

PERSONALS. Will have hopes. Write. MARTIN BRENNAN, deceased. Information wanted as to whereabouts of JOHN BRENNAN and MICHAEL BRENNAN, formerly of Skaneateles, County of Sullivan, Ireland, who are dead, the names and addresses of the widows and children if any of each of them. They, or copies of them, are entitled to the assets of above deceased. MICHAEL RITZKEV, solicitor, Kilkenny, Ireland.

MY DEAR AUSTIN. Mother returns March 21. She will be broken hearted if you have not returned or written. Don't fail to return. DADDY.

LOST AND FOUND. LOST—Ladies' purple velvet hand bag, Thursday night, between 9 and 10 P. M. at 24th street, near 20th street. Contains gold watch, diamond and ruby pendant, and gold bracelet. Return to 24th street, near 20th street. Reward \$10.00. Mrs. H. BARRY, 230 West 10th st. Phone Bklyn 4206.

DENIES NUGENT GOT WAR CONTRACT. Fissell Insists Jersey Boss Did Not Send \$146,000 in Profits His Way.

ALLURING OFFERS MADE. Member of Board Fails to Recall Wright, Chief Aid of Politician.

William H. Fissell, the Newark contractor who is being sued by James R. Nugent, Democratic boss of Essex county, N. J., and his political lieutenant, Joseph W. Wright, admitted yesterday before Vice-Chancellor Backus at Newark the existence of a "gentleman's agreement" to divide the profits of his war time contracts with the politician on a fifty-fifty basis. The arrangement held good, however, only in the event that Nugent, through his boasted influence with Joseph P. Tumulty, the high Administration official at Washington, was able to swing profitable contracts in his direction, so Fissell testified.

CITY MOTOR BUSES TO SUPPLANT CARS. Appropriation for 200 Only a Beginning.

The appropriation yesterday by the Board of Estimate of \$1,146,000 for the construction of 200 motor buses to be operated by the city is only the beginning of that municipal service. Mayor Hylan told the board the number of buses which his administration is willing to operate is limited only by the need for their operation.

The Mayor instructed Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, to arrange so that the Borough of Richmond may receive first consideration in the distribution of the new buses.

The board also voted to establish immediately a bus line on Staten Island from the Fox Hills base hospital to the Staten Island ferry station for a five cent fare.

The resolution appropriating the money for 200 buses instructs Commissioner Whalen, under whose department the municipal bus lines are to be operated, to prepare forms of contract and specifications to permit of competitive bidding for the construction of the new buses. Those forms are to be submitted for the approval of the Board of Estimate, which will decide upon the type and capacity of the buses and the qualifications of bidders to be used. The matter of routes will be determined by the board at a later meeting.

The extent of the Mayor's plan for the use of buses was reflected in a statement issued by Commissioner Whalen after the board adjourned, in which he intimated that the buses are to supplant surface street car tracks and to be removed. Mr. Whalen said: "When the buses are placed in operation they will completely revolutionize the city's traffic problems and will be a solution of the many difficulties occasioned by the present method of surface car transportation."

BOARD OF ESTIMATE REBUFS CURRAN. 'Buried' Two Resolutions That He Proposed.

In the words of Comptroller Charles L. Craig the Board of Estimate yesterday "buried" by referring to the committee of the whole the resolution of Henry H. Curran, President of the Borough of Manhattan, opposing the passage of a bill in the Legislature which would give permanent rank and grade to all police inspectors and acting police inspectors holding those places on April 1.

The borough President characterized it as an effort on the part of Edward E. Enright, Police Commissioner, to gain political favor, especially after the bill had been passed by the Legislature. Curran also proposed a resolution to remove the inspectors from civil service.

By a vote of 9 to 7 the board filed a motion to amend the City Charter so that six votes of a majority of the whole board would be required for each act of the board.

STUDENT IS BAILED AFTER FATAL BOUT. Professors Testify Boxing Match Was Mild Affair.

Andrew Lockett, 25, Columbia University student, was admitted yesterday to \$2,000 bail in Washington Heights court pending an autopsy to determine what caused the death of Milton Sternfeld, 22, of Albany, a post graduate student at Columbia, in the course of a friendly boxing match at the Columbia gymnasium Thursday night.

At a later date Fissell testified he telegraphed him concerning a \$10,000,000 contract for a "housing proposition." Nugent explained, Fissell said, that he would be asked to bid in competition with three or four others, but that, as they would be from Chicago and San Francisco and other points remote from New Jersey, where the work was to be done, Fissell would be "the logical man to do the work."

Hints Given of Big Contracts. Several letters alleged to have been written to Fissell by Nugent are offered in evidence. One of them spoke of his having "positive assurances" of "big contracts" from his friends in Washington. In another the boss referred to a "satisfactory" visit to Washington. The only "unsatisfactory" thing in connection with the trip, Nugent wrote, was that "Wright, the boss, who was attending his father's funeral in New Jersey, other letters referred to getting work for Fissell in rebuilding devastated regions in France.

None of the "bright" prospects mentioned in these letters materialized. The court was told. "When Wright went to Washington he told me he was under considerable pressure, and I asked the agency to be deducted later from what was owing to him after the contracts were awarded." Wright assured me that when Nugent was in the office with the President and Tumulty and others in Washington there would be no trouble in getting them, and I accepted his statements.

Valentine Braun of East Orange testified that he met Wright at Mr. Tumulty's office in the White House February 18, 1918. He said they later met Capt. Marchese, who said "Wright: 'I'm sorry we lost this contract, but they are going to give me the next one, and it will be right in your back yard.' Mr. Braun's testimony was corroborated by that of his son, Chester A. Braun, who was in Washington at the time on a furlough from a Southern army camp.

A letter was offered from Frederick Law Olmsted of Brookline, Mass., a landscape architect, who was a member of the Emergency Construction Commission. He said he "never saw the slightest indication that any member of the committee saw ever influence by political or personal considerations in reaching a judgment in casting a vote." Mr. Olmsted did not "recall" Mr. Wright or any "impression" made by him, he wrote.

Diemiala, who was asked upon the ground that the alleged \$500 contract was against public policy. Briefs are to be submitted and argument was set for May 24.

Indigestion Kills Policeman. Stricken with acute indigestion while on mounted patrol in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, early yesterday morning, Policeman Joseph D. O'Brien, lived only long enough to ride to the office of the Zow and request medical attendance. While waiting for a physician to reach him he died. He was 41 years old and had been on the force since 1907. His home was at 14 Concord street. He leaves a widow.

U. S. Assistant Attorney Resigns. E. Paul Yaselli, an assistant United States District Attorney, resigned yesterday to enter private practice.

'STAMP FINANCIER' ACCUSED OF THEFT. Abraham White, Who Made \$100,000 on 44-Cent Investment, Seeks Small Charge.

ONLY \$2,500 IS INVOLVED. Once Owned "Shadow Lawn," Which Wilton Made His Summer Capital.

Abraham White, once widely known as the "postage stamp financier," because he cleaned up a little matter of \$100,000 on an investment of 44 cents in postage stamps, was again in the limelight yesterday.

No millions are involved in Mr. White's latest financial transaction. The man who used to staple Wall Street with his shoeing coups was in the Yorkville Court charged with larceny of \$2,500.

The complaint is Julius Reibert, a builder of Hartford, Conn., who is staying at the Hotel Commodore. Mr. Reibert asserts he paid White \$2,500 for stock in the Auto Freeproof Company, which White is promoting, and that the stock was not delivered to him.

White pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1,000 bail for examination March 19. At the Hotel Pennsylvania White admitted having sold the stock to Reibert, but he had done so with the understanding that there would be no immediate call for delivery. Furthermore, he said, Reibert was associated in the purchase with a man named Joseph J. Gagon, and White had lent Gagon \$1,250 on the security of Reibert's stock. He showed a cancelled check for \$1,250 in favor of Gagon drawn against the Freeproof Company.

White's lawyer disappeared. If he is cleared of the charge made against him he probably will sue Reibert for \$100,000 or so, he said, and turn the money over to charity, just to make an example of him.

Back in 1896, when the Panama bond issue was put on the market, Abe White was a young man from Texas with plenty of nerve but no money. He put in bids for \$7,000,000, however, as no deposit was required. When the bids were accepted it was announced that \$1,500,000 of the bonds had been sold to White.

White went to Italy, where Uncle Russell, always ready to approve a shrewd money deal and possibly to get in on it himself, lent the money to pay for the bonds, which were worth considerably more than their par value.

With the fortune he made on this transaction White organized a bond company and became a regular bidder at municipal bond sales. In 1907 he gave Wall Street another big job, but did not receive the entire \$400,000 New York city bond issue. On this occasion postage stamps did not suffice. He furnished a draft on his own account for \$200,000.

About this time he bought Shadow Lawn, the famous \$2,000,000 estate at 24th street, which President Wilson occupied during the summer of 1918. There is a tradition that this magnificent house was occupied this summer by the President and his family. It was sold at a sheriff's sale.

He next organized the \$15,000,000 De Forest Wireless Telegraph Company. This concern failed after a sensational stock issue, and it became known that most of the money subscribed had gone for publicity. Mr. White at present is connected with the Freeproof concern, which makes a non-freezing liquid for automobiles.

BERGDOLL'S LAWYER ASSAILS WITNESS. Question to Editor Brings Rebuke From Court.

An attempt by Harry Weinberger, of counsel for Edward J. Bergdoll, to attack Edward Hynes, an attorney, as editor of the Philadelphia Record and chairman of the draft board in Bergdoll's district, nearly resulted in his exclusion from the trial of Bergdoll in the Pennsylvania Railroad case.

Mr. Weinberger launched a series of questions calculated to show that Mr. Dwyer's opinions as an editor were influenced by the Pennsylvania Railroad. He ascertained that the witness rented his nine room home in Philadelphia for \$35 a month from the Manor Real Estate and Trust Company, the stock of which is held by the Pennsylvania Railroad, even demanding of the witness the dimensions of the lot and rear yard of the property in his eagerness to impress the argument upon the court.

At this point the court objected, directing Mr. Weinberger to change the line of questioning from Bergdoll to the witness. Mr. Weinberger's objection regarding the character of the witness on pain of being held in contempt of court. Under the court martial rules this would have been a contempt of court.

So Sbereshevsk, making sounds such as can be made only by a real estate dealer who has just been robbed of \$250 in cash, \$4,250 in certified checks, several property deeds and a vest, attracted the attention of a couple of cops.

No success resulted in the ensuing search, but late in the afternoon the police were informed by the custodian of the Federal Building that the vest, pockets empty, had been found behind a wash basin in there. One of the checks had been overlooked by the cops.

YVONNE GALL HURT IN CRASH. Chicago Opera Singer Is Victim of Motor Car Collision.

Miss Yvonne Gall of the Chicago Opera Company was slightly injured in an automobile accident yesterday afternoon when a car owned by Max Kaler, 357 Broadway, crashed into the taxicab in which she was crossing Central Park. William Boyer, the driver of the taxicab, suffered contusions of the chest and internal injuries. Both received treatment at Flower Hospital, although Miss Gall later was able to return to her apartment at the Hotel Majestic. The automobile was wrecked.

Otto Bieler, 525 West 146th street, chauffeur of Kaler's car, was held in \$1,000 bail for further examination here yesterday Judge Simpson this morning.

Store Closes at 5:00 o'Clock THE JOHN WANAMAKER STORE. Weather To-day—Cloudy and colder. Broadway at Ninth Street, New York. Formerly A. T. Stewart.

SAISON NOUVELLE. We Have Been Told That There is as much of a tree below ground as there is above it, and so it is if one is to build height; it is not possible with shallow foundations. Particularly Smart Fashions at Moderate Prices, Specialized for Miss 14 to 20. Suits, \$29.50, \$39.50, \$59.50. Coats, \$59.50, \$62.50. Frocks, \$49.50, \$55, \$69.50. There are secret facts in the history of buildings as well as in the nation's treaties and people's lives. Unless trenches deep and balanced well, neither buildings nor citizens can safely rise to lofty heights. There is daily work going on here upon the foundations of this business in the interest of its owners, of the city in which it is planted, and of the general public. (Signed) John Wanamaker. March 13, 1920.

Wonderful Frocks for Juniors and Young Girls. Four Models at \$9.75. Three Models at \$11.75. Dresses specialized for juniors are in sizes 12, 14 and 16—generously proportioned and fashioned with straight lines for big girls. These frocks are mostly fashioned with Russian blouses and the flaring overblouse, which is quite circular in line; one blouse is of a plain color cotton material and the pleated skirt is of plain gingham. Seven models are developed in checked and plaid gingham, chambray and other plain cottons. Frocks for girls of 6 to 14 years (12 and 14 sizes with slender lines) are in a diversity of styles. It would be unfair to say whether the numerous styles, the charming gingham, chambrays and Japanese crepes, or the colors are most attractive. Also—frocks of white swiss and white net—latter for party wear. Second floor, Old Building, Tenth Street.

Green Iron and Wood Garden Furniture. Au Quatrieme. Green painted iron garden furniture with wooden slat seats, copied from the furniture at Armonville, have arrived Au Quatrieme in time for the opening of country houses. This furniture is designed to lead a strenuous outdoor life "in sun and rain and wind and weather." A new coat of paint, and one has, for all intents and purposes, a new set of furniture—it is practically everlasting. Side chairs, \$80; arm chairs, \$50; settees, \$85. Fourth floor, Old Building.

"Sh!—The AMPICO Is Playing!" That is what she said. But this is what she was thinking: "Very, very quietly, please. RACHMANINOFF is playing. You can't see him, but he is. This is the CHICKERING-AMPICO, for which that great Russian composer-pianist played, and which is now reproducing his playing EXACTLY, with not the slightest change. The instrument is virtually the artist for the time being—the artist at his best. So, please, come in very quietly, just as you would at Carnegie Hall at a Rachmaninoff concert."

Coming Soon! The Greatest Sale of Housekeeping Linens Within Our Memory! Watch for it!

Piano Recital in the Auditorium Today at 2:30. RUTH BREITENBAUGH under the direction of Antoinette Ward. Dance Recital by AUGUSTA KLAUSNER at 3 P. M. First Gallery, New Bldg. Victor Herbert, De Koven, Geraldine Farrar, Gitz-Rice these artists have played for the AMPICO, and for no other Reproducing Piano. You will never hear De Koven play again—except through the AMPICO. Records played by him will be ready in a few weeks. MOISEWITSCH, this season's phenomenal success; LEVITZKI, the success of 1918-19; ORNSTEIN, the individual; and the Russian master composer and pianist, RACHMANINOFF—all these play exclusively for the AMPICO. They have never played for any other Reproducing Piano. And there are almost one hundred other great pianists whose playing the AMPICO reproduces. Can't you picture the happiness and inspiration the CHICKERING-AMPICO could bring to all who are in and who visit your home? Piano Salons, First Gallery, New Building.