

97 DEGREE HEAT IN CITY AND SUBURBS

300 Prostrated, Although Storm Sends Mercury Down Two Points.

RAILSTONES IN ITS WAKE

Lightning Strikes Alarm Box, Calling Out Firemen—Several Killed.

A series of electrical storms bombarded all the territory within a radius of twenty-five miles of Manhattan's City Hall yesterday morning and afternoon and cooled and clarified the stifling air of all the boroughs.

49 Mile Squall Blows. The Manhattan storm was accompanied by little rain, but was unusually spectacular and violent.

The squalls were more savage in The Bronx and other suburban boroughs and places, uprooting trees and tearing down telegraph poles.

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New York..... 86 Atlantic City..... 86 Boston..... 86 Albany..... 86 Chicago..... 86 New Orleans..... 86 Philadelphia..... 86 San Francisco..... 90 St. Louis..... 90 Washington..... 96 Baltimore..... 98

of all the boroughs late in the afternoon and that fifty motor trucks were busy removing them.

The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor yesterday that auto owners might turn their cars into "fresh air institutions" while the heated term lasts.

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POLITICAL POT BOILS OVER; 2 SCALDED

Clerk Schneider Charges Dr. Marshall Refused Access to Election Records.

SHORT AND UGLY REPLY

On Top of This Comes Word That Tammany Has a Candidate for Mayor.

Blame it on the weather or anything else you like, but yesterday was a scalding day in the political arena.

In the first place, County Clerk William F. Schneider, chairman of the Democratic Fusion committee, took off his coat and lit into Dr. Frederick L. Marshall, State Superintendent of Elections, a Republican, for denying the Democratic committee further access to the records of Dr. Marshall's department, the records being necessary, according to Mr. Schneider, to show that members of the Mitchell Fusion committee are non-residents and non-voters of New York city.

Dr. Marshall refused to let Schneider get away with his charges, and invoked one of T. Roosevelt's pet responses, namely, unmitigated and malicious, etc., in answering Schneider.

And then, to cap the climax, along came Tammany's candidate for Mayor. No one ever heard of him, but believe us, a certain well known press agent was busy trying to get his own conscientious objector in by trying to evade Uncle Sam's draft law.

Mr. Schneider, in launching his drive against the Marshall trench, wrote to Gov. Whitman this:

The Democratic Fusion committee has been denied access to public election records in the office of the State Superintendent of Elections. This committee is investigating the electoral qualifications of a group of men who have designated themselves the Republican Fusion committee and are attempting to dictate nominations in disregard of the primary laws.

Now we come to that Tammany candidate for Mayor, who immediately got on the telephone and icily informed Dr. Marshall that unless access was granted to the records he, Mr. Marshall, would demand the Governor to find out whether Dr. Marshall had any rights in New York city.

Dr. Marshall insists the information would have been granted if sufficient evidence had been produced to show it was necessary. He strenuously denies that politics had anything to do with the refusal.

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COOK FROZEN STIFF IN HOTEL ICE BOX

Greek Escapes Horrors of War Only to Shiver-r-r Here.

After what Greece has been through in the past year one might think that a freshly imported Greek cook who had dodged the Bulgarians, and then escaped the horrors of the Balkan front, might hope to get along in safety in New York.

But Bekko Boppolu, a new cook at the Hotel Alafat, has his own opinion of a town where they run ammonia pipes through what looked like an otherwise good hall bedroom. The heat from Bekko's kitchen range never has cooled considerably yesterday and he wandered around until he found what seemed to be a fairly cool room that had nothing in it.

Dr. Marshall doesn't know yet what happened to him. In his country they do not make iceboxes on so grand a scale.

HEAT WAVE BRINGS FAMINE IN LEMONS

Wholesale Price to Advance 50 Per Cent. Owing to Small Available Supply.

And now one of the most terrible bits of news about the great heat wave: lemons are few and soaring upward, and gin rickies, favorite dog days nectar of all New York, soon may be only a memory.

Coming on the crest of sweltering days and sleepless nights this information will probably result in untold casualties by to-night. However, one ray of hope still shines—there are enough limes on hand to squeeze the delectable flavor into 5,000,000 gin rickies and enough lemons to construct 300,000,000 lemonades.

Now 5,000,000 lemons and 300,000,000 lemons may appear in the rough to be some less and some lemons, but when scattered among New York's 4,500,000 English and foreign speaking souls and what remains is spread among the country's remaining 10,000,000 folks, it only tells about one lemon apiece and a gin rickie whiff to each.

"There have been so many requests for information and my office has responded to all requests so willingly that the clerks have been forced to work until midnight. Accordingly, I instructed that no information was to be given unless approved by either the chief deputy or myself, as, like all good things, the limes are being eaten by my office have been abused."

Then Dr. Marshall explained that a representative of Mr. McBride of the Democratic fusion committee called at the State Superintendent's office the other day and requested some information. In view of the recent election was told to wait until Dr. Marshall returned. But did he wait? He did not.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL ASKS HIGHER FARES

Files New Schedules Increasing Passenger Rates in the State.

LOCAL TICKETS LIMITED

Hervey Says Company Must Prove Need of Raises Asked as War Measure.

The New York Central Railroad yesterday filed with the Public Service Commission a schedule of new tariffs showing proposed increases in passenger rates on all of its lines in New York State, including those within New York city over which the Public Service Commission of the First District has jurisdiction. The rates between New York State and other points in New York State are under the jurisdiction of the Second District Commission.

The proposed increases are sweeping and are sought on the ground that wartime conditions make it necessary. Commissioner Charles S. Hervey, in commenting on the company's action, last night said the new rates would not be permitted so far as he was concerned, until a full inquiry is made into the railroad's claims. Hearings on the application will be held by both commissions before action is taken.

Wants Rates Effective Sept. 1. The company proposes to put the new tariff into effect on September 1 provided approval is granted by the two commissions. The commission of the First District will take up the new rates so far as they pertain to New York city as they are put over until September 20, by which time the commission will have a better opportunity to judge whether the new schedule is justified or not.

Numerous increases are shown over the present tariff schedules, but the company maintains that prevailing local low rates to and from Grand Central Terminal will not be disturbed save that it is proposed to reduce from thirty days to date of sale the use of certain round trip tickets between points within the city. Local one way tickets are similarly limited to date of sale. Considerable increases are shown from New York city to other points in New York State.

Commissioner Hervey said: "I understand that these increases, if permitted to go into effect, would increase the rates paid from many points within the jurisdiction of this commission. For example, those on the Hudson division up as far as Mount St. Vincent, on the Harlem division as far as Woodlawn and on the Putnam division to the northern boundary of Van Cortlandt Park. Thousands of persons would be affected."

"I feel there is especial warrant for prompt action by the commission because of the fact that the same increases contained in the tariffs were originally filed by the railroad company with this commission and with the up-State commission to take effect on January 1, 1916. This commission suspended the tariffs taking effect in this district until the up-State commission had acted."

"The up-State commission decided there was no warrant for these increases and the same were not allowed. The present effort of the company to obtain these advances under the cover of war time and other present conditions appears to me to call for immediate action."

The new schedules will be made public at to-day's meeting of the commission.

MORE INDICTMENTS IN CRUGER CASE DUE

Grand Jury Expected to Return Two Before Being Discharged To-day.

Arguments on the demurrer to the indictment against Detective Sergeant John J. Lagarone, charging him with neglect of duty growing out of the Cruger case, were presented yesterday in General Sessions before Judge McIntyre by Clarence J. Sullivan, counsel for Lagarone. Mr. Sullivan argued that the statute under which the detective was indicted applies only to precinct commanders who fail to enforce the laws pertaining to the operation of disorderly houses.

Assistant District Attorney Alfred J. Talley opposed the motion, contending that the statute on which the bill was founded applies to all officers. Judge McIntyre reserved decision.

The additional Grand Jury which has been investigating the police failure in the Cruger case will reconvene to-day, when it is expected that two more indictments will be returned. It will then be discharged and its work taken over on August 27 by the special Grand Jury that will sit in connection with the extraordinary session of the Supreme Court called by Gov. Whitman.

It was learned at the Criminal Court Building yesterday that when the additional Grand Jury is discharged it will present to Judge McIntyre a presentment recommending a reorganization of the detective bureau, having its presentment on evidence that tactics in the present operation of the bureau was responsible for the crude work in the Cruger case.

James W. Osborne, Special Assistant District Attorney who has been in charge of the current investigation, already has begun the task of gathering evidence for presentation to the special Grand Jury. He has a force of twenty private detectives at work investigating alleged inefficiency and graft in the Police Department.

Exactly how it looks and feels at midnight on a destroyer's deck, mines bumping under her forefoot, periscopes bobbing up, hostile torpedoes churning close. Exactly what you would experience strapped in a fighting plane above the windswept waters. Judson C. Welliver, London representative of THE SUN, tells it all vividly. He was there, on the destroyer, up with the plane.

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3,600 BURGLARIES THIS YEAR.

Less Than Tenth Cleared Up, Says Judge McIntyre.

In complimenting the Grand Jury upon its splendid work, Judge McIntyre, in General Sessions yesterday, said he had never seen a better or more painstaking body of men. He laid particular stress upon their activities in ferreting out many burglaries, especially those in silk lofts, which have puzzled the police. During these burglaries, Judge McIntyre said: "I am glad you have been busy along these lines, for the merchants of New York have entered many complaints. There have been in this city since January more than 3,600 burglaries. Less than 10 per cent. of them have been cleared up or the thieves apprehended."

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MARRIAGE DRIVE SUBSIDES. Russia Still Furnishes Most of Starck Couples. The eleventh hour drive on the marriage bureau lost most of its power yesterday and was really little more than the ordinary, normal bombardment conducted daily by General Dan Cupid.

U. S. to Open Potassium Lands. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Senator Pittman's bill to open 250,000 acres of potassium lands for lease in the United States, believed to contain sodium and potassium, was reported favorably today by the Senate public lands committee.

"In Union There is Strength" A. Lincoln. FROM the beginning of the Firestone business, Lincoln's advice was heeded by its founder and present head, Mr. Firestone. He saw the power in singleness of purpose, and the roots of Firestone success are laid deep in organization. Firestone CORD TIRE. builders, having first established the standard of perfection in fabric tires, now offer this super-size Cord, the tire of highest efficiency. It has more than extra resiliency. It has a sturdiness of structure that means endurance for city use or buffeting of bad roads. With the true Abe Lincoln policy of "pull together," Firestone stock distribution has made 11,000 employees active stockholders in the business. Thus every Firestone employe has a personal interest in giving you the right tire and service. Equip today for the double economy of fuel-saving and lowest tire cost per mile. Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., Inc. 1871-75 Broadway, N. Y.

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HEAT WAVE BROKEN. C. S. Weather Bureau Offers Hope of Respite in East. WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The heat wave in the East, broken to-night by scattered showers, shows slight probability of an imminent recurrence, according to the experts of the Weather Bureau. No immediate relief is promised, however, for the West, while a climb in the mercury is expected in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. High temperatures continued