RESERVE BANKS ON BROADER BASIS

Those at Chicago and Kansas City Permitted to Assume Clearance Function.

NEARLY ALL RESERVES IN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Federal Reserve Board decided to-day to permit the Federal reserve banks at Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., to assume the clearance functions provided for by the Federal reserve act.

This action marks an important step toward the assumption by the reserve banks of the full powers conferred upon them by the new law, but the exercise of which was withheld at the opening of the reserve system in November.

The board's decision resulted from confidence that the twelve banks are approaching a mastery of the machinery of the new system and that the existing financial conditions are auspicious for the extension of the reserve banks' operations.

It was pointed out that the payments of reserves is complete, except possibly for the few thousands which may be due from smaller banks. The announcement from the Comptroller of the Currency to-day that the clearing house associations throughout the country had either paid off or called for redemption and clearing house certificates has an important bearing on the decision of the board.

The board approved changes in the rediscount rates for two reserve banks. It permitted the reduction of the rate on thirty day maturities from 6 to 5½ per cent. to the Cleveland district and a flat rate of 6 per cent. on all maturities for the Kansas City district.

The Federal Reserve Board has announced the following advisory council authorized under the Federal reserve act: Daniel G. Wing, Boston; J. P. Morgan, New York; Levi P. Rue, Philadelphia; W. S. Rowe, Cleveland; George W. Seay, Richmond; Charles A. Lyerly, Atlanta; J. B. Forgan, Chicago; C. T. Joffrey, Minneapolis; E. T. Swinner, Kansas City; J. Howard Audrey, Dallas.

The Comptroller of the Currency issued this statement in announcing the results of inquiries regarding clearing house certificates:

"The Comptroller of the Currency announced to-day that telegraphic advices received from the clearing house associations throughout the country show that all clearing house loan certificates have either been paid off or called for redemption.

"Chicago wires that the banks there are ready to pay off the comparatively small balance still outstanding and are only delayed by the required notice of redemption, which prevents the last of them from being paid for a few days longer.

"The Baltimore banks have given notice for redemption of the last of their loan certificates not later than the 15th instant. New York, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, New Orleans and all other cities throughout the country which issued any clearing house certificates report all now paid in full.

"This encouraging fact is an acknowledgment and important evidence of the almost complete return to normal of the conditions in this country and marks our safe exit from the disquieting conditions which so recently confronted us.

"The total amount of additional currency issued under the provisions of the Aldrich-Vreeland act to date is $381,530,000, and of this amount $127,272,000, or more than one-third, has already been redeemed. Very few new applications are being received, while redemptions are large and steadily increasing."

MARKS AND KRONEN RISE.

Houses Dealing With Germany Credited With Buying.

The foreign exchange market was generally quiet yesterday, with prices for sterling and francs fractionally easier than on Monday. One of the features was the rise in the price of marks and kronen from their previous low levels. It developed during the day that the houses with German connections which had been the heaviest sellers of Austrian and German exchange for several weeks were the heaviest buyers. This led to the belief that these houses were heavy sellers of securities for German and Austrian account and were purchasing kronen and marks to make remittances against their sales.

As a result marks closed at 86¼ for checks and 86¾ for cables as compared with 85¾ and 85⅞ on Monday. Kronen closed at 17.30 cents as compared with 17.15 cents the day previous. The parity of kronen is about 20¼ cents.

Demand sterling closed at 4.89¼ and cables at 4.89⅞, against 4.89⅛ and 4.90. Francs were 5.11¼ for checks and 5.10¼ for cables, against 5.11½ and 5.10½.

MANY KILLED IN CITY STREETS.

Twenty Children Among Those Who Lost Lives Last Month.

Thirty-eight persons lost their lives on the streets of New York city last month by vehicular traffic, according to the report of the National Highways Society issued yesterday. Twenty were children under 16 years of age. Automobiles caused the death of twenty-four, wagons killed eight and trolley cars six. Of the children killed fourteen met their death by automobiles. Five of these were roller skating.

The report also shows that for eleven months ended December 1 in New York State, including New York city, 591 persons were killed by automobiles. Trolleys caused the death of 152 and wagons 146.

SIMILAR NAMES CONFUSED.

One Furniture Concern Mentioned Where Another Was Intended.

In an article in THE SUN on Sunday last concerning the so-called "furniture clubs" the name of the Michigan Furniture Company was mentioned. This was an error. The Michigan Furniture Corporation was the company which should have been mentioned, and THE SUN regrets that a confusion of somewhat similar names led to the misstatement.

The Michigan Furniture Company of 2174 Third avenue is in no way involved in the case.

WILSON TO PUSH SHIP BILL.

Programme Also Includes Independence of the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Wilson indicated definitely today that he intends to insist on the passage of the ship purchase bill at the coming session of Congress.

Other measures to be included in the programme for the next session are the Philippine independence bill and the general dam bill.

WOMAN IN ENGINEERS' SOCIETY.

Cheers Greet News of Miss Kate Gleason's Election.

President James Harkness of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers received the most applause of the evening when he announced at the annual meeting of the society in the Engineering Societies Building last night that a woman had been elected to membership. She is Miss Kate Gleason, secretary of the Gleason Works of Rochester, and she is the first woman to become a member in the thirty-five years the society has existed.

178 CITY GANGSTERS CONVICTED THIS YEAR

Commissioner Woods Produces Prison List in Defence of Police Work.

FINDS MUCH BLACKMAILING

Police Commissioner Woods said yesterday that since January 178 gangsters and gunmen, allied with thirty gangs, have been imprisoned or now await sentence. This, he asserted, showed that police negligence was not responsible for the apparently uncurbed activities of gangsters in this city. The list has been sent to Mayor Mitchel.

"Interviews with merchants in gang infested districts of the city," the Commissioner said, "have revealed an astonishing amount of blackmail and intimidation by gangsters. I wish all business men threatened by these thugs would let me know of it."

The gangster, according to the Commissioner, "works" along four general lines. He almost invariably profits as a procurer, he engages in the drug traffic, he hires out as a "gorilla" or repeater at election time, or as a strike breaker or picket, although this involves some work not to his liking. And he is always willing to "beat up," or even kill, a man for pay.

The Commissioner's list of 178 convicted gangsters contains the names of several leaders of great notoriety, the latest addition being Owney Madden, locked up in connection with the murder on Saturday night of Little Patsy Doyle. Madden also awaits trial for burglary, and seventeen men accused with him of terrorizing the West Side in the Thirties have been convicted.

The Dopey Benny Fein gang has been broken up within the month by the arrest of Dopey Benny and William Siegel for attempted extortion, followed immediately by that of his lieutenants, Murphy and Little Augie, for shooting at another gangster, Joe the Greaser, three weeks ago. The Dopey Benny gang is said to have terrorized thousands of Jewish merchants on the lower East Side.

Thomas Smith, known as Tanner Smith, whose band was generally considered part of the renowned Gophers, is now serving a year in the penitentiary for carrying a revolver and eight of his immediate followers are "away." Four reputed leaders of the equally notorious Hudson Dusters, the Greenwich village gang which has lately disputed the supremacy of the West Side with the Gophers, are now awaiting trial, three on a homicide charge.

Pickles Laydon, Punk Madden and Curley Ahrenson, leaders of gangs bearing their names, also have succumbed to the police, as have three of the Macaluso Italian gang, thought to have had something to do with the murder of Giuseppe Macaluso two weeks ago. Macaluso's body was found in a barrel in Long Island City.

Other gangs which have been decimated by the police are the Cherry Hill, Gas House, Boob Walker, Sirocco, Pearl Button and Frog Hollow gangs, mostly of the East Side. More West Side gangsters have been arrested than East Siders. The execution of the Rosenthal gunmen is given as one reason for the quieter attitude of the East Siders.

BAFF AUTO CLUE FAILS.

Police and District Attorney's Office Agree on Murder Hunt.

Differences between the District Attorney's office and Police Headquarters as to the manner in which the search for the murderers of Barnett Baff has been conducted resulted yesterday in a conference of the various officials concerned and an amicable arrangement for the future.

Police Commissioner Woods and Deputy Commissioner Godley called on acting District Attorney Delehanty and went over the case with him and Assistant District Attorneys Murphy and Deuel. Then Assistant District Attorneys Murphy and Deuel went to Police Headquarters and went over the case with Inspector Faurot and Captains Cray and Carey.

All agreed afterward that progress was being made, that every possible clue is being investigated and that so far the moment has not arrived when an arrest and definite charge of murder can be made. Commissioner Woods was confident that the mystery would be solved and acting District Attorney Delehanty was confident that his office would keep at it as long as there was a chance of developing anything.

There was a flurry of excitement yesterday when word came to Police Headquarters from Mamaroneck that a brown automobile had been picked up there along with four men who couldn't give a very good account of themselves. Detectives looking for the machine in which the murderers of Baff escaped saw such a car in The Bronx on Monday night. It got away from them and a general alarm was sent out.

When the news of the arrest came to Headquarters detectives started for Mamaroneck and they brought the brown car and the four men back. Later a fifth man was arrested. The quintet asserted that they had taken the car from the garage of Charles R. Hedden in Florham Park, near Madison, N. J., on Sunday night. They were charged with grand larceny, and Inspector Faurot was convinced that they knew nothing about the Baff murder and that the two cases were entirely separate.

The police have no definite line on the car supposed to have been used by the gunmen, and the tracing of the revolver found after the murder has resulted in nothing that looks like an arrest.

SAYS NO GIRL CAN LIVE ON $6 A WEEK

Dr. Woolston Tells Factory Commission $9 Is the Minimum.

GIVES A WEEKLY BUDGET

Statistics as to how the shopgirl of New York manages her finances were brought out yesterday at the opening session of the public hearings on wage problems now being conducted by the New York State Factory Investigating Commission in the County Court House. Reports and testimony were given by Dr. Howard B. Woolston, director of the inquiry; Dr. John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education; L. A. Wilson, Mrs. Wesley T. O'Leary and Prof. Robert Leonard. The hearings, which are being conducted by Abram I. Elkus, chief counsel of the commission, are preliminary to a consideration of remedial labor legislation.

The report of Dr. Woolston concerned itself with the actual facts in the case of the underpaid shop and factory girl. Dr. Woolston said: "The majority of employees in the lines studied are women and girls. Most of them live at home and turn over their pay envelopes to their parents. But others are adrift and entirely dependent upon their own earnings. It is difficult to see how a girl manages to live properly on $6 or $7 a week. Yet figures for New York city show that out of 15,000 female employees in industrial lines, 8,000 got less than $6.50 during the busy season last year.

"Here is a typical weekly budget that shows how near the ragged edge many exist: Clothes, $1.50; room, $2; food, $2.50; carfare, 30 cents; incidentals, 20 cents. Total, $6.50. Such a slender margin allows but the scantiest provision for laundry, medical care, insurance or recreation. Slack work or sickness means debt. Social pleasures must be secured through gentlemen friends. This is a dangerous situation for a girl alone in our cities."

The minimum wage upon which a young woman can live decently, earnestly and efficiently Dr. Woolston placed at $9. To bring the scale of wages up to this rate in New York department stores, he estimated, would necessitate the addition of one-third of 1 per cent. to the selling price of goods, and in the candy trade the addition of 24 cents per 100 pounds.

Dr. Woolston said that half the wage earners investigated by the commission get less than $8 a week, that out of a total of 104,000 persons one-eighth earn less than $5, one-third less than $7, two-thirds receive $10 or less and only one-sixth make $15 or more.

The hearings will continue this morning at 10:30.

LABOR LAW TEST CASE BEGUN.

Clarence A. Crane Held for Trial in Special Sessions.

A case to test the constitutionality of the State alien labor law, which recently caused a dispute threatening to tie up work on the city's new subways, was begun before Magistrate House in the Tombs police court yesterday when Clarence A. Crane, a contractor, was arraigned on complaint of Edward M. Ward, another contractor.

Ward charged that Crane had employed laborers who were not citizens on sewage work for the city at Kenmare street and Cleveland place. The purpose of section 14 of the labor law is to prevent any but citizens from being employed on contracts with the city or State departments. Crane's counsel, ex-Comptroller Edward M. Grout, admitted the facts, but denied the constitutionality of the law.

On Crane's waiving examination he was held in $300 bail for trial in Special Sessions.

RAZE SCHOOLS, SAYS WOODS HUTCHINSON

Tells Health Delegates Teaching Should Be Done in Open Air.

STRAUS'S CITY MILK PLAN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 1.—Dr. Woods Hutchinson of New York surprised the 300 sanitary experts and health workers attending the forty-second annual convention of the American Public Health Association, which began its work here to-day, when he advocated the abolition of practically all schoolhouses of the country. He said that three-quarters of all necessary things taught in public schools to-day could better be taught out of doors.

Commendation of the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals was given by President Wilson in a letter read to the delegates. The President asserted that every letter leaving the White House hereafter will be stamped with a Red Cross seal. Other Government officials will use the seals to help the fight on tuberculosis.

Nathan Straus, who for twenty-three years has fathered efforts to obtain a pure milk supply, urged upon the convention municipal protection of milk supplies, on the ground that city owned, purified and distributed water had cut out one of the three great causes of typhoid fever. Milk, even more than water, he said, is a carrier of the germ of this disease and others, including scarlet fever, diphtheria, septic sore throat, summer complaints and tuberculosis.

"We have," said Mr. Straus, "the fact that municipal governments intervened and took control of the water supplies chiefly to stop the ravaging of their cities by one disease, typhoid fever. My proposition is that the same policy should be followed in dealing with an article of food that is a common cause of six plagues."

A paper on "Health in Publicity" was read by Charles V. Chapin, Health Superintendent of Providence. There are plenty of old truths, he said, which all of our 100,000,000 people have got learned, adding that most of the new stuff is bad. Among the fallacies which he decried he included the "old heresy about the all importance of dirt in the causation of disease." It is doubtless true, he admitted, that whatever encourages cleanliness tends to discourage habits causing infection, but he added: "To fight all kinds of dirt instead of limiting attacks to dangerous dirt is misleading and futile."

Dr. C. F. Bolduan of the Department of Health of New York made the startling announcement that the death rate of persons over 40 years of age is rapidly and steadily increasing, due, he said, mainly to Bright's disease, apoplexy and cancer. The difficult situation thus presented, the speaker added, can only be combated with the intelligent and hearty support of the general public, and this in turn can be achieved only through an intensive campaign of public health education.

Clean food as a factor in the prevention of disease is of greater importance than is pure food, said Dr. Donald B. Armstrong, director of the social welfare department of the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor.

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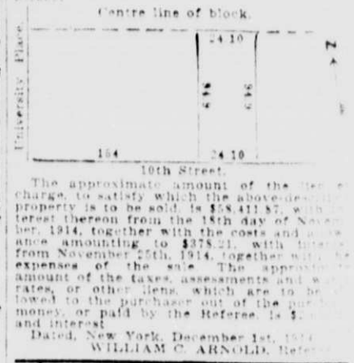
Subject to and with the benefit and rights of a certain party wall agreement made and between Elias Brevoort and Joshua Richards dated July 15, 1845, and recorded in the office of the Register of the County of New York in Section 3, Liber 27 of Conveyances, Page 108, February 1, 1894.

Dated, New York, December 1st, 1914.

WILLIAM C. ARNOLD, Referee.

B. AYMAR SANDS, Attorney for Plaintiff, 46 Cedar Street, Manhattan, New York City.

The following is a diagram of the property to be sold: Its street Number is 27 East 10th Street.



The approximate amount of the lien or charge, to satisfy which the above-described property is to be sold, is $58,411.87, with interest thereon from the 15th day of November, 1914, together with the costs and allowance amounting to $378.21, with interest from November 25th, 1914, together with the expenses of the sale. The approximate amount of the taxes, assessments and water rates, or other liens, which are to be followed to the purchaser out of the purchase money, or paid by the Referee, is $..... and interest.

Dated, New York, December 1st, 1914.

WILLIAM C. ARNOLD, Referee.

LEGAL NOTICES.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that STERLING CEMENT CORPORATION, a domestic corporation having its principal business office in the Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York, will apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a Special Term, Part 1 thereof, to be held at the County Court House in the Borough of Manhattan, City, County and State of New York, on the 10th day of December, 1914, at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order authorizing said corporation to change its name to ACME CEMENT CORPORATION.

Dated, New York, November 17th, 1914.

STERLING CEMENT CORPORATION, By ORMSBY McHARG, President.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the limited partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Alfred Mestre, composed of Alfred Mestre of 104 East 40th Street, Manhattan Borough, New York City, and Charles J. Raleigh of 318 Prospect Street, Borough of Brooklyn, New York City, and Richard D. Wyckoff of 456 Riverside Drive, Manhattan Borough, New York City, was dissolved on the First day of December, 1914, by mutual consent.

Dated New York, December 1, 1914.

ALFRED MESTRE, CHARLES J. RALEIGH, RICHARD D. WYCKOFF.