600 CITY NOTABLES AT DINNER IN HONOR OF GEORGE M'ANENY

Every Political Creed Represented in Godspeed to Aldermanic President.

FIRST APPEARANCE OF MAYOR SINCE ILLNESS

Whether George McAneny remains in private life when he gets there, as he says he will, or emerges in a year or two with a high power political searchlight playing upon him, as nearly everybody else predicts, he can never sit down to dinner with a more distinguished—Job Hedges said "more conglomerate"—company than bade him godspeed in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf last night.

It was a "citizens' dinner" given by way of appreciation of the President of the Board of Aldermen's services to the city. The citizens numbered 600. Virtually all of them, including the only woman in the room outside of the balcony boxes, Miss Katharine B. Davis, one of the honor guests, are headliners in some phase of business, professional or political activity.

Practically all the members of the city administration, headed by Mayor Mitchel in his first public appearance since his operation for appendicitis, were there. Every political creed was represented. Tammany put forward Secretary Thomas F. Smith, Senator Robert F. Wagner, Sheriff-elect Al Smith, John H. McCooey of Brooklyn and a dozen others from the top layer.

Silver Service Presented.

George W. Perkins and Oscar S. Straus, the new Public Service Commission chairman, were only two among the Progressives. Frank H. Hitchcock, former Republican national chairman, sat at the same table with Mr. Perkins, and they got along sweetly together. Vincent Astor was also in their group, along with Coleman du Pont and Darwin P. Kingsley, Joseph H. Choate, Henry W. Taft, Henry L. Stimson, James Speyer, Elbert H. Gary, Frank A. Vanderlip—oh, everybody in the social register, the blue book, the directory of directors and the political almanacs was distinctly visible.

"The most popular public servant this city has yet known"—this from Mayor Mitchel—was one of the compliments that kept Mr. McAneny blushing while Mrs. McAneny and her son and daughter smiled happily down from a balcony box.

And before the 600 citizens would let him say a word in self-defence a silver tea and coffee service from Tiffany's was set before the guest of honor and presented in the citizens' behalf by George W. Burleigh, chairman of the dinner committee. Upon each piece was engraved the city's coat of arms and Mr. McAneny's monogram, and on a tray that was part of the set was a representation of the City Hall and an inscription telling the purpose of the gift.

Seth Low was toastmaster. He said everybody was there to "honor the man whom the whole city loves to honor." He introduced Mayor Mitchel, and amid cheers congratulated him on "his recovery of perfect health."

Mayor Talks Vigorously.

The Mayor talked vigorously and seemed quite his old self.

"I'm particularly glad," he said "that the first time I am able to appear again in public should be at this dinner. This is no perfunctory tribute. I am glad to testify to my appreciation of Mr. McAneny's services as a public officer and to my affection for him as a friend.

"His constructive services during the administration of Mayor Gaynor everybody knows. His greatest work was in helping to solve the subway question. I can the more properly pay this tribute to his genius because I differed with him regarding some features of the subway plan.

"In the present Administration there have been problems almost as vexatious. Thanks largely to his splendid cooperation, we are now approaching an adjustment with the New York Central Railroad of its terminal facilities on the West Side, which I hope will be presented to the Board of Estimate before the first of January.

"His personal characteristics have endeared him to all his friends and made him the most popular public servant this city has yet known. The term 'lovable' is well applied to him. Genuine friendship is rare. Mr. McAneny and I were both aspirants for the office of Mayor two years ago. Through circumstances, perhaps by accident, the nomination came to me. Immediately he came to my support and his assistance largely contributed to the final result.

"Our friendship has been absolutely unimpaired by differences on matters of policy. I rely on his advice and counsel. His departure from the city government is going to be the city's loss and my loss too.

"Yet when he asked me as a friend for my advice and told me of the opportunity that was offered him I could not as a friend advise him not to go, deeply as I regretted it.

"That type of public servant the people can ill spare. He goes from public office [here the Mayor paused and then added] for a time, but I believe those qualities of mind and heart and conspicuous capacity will in the end lead to his——" [Hear! Hear!] "For his own sake the administration lends him for a little while, but the people, I am confident, will call him back before long."

Tribute From W. C. Breed.

Representing the Merchants Association William C. Breed testified that "with you or against you, George McAneny is above all things the courteous and faithful public servant."

"It is my belief," Mr. Breed said, "that he has permanently raised the standards of each office he has held. He is entitled to be styled the true political economist, an example to all future city officials."

Job Hedges—for him—let Mr. McAneny down gently.

"If our guest," he said, "can stand what he has heard here to-night and remain normal it will be a special, Providential dispensation. George McAneny is not the greatest thing in the world. He is distressingly ordinary. He just kind of goes along and doesn't build himself up by pulling anybody else down. We can't spare normal, decent, even minded people who don't get their heads and their hearts mixed up and can be human and intelligent at the same time. Whatever happens in the future, he can take to himself the proud and haughty satisfaction that he has played the game of life like a man."

John H. Finley, State Commissioner of Education, made a humorous speech in which he compared Mr. McAneny with Dante.

Mrs. McAneny's health was drunk after Dr. Finley's speech and letters from Gov. Fielder of New Jersey, Senator O'Gorman and Henry Watterson, expressing regret at their inability to attend the dinner, were read. Ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien was another speaker.

"I am only going from one branch of the public service to another," said Mr. McAneny after the diners had risen and given the guest of honor a hearty welcome. "My new work is scarcely less important than the old. The press of New York is itself a wonderful institution, of which we all are proud, and I consider it a privilege and an opportunity to become connected with it. I am going into newspaper work to remain—I am not going to be tempted by office—but I shall continue to serve the city to the best of my ability."

Mr. McAneny spoke feelingly of some of the men with whom he has been associated in his six years of public life. In particular he praised the official services of former Public Service Commission Chairman Willcox and Mayor Mitchel.

There were twenty-nine persons at the speakers' table. They were Mr. McAneny, who sat between Mr. Low and Dr. Finley; Henry H. Curran, Calvin D. Van Name, Douglas Mathewson, Oscar S. Straus, the Rev. Howard Duffield, Dr. Abraham Jacobi, who is Mr. McAneny's father-in-law; Henry Fairfield Osborn, Dudley Field Malone, Maj.-Gen. Louis W. Stotesbury, William A. Prendergast, Morgan J. O'Brien, Col. Edwin F. Glenn, U. S. A.; R. Fulton Cutting, Mayor Mitchel, Bishop David H. Greer, Rear Admiral Usher, commandant of the Brooklyn navy yard; William C. Breed, the Rev. William T. Manning, Robert W. de Forest, Alton B. Parker, Job Hedges, Miss Davis, Rabbi Silverman, Marcus M. Marks, Lewis H. Pounds and Maurice Connolly.

SUNDAY WANTS $100,000.

Evangelist to Require That Guarantee to Come Here.

It will take one year to prepare New York for the coming of Billy Sunday in 1917. Various committees were appointed last night at an executive committee meeting at the Transportation Club in the Hotel Manhattan which will start work at once and keep at it during all next year. Sunday has given the committee his word and will come to New York in January, 1917.

All of the 300 churches in Manhattan and The Bronx will be asked to have a part in the preparations, which will include the holding of nearly five hundred prayer meetings next fall, also the underwriting of $100,000 for expenses. In Philadelphia it took $50,000, but it is the opinion of the committee that New York will require at least $100,000.

Clergymen and laymen of the committee of one hundred present last night were: Dr. Charles L. Goodell, the Rev. W. M. Morgan, the Rev. David Burrell, the Rev. C. W. Welch, the Rev. C. F. Reisner, James M. Speers, Eben E. Olcott and others.

TRICKED, SAYS ACCUSED WIFE.

Charges Dr. Tafel of Setting Trap to Get Divorce.

Mrs. Rita Tafel in applying to Supreme Court Justice Aspinall in Brooklyn yesterday for alimony and counsel fee pending trial of a suit for divorce brought by Dr. Charles F. Tafel charged that the doctor hired detectives to entice her to a room in the Hotel Imperial, Manhattan, in revenge for a separation won by her in November, 1914. She denied wrongdoing with the corespondent, H. C. Hurde.

Mrs. Tafel alleges that a man enticed her to the hotel with a faleshood and once there struck her behind the ear so violently that an abscess formed. While she was semi-conscious a party, including her husband, broke in. On the other hand counsel for the physician told the court that Mrs. Tafel, partly clad, was smoking a cigarette when surprised.

In a counter suit Mrs. Tafel alleges that her husband, whom she married at Patchogue, L. I., on July 21, 1907, had to leave a boarding house in Manhattan after their separation because he and a Miss King had lived there as brother and sister.

Decision was reserved on the application for alimony and counsel fee.

CONFESSES HE SPANKED WIFE.

Defeats Divorce Suit, Although Admitting Some Charges.

Harry Teepe, an exporter of Ocean avenue and Union street, Jersey City, admitted to Vice-Chancellor Vivian M. Lewis of the New Jersey Court of Chancery yesterday afternoon that he spanked his wife one day about five years ago. After making the confession Teepe broke down and wept for five minutes. The Vice-Chancellor was about to adjourn court when the exporter recovered his composure. Mrs. Teepe asked for a divorce, but after hearing all the testimony the petition was denied.

Mrs. Teepe, who lives at 126 Lexington avenue, four blocks away from her husband, accused Teepe of treating her cruelly. One of her charges was that he threw fruit at her. His explanation was that although he gave her diamonds and everything else a loving wife could expect all he received in return for breakfast was mouldy prunes or decayed fruit. He said that one morning a whole bunch of bananas was on his plate. He complained and his wife took him to task, whereupon he threw just one banana at her. It struck her on the chin.

MOVIE STAR SUES HUSBAND.

Clara Kimball Young Wants Separation and $25,000.

Clara Kimball Young, moving picture star, has filed suit in the Supreme Court for a separation from James Young, an actor and director of the Peerless Feature Production Company, who was divorced by Rida Johnson Young, the playwright. Young will defend the action.

The actor married his second wife on June 29, 1910, in Jersey City shortly after the first Mrs. Young got her decree. The second Mrs. Young alleges that on March 28 last her husband inflicted bodily injury on her by "grasping and choking her, bruising her arms and neck and causing her great bodily pain and mental anguish." She also alleges that on August 15 last he grasped her by the neck and hurled her from him, bruising her shoulder.

The summons in a suit for $25,000 brought by Mrs. Young was served on her husband yesterday. This suit is said to be for money she lent him.

DECREE FOR SENATOR'S WIFE.

Mrs. Hollis Gets Daughter, $3,000 and $340 Monthly Alimony.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 10.—In the Superior Court this afternoon Judge Branch handed down a decree granting Mrs. Henry F. Hollis a legal separation from her husband, United States Senator Henry F. Hollis. The cause was abandonment.

To Mrs. Hollis was committed the custody of Anne R. Hollis and she was awarded $3,000 to reimburse her for expenses incurred for her support and maintenance since July, 1915, to pay the expenses incident to the hearings in the case and to insure her in part for future payments.

Commencing January 1 the Senator is ordered to pay his wife $340 monthly for her support and the support of her daughter. The rental of the house, $40 a month, which Mrs. Hollis now receives, is to be applied in reduction of the monthly payments.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

Dr. F. Waldo Whitney, 61 years old, of 24 West Sixtieth street, was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree yesterday before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions. He performed an operation on Margaret Beuteiman in his office on October 30 last, and she died two days later in St. Vincent's Hospital.

MUSICAL COMEDY GIVEN BY AMATEURS AT RITZ

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ABOVE, Johnfritz Achelis as *Yusup* and Mrs. Hinman Bird as *Princess Thalia*. Below, Miss Caramai Carroll as *Nancy*.

"Thalia" Presented for Benefit of the Grosvenor Neighborhood House.

WELL SUNG CHORUSES

Amateurs produced a musical comedy entitled "Thalia" last evening in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton for the benefit of the Grosvenor Neighborhood House, 411 East Fiftieth street. This institution is presided over by Miss Charlotte Grosvenor Wyeth, who has the entire management of the house and supervision of the settlement.

The music and lyrics of "Thalia" are by Miss Grace Hollingsworth, the book being by Miss Grace R. Henry. It was produced several years ago, but the production seen last night was much amplified. Charles S. Morgan, Jr., acted as stage manager and Albert N. Wycherley directed the orchestra. There were bright lines, many up to date hits and well sung choruses.

The plot deals with the adventures of the *Princess Thalia*, who leaves her home with one of her attendants disguised as gypsies. In their wanderings they meet a band of real gypsies, the princess falling in love with the leader of the band, who turns out to be a prince in disguise and of course everything afterward goes well with the young lovers and the wedding bells ring later.

There were introduced many songs and dances and Mrs. S. Hinman Bird in the title role made a decided hit in her songs, "When the Limelight Falls on You" and "For Love of a Star." Miss Caramai Carroll as *Nancy* and Miss Dorothy Anderton as *Katinka* also had great success with their songs. Johnfritz Achelis was *Yusup*, leader of the gypsy band, and he acted well the part of the prince in disguise. He sang "In a Case Like That," and Paul H. Bonner, who played the part of a peasant, sang several good songs with the chorus. The cast was as follows:

Mother Anna.....Miss Grace R. Henry
Anton.....Charles McA. Pyle
Katinka.....Miss Dorothy Anderton
Yusup, leader of the band (Prince Konrad of Koumania).....Johnfritz Achelis
Rudolf.....John K. Hodges
Alieko.....L. H. Paul Chapin
Princess Thalia of Toron Hall.....Mrs. S. Hinman Bird
Countess Mirga, her cousin, ...Miss Genevieve L. Sanford
Nina, her maid..Miss Claire T. Van Lennep
Gessler, a peasant.....Paul H. Bonner
Emperor of Austria.Reginald T. Townsend
Jasto.....Clarence C. Prentice
Jehan.....S. Sloan Colt

In the chorus were Mrs. William P. Phillips and the Misses Anne B. Bradley, Esther J. Auchincloss, Louise M. Herrick, Amy Bradish Johnson, Josephine B. Wells, Louise T. Butler, Caramai Carroll, Noemi Gibert Townsend, Flora G. B. McAlpin, Margaret E. Trevor, Caryl Hackstaff, Gretchen B. Damrosch, Katharine Lamont, Betty Carson and Louise R. Hoadley; Collis J. Coe, William M. Carson, Jr., J. Flavel Hubbard, Auguste Richard 2d, Francis M. Watrous, Horace P. Hatch, S. Sloan Colt and Curtis N. Browne.

The committee in charge of the entertainment included the Misses Catherine D. Colt, Louise Dixon, Caramai Carroll, Helen M. Hamilton, Gladys Fries, Augusta P. Dixon, Eugenia Fuller and Margaret C. Overton. Acting as programme sellers and ushers were the Misses Mildred Eddy, Helen Flake, Rita Boker, Augusta Dixon, Theodora Dunham, Margaret La Farge, Constance Chappell, Mary Knapp, Lillian Talmage, Margaret Luce, Adrienne Iselin, Virginia McKee, Harriet McKee, Margaret Sloan, Edith Sloan, Caroline Wyeth, Gertrude Mali, Elizabeth Sabin, Gertrude Pardee, Adelaide Flint, Elizabeth Burrill, Charlotte Finch, Marion Elliott, Gertrude Hoyt, Agnes Shay, Margaret Minot, Jeannette Flagg, Priscilla Flagg, Dorothy Flagg, Katharine Flagg, Priscilla Bartlett, Isabel Stettinius, Esther Cleveland, Marjorie Cleveland, Doris Mangam, Julia Gilbert, Marion Dinsmore, Vera Cravath and Charlotte Platt.

The entertainment will be repeated this afternoon and this evening.

CUSTOMS PENALTY IS ASKED.

Collector Malone Gives Mrs. Warren's Case to U. S. Attorney.

The controversy between Mrs. Whitney Warren, wife of the architect, and Dudley Field Malone, Collector of the Port, with regard to the value of European made wearing apparel which Mrs. Warren brought to New York November 15, reached the point yesterday where Mr. Malone announced an intention to turn the case over to the United States Attorney. The Collector issued the following statement:

"After a hearing and personal investigation I have reached the conclusion that the undeclared articles in the baggage of Mrs. Whitney Warren, brought in for herself and Miss Evelyn Byrd Burden, on the steamer Espagne, November 15, 1915, should be seized and forfeited, and I have accordingly directed that such seizure be made.

"Furthermore, I believe that in this case there was an attempt to defraud the Government and, therefore, shall send all the papers in the case to the United States District Attorney, with the recommendation that the facts be laid before the Grand Jury."

Mrs. Warren placed a valuation of $1,500 on the articles. The duty on this amount would be $900. According to the customs authorities articles of a foreign value of $6,148, the duty on which would be $3,074, were not declared. The total amount claimed by the Government is $13,389, this including the $900 duty on declared articles; the duty on articles alleged to have been undeclared, $3,074; the forfeiture value of undeclared articles, $9,222 (the value of articles undeclared and the duty upon them), and the duty on the cost of repairs alleged to have been made on articles taken out of the United States, $193.

At Mr. Warren's offices it was said yesterday afternoon that he and Mrs. Warren had left the city for the week end.

HEALER SEARS FINED $50.

Convicted on Charge of Practising Medicine Without License.

Franklin W. Sears, healer, and chairman of the board of trustees of the New Thought church, was fined $50 yesterday in Special Sessions for practising medicine without a license.

Mrs. Isabella Goodwin, a woman detective, testified that on November 21, 1914, she visited Sears in the office of his church, 110 West Thirty-fourth street, and told him she had pains in the head and neck and a nervous feeling in the "region of her digestion." She said Sears told her to relax, draw long breaths, and repeat this:

"The peace and harmony of God's universe is pouring into me now."

Then the healer and Mrs. Goodwin went "into the silence," at the conclusion of which she told Sears that her pain had left her.

Sears did not stipulate any fee, she said, but told her to give what she thought the treatment was worth. She gave him $2.

Sears's defence was that his ministrations related only to the achievement of peace and harmony, and that he had made no medical pretensions.

Sears was divorced in June, 1914, by Julia Seton Sears, who named Pauline Langdon.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

St. Regis—Mr. and Mrs. Steuart Davis, Southampton, L. I.

Gotham—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Reynal, White Plains, N. Y.

Plaza—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott Burden, Jericho, L. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Colgate Hoyt, Oyster Bay.

Biltmore—Mr. and Mrs. Stewart W. Wells, Minneapolis; R. H. Brand, London; Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr Thomas, Buffalo.

Knickerbocker—Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Mechlin, Washington; Eugene C. Miller, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers, Los Angeles.

McAlpin—Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Harpur, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Adkins, Rochester; H. G. R. Vickers, Montreal.

Claridge—Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hunter, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Singer and Miss Singer, Larchmont, N. Y.

Vanderbilt—Countess A. Kalman Csaky, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Sullivan, Woodmere, L. I.; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marvin, Jr., Louisville.

TWO HOURS FOR ONE KISS, SAYS KETCHUM

Asserts First Osculatory Feat Caused Doubt About Wife's Inexperience.

LED BY DEITY, HE AVERS

Everett P. Ketchum's story of how he was led into matrimony by "soul kisses" and of the joy and unhappiness of the fifty-eight days of wedded life that intervened before his wife, Mrs. Ada Brown Ketchum, left him, was told to Supreme Court Justice Blanchard yesterday.

Ketchum denied every allegation of cruelty made by his wife, recited a poem he wrote to her the day he met her and sang a song that became popular in his household two days after his marriage. He paid a high tribute to a young woman to whom he was attentive before he met Miss Brown and insisted that the Deity had guided him throughout his entire marital career. A strange light glowed in Ketchum's eyes at times during his testimony, but he resented suggestions by his wife's attorney that he was not entirely sane.

On the subject of soul kisses Ketchum, who is a wealthy lawyer and Yale graduate, said he was practically kissed into wedlock. He testified that before his marriage Miss Brown told him he was the first man who ever kissed her. Later when he objected to the fervency and duration of his wife's kisses and spoke to her mother about it Mrs. Brown said her daughter was accustomed to kiss all men in that way. "They bewildered, flabbergasted, mystified and nearly suffocated me," said Ketchum of his wife's kisses.

First Kiss Caused Doubt.

In response to his attorney's questioning Ketchum said: "My wife told me, 'I believe the first pick of the roses should be reserved for the man to whom I become betrothed.' Then she kissed me in such an unusual manner that I doubted her inexperience, but she accounted for it by saying her wonderful love for me was responsible."

Ketchum said his Yale classmate, L. Harding Rogers, introduced Miss Brown to him as a girl who had never been kissed and who was much sought after by suitors.

"I became much interested when Mr. Rogers told me about her," said Ketchum. "I wanted to marry a nice young girl and rear a family so that I would be happy in my old age. At our first meeting I was very much impressed with the young woman. She was of a musical mind and so was I."

"What did you discuss at your first meeting?" said Ketchum's attorney, Abraham Levy.

"Chiefly our duties to one another. She said her idea was that a wife's first duty was to her husband above all others and vice versa. I agreed with her and assured her that it was for some good purpose that God had brought us together.

"That afternoon Rogers said she was the only girl he knew who had never been kissed. Then of a sudden Rogers seized her hands and drew her toward him. She turned her head and resisted so forcibly that her hair became undone and when she was freed she struck Rogers on the nose, which irritated him considerably. Turning to me he said, 'Now you see Miss Brown cannot be kissed. You've seen with your own eyes that it is impossible.'

Asked About Finances.

"She told me twenty-five young men had proposed to her, one of them a Senator, but that I was the only one who impressed her. She said I opened her eyes to a new love and a new light and that we were ideally suited to each other. At our second meeting she inquired about my financial standing and agreed that it was satisfactory and that a honeymoon in Florida would be to her liking. At our fourth meeting I proposed and she accepted after asking about the fortune my grandfather left me."

"How did she look at you after that?"

"Very appealingly," replied Ketchum. "She would look into my eyes as if she were going to fall into my arms. Then she said she would give me the kiss she said she had reserved for the man to whom she became engaged, and she kissed me in a most unusual manner. She told me the kiss was her own discovery and that she was gifted with it because of her extraordinary love for me. She kissed me a long time, clinging to me. It was two hours, I guess. Finally I had to turn my head away to breathe."

Ketchum said that on the day he met Miss Brown he composed a poem, of which the following lines were part:

You are a singer, but you are more than this;
You might control men's deeds, O rarest Miss—
To be the paragon of all men's eyes,
To lead their thoughts, and then their hearts to paradise.
Your bosom close beside me tells me always,
A gentle love is gushing like a spring,
Budding to welcome me with all its bright rays,
Clinging, to cling to me with all it shall bring.

Explains Love Letters.

Ketchum said his wife told him she preferred to go to dances and to the theatre rather than bear children.

Cross-examined by George W. Whiteside, attorney for Mrs. Ketchum, the defendant was asked why he sent love letters to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ada Denyce Brown. He replied:

"Before we were engaged my wife told me her husband would be first in her heart and her mother second. Later she became cold and told me she loved her mother more than all the world. Then I broke the engagement because I believed she had lied to me, and when I wished to renew the engagement I sacrificed my belief that the husband should be first by writing her mother to use her good offices in my behalf."

"Do you love your wife?" asked Mr. Whiteside.

"I'll answer that this way—She is a creature of God and as one of His creatures I owe her the same consideration I owe any other creature of God."

"Do you love her now?"

"How can I? She is as far from my ideal of a wife as the east is from the west. (In emphasizing his testimony with gestures Ketchum pointed to the north and south.)

When asked if he believed he was leading a righteous life when he was living with a mistress for eight years, Ketchum said:

"I believe that whatever happened was by the will of God. I believe God wanted me to live with her. Whatever I did was by the will of God."

Ketchum's cross-examination will be continued Monday.

OSBORNE IS SILENT BEFORE GRAND JURY

Warden Gets His Chance to Testify, but Refuses to Tell Secrets.

IN A ROW WITH WEEKS

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 10.—Warden Osborne had his opportunity to-day to testify before the Grand Jury which has been investigating Sing Sing for five weeks, and he came pretty close to defying that body to make him tell anything he did not want to tell.

The warden began the day with a dispute with District Attorney Weeks about the wording of his waiver of immunity. He ended it with a refusal to tell the Grand Jury things which prisoners had confessed to him in confidence. Thereupon Mr. Weeks announced that unless Mr. Osborne changed his mind by Monday he needn't come around to testify any more. Mr. Osborne was still firm to-night in his determination not to betray confidences for the Grand Jury or any one else, but said he would be on hand Monday.

The warden's refusal to answer questions occurred in the case of James Harvey, a convict concerned in cases of immorality that have resulted in twenty-one indictments. Mr. Osborne maintained steadfastly that the information he had about cases in which Harvey was involved had been given by convicts with the understanding that he would not divulge it, so he was "under the seal of the confessional." He felt also, according to Huntington W. Merchant, his lawyer, that he was not at liberty to divulge such information when it might incriminate another, though he was willing to tell anything about himself or his administration.

Mr. Merchant issued a statement after Mr. Weeks had told of the Grand Jury's decision to have no more of Warden Osborne unless he answered its questions about Harvey, saying that the warden would gladly tell all about himself, but he balked at a breach of faith with prisoners.

Justice Morschauser was called on to arbitrate the dispute when Warden Osborne would not sign the waiver as Mr. Weeks had prepared it. As originally drafted the waiver specified that Mr. Osborne waived immunity from prosecution for "acts and omissions and crimes which may have been committed by me."

"I won't sign that," said the warden. "To do so would be to admit that I had been guilty of omissions and crimes, and I won't do it. It would be a confession, not a waiver."

The warden objected also to the phrase, "in the investigation of my acts," asserting that the stated object of the Grand Jury inquiry had been to inquire into the acts of convicts, not of the warden.

Mr. Merchant supported his client vehemently, and there was another wordy combat, this time in the District Attorney's office, the sounds of which were clearly audible outside. Then all concerned repaired to Justice Morschauser's room in the court house. The Judge suggested that the word "alleged" be inserted before "acts, omissions and crimes." The warden agreed.

"Now, Mr. Osborne," said Mr. Weeks, drawing himself up to all his six feet four inches, "sign that waiver, or else forever after hold your peace."

Mr. Osborne signed the waiver and the Judge a neat speech of thanks and went before the Grand Jury.

The warden and Mr. Merchant wished it made especially clear that Mr. Osborne in refusing to testify concerning convicts' confession not only did not claim his constitutional rights, meaning that to give such testimony would tend to incriminate or degrade him, but expressly stipulated that he voluntarily said that he waived those rights.

Mr. Osborne will go to Albany to-morrow morning, where it is understood that besides keeping a lecture engagement he will see Gov. Whitman. Whether or not he will complain of the conduct of the Grand Jury inquiry neither he nor any one else would say.

DR. FARR REMAINS.

Resignation as Sing Sing's Head Physician Is Refused.

OSSINING, Dec. 10.—Dr. Charles W. Farr is still head physician of Sing Sing prison. It developed to-day that Superintendent of Prisons John B. Riley has refused to accept his resignation, which was presented last Tuesday, following a dispute with Warden Osborne.

Dr. Farr is now on a leave of absence from the prison. He was entitled to start his vacation a few weeks ago, but delayed, it is reported, because District Attorney Weeks wanted him to testify in the Grand Jury investigation in White Plains.

NEW WRITS FAIL AT SING SING.

Sheriff Doesn't Get Three Prisoners for Inquiry.

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Sheriff Wiesendanger of Westchester county went to Sing Sing prison to-night with three writs of habeas corpus issued by County Judge William Platt for the production at White Plains to-morrow of three prisoners whom the Grand Jury wishes to question. He said he intended to take them back to White Plains with him, but Fred Dorner, the first officer in charge in the absence of Warden Osborne, said it was too late (it was then 8:30 o'clock) to get the men ready for the trip and refused to give them up. The Sheriff argued, but Dorner wouldn't change his mind and Wiesendanger went away. The prisoners named in the writ were O. K. Bill Myers, George Rapple and Eugene Steiglitz.

Warden Osborne was making an address at Mount Kisco when the Sheriff arrived with the papers. The Sheriff brought back to Sing Sing Charles Gondorf, the "king of the wire tappers," who has been leading the Osborne opposition among the prisoners.

The Mutual Welfare League election did not take place to-day, according to schedule. It is understood Warden Osborne ordered a postponement. Neither was a prisoners' rally, at which Mr. Osborne planned to make a speech, held to-night, as was originally intended.

William Freeman, the fire insurance adjuster, who was sent to Sing Sing three years ago for conspiring with the so-called arson trust in New York city, was transferred to-day with fifty-seven other prisoners to Auburn.

WHITE PLAINS, Dec. 10.—District Attorney Weeks of Westchester county said to-night that he would lay before County Judge Platt to-morrow the refusal of the Sing Sing prison authorities to obey the writs issued by the court. He intimated the court would be asked to decide whether anybody was in contempt and, if so, who.

BRITON PRAISES OSBORNE.

Head of London's Sing Sing Favors the Welfare League.

Declaring his intention to abolish the cat-o'-nine tails as an instrument of punishment in English prisons, Francis Augustin Wellesley, visiting judge at Wandsworth prison, the London Sing Sing, will leave for England to-day, after having spent two months in this country.

"Warden Osborne's system is ahead of anything in England," said Judge Wellesley last night. "It is working finely and I consider the fight being made on this official a disgrace to American justice. I attended a session of the Mutual Welfare League's court and was amazed at the dignity and seriousness displayed during the proceedings. But the cells at Sing Sing are frightful. An English farmer would be indicted if he kept his pigs in such pens."

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The teachers are willing, according to their tentative pension bill, submitted by Miss Grace C. Strachan at the meeting of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers at the Metropolitan Life Building last night, to meet the proposal of the Mayor's pension commission that they shall pay half the cost of their pensions. Whether the money will be raised by a flat salary deduction of 3½ per cent. or by graded deductions is to be decided Friday at a meeting of the Federation of Presidents of Teachers Societies. The pension committee, composed of twenty of these presidents, drafted the bill which Miss Strachan outlined last night.

Not without some hot discussion did the meeting agree to the provisions and pass a vote of confidence in Miss Strachan, empowering her to act for the association. The detail they most objected to was the one providing that teachers may retire with pension after thirty years service, and must be retired with pension after thirty-five years. There were some who thought thirty years teaching earned a pension, and it took all Miss Strachan's diplomacy to convince them that half a loaf was better than no bread at all. Miss Lina Gano supported the president, reminding the teachers that they might have won much more at Albany if they hadn't "wrangled among themselves till the Legislature didn't know what they wanted."

The association voted to have an entertainment before Christmas to aid teachers granted leave of absence with half pay whose half pay has been held up. Many tales were told of teachers, men and women, who are now in distress, sick, unable to teach and without money.

"Comptroller Prendergast is to blame," cried Miss Strachan, "not only for holding up this money but for forcing on taxpayers a false impression of the teachers. This city can pay $10,000 salaries to experts from the West and let its faithful teachers starve."

LACKAWANNA FERRY CHANGES.

New Schedule in Effect Monday Owing to Dredging.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western ferry service will have a change of schedule beginning Monday because of Government dredging operations in front of the ferry slips.

From Monday until the dredging operations are finished, which is expected to be about February 1 next, ferry connections for all Lackawanna trains will be ten minutes earlier from West Twenty-third street, ten minutes earlier from Christopher street and eight minutes earlier from Barclay street than the leaving time shown in the current time tables.

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