ROOSEVELT IS AGAIN THE SAME OLD T. R.

Spirits Lively, Color Good and Plans Made for Renewed Activities.

TO GO HOME IN FEW DAYS

Bothered a Little by His "Equilibrium," but Expects It to Pass Away Soon.

Anybody's fear that Col. Roosevelt has been devitalized by his illness, that his future lies by the fireside, can be dismissed instanter. The Colonel is all right. After June 1 he expects to be as active as ever. That is his own prediction. He looks as if he will be fit for a fight or a frolic long before June.

And let no one worry about his hearing. The essential function of the left ear may be destroyed—there is the doctors' word for it—but although just out of the hospital and still under surgical care he can hear ordinary conversation apparently as well as he ever could.

The Colonel looks and acts not like a man recovering after an ordeal as trying as anything could be, but like himself. If he has lost weight the loss is not apparent to the observer. His color is high, his spirits are as lively as ever, his whole demeanor—well, he's the old T. R. His progress has been astonishing.

Yesterday's visitors wouldn't think of disputing the prophecy of Russell J. Coles, who introduced the Colonel to the devilfish last year. Said Mr. Coles:

"In sixty days the Colonel will be the physical superior of 98 per cent. of American men. You just watch."

No Invalid's Clothes for Him.

Col. Roosevelt received yesterday a few newspaper friends in his apartment at the Langdon, Fifth avenue and Fifty-sixth street. A button was pressed, the door opened, and there stood the Colonel in a room whose centre table was covered with books. He strode across the floor to a chair near a window, disposed of his callers on chairs and couch and sat down.

No invalid's clothes for him. The ex-President wore a business suit, laced up shoes and everything. On his coat lapel was a service button with five stars, one for each of his sons and the fifth presumably for his son-in-law, Dr. Richard Derby, who is in the Medical Corps.

Having heard that he looked haggard or something of the sort when he left Roosevelt Hospital on Monday, the visitors couldn't help telling the Colonel that they were joyfully flabbergasted to find no sign of the recent illness in his appearance. He laughed happily and admitted that he was feeling first rate.

"I don't think I have lost any weight," he said, "but I really don't know." With a chuckle he added, "You know, I haven't been getting much exercise lately."

The Colonel spoke of his present condition with humorous appreciation. He said that while he remained sitting he wouldn't know there was anything the matter, and if he got up and walked across the room he was still all right "so long as I keep my mind on the walking."

His Equilibrium Is Awry.

"But if I look up suddenly or turn abruptly when some one speaks to me I feel that there's something wrong with my equilibrium. But that condition will soon pass. You know it takes a little time for muscles to get into the habit of automatic action."

"Col. Roosevelt," one of the visitors said, "will you be compelled to curtail your programme of activities in the future?"

The Colonel leaned forward and shot back a very emphatic "Not at all. I shall have to rest very quietly for three weeks until I go to Maine to make a speech on March 28. Then for about two months I must be cautious and move around pretty carefully. After June I shall be as active as ever. Meanwhile I shall see just as few people as possible. At the hotel here yesterday and to-day I think I have seen no one whose name you would know in a public way."

Mr. Roosevelt declined to say anything about politics or the war. He smiled when he was told the public might like to know what books he read in the hospital when the surgeons raised the ban.

Books the Colonel Read.

"Let me see," he said, walking to the table. "I have some of them here. There was Mommsen's 'Roman History,' 'Leadership and Military Training' by Col. Lincoln C. Andrews, U. S. A.; 'The Empire of the Ptolemies' [by John Pentland Mahaffy, vice-provost of Trinity College, Dublin]; Odell's 'The New Spirit of the New Army'; 'Via Berlin,' by Crittenden Watson, and there were others."

"And some detective stories?"

"Oh, yes, those detective stories. Some of them were by Arthur B. Reeve. I wish I could remember the names of the others. One is told as if by a telephone girl, and it's very good. 'Via Berlin' is a sort of detective story—it's about the secret service.

"Oh, yes, and there were Van Loan's racing and prize fighting stories. I did enjoy those. You know"—the Colonel was back in his chair and indescribably buoyant—"when I was in politics there was only one public man with whom I could discuss prize fighting intelligently, Ed Murphy of Troy, the United States Senator; and to a limited extent I could also discuss the subject with Joe Blackburn, Senator from Kentucky."

The desire of the Colonel to keep off matters of war and politics was respected, but it was suggested that he might, like to give his personal impression of the new Republican national chairman, Will H. Hays, who visited him at the hospital.

Approves Will Hay's Attitude.

"Only this," Mr. Roosevelt replied. "Of course you know I am exceedingly pleased that Mr. Hays is chairman, and I think he has taken precisely the proper attitude."

The Colonel was greatly pleased by the news in the evening paper that the Yankees had bagged some German prisoners.

"Fine," he said. "That is great."

Dr. Walton Martin's arrival for his evening visit ended the chat. The Colonel got up and crossed the room briskly to shake hands with the callers at the door. In a few days he will go home with Mrs. Roosevelt to Sagamore Hill, where two grandchildren are clamoring for a romp.

Downstairs in the Langdon Russell J. Coles was waiting to see the Colonel.

"Just watch him," was Mr. Coles's final word. "I know him. When we went devilfishing off the Florida coast he was strong as any two huskies in the party. One day he pulled so hard on a devilfish that the hook—iron it was, and strong—broke. He's the first man I ever saw break one of those hooks. He's going to be stronger than ever. You just keep your eyes on the Colonel."

CITY HALL BLOSSOMS FOR MAYOR'S RETURN

Palms and Flowers Simulate the Southland.

A casual visitor strayed into the City Hall yesterday. He saw palms standing all around the rotunda and husky workmen bringing in blooming, potted plants and carrying them down the hall to the Mayor's office.

"When's the wedding going to be and who are the happy bride and bridegroom?" asked the stranger.

The janitor explained that Mayor Hylan was coming back from Palm Beach in a few days and the Park Commissioner wanted to fix the Hall up so he would feel at home. In addition to the palms there were amaryllis and azaleas, some of the choicest blooms that the greenhouses in Central Park could produce.

One cynic remarked that some one was trying to make the corridor to the Mayor's office look like Peacock Alley. Word that something was going on in the Hall spread around and soon persons began to drift in to see what it was all about.

One of them hurried to Grover A. Whalen and asked if he knew what was being done. When Whalen discovered what was happening he gently but firmly suggested that the greeting was being overdone a bit. Most of the flowering plants were carried out, loaded into trucks and sent back to Central Park. The palms, however, remained. It was rumored that a rubber plant, symbol of Brooklyn, was left in the Mayor's private office. This yarn could not be verified, however.

It was suggested that the sight of the palms might tend to assuage the Mayor's sorrow at leaving the tropical surroundings of Palm Beach. He is expected to take up his duties as Mayor to-morrow morning.

SETS HOUSE AFIRE IN SUICIDE EFFORT

Crazed Dane Battles With Policeman Who Attempts to Rescue Him.

Peter Peterson, a young giant Dane, piled furniture against the door of his little hall bedroom on the second floor of 10 Second place, Brooklyn, early yesterday evening, and then set fire to the mattress of his bed. The flames crept along the bed, licked the wall and curtains and then shot up to the ceiling, a curtain of fire between him and the door.

But the big, blond fellow minded it not. He sat on the window sill and watched as the fire spurted toward him and tried to envelop him. Peterson laughed, for he was demented.

Patrolman Benjamin F. Wilder of the Hamilton avenue station, Brooklyn, saw the fire and smoke seeping out of the window and sprang up the stairs. He found the door locked and smashed it. Then he fought through the barricade and reached the insane man, who grappled with him fiercely. They rolled, and Peterson dug his fingers into the policeman's throat.

For several minutes in the choking smoke, singed by the flame, they battled, one to die, the other to save his life. Finally Wilder overpowered Peterson and dragged him through the strewn furniture into the hallway out of danger.

At Kings County Hospital it was found Peterson was on parole from the Brooklyn State Hospital for the Insane, and so he was removed promptly to that institution. He was released on February 21 because it was thought he had recovered. Wilder's hands were burned badly. He was given medical attendance and sent home. The fire did little damage.

PIERCE WILL FILED.

Ex-Assistant District Attorney Gives Estate to Wife and Daughter

An estate of more than $100,000 was left by former Assistant District Attorney Franklin Pierce, who was counsel in the attempt to remove William Travers Jerome from the District Attorneyship, according to a will drawn October 13, 1917, filed for probate in the Surrogate's office yesterday. Pierce died in Bloomingdale Asylum on February 28. He lived at 164 West Seventy-fourth street.

A bequest of $1,000 was made to Tessie Finnegan, a servant of the family for many years. The remainder was divided into two parts, one of which goes to the widow, Anna Shepard Pierce, and the other is held in trust until his twelve-year-old daughter Millicent reaches the age of 25, when she will receive the principal. The income is to be devoted to her support in the meantime.

TWO SCHOOLBOYS STABBED.

Play Time Fights Cause Serious Encounters.

Two youngsters are in hospitals today from stab wounds inflicted in the course of arguments at schools in different parts of the city yesterday. One of the bouts was between Oliver Halsey, 11, a negro, of 35 West 131st street, and Edward Licalzi, 12, white, of 79 West 126th street, during the noon recess. Licalzi was taken to Harlem Hospital to have a wound in his back cauterized. The charge is that Halsey did the cutting with a penknife. He was arrested.

Joseph Pezzella, 14, of 347 East 119th street, was cut with a knife in the left side and back by a pupil at Public School 85, at 117th street and First avenue, who is being sought by the police. It is said the row started during a game of marbles. Pezzella was taken to Sydenham Hospital.

SALE OF TRINKETS BUILDS HOSPITAL

Women Collect $40,000 for Relief of Aviators.

Lieut. C. E. Ruttan of the Montauk Naval Air Station told a gathering of members of the League for Women's Service, 257 Madison avenue, yesterday afternoon that the old jewelry, silverware and trinkets collected by that society during the year bought a hospital for aviators at Bay Shore, L. I., which was greatly needed.

Lieut. Ruttan was in charge of the training of aviators at that station and men were constantly hurt, yet red tape in Congress held up the appropriation for an emergency hospital. He spoke to Mrs. William Allen Bartlett of the Treasure and Trinket Fund, National Special Aid Society, and within two or three days the hospital was started and shortly twenty men were housed in it.

Mrs. Bartlett said that nearly $40,000 has been collected by and expended from the fund since last September. All the money helps to provide the needs of aviators. Family heirlooms, wedding rings and jewelry of historical value from all over the country poured into the offices of the society at 250 Fifth avenue. A sale of some of the interesting pieces is now being held at 405 Madison avenue.

SLEUTHS ACCUSED OF AIDING THIEVES

Two Detectives Alleged to Have Shared in Proceeds of Loft Burglaries.

WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

Bronx Clothing Store Men Held for Receiving Part of Stolen Property.

Three men arrested yesterday for alleged complicity in a $7,000 silk robbery told District Attorney Swann that two Second Branch bureau detectives had shielded the burglars and the receivers of the stolen goods, and had received a percentage of the profits for doing so. The story told by each of the prisoners was so straightforward and the evidence given in proof of their stories so convincing that the District Attorney ordered warrants issued for the arrest of the detectives. It is possible that five detectives in all will be brought into the investigation.

Those arrested yesterday were Isidore Pindek, living at 15 East Ninety-seventh street with his uncle, Louis Ludwig, who has a chain of four or five clothing stores; Harry Yelling, 1260 Grand avenue, The Bronx, a member of the firm of Fleischman & Yellin, 346 Sixth avenue, and Herman Fleischman, the other member. The last two named are charged with receiving stolen property.

According to Mr. Swann, the arrests clear up the mystery of the numerous loft robberies which have been puzzling the Police Department for a year or more. In six months of 1917, reports show, he said, that more than 3,000 lofts were burglarized. There has been a suspicion that certain members of the police force were assisting in the robberies, but no tangible evidence could be obtained, it is said, until the men taken yesterday confessed. They are charged with having knowledge specifically of the robbery of H. Fithian & Co.'s establishment, 104 to 112 East Twenty-fifth street, on February 16. At this time silk goods valued at $7,000 was stolen. The burglars sold it to Fleischman & Yellin, it is said, for $2,000.

O. K.'D by Detective.

Pindek said yesterday that he became acquainted with one of the detectives through being arrested on a charge which later was dismissed. "I used to meet him sometimes," he said, "at the Automat in Forty-second street near Eighth avenue. We spoke of my getting men to burglarize lofts. Whenever I discovered that a burglary was to be pulled off in a loft I would tell him about it, giving him the location of the loft and the time when it was to be burglarized. If it was all right he would say, 'All right; go to it.' Sometimes I would meet him at the Automat on Fourteenth street near Irving place. I also met a fellow there by the name of Jack. I met Jack a week before the burglary of Fithian & Co.'s place. Detective —— joined us and O. K.'d the job.

"When the burglary was committed I was sitting down on Twenty-third street, two blocks off, and Detective —— was waiting at the corner of Twenty-third street and Sixth avenue. I had him in my view all the time. Out of the $300 that Fleischman paid to him Detective —— handed me $100. Out of the $2,000 that Yellin paid I received $150. Detective —— got $239, and a similar amount for the other detective. I gave him the $478 myself."

Fleischman and Yellin corroborated Pindek's statement. Fleischman's wife, another witness yesterday, told the District Attorney she had seen her husband pass money to the detective while the latter and a go-between were in their place of business on the day the stolen goods were being wrapped up and sent away.

Asked for Four Shares.

The arrest of the men came about after an investigation by Samuel Markewich and Morris Eder, Assistant District Attorneys, and Detectives McCoy and Daly. Implicating the second detective Pindek said:

"We turned off a burglary about two weeks before that at Twenty-third street between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Detective —— was in on that job. He got four times $98. He said that he had to have four shares, to give one share apiece to three other detectives. My share was $98. Out of that I gave Detective —— $50."

WIFE ILL, HE DESERTS UPTON.

Soldier Arrested in Home. Did Not Wait for Furlough.

Because he left Camp Upton without obtaining a furlough to return to his home in Brooklyn, where his wife was ill, David Mullaley, 29, of the 307th Infantry, was arrested by city detectives last night and charged with being a deserter. The Brooklyn authorities were communicated with from Camp Upton and Mullaley was found in his flat at 725 Twenty-first street, at the bedside of his wife.

"I did not intend to desert," Mullaley said. "I simply had to come home. My wife kept writing me how ill and discouraged she was, so I simply could not wait. Her last letter on February 16 filled me with despair. I applied for a furlough at once, but I knew it would take several days for it to go through the military channels. So I left and came to her."

The young wife was taken to the Holy Family Hospital suffering with pleurisy. The soldier was taken on a train for camp in charge of Detectives Pegnan and Donnelly of the Fifth avenue station.

HUSBAND'S HEIRS GET ESTATE.

Court Rules Englebirt and Wife Died Simultaneously.

John H. Englebirt and his wife Georgiana died simultaneously last March when they were asphyxiated in their home, 78 Castian street, Maspeth, according to a ruling handed down yesterday by Surrogate Daniel Noble of Queens county.

Thus Englebirt's estate will be distributed among his relatives instead of the heirs of his wife, who claimed the property. On May 19, 1913, Englebirt willed his entire estate to his wife. As she did not survive him her relatives have no claim to the property.

ALIEN PHYSICIAN ARRESTED.

Dr. Robert J. Oberfohren Held by Department of Justice.

Agents of the Department of Justice arrested Dr. Robert J. Oberfohren, a practicing physician of 524 West 169th street last night and had him jailed in the Greenwich street police station as an enemy alien.

It could not be learned what specific activity of Dr. Oberfohren's caused the investigation by Federal authorities.

LEW FIELDS JOINS STAR CAST OF THE PARTRIDGES

Taken for a German Baker When Told to Be on Hand When Curtain in Gambling Tragedy Rises in Criminal Courts Building To-day.

Lew Fields was added yesterday to the all star cast of Partridges subpœnaed to appear in the matinee hearing of the John Doe inquiry into gambling conditions which is scheduled to ring up at the Criminal Courts Building promptly at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

When Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, who does the personal plucking of the Partridges and all other birds brought before Judge Wadhams at the gambling hearings, got into communication with Lew Fields yesterday regarding his appearance this afternoon a slight misunderstanding arose. For a moment everybody within sound of Lew's voice got the notion that the new witness was the German baker who had lost $35,000 to Wilson Misner and then tried to pay Mr. Misner—as was related in THE SUN yesterday morning—the whole $35,000 in doughnuts.

Lew Fields Isn't a Baker.

But Mr. Fields is not in the baking business. He is an actor. Prospects that both Weber and Fields would take the witness chair simultaneously faded when Mr. Smith, in reply to anxious questions, said that Mr. Weber had not even the slightest connection with the inquiry. Thus were shattered the hopes of an expectant audience that Loo would choke Choe Weber all over the court room at stated intervals.

The gamble of the theatrical business, of even the theatrical business, is said to have pailed upon Lew Fields to the extent that on one occasion he sought the more terrific excitement of an evening with the Partridge Club. Just now Mr. Fields is all tied up with rehearsals of a new show, but he told Mr. Smith yesterday, through a court interpreter, that if the law insists upon his presence this afternoon he'll book himself for an appearance at the John Doe hearing on the instant.

George Young Bauchle, nominal president of the Partridges; George Heimendinger, who is said to have lost 14,000 eggs at one sitting in the Partridge Club gathering in the Hotel Imperial on January 26 last; Mr. Fields, and a score or more of brokers, Broadwayites and others are on the big bill planned to get under way at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Bauchle, it was learned yesterday, has retained Lawyer Terence McManus as counsel.

A Real Baker Shows Up.

A real baker who makes doughnuts and everything, did appear in Mr. Smith's office yesterday, but even he wasn't the man that was trying to pay off a bet to Bill Misner with $35,000 worth of doughnuts. This baker said he had lost $4,400 recently on the East Side and he bleated piteously that the men who had "won" had taken the money dishonestly.

Instead of being just a baker he had tried to play "banker and broker" in a room in Suffolk street until his money was gone, and he called at Mr. Smith's office to find out if it wasn't possible to eat one's cake and have it too. The Assistant District Attorney assured the baker he would look into the loss of his roll.

Mr. Swann told last night about a clever scheme which was to have been worked a short time ago, probably within the last fortnight, to get money from the gullible gambling fraternity among tired business men. The schemer, he said, was "a slick fellow and one of the biggest grafters in New York, but his little game miscarried."

The Judge received an invitation to attend a public dinner in one of the big hotels. Soon after the invitation arrived information reached his ears that the thing was framed and that his seat was to be next to that of the grafter.

The latter was to be seen in public talking confidentially with Mr. Swann. Then he proposed to go forth and collect from every man and woman hereabout who fears prosecution and who is willing to pay to have prosecution dropped. But Mr. Swann, who says he might not have attended anyhow, because of his policy in regard to public dinners at a time when the nation should be conserving food, sent a representative to attend in his place. Sure enough, he says, the representative was seated next to the grafter.

INVOKES THE LAW TO KEEP WIFE QUIET

Butts Asks for Injunctions to Halt Suit and Stop Meddling With Business.

George W. Butts, owner of the yacht Gertrude and vice-president of the Hudson Trust Company, in Hoboken, intends to do everything he can to keep his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Butts of 385 Central Park West, quiet. Together with his counsel, Martin W. Littleton, he appeared before Justice Platzek in the Supreme Court yesterday to ask for an injunction to prevent Mrs. Butts from prosecuting her $150,000 alienation of affections suit against Mrs. Minnie A. Braxmar and her daughter, Miss Bessie Braxmar, of 256 West 132d street.

He also asks that Mrs. Butts be restrained from "molesting or meddling" in his business. She has been writing letters to directors of the Hudson Trust Company and to others, which greatly annoy him, he says. Mr. Butts asked for identical injunctions in the United States District Court last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Butts agreed to separate on January 13, 1916, and she accepted $50,000 from him in lieu of alimony for life. Mr. Littleton told the court Mrs. Butts had agreed not to "molest or meddle in the affairs of her husband," a promise which he contended she had broken by her suit against Mrs. Braxmar and Miss Bessie Braxmar, the widow and daughter of the late C. G. Braxmar, a manufacturing jeweller in Maiden lane.

Mr. Littleton read various letters alleged to have been written by Mrs. Butts between March 15, 1916, and June 15 of that year. In one of them, addressed to Mrs. Robert P. Barker, Mrs. Butts wrote: "I found the woman whom I loved and trusted was my bitterest enemy. I still love my husband; my heart is breaking."

In another letter alleged to have been written to her husband Mrs. Butts wrote: "I hope you have tired of your present life. You can always return to your wife Elizabeth. It was sweet of you to take me to luncheon. I trust you will tire of your erring ways."

In a letter read by Mr. Littleton, which Mrs. Butts is said to have written to Robert S. Palleinner, a Hoboken druggist, she expresses the wish that her husband could be saved from a "designing woman" by his "Masonic brothers." In another letter she speaks of Mr. Butts having been "inveigled into an affair with two adventuresses, one of them an adept."

Mrs. Butts also appealed to John Rosenbaum, a director of the Hudson Trust Company in Hoboken, according to a letter alleged to have been written by her, to save Mr. Butts from an alliance with an "adventuress."

Judge Platzek reserved decision on a motion by Robert H. Elder, Mrs. Butts's attorney, asking that the injunction be set aside. The trial will be resumed to-day.

TELEFUNKEN EXPERT WORKS FOR U. S. NAVY

Richard Pfund Vouched For as Being Loyal.

Richard Pfund, former manager for the Telefunken Company, whose wireless laboratory on top of the Trinity Building, 111 Broadway, was invaded on Sunday by officers of the Army Intelligence Corps, was at his workshop yesterday. He appeared to be serene and undisturbed. The big Telefunken device which the officers found was also undisturbed. On high authority it was said that the Government's agents are fully satisfied with Pfund.

This expert, it was said yesterday, has exhibited to the officers checks showing large sums paid him by the Navy Department for experimental purposes, and has referred them to the officers of that branch of the service for reference as to his character. Capt. Frank Burke of the Secret Service also has vouched for him.

Pfund is working upon a field wireless outfit which can be transported on caissons. The big Telefunken device which the army officers made so much ado over, he says, has not been in use for more than a year.

According to information received from official sources the search for the secret radio plant which is supposed to have been flashing code messages from the heart of this city still continues.

SUBWAY BUILDERS SEEK NEW LAW'S AID

Contractors Face Bankruptcy Because of Competition by U. S. Government.

Frederick L. Cranford, president of the General Contractors Association, discussed yesterday the necessity of obtaining some relief through legislation that will enable the subway contractors to finish their work without going into bankruptcy. The Public Service Commission is arranging a conference with the transit committee of the Board of Estimate to discuss ways and means of adjusting the difficulties.

Mr. Cranford told of the increase in the cost of labor and materials since the war started and the increasing difficulty in getting both, and added:

"The contractors have faced and met this situation up to date, but they are not in a position to bid against the Government for labor and material to complete the work. Legislation which will permit the finishing of the work in the sequence of its necessity of essential sections of subway and other public works and which will relieve this situation is about to be introduced.

"Under the present law there seems to be no way to accomplish this result. The legislation now suggested would permit the public authorities to take over practical control of the contracts. To do this it is necessary to adjust the present contract situation. This adjustment is most readily and fairly obtainable by putting the contracts on a basis of cost with no profit to the contractor.

"Such legislation will enable the public authorities to avoid bidding against the United States for labor and material and yet to operate to the best advantage in completing those contracts which must be completed without delay.

"The proposed legislation authorizes the adjustment with the contractors necessary to permit this to be done."

PNEUMONIA MENACE SERIOUS.

Deaths Reach 74 in 24 Hours, Worst in Five Years.

The pneumonia death rate has reached an alarming high record in the last two days. The Department of Health reported that from noon Monday to noon yesterday there had been seventy-four deaths from this cause, the highest number in a twenty-four hour period in five years. Of these twenty-seven were in Manhattan, thirty-five in Brooklyn, six in The Bronx, five in Queens and one in Richmond. There were 338 deaths from all causes in the city.

From noon Saturday to noon yesterday there were 171 deaths from pneumonia out of a total from all causes of 723. The figures for the week preceding show 146 pneumonia deaths in a total of 741.

NURSE SAVES FOUR FROM ASPHYXIATION

Prompt Action Prevents Fatal Results From Escaping Gas.

Miss Ethel Goodman, a trained nurse, was passing 879 Sutter avenue, Brooklyn, last night when she saw an excited knot of tenement house dwellers. There was a strong odor of gas coming from the room occupied by Mrs. Rose Markowitz and her three children, Lester, 7; Herbert, 5, and Stanley, 3, they explained. The hall door was locked, but Miss Goodman made her way to the rear of the house and forced her way into the first floor apartment through a window.

Illuminating gas was streaming into the stuffy little room from an open gas cock. Mrs. Markowitz was prostrate on the floor and the children were nearly unconscious in bed. Miss Goodman sent a hurry call for the police and an ambulance and began energetic first aid measures. Two ambulance surgeons arrived shortly afterward and joined her in the work. But Mrs. Markowitz and the three kiddies owe their lives to the young nurse, the doctors say.

Club Drops German Name.

For patriotic reasons the Freundschaft Society of New York has changed its name to the New Metropolis Club, it was announced yesterday. Max D. Brill is president of the organization. A club member asserted that "the general feeling has prevailed in the Freundschaft Society for some time that its name was not only out of tone with the times, but distinctly misleading, in view of the fact that the membership is composed almost of 90 to 95 per cent. of thoroughgoing Americans, and only a very small percentage of Germans."

IRISH WILL PARADE DESPITE FRICTION

Every Man to Carry Flag of United States as Well as Green Banner.

KENNEDY STATES PLANS

Disgruntled Mitchel Men Are Blamed for Attempts to Stop Celebration.

The Irish will march up Fifth avenue on March 16, have no misgivings about that. But this year Uncle Sam will share honors with St. Patrick. Roderick J. Kennedy, the same Roderick who disturbed the Healy Irish of New York a few Sundays ago when he slipped one over on them by obtaining the parade permit first, estimated last night that fully 25,000 will be in line, carrying the Stars and Stripes, the old Irish flag and service banners in honor of the thousands of boys of Irish blood who are fighting across the sea.

That county organization of the A. O. H. which National President McLaughlin recognizes as the only Irish branch of the national Hibernians in New York, will protest formally against the Kennedyites parading, but it is not considered likely the Mayor will rescind the permit, for as Kennedy himself says:

"Sure every man of us worked our heads off to elect Mayor Hylan, and it's the sorehead Mitchel crowd who don't want us to march."

The other wing of which former Assemblyman Thomas Kane is president, claims its action in refusing to march with the Kennedy men is not because they are sore on account of Kennedy winning the permit but "because American nationalism should be dominant, and not Irish nationalism."

Not Bolshevik Parade.

"That's where they lie," said Kennedy yesterday in Judge Cohalan's office. "This isn't any Bolshevik parade or anything but an American parade. The object is to manifest the spirit of loyalty of men and women of the Irish race to the United States. Every one of the men who will parade must carry an American flag or wear one over his society badge.

"I guess the Irish flag is good enough to float side by side with the Stars and Stripes. Nobody objected to it at Marye Heights or Bunker Hill or when Maher's brigade went over the top in the civil war. This is no Sinn Fein parade; it's American to the core, and the disgruntled gang won't spoil it. It'll be, no such exhibition as Healy's crowd gave two years ago when 1,700 marched, and of that number 400 were German bandsmen. This is going to be the biggest St. Patrick's parade in the history of New York."

Already more than $1,000 has been spent in arrangements and as much more is expected to be spent before St. Patrick's day. A reviewing stand is to be erected in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Fifth avenue, and if in good health Cardinal Farley will be in the stand with Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, rector of the Cathedral; Bishop Hayes of New York and other Catholic dignitaries of the diocese. Mayor Hylan has been invited and a special invitation is to be sent to Gov. Whitman.

Connolly Grand Marshal.

The parade will form at 2 o'clock on Fifth avenue at Forty-third street and march north to 120th street, where it will circle Mount Morris Park and proceed east on 126th street to Third avenue, where it will be reviewed by Grand Marshal Charles F. Connolly. The latter will have for his aids Charles R. Scheeran and John J. Regan. Aiding Kennedy in making the parade a success are Michael J. O'Connor, president of the Wataga Club, and Andrew Gargan, head of the Sons of Irish Freedom.

Sixty clubs will march in the parade, over 20,000 from New York, 1,000 from The Bronx divisions, as many from Kings county and 500 from Queens, together with 2,500 women, most of whom are nurses training for service here and abroad. These figures were given out by Kennedy last night after a conference with delegates from all the societies that will be represented. Neither rain nor snow will call off the parade. Last year's parade was hampered by rain.

"We filed our application, and four of us were closely examined by Fourth Deputy Police Commissioner Wallace before he issued the order. He called up representative Irish cities to determine our reliability, and they all declared we were the right organization to march," said Kennedy yesterday.

John J. O'Connell, counsel for the other wing of the A. O. H., yesterday denied that any politics entered the Irish fight this year. He said 90 per cent. of the county convention which voted against having a parade were Hylan men.

The night after the parade there will be a big Irish ball at Laurel Garden, 76 East 116th street, and the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick will banquet at the Astor.

LORILLARD, JR., NOW IN ARMY.

Turfman a Captain and Inspecting Horses in West.

Pierre Lorillard, Jr., wealthy turfman and summer resident of Orange county, has been commissioned a captain in the United States Army and assigned to inspecting horses for the War Department in the West, it was announced yesterday.

Capt. Lorillard, who is a great horseman, helped to organize the Orange County Home Defence League. Capt. Lorillard has driven trotting races against Ed. Geers in the Grand Circuit. He is president of the Monroe Driving, vice-president of the Goshen Driving and secretary of the Tuxedo Horse Show clubs. He is a director of the Orange county Agricultural and the Orange County Driving Park associations.

He is also a State Fair commissioner and official of the National Trotting and American Horse Shows association. His country home and stable are in Tuxedo.

$75,000 VERDICT FOR SOLDIER'S LOST LEGS

Railroad Must Pay Guard Crushed Under Train.

A jury in Justice Dugro's part of the Supreme Court brought in a $75,000 verdict last night against the Norfolk and Western Railway Company in favor of Private Henry Bauman of Company C, Forty-seventh Infantry, who lost both legs as a result of their having been crushed beneath the wheels of a train when he was guarding property in the railroad yard at Lynchburg, Va., on the night of October 12 last.

Bauman, who was carried into court in a chair for the last ten days, as his case was being tried, was honorably discharged from the army on December 12 after he had recovered from an operation in the Military Hospital in Washington. He asked for $150,000 damages.

SKIPPER ASSERTS SHIP SANK U-BOAT

Submarine Rammed by Tanker, According to Story Told Here by Captain.

NO WRECKAGE RECOVERED

Loss of Big Reward Saddest Part of All, Announces Doughty Mariner.

The skipper of the Trinidadian, an oil tanker formerly owned by the Gulf Refining Company, now plying to England for the English Government, told a story yesterday on arrival at an Atlantic port of a perilous combat with a submarine off the coast of Ireland which ended by the tanker running over the German craft. The skipper fully believes the submarine was sunk and his greatest regret is that he could not bring back a trophy.

"There'd be a thousand pounds in it for me if I could have picked up a piece of deck wreckage," he said. "Some experts for the British Government examined the hull of the Trinidadian when we got into the Clyde and they found the marks that convinced them of the collision. It wasn't enough for the British naval officer, however, and I lost the reward."

The captain's tones were very regretful. He felt that he had had one bit of maritime adventure for which he would get no mention and which very probably would not be believed.

Was Ahead of Convoy.

"It was toward evening as we were approaching the Irish coast," his story runs. "We had run ahead of our convoy by two days, although we didn't think she was so far behind us. The lookout sighted a low lying craft directly ahead of us. It lay so still that it deceived him. 'Patrol boat ahead,' he shouted. I went up on the bridge and took a look. We have learned something about the habits of submarines in these trips across, but this one certainly was playing a queer game. I saw her decks awash as we drew nearer, but there was no movement or any hostile intention apparently. It came to me that the sub was simply waiting for us to come broadside to her and then she would let a torpedo fly.

"I saw it was time to act. We were not farther from her than 250 feet. I should say, literally trapped, an easy victim. I could imagine the torpedo shooting into the tube and the devilish crew waiting to release it when there was no possibility of a miss. Then she would submerge and it would be all over with us.

Went Full Speed Ahead.

"I signalled for full speed ahead, and ahead we went. The sub was just shifting her nose around for the blow when we struck her. We went completely over her, with a grating sound. It was dark on the water, but I could make out as we went on the swirling waves as the sub went down, and I could detect a few pieces of wreckage. I am positive the thing was sunk.

"We did not stop after that. The wireless operator had sent out the S O S call the minute we had sighted the craft, but when other ships began answering I told him not to give our position. It was probable there were other submarines in the vicinity, and we would have been considerably more endangered then. The convoy met up with us in the Clyde, and the men were very much surprised to see us. They said they had been spoken by a submarine soon after we had met ours, and that the sub commander had threatened to sink them like the Trinidadian. Quick shooting by the convoy during the parley did for the second sub.

"It was a bit exciting," said the skipper, "but I sure do miss that $1,000."

COAL PRIORITY PARTLY LIFTED

Order Is Suspended Except in Five States.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Priority of coal supply for railroads, domestic consumers, cantonments, public utilities and hospitals, established by the fuel administration January 17, was suspended to-day in all states east of the Mississippi river, except Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and Eastern Kentucky.

Improved transportation conditions and other helpful factors have worked such a material improvement in the coal situation where the priority list was suspended that it was deemed no longer necessary to maintain preference of supply.

The five states in which the regulation continues embraces the anthracite and bituminous producing fields which supply the eastern section of the country, and coal operators therein will continue to give preference to shipments, for consumers in the order named in the original regulation. It also was provided that in those states the priority provisions shall be extended to include contracts for coal made or accepted after January 17, as well as contracts and orders on hand on that date.

SPAULDING GETS APPOINTMENT.

Cleveland Educator to Succeed Dr. Eliot on General Education Board.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CLEVELAND, March 5.—Superintendent F. E. Spaulding of the Cleveland public Schools has been appointed a member of the General Education Board, founded 10 years ago by John D. Rockefeller to administer the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars for the improvement of educational institutions of the United States. Dr. Spaulding fills the vacancy on the Board made by the retirement of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, formerly President of Harvard University.

The appointment, notice of which reached Cleveland to-day, is regarded as a distinct honor to Dr. Spaulding and recognition of his ability as a public school administrator. He is the first public school man to occupy a place on the board.

RAIL CONTROL TO END 21 MOS. AFTER WAR

A Tentative Agreement Is Reached by Conferees.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A tentative agreement to limit Government control of railroads to twenty-one months after peace is declared, instead of two years as proposed by the House and eighteen months by the Senate, was reached late to-day by conferees on the Administration railroad control bill.

An agreement was not reached on the rate making section and the conferees adjourned until to-morrow.

President Wilson, Congress learned to-day is willing to accept the provision in the Administration railroad bill as adopted by the Senate, giving the President and Director-General of Railroads power to initiate rates subject to review by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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THE WEATHER.

For eastern New York, cloudy and continued warm to-day; rain in the north portion; snow in the north to-morrow; snow or rain in the south portion; colder; moderate south winds becoming northwest and fresh to-morrow.

For New Jersey, continued warm to-day; cloudy and colder to-morrow; probably rain in the south; rain or snow in the north portion; moderate southerly winds, becoming northwest and fresh to-morrow.

For northern New England, snow or rain to-day; snow and colder to-morrow; moderate shifting winds.

For southern New England, fair to-day; rain and colder to-morrow; moderate south winds, becoming northwest and fresh to-morrow.

For western New York, rain or snow to-day; colder to-morrow; local snows and much colder; shifting winds, becoming northwest and fresh to strong.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Western disturbance now extends in a narrow crescent from Ohio to the Texas Panhandle and thence northeastward into western Colorado, while to the northward pressure is high, with general, though mostly light, snows and with a decided fall in temperature that extends through Kansas.

To the eastward and southward of the disturbance temperatures are abnormally high, and with fair weather; the general rains that fell during Monday night in the Atlantic States having been due to another moderate disturbance that passed into the north Atlantic Tuesday morning.

There will be snow Wednesday in the upper lake region, and snow or rain from the lower lake region eastward, continuing Thursday.

In the Ohio Valley, Tennessee and the middle Atlantic States generally fair weather Wednesday will be followed by rain at night or Thursday, while in the South generally fair weather will continue.

It will be much colder Wednesday in the upper lake region and Wednesday night in the Ohio Valley and the lower lake region, and during Thursday the colder weather will extend into the Atlantic States, except Florida and the northern portions of the Gulf States.

LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.

	8 A. M.	8 P. M.
Barometer	29.82	29.85
Humidity	90	84
Wind—direction	West	South
Wind—velocity	8	11
Weather	Foggy	Cloudy
Precipitation	.22	.None

The temperature in this city yesterday, as recorded by the official thermometer, is shown in the annexed table:

8 A. M.	33	1 P. M.	50	6 P. M.	50	
9 A. M.	37	2 P. M.	50	7 P. M.	50	
10 A. M.	42	3 P. M.	51	8 P. M.	50	
11 A. M.	43	4 P. M.	55	9 P. M.	49	
12 M.	48	5 P. M.	53	10 P. M.	48	
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