ASSOCIATION, Managers Madison Sq. South, Entrance 6 E. 23d Street, New York.