

RECEIVERSHIP FOR STATEN ISLAND LINE

City, Forestalled, Will Attempt to Hold Car Officials for Contempt.

MORE BUSES PROMISED

Justice's Order to Continue Operation "Wilfully Disobeyed," Says Burr.

Federal Judge Chaffield in Brooklyn appointed a receiver for the Midland Railway Company yesterday, following the failure of the road to comply with the State Supreme Court's injunction ordering its Staten Island lines kept in operation.

All day Sunday his agents searched vainly in an effort to find and serve the leading officers of the Midland road with the copy of the injunction obtained by him, Mr. Nicholson said, and finally in the evening it was served upon Harry J. Blackman, transit superintendent.

In consequence the Staten Island traveling public had to rely yesterday upon the seventy-five municipal buses which Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, had ferried over and put into service on five of the fastest trolley lines.

Although Mr. Nicholson prepared yesterday to go before the Brooklyn Supreme Court and request the appointment of a receiver for the Midland lines, his move was anticipated by the Westinghouse Electric Company, a creditor, and the officers of the road, who joined in applying to the Federal Court.

The newly appointed receiver was unable to say last night what his course will be until he has familiarized himself with the situation. It is taken for granted by the city authorities that the operation of cars will be resumed as soon as possible under the supervision of the receiver and at the court's order.

BLANKET OF SNOW COVERS 3 STATES

Clear and Colder To-day, Is Prediction.

The modest snowfall that decorated the architecture of the town and started blooming on leafless trees the well known crystal foliage of winter was part of a widespread storm, not so modest in some other places, that blanketed this State, New Jersey and nearly all of Pennsylvania.

TRADING IN SUGAR FUTURES AUTHORIZED

Will Be Resumed on Exchange February 16.

Following a meeting of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, it was announced that trading in sugar futures will be resumed on the floor of the exchange on February 16.

COURT PLEA IN PRICE LID.

Company Wants Federal Trade Board's Order Cancelled.

The Federal Trade Commission ordered the Beech Nut Packing Company last June to discontinue price fixing for all transactions in its wares, notably chewing gum.

BOOZE SHIP TOWED IN.

Cargo of Yarmouth Safe Even if Transferred Here.

The grog ship Yarmouth, disabled off the Jersey coast while on her way to Havana, was discovered by a syndicate Coast Guard cutter, the Seneca, and passed in Sandy Hook last night, helped by the steaming tow line of Uncle Sam.

DETZER PROSECUTOR CALLED BY DEFENCE

Capt. Averill Says Publicity Hurt Prison Discipline.

All the publicity given the case of "Hard Boiled" Smith, the army lieutenant who was tried by court-martial on Governors Island, had the effect of wrecking discipline in the guardhouses and prison camps of the A. E. F., Capt. Ernest L. Averill of the Conn. division declared yesterday when he was placed on the stand in the trial of Capt. Karl W. Detzer.

He declared that the prisoners behaved as they pleased following the newspaper publicity given Smith, and that the publicity of the case, young and inexperienced men and fearful of criticism, loosened the rein generally.

Another witness for the defence, Sergeant Nemensky, Polish operative under Capt. Detzer and the man who had charge of all work connected with the Polish concentration camp at La Mana, testified that he had seen only one of Detzer's men strike a prisoner.

G. O. P. CLUB POLICIES SHAPED BY WOMEN

More of Them Attend Meeting to Outline Programme Than Men.

One hundred and fifty women attending a hearing of the Committee on State Affairs of the National Republican Club—and expressing their views too—was an indication yesterday of the way in which the entrance of women into politics has revolutionized that organization.

As a result of the hearings the committee will present a report at the monthly meeting of the club on the 22nd inst. It is taken for granted that the operation of cars will be resumed as soon as possible under the supervision of the receiver and at the court's order.

JUDGMENT AGAINST CROKER SET ASIDE

Former Tammany Leader's Son Defeated in Two Actions Against Father.

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LIBEL CASE IS REOPENED

Young Man Charges Elder Wrongfully Accused Him of Misusing Funds.

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One of the judgments set aside was for \$137,181 alleged to be due the younger Croker for money paid out while acting as agent for his father in managing his business affairs under power of attorney.

The other judgment was for \$80,000, the sum which the younger Croker says his father agreed to turn over to a trust fund for the benefit of the other Croker children if he (Richard Croker, Jr.) would not withdraw his share of his mother's estate from this trust fund.

"I have just had a letter from Florence (daughter of Richard Croker, Sr.), and Richard (meaning the writer's son) is cheating her out of her share. He only sends her \$1,500 a year and she should get \$4,000. He has had full control of my bank account and has not failed to draw liberally from it."

"I can see it all now. You (meaning Richard, Jr.) were not satisfied until you had a process server in the area of the Supreme Court of New York County conspired against me and tied up this fund. I am glad of one thing—that I have lived long enough to find you as you really are."

Richard Croker, Jr., says that he went to see his father in the Hotel Savoy on the night before he sailed for Ireland last spring and returned him with an error in what he had said regarding him. He says that his father turned a deaf ear to his appeal and he (the son) then directed a process server to send a copy of the letter to his father.

The next morning Mary B. Croker, wife of Richard Croker, Jr., called on her father-in-law just before he and his young wife, who is said to be an Indian princess, sailed for Ireland. She quoted Beulah Croker, the young wife, as having said at this interview: "We can't be bothered longer. We must go. Considering Mr. Croker's influence, do you imagine his son has any chance in court?"

Richard Croker, Sr., and his wife, Beulah Croker, deny that such a conversation took place at this meeting. The younger Croker tried to persuade the court to make his father put up security as one of the conditions of opening the default. He said: "I am in the hands of the defendant (Richard, Jr.) who has transferred his property in Ireland to his present wife, but I am not informed as to what he has done with his property in Florida."

\$629,998 SPENT FOR MRS. FLAGLER IN YEAR

Estate Now Reported Worth \$8,930,799

Cornelius J. Sullivan and the Guaranty Trust Company filed their annual accounting yesterday in the Supreme Court as committee of the estate of Ida A. Flagler, former wife of Henry M. Flagler, Standard Oil capitalist.

The total assets, principal and cash, that came into the hands of the committee during 1919 was \$2,550,717 and the total paid out for maintenance of the estate, allowances to relatives, and support of Mrs. Flagler was \$629,998.

Supreme Court Justice Platzeck approved the report. He allowed each member of the committee \$254 for commissions and an extra allowance of \$30,000. To De Lancey Nicoll, law associate of Sullivan, the court allowed \$7,125 for legal services. Thomas B. Graham, special guardian, was allowed \$2,500 and John J. Agar, representing relatives of the incompetent, received \$5,000.

Mrs. Flagler resides at Central Valley in the sanitarium of Dr. Carlos F. McDonald. He receives \$2,916 per month for her maintenance and an extra \$100 per month for special care of his rich patient.

AERIAL COMMISSION GETS FEDERAL TIPS

More Suggestions Received For Report to Gov. Smith.

The commission on aviation appointed by Gov. Smith held its second public hearing at City Hall yesterday and received suggestions for legislation regulating aerial traffic and means of developing commercial navigation of the air.

Col. Gerry C. Brant, commanding the Eastern Department of the United States Air Service, said that the future of air navigation in America depends upon the development of landing fields, hangars, signal systems and similar facilities for aviators.

A separate department for aeronautics is necessary in the Federal Government, Col. Brant said, for the reason that the War Department, regarding the air arm as merely a subsidiary affair, never will give aviation proper consideration.

The entire commission was present. Col. Jefferson Dymott Thompson presented. Others present were Major M. B. Bois of the British Air Service, Lieut. Col. S. Herbert Mapes and Capt. Horace Keane of the New York aerial police. Col. Thompson said that States and cities in all parts of the nation are turning to New York for information regarding the city's aerial police, to be used as a basis for similar establishments elsewhere.

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LORRAINE ARRIVES AFTER HEAVY TRIP

Two Deaths From Pneumonia; Five Flu Cases.

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16 FLOORS FLOODED AT FIRE.

Standpipe Burns, Doing \$10,000 Damage in Cedar Street.

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GAS HEATERS KILL TWO.

Palmtowers Save Two Others Overcome by Fumes.

Two deaths resulted yesterday from gas poisoning. Two other victims were saved from death by heroic treatment with palmtowers.

JOHN WANAMAKER

Broadway at Ninth, New York Formerly A. T. STEWART & CO. Store hours—9 to 5

Good morning! This is January 20! The weather to-day probably will be fair.

Take Your Disappointments as Stimulants

"Live blameless" is inscribed over the portal of a Swedish house. George Washington once said, "To persevere is one's duty, and to be silent is the best answer to calumny."

Sometimes not to speak ill requires silence only. A friend of the writer had a rule to drop a subject when others did not agree with him. It is not necessary to be cross or bitter just because we are sure we are right.

It is the daily effort of every one employed in this big mart of trade not to allow, even by chance, any one to go out of our doors feeling sorry that he came in.

It is only by well doing that we hope to climb up.

[Signed]

John Wanamaker January 20, 1920.

Hooked Rugs from "Down North"

A new shipment From Newfoundland have come more of the quaint rugs tingling with local color—ideal for nursery or bathroom—dog, komitiks, esquimaux, icebergs, polar bears and other native characteristics.

A great variety of primitive, rather crude, but dramatic designs are used on these rugs. They can be washed in soap and water, and they wear a long time.

40 x 24-in.—\$20 (and \$1.63 tax).

Third Gallery, New Bldg.

Pure Linens

Table damask, table cloths, napkins, luncheon sets, sheets, pillow-cases in the January Sale at a quarter to a third below our own regular prices.

TABLE DAMASK \$2.50 YARD

70 inches, heavy, white and silver bleached; in several good designs.

TABLE CLOTHS \$6.50, \$7.75, \$9.50

360; 2, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long; good, sturdy quality of Scotch manufacture.

NAPKINS 76 dozen; heavy 24 x 24 in., \$10 dozen and upward.

TABLECLOTHS, \$6.75 Scaloped edges, 70 x 70 in.

LUNCHEON SETS, \$7.75 72 Madeira luncheon sets, 13 pieces (six 6-in., six 10-in., one 24-in.), beautifully hand-embroidered.

TEA NAPKINS 150 dozen at \$7.50 doz.; 14 x 14 in.; satin damask and plain weaves.

PILLOW CASES 200 pairs at \$3.50 pair; 22 1/2 x 36 in., finished sizes hemstitched.

SHEETS 100 pairs single bed size at \$15.75 pr.; hemstitched.

80 pairs double bed size, made from fine quality Belgian flax, hand hemstitched and washed ready to use, 90 x 99 in., in finished size, \$30 and \$35 pr.

PILLOW CASES to match, 22 1/2 x 36 in., 125 prs., \$7.50 and \$9 pr.

KITCHEN TOWELS 75 doz., 17 x 35 in., finished size, pure linen crash. \$5.75 and \$6.25 dozen.

First floor, Old Building.

HOME-MAKERS invest heavily in FURNITURE at WANAMAKER'S

Dining and bedroom suites go as fast as they come on the floor—Present and future needs filled at low prices in February Sale

The furniture sells itself—and so quickly that it has caused us some embarrassment. One man—who had probably never seen so many "sold" tags on goods before—bluntly told us Friday afternoon that it was impossible to sell so much furniture in one day.

But it is apropos to state that as much furniture as the two great galleries will hold, conveniently, is on the floors. Pieces and suites that are sold are removed as promptly as the porters can get them out. And new pieces and suites are brought in from the warehouse.

The porters thus far have not been able to keep pace with the buying. And the secret of the BIG buying is—

GOOD Furniture—Plenty of it LOW Prices

We have told of the present condition of the furniture industry—of bare glass rooms at the factories—of the scarcity of lumber—of the high cost of plate glass and nails and upholstery and leather—etc.

And we have told how we managed to assemble for the February Sale MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS OF FURNITURE—OUR KIND—TO SELL AT SAVINGS OF 10 TO 33 PER CENT. And that this collection includes every kind of good home furniture for every room.

It is for you to decide what YOU want to do. The furniture is here. Fifth and Sixth Galleries, New Building.

Today's the day--

When Cotton Goods remnants go to the Main Aisle to be carried away Prices are now 18c to \$1 yard.

They were 35c to \$1.75 yard.

It's the winter house-cleaning time. All sorts of charming odds and ends of materials from 1 1/2 to 6-yard lengths (a few even longer) are grouped together and priced very low for a quick clearaway.

Printed voiles Cotton crepes Plain voiles Novelties Linens Tissus Cotton and silk crepes

Of course, every color you could think of. Woolen remnants, too, quarter to half less

Suits—Velveteens, corduroy, broadcloth, plaids, embroidered materials. Main Aisle, Old Building.

Skates are Down

And other things in the Sporting Goods Shop

Ice skates, were \$5.50; now \$2.75. Fleeced-lined imported waistcoats, were \$20.00; now \$14.75.

Sheepskin collar coats, were \$13.50; now \$9.50. Mackinaws, were \$20.00; now \$14, \$16.50.

Cloth jenkins, were \$10.50; now \$5.25. Snow shoes, were \$8, \$12; now \$5.00.

Leather reversible coats, were \$37.50; now \$27.00. Today, Burlington Arcade floor, New Building.

A New Wrap for Smart Women

Some coats are far too formal to be worn pedestrianly. Others are a bit too top-coatish and just-about-to-take-a-train looking.

The coat Salons have achieved a coat in which the smart person may travel or wear on the street or for afternoon. A gifted coat, of several personalities; made with a round little shoulder yoke, and loose-hanging back, front perfectly straight and simple, neck finished with huge collar of Australian opossum.

Of fine bolivia cloth in taupe, or bottle green; \$95. Second floor, Old Building.

\$1.95 and \$1.70 Shirts at \$1.35

Good-bye to them.... Shirts that were left from our recent sales— Many Kinds.... some soiled—some mussed from handling; but one laundering will remedy that.

Sizes from 14 to 17—but not every size in every kind. Now \$1.35 for WANAMAKER shirts—but why suggest the obvious?.... They're here.... ready.

Burlington Arcade floor, New Building. Second floor, Old Building.