

TAMMANY TO WAR UPON RENT PIRATES

Will Aid Hirsch Committee in Effort to Hasten Building.

MURPHY BEHIND MOVE

Tiger Lawyer in Each Assembly District to Investigate Complaints.

Things promise to go with a whim and a bang now that Tammany Hall is lending its legal machinery to the campaign to stop rent profiteering, improve housing conditions and bring about an early resumption of building operations.

Charles F. Murphy was invited to lend Tammany's assistance to the good work by Nathan Hirsch, chairman of Mayor Hylan's committee on rent profiteering.

Ex-Judge Robert L. Luce of 143 Nassau street, representing the law committee, talked over with Mr. Hirsch yesterday the plans for Tammany's cooperation and later Mr. Hirsch explained what he had in mind.

There are sixty-two Assembly districts in the greater city, as follows: Manhattan, twenty-three; Kings, twenty-three; Bronx, eight; Queens, six; and Richmond, two. A lawyer will be invited to volunteer for service in each district. To these lawyers will be sent complaints filed by tenants with the Mayor's committee. They will investigate, taking pains to get both the tenant's and the landlord's sides of the story.

As a further aid Mr. Hirsch has asked the police make another canvass of vacant apartments on their beats, showing the number of rooms, names of agents or owners and amount of rents.

A public hearing for a discussion of the housing situation, which Mayor Hylan asked Mr. Hirsch to call, will take place in the Board of Estimate room at the City Hall next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Without committing himself to the proposed plan that the buildings be used in an emergency situation to house families that cannot find homes, Mr. Dowling said the suggestion "is worthy of consideration. The barracks would have to be partitioned off before they could be put to such a use."

BROKER DIES IN MOTOR CRASH.

Victim Plunged Under Machine as Family Escapes. Charles A. Hanson, 60, a member of the firm of Hanson & Orth, hamp brokers of 27 Cedar street, was killed in Newark yesterday while motoring with his family from Atlantic City to his home in East Orange.

YEOWOMAN TRIES SUICIDE.

Despondent Over Affair With English Will Recover. Mrs. Edith Singer, 24, a yeowoman, attempted to commit suicide yesterday in her apartment at 328 Riverside Drive. She will recover.

RECEPTION FOR ENGLISH.

Police Commissioner Enright will speak at a reception in his honor to be held Monday evening by the Civic Circle of the Thirtieth Assembly District in the club rooms, 150 Claremont avenue, The Bronx. The organization is planning to open a public vegetable market for the district.

Gen. Shanks to Speak To-morrow.

Major-Gen. David C. Shanks, commander of the Port of Detachment, will address the Institutional Synagogue Sunday morning at the Mount Morris Theatre, Fifth avenue and 118th street. Congressman Isaac Siegel will preside.

HALF GALE BRINGS FLURRIES OF SNOW

Even the Fingers of the Post Are Numbd. Little birds engaged in making verses for the budding spring, knocked cold in their undertaking, changed their vernal caroling. Crisp verse followed hot stuff quickly (so spring poets alter lays) and pale April, shivering, sickly, mourned for normal young spring days. Snow came to the five dazed "burries" not in measured depths, but still registered by Scarr as flurries. (What a rhyme that line to fill!)

Seldom has an April flutter from the first real vernal month (here's a splendid chance to utter rhyme that best of poets shun'th, meaning shuneth, gentle mead, please be as gentle as you can knowing that a rhythmic leader is due from the Ship News Man) been recorded in this borough since our Uncle Sam began registering, not always thorough, but how April's weather out man.

Never in Scarr's weather diary, taking in just forty-eight winters frigid, summer fiery, has there been an April late filled with so much springlike weather as we got here yesterday culminating with the feathers of white geese from Milky Way. This rhymed stuff involved in getting the record for late April's degree weather the future times setting shall be in the plainest prose.

Right here it may be good to make a note like a man without an overcoat and wearing his spring underwear. Some folks say this is "Br-r-r-r-r-r" which may be good enough when the weather is brisk, but when it registers at baseball games were called off for snobbish ditto, and highball games continued, with indulgers wearing overcoats just from mothballs. Reports from the baseball districts, particularly in Connecticut (upper Broadway "peaches" doing nicely), indicated that 40 per cent. of the peach buds had been nipped, which means that the season is over for Georgia and Florida, will be higher priced next summer. As for the meteorological exact figures in this neighborhood the record for late April's degree weather A. M., with a half a gale out of the north-west. Later the wind shifted to west, still blowing coldly. The prospects suspect that the weather will also be unseasonably cool, but sunny.

BERRY AND FRUIT CROPS HURT

Dutchess and Ulster Counties Suffer by Cold Snap. Special Despatch to The Sun. ROCHESTER, April 25.—Fruit raisers in Dutchess and Ulster counties to-day estimated that berry bushes and small fruit trees were damaged to the extent of almost a million dollars in the cold spell. Thousands of acres of currant bushes were nipped by the freeze and the peach orchards in the fruit belt of the Hudson River Valley were similarly damaged.

Most of the peach trees were just bursting into bloom. Many pear and plum orchards were also so badly hit that they will not bear this year. Fruit raisers believe that as a result of the cold snap the whole fruit crop in the Hudson River valley will be affected.

FRUIT KILLING FROST UP-STATE.

Special Despatch to The Sun. MEMPHIS, April 25.—The New York State Freezer, published in Memphis issues a bulletin to-night that the western New York fruit belt is in the throes of a freeze that it is feared will destroy the peach and possibly the apple crop.

SENDS U. S. "TO HELL"; IS HELD

East Side Storekeeper Locked Up on Complaint of Soldier. Samuel Doonifsky, 35, of 99 Stanton street pleaded not guilty yesterday before Magistrate Simms in Essex Market Court to a charge of disorderly conduct made by Sergeant Thomas J. Moore, U. S. A., attached to Fort Jay, Governors Island.

MANUFACTURERS HERE MAY 19.

National Association to Consider Many Important Problems. Social and industrial unrest in this country will be one of the chief problems discussed when the National Association of Manufacturers opens its twenty-fourth annual convention in New York May 19. Other topics to be considered during the three day conference will be: Government ownership of railroads; Government supervision and stabilizing of transportation; Federal revenue and tax legislation; employment relations; employer's duty to provide jobs for soldiers; approaching revision of patent laws; and legislative outlook and vocational training.

PAY LEGACIES WHEN GRANDCHILDREN DIE

Odd Provision Found in Will Left by Mrs. Foote. A peculiar stipulation governs the distribution of the estate left by Mrs. Sara Randolph De Puy Foote, who died last January at her home, 987 Madison avenue, and whose will was filed yesterday in the Surrogate's Court.

In reference to the estate, which is to be reduced to cash, it directs the executor to invest the money and keep it invested until the death of the youngest and next youngest of my grandchildren who may be living at the time of my decease, and to divide the net income therefrom into two equal parts, one part to be given to my son Nathaniel Foote and the other part to my daughter, Isabelle Foote.

TRANSPORT CORPS GETS RECRUITS.

Enlistments in the motor transport corps reached 100 yesterday. Headquarters have been opened at 461 Eighth avenue, where applicants may report. Trade school education and special motor instruction is provided with pay at \$20 a month, housing and medical care free.

FRICKE ACQUITTED OF TREASON CHARGE

Jury Out Five Hours in Case of Naturalized German Who Gave Wessels \$14,000.

STILL UNDER INDICTMENT

Ball of \$5,000 Fixed Pending His Trial With O'Leary for Conspiracy.

Albert Paul Fricke, a naturalized citizen of Hermann Wessels, German agent, was acquitted of having committed treason by a jury in the United States District Court yesterday. The jury was out for five hours.

Fricke was one of the men indicted previously on a charge of conspiracy to violate the espionage law under a section that prescribed a capital offense. Other defendants were Jeremiah A. O'Leary, Emil Kipper and John T. Ryan. O'Leary and Kipper have been admitted to bail. Ryan is a fugitive.

Wessels, former second officer on the Imperator, and Barbara Marie von Kretschman, alias Marie de Victoria, were the central figures of what was regarded as an important spy ring here to aid Germany. They entered the country under false passports and went at once to see Fricke. Mme. de Victoria said that had come from Germany. He subsequently advanced him \$4,000 more of his own money. These money transactions remained as virtually the only overt acts charged against Fricke after Judge Julius M. Mayer had substantially reduced the indictment on issues of law. The money transactions were admitted by Fricke when arrested.

After being out almost five hours the jury asked the court further explain the law. Judge Mayer said: "There is no proof as to anything that Wessels did. That is not relevant, however, as bearing on what Fricke's intent to address to an enemy and carried out that intention in the commission of an overt act that has been proved by two witnesses he is guilty."

If you are a defendant after April 6, 1917, believed that Wessels was not engaged in doing anything against the United States you must find him not guilty. It all turns on belief and intent.

The jury then took less than five minutes to find a verdict of not guilty. Judge Mayer fixed bail for Fricke on the espionage law indictment in \$5,000 and paroled him until Monday. He has been in the Tombs prison since last June.

Fricke, who is aged 36, came here in 1904 to take charge of the American business of Adolph Richter & Co., manufacturers of toy stone blocks and medicine. He built up the business and when arrested was earning \$12,000 a year.

Richter, for whom Fricke worked, became connected with the intelligence service of the German Admiralty. He sent Wessels and Mme. de Victoria to the United States.

The Frickes lived in Mount Vernon when he was arrested. Mrs. Fricke has been living at 855 Alder street.

FRANCE HONORS HOSPITAL UNIT

Medals Presented to Dr. Hurrell and Associates. The French Government has bestowed the Medaille de Reconnaissance upon Dr. Hurrell of Rochester, N. Y., and all other members of the unit, including nurses and chauffeurs, who served during 1918 with the American Women's Hospital at Luzancy, according to word received yesterday by the headquarters of the hospital here.

After the decorations had been presented, Miss Anne Morgan and Mrs. Dike of the American Committee for Devastated France, together with the entire unit of the hospital, were made citizens of Luzancy.

The town also presented a painting of the Marine to the hospital, and a medal to commemorate the occasion was presented to each member of the unit.

3 POLICE INSPECTORS SHIFTED.

Conboy Goes From Lower East Side to Coney Island District. Orders for the shifting of three inspectors, effective Tuesday, were issued at Police Headquarters yesterday. No reason for the transfer was assigned.

Inspector Joseph Conboy leaves the Second district of Manhattan, which comprises the lower East Side, for the Tenth district at Coney Island and the section of Brooklyn adjoining. Inspector William F. Pannlieb of the Twelfth district, Brooklyn, will take charge of the Second Manhattan district. Acting Inspector Bernard J. Hayes is transferred from the Coney Island district to the Twelfth in Brooklyn.

U. S. CONTROL HALTS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Victim of Railroad Theft Cannot Get Papers Served. Federal control of the railroads has given rise to a new situation which complicates the prosecution of an action to recover for the Federal revenue and tax legislation, employment relations, employer's duty to provide jobs for soldiers, approaching revision of patent laws, and legislative outlook and vocational training.

SOLDIER FATHER FIGHTS FOR CHILD

Dead Wife's Parents Seek to Keep Baby. Little Mabel F. L. Maggard, 14 months old, is the subject of what promises to be a bitterly contested legal action, papers in connection with which were filed yesterday in the County Clerk's office. The plaintiff is the child's father, Ernest L. Maggard, 214 Riverside Drive, and the defendant is her maternal grandfather, Henry P. Dundon, 321 West 116th street, who has the custody of the infant.

The little girl's mother died soon after the infant was born, and a month later the father joined the army. He was assigned to Camp Mills and expected to receive orders to leave for France almost any day. Having in mind the contingency of his being killed in action he had his wife's father, Henry P. Dundon, appointed guardian of the infant, and surrendered the child to him.

On being discharged from the service the father sought to recover custody of the infant, but the grandfather refused to surrender the child on the ground that he had been made legal guardian and had adopted the baby. Mrs. Dundon, the child's grandmother, upheld this contention.

Maggard seeks to have the courts order the child restored to his custody, stating he has had no contact with which to provide for the infant and resides with his mother and sister, who are eager to accept the responsibility for the child. The grandfather, who is a widower, says they will fight.

NORTON MEMORIAL UNVEILED.

Explorers' Club Honors War Hero Killed in France. A bronze memorial tablet to George Frederick Norton, who was killed July 12, 1917, while serving with the American Expeditionary Force in Rheims, was unveiled last evening at the Explorers' Club, 845 Amsterdam avenue. Mr. Norton was a member of the Peary expedition to the North Pole in 1897 and for several years before had been a world traveler and big game hunter. He discovered a new species of grizzly bear in Alaska and he sent to the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Norton was born in Christian county, Kentucky, October 29, 1876. For several years he lived with his father on St. Ignace Island, N. Y. He is survived by two brothers. He enlisted at Goshen, N. Y., when America entered the war and was killed by a bomb in the city of Rheims. In recognition of his services the French awarded him the Croix de Guerre, which was transmitted to the family.

BOYS' CRIMES ASTOUND JUDGE.

Arrestment of Youth, 18, on Murder Charge Draws Comment. When William Walters, 18, of 417 East Sixty-sixth street, was arraigned yesterday in General Sessions on a charge of murder in the first degree Judge Malone, expressing amazement at the number of crimes attributed to boys recently to youth, remarked that he was at a loss to know "what can have got into the New York boy."

Other General Sessions judges, during similar questions in the last few weeks. Walters is charged with having shot and killed Leo Rubin, a grocer, in the latter's store, 312 East Sixth street, on March 23. Assistant District Attorney Sullivan said the boy, who boasts of having been a "tough" since his tenth year, held up the grocer as he went to get money to see a picture at the theatre.

Robert E. Manley, a former Assistant District Attorney, was assigned by Judge Malone to defend Walters, who was referred to the Tombs. The boy's father has a plea of not guilty had been entered for him.

TO DECIDE COURT HOUSE'S FATE

Three Members of Board of Estimate Chosen by Hylan. Mayor Hylan appointed yesterday three members of the Board of Estimate to consider the feasibility of remodeling the old County Court House. The city has no money for a new building. The old County Court House has been legislated out of existence by bill now before Gov. Smith. It is understood that the majority of the Board of Estimate, to which the powers of the Court House Board have been transferred, favor selling the site north of the Municipal Building.

The Mayor chose Comptroller Craig, President Moran of the Board of Aldermen and Borough President Lowmyer. The last named declared that the old Court House ought to be torn down, half of the new site sold and the money so obtained used to erect a building on the remaining land.

\$1,080 FOR LOSS OF ONE EYE.

New Jersey Award Contrasted With Two in Brooklyn. Under the workmen's compensation act of New Jersey John Branchetti, 33 years old, who lost his right eye, was awarded \$1,080 as compensation for the loss of the sight of his left eye as the result of an accident when he was at work in the quarry of the Sewerhart Stone Company, Paterson. While working was going on Branchetti was struck in the eye by a flying stone. The \$1,080 award was made by Deputy Commissioner James Boyd of the New Jersey Workmen's Compensation Bureau.

It has created wide interest in view of the fact that on Wednesday a Brooklyn girl who lost her right hand by a stamping machine received \$1,000 and a sixteen-year-old Brooklyn boy was awarded \$4,000 for the loss of one of his feet in an accident in a Pennsylvania Railroad switching yard.

VETERAN OF '98 IS A SUICIDE.

Richard Frits Shoots Himself in Central Park. Richard Frits, 46, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, shot himself through the heart with a .22 calibre revolver in the west driveway in Central Park near 106th street yesterday. Patrolman Sharp of the Arsenal station heard the accident and ran to the body. In a pocket was a note addressed to Charles Brule, 216 West 116th street, in which Frits requested that he be buried in his wife's grave.

Frits lived in 216 West Forty-sixth street. It was learned that his wife died four years ago.

DANCES ON BATTLESHIPS TONIGHT.

Sailors will dance to-night aboard their own battleships with 3,000 of the city's prettiest and best dancers recruited by the War Camp Community Service as part of the "Dances at Sea" at the Twelfth Regiment Armory, Columbus avenue and Sixty-second street. Included in the delegation will be many debutantes. The dances will commence on every ship from 7 P. M. until an hour some time after taps.

Boy Suspect Is Acquitted.

Clement Morton, 15, of 1223 Third avenue, who was employed a trustee for a brokerage firm in Pine street and who has been under arrest on a charge of stealing a \$1,000 Liberty Bond, was discharged yesterday in the Tombs Court by Magistrate Francis McQuade because there was not sufficient evidence to connect the boy with the crime.

JOHN WANAMAKER

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New York, April 26, 1919.

Good morning!

The weather today will probably be fair and warmer.

High Thoughts and Great Thoughts Come Along

The turpicks of almost every mind some time or other, and are lost because the overworked memory is unable to carry all that is offered to it.

Walking along the sea beach of the west coast of the far South these days when Winter is everywhere but in Florida, numbers of visitors carry in their left hands cheap cotton bags to hold the pretty shells the sea is rolling up at their feet.

There are wise and beautiful thoughts flowing in upon us all the time from an invisible sea, much more worth saving than the pretty shells.

A peasant girl, a farmer's daughter, in whose little wooden house at Domremy, in France, we spent an hour, had a great thought of patriotism for her nation which immortalized her.

Who does not thank old Polonius for this thought that he put down in words and saved for us?

"To thine own self be true, And it must follow as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

This is a good TAG to check all your business trunks with.

[Signed]

John Wanamaker Citizen. April 26, 1919.



Capes! Capes!

For miss 14 to 20

\$29.75, \$32.50, \$39.75 for \$39.75 to \$59.50 grades—Capes in the picturesque cloak-like model with straight lines, now the vogue of Paris—capes with deep shoulder yokes, some braided—capes that are as voluminous and graceful as the military capes worn by some foreign officers now visiting our shores—capes with coat fronts, conservative, but good looking! All of good qualities of navy blue serge.

All of the capes at \$39.75 are lined with silk—those at \$29.75 and \$32.50 are partially silk lined.

Spring and Summer suits of the Wanamaker standard begin at \$30.

Exceptional Suits

\$29.75 and \$39.75 Three most desired types of suits at \$29.75—navy blue serge model, severely tailored, and broad-bound coats; navy blue serge coat effectively finished with pin pleats and embroidered crows-feet; severely tailored suits of homespun with Norfolk or military coats. All coats silk-lined.

At \$39.75—navy blue serge suits with Russian box and severely tailored coats; many of these have silk gilets. Also, trottier and sport suits of wool jersey. Second Floor, Old Building.

Chocolate covered caramels, 80c lb.

Caramels made with cream in the delicious French way—and thickly covered with famous Empire chocolate. So different from usual kinds that there is no comparison. Main Floor, Old Building, Eighth Gallery, New Building.

Wanamaker clothes for men

substantial businesslike kinds They wear. They have an agreeable habit of keeping their good appearance to the very end. They are not made on freakish lines, nor of fabrics that have a questionable aspect either in color or pattern. They are plain—and good.

Through all the years that this Store has been making men friends, one fact has become impressive: That men, as a whole, are not interested in the careless, the flippant and the grotesque. The Wanamaker idea of holding fast to all-wool fabrics, good sound tailoring, conservative, well-chosen styles finds favor with all who know and want the best.

Spring and Summer suits of the Wanamaker standard begin at \$30.

Men's socks, 38c pair

Remember the recent Sale? A few more pairs, sizes 9 1/2 to 10 1/2—and a few in size 11—at 38c pair. Full fashioned—good black cotton—1,236 pairs in all.

A Sale of men's union suits, 75c

\$2 to \$3 grades—at 75c because sizes are broken. If you can wear a 34 or 36, you're a lucky man. White cotton or lisle thread, mostly knee length, sleeveless. Some are slightly imperfect. None sent C. O. D. at this low price.

These good suits at \$27.50 to \$40 will serve the best purpose, because— They are Wanamaker standard suits, made in the same good way that our men's suits are made. Many patterns—models that young men like. Sizes 16 to 20—32 to 36 chest measure. Second Floor, Old Building.



Our artist's sketch from photograph taken yesterday in Carnegie Hall.

"A large audience....amazed...."

It was at Carnegie Hall, Wednesday evening. Filled, from parquet to top balcony. The Philharmonic Orchestra was playing Mendelssohn's G Minor Concerto.

In the centre of the stage, front, was a large grand piano. At the keyboard sat Leo Ornstein, the great pianist-composer. His arms were folded.

Yet the most wonderful music was coming from the piano. It seemed to follow the baton of Josef Stransky, and obey it, in tempo, graduation of tone, dynamics, like any human artiste.

"A casual listener," said the Herald, Thursday, "could not have told that the piano was not actually being played by hand, so clearly were the details of Mr. Ornstein's playing brought out."

The first movement of the concerto finished "without a pause," says the Herald. "The second movement was ushered in by Mr. Stransky and his men, and Mr. Ornstein moved his seat close to the keyboard. In person he played the second and third movements, continuing the work begun by"—yes, you must have guessed it—

"the AMPICO"

and, continues the Herald, "Only the most discerning ear could have noted the change.... A large audience heard with interest the concert, amazed at the similarity between Mr. Ornstein's own playing and his AMPICO records." The Sun the same morning said: "The AMPICO gave a faithful reproduction of the pianist in all his moods and phrasing. The auditor had only to close his eyes during each performance and guess which was Mr. Ornstein and which was the AMPICO."

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