

SING SING INMATES CHEER NEW WARDEN

William H. Moyer Allays the Fears of 1,500 Men on First Day in Prison.

BETTERMENTS IN SIGHT

Mutual Welfare League and Other Humane Features to Be Retained.

Sing Sing's 1,500 inmates and William H. Moyer, new warden of the prison, met yesterday for the first time.

With a speech in the mess hall the warden won the prisoners at their first meeting.

His talk, based on square dealing, stilled the fear and apprehension that threatened to disrupt the discipline of the prison.

Those who for weeks had been awaiting an uprising, a protest against his succession of Thomas Mott Osborne were dissuaded from their plans.

They promised their fellow convicts they would restrain themselves as long as Warden Moyer holds to the programme he outlined.

"Don't get nervous," Warden Moyer told them, "as you are going to be torn up. There is no question of a square deal from me so long as I get it from you.

I am here to protect your interests and the interests of the State. I am going to stand by it until the contrary is proved."

Respect Superstitions Fears. With the departure of fear came one of the most important reforms of the new warden.

He and his superiors are convinced that Sing Sing, when reformed in its human aspects, has been permitted to deteriorate physically.

The primary step of Warden Moyer will be to clean the place thoroughly. Fresh paint is to be applied to the walls, the floors, the lock blocks, all the cells are to be repainted, its roof reinforced and proper sanitation to be installed as far as possible.

Other Repairs to Be Made. The stables were found to be in a vile condition, the masonry rotting, the power plants ramshackle and the shops dilapidated.

As soon as I find the men can be trusted I will keep them outside their cells as much as possible. It will be better for them morally, physically and intellectually to be outdoors.

Anything that is improving or elevating will be continued, and this applies to the entertainments, night classes and lectures.

"I believe I have got a good lot of men here. The vast majority is as good as you can find in any institution of this kind, so far as I can judge. I am impressed, too, by the discipline. It is good for the men to eat without guards."

It is good for them to work without guards. So long as they prove they can behave themselves without official surveillance this will be continued.

"Sing Sing impresses me more than any other prison I have ever seen. I believe we can do good work here."

N. Y. TROOPS START TO-DAY.

Other Soldiers Are Expected to Leave Border December 14.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 12.—New York troops will begin leaving the Mexican border to-day.

CHOOSE 4 1/2% AND SAFETY

In January many people have money to invest, and for those who cannot afford to risk their capital our Tax Exempt First Mortgage Participation Certificates are the best investment obtainable.

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60,000 IN NEW YORK GET STRIKE CALL

Clothing Workers Will Begin Their Walkout This Morning.

The clothing strike, involving 60,000 workers on the East Side, will begin this morning.

The strike call was issued last night by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America at a meeting in Beethoven Hall, 210 Fifth street.

Red handbills announcing the strike will be distributed this morning to the workers at the shops by the shop chairmen.

The strikers will then march from their shops to meeting halls near by and pickets will be sent to watch the factories.

Clothing workers in Newark and Ridgewood, N. J., are included in the strike, and the leaders have announced that they will insist on a sympathetic strike in Philadelphia or any other city which attempts to furnish the New York manufacturers with manufactured clothing.

The strike leaders believe that the strike will not be long, that it will completely tie up the industry here and that the manufacturers will be forced to give in.

Workmen Sure of Success. The shop chairmen brought enthusiastic reports of the sentiment of the workers they represent.

President Hillman said that the strike will be a success. "There was the same enthusiasm that marked the mass meetings of the rank and file last week, when they met to re-sign their existing contracts.

Several Thousand for Pickets. Louis Zuckerman, with headquarters in Astoria Hall, 62 East Fourth street, will have charge of several thousand men and women who have been selected to do the picketing.

Herbert C. Anzorge, president of the American Clothing Manufacturers Association, said yesterday that his association would not enter into any further discussion with the Amalgamated Association.

"It would mean a signed agreement with the Amalgamated if we came to terms with them," he said, "and we do not enter into another agreement with that body. I would not remain president if we did. When we had an agreement we had the trouble of enforcing it among our members and the union did not compel its members to live up to the agreement."

President Anzorge said he was willing to negotiate with the United Garment Workers of America, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Amalgamated workers withdrew from the United workers organization recently and ceased to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Hotel Burned Near Tuxedo.

TUXEDO, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Curry's Hotel, one mile east of Tuxedo, was burned to the ground this evening.

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\$500,000 TO Y. W. C. A. ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT

Presented as Birthday Surprise for Dodge Memorial Fund.

500 HEAR GOOD NEWS

Entire Sum of Million and a Half Expected to Be Raised Soon.

John D. Rockefeller made a birthday present yesterday. Just a matter of \$500,000. The lucky recipient was the National Young Women's Christian Association, which by this gift surely will be enabled to complete the Grace H. Dodge memorial fund of a million and a half, which after the death of Miss Dodge in 1914, it set out to raise.

This month marks the tenth anniversary of the organization of the national association and the election of the board, and the birthday party was held last night at the Hotel Astor. Five hundred guests sat down to the birthday feast in the big assembly room on the eighth floor.

After the dinner reports were made by leaders of the various branches of the work, and it was the course of the celebration, which by this gift surely will be enabled to complete the Grace H. Dodge memorial fund of a million and a half, which after the death of Miss Dodge in 1914, it set out to raise.

Then the Letter. "And now our success is assured," she said. "To-night at 6 o'clock, just an hour before I started for this dinner, the following letter came to me for the association:—"

"My Dear Mrs. Hennen: "I am very deeply interested in the work of the National Young Women's Christian Association in doing for the young women of this country, and I am pleased to announce that my father will donate to the association the sum of \$500,000."

Enthusiastic cheering interrupted Mrs. Morris at this point, and when there was quiet she went on to say:—

"On condition that the full sum amounting to \$1,000,000, shall be pledged by January 1, 1918, and that it be paid in by January, 1918."

Very sincerely yours, "JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR."

\$157,000 Needed. "You know," said Mrs. Morris, "that all but \$157,000 of the sum has already been pledged, that is to say, all but \$157,000 of the amount necessary for its completion, with Mr. Rockefeller's gift. This has been accomplished in the last ten months, and by the gifts of 20,000 persons, about 13,000 of whom have given their names, the other half of the sum has been secured."

Other speakers were Mrs. Robert E. Speer, president of the National Board; Miss Louise Holmquist, secretary of the National Board; Mrs. James S. Cushman, president of the Metropolitan Board; Miss Sara A. Wells, secretary of the Central Branch, and Dr. John R. Mott.

Dr. Mott, who has made several trips to the war countries since the outbreak of the great contest, told the women of the association that instead of congratulating themselves over the work, the organization should be congratulated, as they were inclined in their speeches to do, they ought to be straining every nerve to aid the afflicted in Europe.

By winning the confidence and gratitude of the Europeans, he said, could the organization hope to take its rightful place in the establishment of normal conditions when peace returns.

Among the men and women at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, George W. Perkins, Mr. Perkins's daughter, Mrs. Edward W. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Childs, the Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olcott and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene DeLafield.

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Mrs. Martin Curry, wife of the proprietor, tried to return to the hotel to get some papers, but her hair was burned off and she was burned about the arms. She was removed to the Tuxedo Hospital. The loss is \$20,000.

GIRL IN \$150,000 SUIT REMAINS IN SECLUSION

Miss Katherine O'Rourke and Capt. De Lamar, Defendant, Evade Reporters.

234 TIRED SUMNER PASSENGERS HERE

Tell How They Felt When Transport Bumped Twice at Barnegat.

NO PANIC ON THE SHIP

Army Vessel Still Ashore, Some Remain on Board.

Neither of the principals in the \$150,000 suit brought by Miss Katherine O'Rourke against Capt. Joseph R. De Lamar, second vice-president of the International Nickel Company, could be reached yesterday.

Miss O'Rourke in her summons and complaint says she was Mr. De Lamar's assistant housekeeper in his country place, Pembroke, at Glen Cove, L. I., and that after he had promised to pay her \$150 a month for life he broke the contract.

The young woman's lawyer, Loring Black, Jr., would not discuss his client's whereabouts and would not discuss the case. When asked if \$150,000 wasn't rather a large sum for an assistant housekeeper to ask for he said: "Well, you know, good housekeepers are scarce now."

Miss O'Rourke is said to be rather attractive and to have once or twice visited Capt. De Lamar's office at 43 Exchange place.

Two hundred and thirty-four passengers of the United States transport Sumner, which went ashore near Barnegat Light in a fog late on Monday night, arrived here last night damp, sleepy, hungry and thankful.

The fortunate combination of a smooth sea and iron discipline had averted a catastrophe as grim and momentous as any of those in the history of Barnegat Bay. An accident which might have caused the death of scores became an incident which would serve as a satisfactory subject of conversation.

The first batch of passengers, fifteen women and eight children, arrived on a special train from Barnegat with Lieut. G. C. Eisey and G. W. Polhemus as shepherds. The remainder of the passengers, ten officers and 159 enlisted men, were brought to the city by the coast guard cutter Mohawk, landing several hours later.

The story of the shipwreck as told by the survivors begins with the transport feeling her way slowly through an extremely dense fog, so dense, in fact, that the beams of the Barnegat light failed to warn her of her nearness to the shoals. Most of the passengers had retired for the night by 11 o'clock, confident that they would wake up to view the skyscrapers of lower Manhattan.

Felt a Slight Jolt. At ten minutes past 11 some of those who had retired felt a slight jolt and then the stopping of the engine. The sound of men running along the deck, whistles and a few loud exclamations failed to arouse them. The engines reversed and the vessel rose and fell and the bump was felt again. Then most of the passengers dozed away and awoke this morning to find when they came on deck that they had been through a shipwreck.

A number of passengers who were awake at the time and realized the ship had grounded stayed awake all night. Capt. Webster announced shortly after the first jar that the vessel had run aground but assured them that their was no danger.

Mrs. G. W. Polhemus, who was coming north with her husband for a funeral and to visit her father, the Rev. Dr. William W. Bellinger, Vicar of the chapel of St. Agnes, in West Ninety-second street, said that she felt the gentle but persistent jar of the steamer on the sands but thought, having heard the engines stop, that anchor had been cast for the night on account of the fog and the vessel was tugging at her chains.

"In the morning when I awoke I discovered that we were aground, but no one seemed to be very much frightened, although one or two of the other women were nervous," Mrs. Polhemus said.

"An open motor boat from one of the coast guard stations came alongside about 3 o'clock, and as the Sumner had gradually listed to one side so that it was almost impossible to walk the captain decided to land the women and children.

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SANTA CLAUS BUSY NEAR WALL STREET

Five Firms in Financial District Give Bonus to Employees.

OLD ENGLISH PRINTS

Appropriate for Xmas Gifts

KENNEDY & CO.

613 Fifth Avenue, Forty-ninth St.

Five big companies in the financial district announced arrangement of a bonus system yesterday to aid their employees in meeting the increased cost of living expenses. They are: National City Bank, First National Bank, Empire Trust Company, United States Mortgage and Trust Company and the Transatlantic Trust Company.

Directors of the National City Bank announced a bonus of 25 per cent. of this year's earnings, payable December 15, 5 per cent. April 1 and 5 per cent. July 1. The bonus will be distributed among 1,091 employees of the central bank and 346 employees in branches.

The First National Bank and the First Security Company, an allied corporation, appropriated a sum equal to 25 per cent. of this year's earnings to employees. This bonus will be distributed at once.

Directors of the Empire Trust Company yesterday voted a special bonus of 100 per cent. to employees on the basis of a sharing plan inaugurated several years ago which total approximately 12 1/2 per cent. of the yearly salary of each employee.

A bonus of 10 per cent. to every employee of the institution, including the officers, was voted at a meeting of directors of the Transatlantic Trust Company. The regular semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. and an extra dividend of 2 per cent. were declared. Both are payable January 1.

Directors of the American Branch Shoe and Foundry Company declared an extra dividend of 2 per cent. on its preferred stock, in addition to the regular payments on the preferred and common stock.

B. Altman & Co.

The Great Annual Sale of FURS will be continued TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY)

An Extraordinary Offering of Women's Tailored Suits at \$19.00

To commence to-day (Wednesday) will include Suits of broadcloth, gabardine, cheviot and tweed.

SIZES INCOMPLETE Ready-to-wear Suit Dept (Third Floor)

B. Altman & Co.

Men's, Women's and Children's FOOTWEAR

SUGGESTING PRACTICAL GIFTS In anticipation of the great demand incident to the holiday season, many attractive novelties in Shoes and Slippers have been provided, generously supplementing the regular assortments; as a result of which the range of styles and prices is sufficiently extensive to meet every requirement.

Men's and Boys' Shoes, First Floor. Women's, Misses' and Children's Shoes, Second Floor.

Fifth Avenue, New York

B. & O. SUIT TO TEST COMMISSION RULING

Road Asks for Benefits From Western Union That Were Forbidden.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY

begins an equity suit in the United States District Court yesterday to force the Western Union Telegraph Company to live up to its agreement of October 15, 1915, in which the latter agreed to charge only half rate for all messages sent by the railroad to an amount not exceeding \$10,000 a year.

In return the railroad agreed to carry all the telegraph company's employees traveling on business free of charge and also to transport all the telegraph company's poles and other material free of charge to an amount not exceeding \$10,000 a year.

On April 25 last, however, the Interstate Commerce Commission decreed that while railroads might enter into contracts with telephone, telegraph and cable companies for an exchange of service the railroad companies could not reduce their regular rates for the benefit of the wire companies. Thereupon the Western Union notified the Baltimore and Ohio that it intended to demand full rates for all messages sent by the railroad in the future, as it would have to pay full rates for carrying linemen and supplies.

The Baltimore and Ohio asks that the court force the Western Union to live up to the agreement of 1915 in spite of the Interstate Commerce Commission ruling. The action is in effect an attempt by the litigants to have the court force the railroad to ignore the commission's ruling or to define the extent of its application.

FIVE MANAGERS FOR BANK

National City Starts System That Is Used in Europe. A unique method of bank management was put into effect yesterday by the directors of the National City Bank in the form of a board of five managers consisting of Vice-Presidents W. A. Simonson, Samuel McRoberts, James A. Stillman, C. W. Rich and James H. Perkins. Mr. Simonson will act as chairman under the jurisdiction of Frank A. Vanderlip, president, but will be authorized to discharge the duties of any official and in the absence of the president assume the executive's duties.

The plan was arranged by President Vanderlip after a year of tentative operation and is designed to relieve Mr. Vanderlip of some of his work.

GIRL A THIEF TO GET CLOTHES

Trapped When She Says Things to Wear in Another's Name. A seventeen-year-old salesgirl, who wanted things to wear that would not make her ashamed when men took her to restaurants, was arrested yesterday when she was buying a coat, scarf and gloves worth \$72 in a Thirty-fourth street department store and having them charged to Mrs. K. Gillman of 885 Fifth avenue. The girl gave her name as Anna J. Rose and said she worked in a Brooklyn department store and lived in a furnished room at 112 Hoyt street, Brooklyn.

The police say that she saw Mrs. Gillman buying some things and having them charged in the Thirty-fourth street store several months ago. Then they say, Miss Rose had cards engraved with Mrs. Gillman's name and began to buy fine clothes and have them charged. Mrs. Gillman complained and the girl was trapped yesterday. She waived examination when arraigned before Magistrate Brown in the Jefferson Market court and was held for trial.

Holiday Gifts That Please Men

SILK SHIRTS 1800 Silk Shirts 3.25 Heavy Tub Silks in a splendid assortment of patterns.

PAJAMAS 950 Madras Pajamas 1.45 Fine quality, serviceable Madras; silk loops and pearl buttons. Regular and extra sizes.

1250 Silk Shirts 4.95 Heavy Silks and Crepes in neat and fancy patterns; handsome colorings; custom finish.

725 Silk-mixed Pajamas 2.95 Plain colors and fancy striped patterns; handsomely finished. Regular and large sizes.

Sleeve lengths 34 to 36 inches. No charge for sleeve alterations.

3,500 "McCreery" Madras Shirts 1.50 Made of fine woven Madras and mercerized materials in an extensive assortment of desirable patterns. All colors.

MEN'S-FURNISHINGS 35th Street Entrance MAIN FLOOR

Advertisement for Knabe Style J Upright piano, featuring an illustration of the piano and descriptive text about its quality and price.

Advertisement for James McCreery & Co. men's clothing, featuring a list of items like silk shirts and pajamas with prices and store location.

Advertisement for B. Altman & Co. department store, featuring a list of clothing items like women's suits and shoes with prices and store location.