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LOSS TO RAILROADS

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In the past we have found it necessary to fight for that ideal against agencies that sought to establish special privilege. Those fights have not been in defence of class advantages, but to assure to wage earners the rights and opportunities that all should possess.

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Only from 25 to 45 per cent. of the normal amount of coal was produced, and yet this reduced production had largely to be transported over the most abnormal routes, which had never been designed for the handling of coal in the direction and volume temporarily necessitated. Again the handling of railroad fuel was subjected to extraordinary burdens. Much coal which had been stored had to be reloaded, hauled to a new destination and again unloaded. In many instances coal had to be hauled hundreds of miles to supply railroad fuel, whereas ordinarily the needed coal supply was close at hand.

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50 PER CENT. JUMP IN DIVORCE SUITS

1,335 Actions for Absolute Decrees in 1919 Against 886 in 1918.

BIG MARRIAGE INCREASE

40,100 Licenses Issued in the Year—Arrival of Peace the Cause.

The year 1919 produced a bumper crop of marriages and of divorces, according to the statistics compiled yesterday in the offices of the City Clerk and of the County Clerk. The figures of the former official show that 40,100 marriage licenses were issued, an increase of 11 per cent. over the previous year, while the figures in County Clerk Schneider's office show that 1,335 suits for absolute divorce were filed, an increase of about 50 per cent. over the prior year.

The ending of the war was ascribed by officials as the reason for the boom in marriages and in divorces. Many waited until the return of soldiers from overseas to unite in wedlock or serve their papers for dissolution of marriage.

Here are figures showing the comparison with other years in New York county: Marriages—1916, 37,144; 1917, 41,068; 1918, 38,061; 1919, 40,100. Absolute divorces—1917, 848; 1918, 886; 1919, 1,335.

The year 1917 was notable for the number of so-called "blacker" marriages. The year 1918 showed a falling off in divorce cases because many prospective defendants were out of the country and could not be sued until their return.

During the year 1914 the Marriage Chapel in the Municipal Building was patronized by 2,410 couples. They were married by Michael J. Cruise, with the assistance of City Clerk Scully. The oldest bridegroom was a colored preacher of 96, who was marrying for the fourth time. The oldest bride was 72. The youngest couple were 19 and 14, respectively.

No separate record is kept of annulment and separation actions in the Supreme Court, but they are more numerous than absolute divorce suits.

RUNYON DISMISSES ZONE FARE CHARGES

Upholds Acts of New Jersey Utilities Commission.

TRIDENT, N. J., Dec. 31.—Gov. Runyon dismissed to-day charges of neglect and misconduct in office brought against the Public Utility Commissioners by officials of the town of Montclair. They were submitted to him after the commissioners had granted the Public Service Railway Company's request to establish a zone fare system. It was demanded by the Montclair officials that the commissioners be removed from office.

The chief grievance against the commissioners was based upon the fact that the zone fare system was inaugurated without a complete prior valuation of the company's assets and liabilities having been made.

"After considering the evidence," said the Governor, "I have concluded that the acts complained of do not constitute such neglect of duty or misconduct in office as is constituted by the statute vesting in the Governor the power of removal."

The members of the commission are John W. Stocum, president; Alfred E. March, George F. Wright, Andrew Gault and Harry L. Knight.

JEW SHOCK SEM SAILS FOR CANTON

Prouder of Americanism Than of His Fortune.

Jew Shock Sem, native American citizen and son of Jew Sing Poo, the first Chinese silk importer to arrive on the Pacific coast from China, sailed yesterday by the Spanish liner C. Lopez y Lopez for Cadix, whence he will travel by easy stages, seeing the sights and glorifying in his Americanism, until he gets to Canton and his wife. He said he was rated a capitalist, but he cared less for that than the fact that he was a native of California and a citizen of America.

He said his father arrived in San Francisco in the old gold seeking days, graduating from washman to proprietorship of one of the first Chinese laundries in the world and finally going into the importing business on a big scale. He was a friend of Mark Twain, Leland Stanford, James Crocker and James Flood and other eminent folk of the old California. Mr. Sem will return to San Francisco by way of the Pacific.

WINTER GARDEN PASSING SHOW

LOUIS DE POE, World's 1st dancing spectacle. Palace Theatre, 11th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Richard Bennett For the Defense

SHUBERT Theatre, 44th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

MAGIC MELODY

Start the New Year Right—No That Joyous Comedy Today at 8. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

WEDDING BELLS

Margaret Lawrence and Alice Leffler. Harris, West 42d St. Eves. 8:30. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

BUDDIES

Selwyn, West 42d St. Eves. 8:30. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

VANDERBILT THEATRE

IRENE, The Musical Comedy Hit. 41st St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

COMEDY

EXTRA HOLIDAY MATINEE TO-MORROW. MY LADY WITH CLIFTON FRIENDS WITH CRAWFORD. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

REPUBLICAN THEATRE

The Sign on the Door. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

BIJOU

BARNEY BERNARD. "His Honor Abe Potash". 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

HEIFETZ

VIOLIN RECITAL (Steinway Piano). 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

LAMBERT MURPHY

SONG RECITAL (Mason & Hamlin Piano). 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

METROPOLITAN OPERA

AIDA. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

PHILHARMONIC

JOSEF STRANSKY, Conductor. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

MADISON SQ. GARDEN

W. WAYFARER. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

National Academy of Design

WINTER EXHIBITION OF PAINTING & SCULPTURE. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Happy Days

at Hippodrome. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

MILDRED HARRIS

and PARSIAN FASHION FROLIC. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Palace

George MacFarlane, The Spanish Route. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Rivoli

and RIALTO. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

STAND

D. W. GRIFFITH'S. 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

39th ST. THEATRE

SCANDAL. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

CENTURY THEATRE

APHRODITE. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Century Grove

MORRIS GEST. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

LYRIC

ROSE OF CHINA. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

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MORRIS GEST. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Manhattan

FORBIDDEN. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Nightie Night

PRINCESS. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

CASINO

LITTLE WHOPPER. 39th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

48th ST. THEATRE

STORM. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

EMPIRE

BARRYMORE. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

KNICKEBOCKER

ANGEL FACE. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

HENRY MILLER

BLANCHE BATES. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

CRITERION

LAURETTE TAYLOR. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

LYCEUM

INA CLAIRE. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

John Drinkwater's

ABRAHAM LINCOLN. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

COHAN & HARRIS

ROYAL VAGABOND. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

NEW YORK SYMPHONY

WALTER DAMROSCH, Conductor. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

KREISLER

48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

McCormack

48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

BOOTH THEATRE

DITTRICHSTEIN. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

CENTRAL THEATRE

THE LITTLE BLUE DEVIL. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

GARRICK

HACKETT. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

MOROSCO

CIVILIAN CLOTHES. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

FULTON

CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

THEATRE PARISIEN

LES BLEUS DE L'AMOUR. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

Greenwich Village Follies

48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

AMERICAN OPERA

GEISHA. 48th St. and Broadway, N.Y. 23rd St. and Broadway, N.Y.

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Store Closes at 5 P. M. Lord & Taylor 38th Street —FIFTH AVENUE— 39th Street. It will Pay You to Investigate the Values in The January Clearance Sale of Men's and Young Men's Ulsters, Great Coats and Dress Overcoats at \$39.75. The event which begins Tomorrow is one of unusual interest because it means real economy in good clothes. PREPARATIONS made when the cost of woolsens was much less than it is today enable us to quote this very low price—\$39.75. Coats of equal quality (in fabrics and tailoring) cost that much in the present wholesale market. All Wool Fabrics in the Popular Models. The dressy and always popular Chesterfield Coats, with velvet or self collars. Plaid back town Ulsters, with half or full belts; in browns, greys, heather mixtures and solid colors. Loose slip-on Box Coats, in browns, greys, heather mixtures and solid colors. Large Assortment of Patterns. All Sizes 34 to 44. No Charge for Alterations. Men's Ready for Service Suits \$40.00 to \$75.00. Fourth Floor.

AMUSEMENTS. Sunday Eve., January 4th, at HIPPODROME. Mischa John Charles ELMAN THOMAS ARTUR BODANSKY New Symphony Orchestra 100 Men Benefit Stony Wold Sanatorium. Orchestra Seats—\$10.00 Boxes—\$100.00. By Private Sale Only. Apply to Miss Duane, 18 W. 134th St. Telephone Penn. 1737. All other seats at Hippodrome. HIPPODROME Sunday Evening, January 4, Joint Concert of MISCHA ELMAN (Kliman's Last Season in America), JOHN CHARLES THOMAS LEADING AMERICAN BARITONE and The New Symphony Orchestra. ARTUR BODANSKY CONDUCTOR. Seats at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$13.00, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, \$19.00, \$20.00, \$21.00, \$22.00, \$23.00, \$24.00, \$25.00, \$26.00, \$27.00, \$28.00, \$29.00, \$30.00, \$31.00, \$32.00, \$33.00, \$34.00, \$35.00, \$36.00, \$37.00, \$38.00, \$39.00, \$40.00, \$41.00, \$42.00, \$43.00, \$44.00, \$45.00, \$46.00, \$47.00, \$48.00, \$49.00, \$50.00, \$51.00, \$52.00, \$53.00, \$54.00, \$55.00, \$56.00, \$57.00, \$58.00, \$59.00, \$60.00, \$61.00, \$62.00, \$63.00, \$64.00, \$65.00, \$66.00, \$67.00, \$68.00, \$69.00, \$70.00, \$71.00, \$72.00, \$73.00, \$74.00, \$75.00, \$76.00, \$77.00, \$78.00, \$79.00, \$80.00, \$81.00, \$82.00, \$83.00, \$84.00, \$85.00, \$86.00, \$87.00, \$88.00, \$89.00, \$90.00, \$91.00, \$92.00, \$93.00, \$94.00, \$95.00, \$96.00, \$97.00, \$98.00, \$99.00, \$100.00. CENTURY 62d St. and Broadway, N.Y. Sole Management of MORRIS GEST Sunday Night at 8:15 B. F. KEITH'S Celebrated Sun ay Concerts BIGGEST BILL OF STARS IN TOWN Irene Franklin, Ted Lewis & Jazz Band, Victor Moore & Henri Schatz, Lew Dockstader, The Ellsworths, Lute, Hack and others. Prices 50c to \$2.50. (No Matinee Concert.) CAPITOL B'WAY 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. NEW YEAR'S GALA OFFERING 'Back to Gals' Country' with NELL SHIPMAN 'Ballet Bleu' with EVAN BURROWS Capitol Symphony Orchestra To-day, New Year's—3 complete (Luzon Performance continuous from 11 to 11:30 p.m.) MADISON SQ. GARDEN 45th St. and Broadway, N.Y. W. WAYFARER Cast of 2,000 headed by WALTER HAMPDEN and BLANCHE YUREN. Eves. 8:15. Seats now on sale for all performances. Prices \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, \$57.00, \$57.50, \$58.00, \$58.50, \$59.00, \$59.50, \$60.00, \$60.50, \$61.00, \$61.50, \$62.00, \$62.50, \$63.00, \$63.50, \$64.00, \$64.50, \$65.00, \$65.50, \$66.00, \$66.50, \$67.00, \$67.50, \$68.00, \$68.50, \$69.00, \$69.50, \$70.00, \$70.50, \$71.00, \$71.50, \$72.00, \$72.50, \$73.00, \$73.50, \$74.00, \$74.50, \$75.00, \$75.50, \$76.00, \$76.50, \$77.00, \$77.50, \$78.00, \$78.50, \$79.00, \$79.50, \$80.00, \$80.50, \$81.00, \$81.50, \$82.00, \$82.50, \$83.00, \$83.50, \$84.00, \$84.50, \$85.00, \$85.50, \$86.00, \$86.50, \$87.00, \$87.50, \$88.00, \$88.50, \$89.00, \$89.50, \$90.00, \$90.50, \$91.00, \$91.50, \$92.00, \$92.50,