

# CHAOS IN REAL ESTATE MOVING SEASON OPENS IN CITY

### Tenants, Officials and Realty Men at Odds Over Conditions.

### MANY TO 'SIT TIGHT' No Place to Go, They Will Carry on Fights in the Courts.

### VAN SHORTAGE A FACTOR Slight Fear of Riots Although the Police Are Ready for Outbreaks.

The eve of the great October migration found realty experts and city officials at odds as to what conditions would be to-day. Men engaged in the leasing and renting of apartments and dwellings continued to insist there would be no end of confusion, but David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, and Arthur J. W. Hilby, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, declared it will be one of the easiest moving days the city has known in its history. Despite the latter's contention hundreds of applications for moving vans were turned down yesterday because of the strike of van teamsters. No action was taken by the city government because the heads of various departments accepted the belief of Mr. Hilby and Mr. Hirschfeld that conditions have been grossly exaggerated. Realty firms that learned of tenants who had decided to sit tight for fear they may find themselves homeless were at a loss to know what to do. Recourse to the courts was out of the question since the emergency housing legislation enacted in Albany last week deprives the landlord of the most effective weapon in combating the tenant.

A riot in Bartlett street, Brooklyn, which was precipitated by the arrival of a city marshal and a dozen deputies to evict twenty families freshened the condition that may be city wide today. Reserves had to be called from the Clynner street station before the tenants of the three tenements at 48, 50 and 52 Bartlett street could be removed. Windows were smashed and many of the deputy marshals had their clothing torn and faces and hands scratched. David Weiss, 36 years old, and his wife, Sadie, of 157 Hopkins street, were arrested on disorderly conduct charges in connection with the riot.

**Fitch Went to Marshal.**

The marshals went to the apartment of Mrs. Riddy on the first floor of 52 Bartlett street with a warrant to dispossess her and her seven children. The warrant had been obtained before the passage of the emergency legislation. Other tenants in the building heard Mrs. Riddy arguing with the marshals and, knowing it would be their turn next, picked up their belongings, pummeling them with their fists and trying to rip the clothing from their backs. The marshals fled to the street, followed by the angry mob. The mob then joined by others in the street. One of the marshals succeeded in breaking away and telephoned a riot call to the police.

Philip Sarta, attorney for the tenants of the three buildings, said the dispossession proceedings were begun by the landlord, Charles Goldstein, of 165 Mercer street, Manhattan, because the tenants would not pay a fifteen per cent. increase because the landlord refused to make repairs in the building.

Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld issued a statement which he said was a summary of a lengthy investigation he had made into moving van rental and the high moving rates. He said in his opinion the high moving rates would deter many persons from moving and others would realize it is cheaper to pay the advanced rates than to be asked by the landlord to move to a profiteering moving van owner.

"There are very few houses or flats available," he said, "and I see no prospect of any change in the situation for many years to come, probably five years. Thousands of notices were given by charlatan landlords to tenants that they would have to move by October 1. Because of the new rent laws the tenants now that they cannot be disposed of staying over the term of rental, will not move. There are fewer vacant places this year than there were last. Immigration has increased and thousands are flocking to New York in the belief they will obtain lucrative employment here."

**Estimates 5,000 Movings.**

Mr. Hilby estimated that not more than 5,000 families are scheduled to move to-day, irrespective of the estimates made by the men who actually are renting and leasing apartments and dwellings throughout the city. His estimate was based on figures obtained from the courts and thousands of persons who have complained about profiteering landlords. It was Mr. Hilby's opinion there were thousands of tenants to take care of all the moving to be done.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, classified the desire to move among the many ailments of the population. "Moving is a bad business unless it means moving into a better place," he said. "I am fearful that in many instances moving this year means going into smaller and less sanitary homes. The reason is the excessive rent charged by landlords and in some instances the gradually declining incomes. Many families are cutting down on things to eat and wear in order to meet their rentals.

"The penalty for this housing situation," he continued, "will be an increased disease rate. This does not mean that the increase will necessarily be this month or this year, but these conditions certainly make for an increase in chronic disease. Tuberculosis especially will undoubtedly increase because of the housing conditions."

Should a large number of families find themselves homeless, the bureau of encumbrances of the Street Cleaning Department is prepared to aid in salvaging their belongings. The department has fifteen stables in Manhattan, eight in Brooklyn, four in The Bronx and two each in Queens and Richmond, at which there is stationed a double and single truck for moving encumbrances. It will take only a week from the Mayor's office, one official of the department sees, to place these trucks at the service of homeless families.

There was no change in the van strike during the day. William F. Kehoe, business agent of the Van Teamsters' Union, claimed many van owners had capitulated to the strikers among them two members of the Van Owners' Association. This was denied by the Van Owners' Association in a statement which said many association vans were being operated by old employees who returned to work and several hundred new men who have been employed to handle furniture.

# W.M. B. FRENCH ADMITS WIFE DIVORCED HIM

### Action Undefended, With \$50,000 Yearly Settlement.

William Barton French, son of the late Seth B. French and Mrs. Mary French, confessed last night at the Metropolitan Club the report that his wife had obtained a final decree of divorce from him. The papers were issued a month ago from a court in this State, he said, but he did not disclose the name of the justice, nor the county in which the action was tried. The action had been virtually undefended, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. French were married December 4, 1916, in St. Bartholomew's Church. They have one daughter, 3 years old, custody of whom was granted to Mrs. French. Financial arrangements have been made, Mr. French said, to provide an income of \$50,000 annually for his former wife and \$12,000 a year for use by the little girl, another sum being added for her maintenance. Mr. French denied that the "in-laws" of the family had caused the divorce, as reported.

Mrs. French was Miss Jeanne Emmet, daughter of Mrs. Henry C. Emmet of 39 East Seventy-second street. She is a descendant of Thomas Adde Emmet, brother of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot.

Mr. French shared with his mother, Dr. John Herndon French, half-brother, and Mrs. Charles Steele, half-sister, an estate of nearly \$3,000,000 left at the death in 1910 of the late Barton French, banker. He is the grandson of the late Walker B. French of Washington, long prominent in the diplomatic service and at one time Minister to Greece. George Barton French is his brother. He served in the world war.

# 'INHUMAN' WOMAN LEFT BABY ON LAWN

### Refuses to Allow It in Home. It Is Testified.

"You have committed the most inhuman act I ever heard of," Magistrate Brown told Mrs. Williams of 89 Ocean avenue, Brooklyn, in the Flatbush court yesterday, after she had found her guilty of abandoning her grandson, 7 months old.

The father of the child lost his position and went elsewhere to find work. It was stated in court, while the mother went to the home of Mrs. Williams, as she was ill and needed care. The baby was sent to the home of an aunt and for a time money for its support came from the father.

Several days ago, the aunt had the child carried to Mrs. Williams' house. According to John Doble of 89 Ocean avenue, a boy who carried the child, Mrs. Williams refused to take it in. When he left the baby on a chair she picked it up and laid it on the lawn, he testified.

Mrs. Williams told the Magistrate she had to work to support herself and that she was tired of "being imposed upon" by her daughter and others of the family. The aunt testified that when the father stopped sending money she was unable to care for the child any longer. Mrs. Williams was held in \$300 bail for trial in Special Sessions.

# PAYROLL CLERK SUED IN \$20,000 SHORTAGE

### Publishing Company Says Books Were Falsified.

Misappropriation of \$20,000, funds of the Frank Shepard Company, publishers of periodicals, at 140 Lafayette street, is charged in affidavits filed by the company yesterday in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, in which J. C. Olsen, formerly secretary of the company is named. The affidavits were filed in connection with an application to Justice Benedict for an order compelling Olsen to render them an accounting of all company funds which passed through his hands.

It is alleged that Olsen falsified his books and that he left without notice last May, taking some of the books. He had charge of the payroll and other financial matters, the papers state.

The company charges that Olsen has purchased real estate and an automobile with some of the money. The affidavits state that he lived in South Brooklyn, but cannot now be located. Judge Charles E. Smith of Brooklyn, court-appointed Henry A. Gildersleeve temporary receiver in bankruptcy for Olsen, and his attorneys have filed a demurrer to the summons and complaint.

# RUNAWAY TEXAS GIRL FOUND IN JERSEY CITY

### Left Home to Be Married—Father Coming for Her.

Norma Cole, the fifteen-year-old daughter of George L. Cole, a banker of Houston, Texas, who ran away from home September 17, to be married to Paul Maren of 59 Broadway, Jersey City, was found by Pinkerton detectives yesterday in the home of Maren's parents. She had been working for a short time as a clerk in a Jersey City grocery store and was waiting for young Maren to return to Jersey City from Houston, where he is employed in a bank.

The girl told the Jersey City police that she met Maren in 1918 when he was in training at an aviation field near Houston. They became engaged, she said, but when they broached the subject of marriage to her parents, after Maren had gone to France and returned, they refused to permit it. She therefore arranged with Maren to run off to Italy and to the home of his parents in Jersey City, where he was to join her.

The police put the girl on parole at the Maren home and wired to her father, Mr. Cole, asking that the girl be held and said he would leave Houston at once to take her home.

# GIVES UP HER GUARDIANSHIP

Surrogate Foley reserved decision yesterday upon the application of Mrs. Eleanor Gates for the settlement of her accounts and her discharge as guardian of Arshaloun Mardigian, an Armenian girl. Mrs. Gates informed the court that through her influence with theatrical managers her ward made a large sum of money plying in "the movies" the atrocities committed by the Turks.

In a former notice of this court proceeding Mrs. Gates was erroneously identified as Eleanor Gates, the former wife of Richard W. Tully, the playwright. Mrs. Gates, the guardian of Miss Mardigian, is the wife of H. L. Gates, an actor.

# 'Teddy Gordon' Has Appeared Ready Made.

Teddy Gordon is the name of a Scotch Cheviot. And heretofore I advertised to make a suit to order for \$85 of this splendid cheviot. Meanwhile I planned to have Suits and Overcoats ready made of this material. They are now ready. The Overcoat is in Slip-On style, \$60, and the Suit \$75. G. N. VINCENT, 524-526 6th Ave., near 31st St.

# CAFFEY GETS FACTS ON BUILDING 'TRUST'

### U. S. Attorney Confers With Representative Sigel in Materials Inquiry.

### CITIES TO BE SURVEYED

Information tending to show that an illegal combination of dealers in building materials is keeping prices up and preventing building was laid yesterday before United States Attorney Caffey by Representative Sigel, whose charge to a Federal investigation being ordered by Attorney-General Palmer.

"Mr. Sigel has given me important information on the subject under investigation," said Mr. Caffey after the conference. "He has furnished the name of a man who is expected to give valuable additional evidence. This office will welcome any information anybody can give on the subject under investigation. We are going ahead."

The man whose name was mentioned by Mr. Sigel as having important facts proving the existence of the alleged building material "trust," probably will appear before Mr. Caffey to-day. His story will be investigated fully.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Health Commissioner, has ordered a survey of housing conditions in this city and has asked the health authorities in other cities to make similar surveys. He believes that critical conditions will be found in many places besides New York.

"On the streets of the last survey made here," said Dr. Copeland, "I told Senator Calder of the committee on reconstruction and production that the shortage of houses constitutes a serious menace to the health of the people of New York and that the Government would be justified in officially recognizing it as a desperate situation.

"I know there is opposition to national, State and city governments starting to build houses except as a last resort. Health conditions here show that the time of last resort has arrived. Living conditions are daily becoming more dangerous. The figures in certain sections of the city are startling."

David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, delivered himself of an opinion on the housing situation, declaring that there are combinations in just about everything.

"There will be little or no change in the situation," he said, "until the companies which exist to fix the prices in building and housing material are compelled to reduce their prices. I am satisfied from my investigation that there is a combination to boost the price of limestone, the price of brick and the price of steel. These are combinations to boost the price of every other article which goes into the building of homes.

"I also have information which indicates that there is a ring of contractors who sit and decide which one of its members is to get the next contract. The State and Federal governments with their broad powers, can certainly go after these profiteers and send the guilty ones to jail if they really desire to do it. That would be a speedy and effective way to bring prices down, to make it possible to resume the building of homes on a large scale and to provide decent places for the people to live."

Senator William M. Calder will speak on "The National Aspects of the Housing Situation" at a mass meeting to be held tomorrow night at Carnegie Hall. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Reconstruction and Production, Senator Calder has collected much information on the extent and causes of housing shortage. Gov. Alfred E. Smith also is expected to speak on the situation in this city and give his ideas on both temporary and permanent relief for the shortage.

# 'M'CARTHY REITERATES \$300,000 WAR SLANDER'

### Marshal Says He Told Truth About New Rochelle Raids.

United States Marshal Thomas D. McCarthy filed an answer yesterday in the Supreme Court to the \$300,000 slander action filed against him by Jacob Grab, proprietor of the Germania Hall Cafe in New Rochelle. Grab complained that Marshal McCarthy injured his business by a statement he made to the newspapers after having raided saloons in New Rochelle on the night of December 3, 1917.

The answer sets up a claim of justification. The Marshal states that his explanation to the newspapers was truthful and accurately portrayed the conditions he found prevailing in New Rochelle at that time. He says he raided the places upon complaint of the commandant of Fort Slocum and the commanders of the Bay Navy Station. The five-mile prohibition zone about the fort and station.

# WOMEN LEAP INTO BAY TO ESCAPE OCEAN TRIP

### Both Restored to Fabre Liner After Plunge.

Two women, both good swimmers, jumped overboard from the Fabre liner, which was leaving her pier at the foot of Thirty-first street, Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, and later were restored to the ship and taken on their way to Italy with their husbands.

The woman who first hit the water is Mary Nisco, who is being deported to Italy because of mental disorder, and she was in charge of a nurse. The skipper of a tug who saw her go over steered for her and two of his men hauled her out, resting vigorously and tearing her dress.

While he was putting her back aboard the Fabre, the other woman, a cabin passenger whose name was not learned, went over the side, swam around the stern of the ship and was helped to the pier. She said she did not want to retrace her way to Italy with her husband, but she was put aboard again.

# To Those Seeking Apartments

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  - THE ALBERT, 42 East 11th Street
  - THE IRVING, Gramercy Park South
  - THE LE MARQUIS, 5th Avenue and 31st Street
  - THE WELLINGTON (European), 23th Street and 7th Avenue

# LEISURELY YEGGS LOOT THREE SAFES

### Smoke Fancy Cigars While Using Old Fashioned 'Soup and Soap.'

### HAUL REACHES \$20,500

Yeggs men with a taste for good cigars, as well as for the more immediate desiderata of their profession, blew open three safes on Wednesday night in the Jewellers Craft Building at 51 Lispenard street, which is a block south of Canal street and west of Broadway.

From these safes, in the shops of three manufacturing jewellers, they stole gold, platinum and diamonds valued at \$20,500.

The principal victim is Louis Jabner, who had the largest safe, and puts his loss at \$15,000. The others are Green & Medoff and the Alfred Schicklerling Jewelry Company.

Apparently the burglars reached the building by way of a Canal street roof and got into it by jimmying a fire escape door on the fifth floor. They then began a series of progressive safe crackings with the aid of a drill, nitro-glycerin and soap. This is the old fashioned "soup and soap" method, and is noisy and messy. The modern crackmen are more likely to avoid an explosion by drilling holes around the combination lock until they get it loose or melting the steel with an acetylene torch.

As a matter of fact an expert on safes said that at least one of the three wrecked safes could have been pried open, and the fact that the burglars went to the trouble of blowing it indicated that they were not skilled in their art. Anyway, they took their time, ripped open the doors with charges of nitro-glycerin, pocketed all the stuff valuable to them and were decent enough to leave the jewellers' personal papers behind.

All the safes were on the fifth floor. After disposing of them the yeggs entered the office of the United States Chain Company, makers of watch chains. They did not tackle the safe there, but opened the showcases and tested the wares with acids. As they were content with nothing but platinum, diamonds and solid gold, they took away little or nothing. But, according to the evidence plainly visible yesterday morning in the form of butts, they rifled a box of cigars belonging to an officer of the company and smoked three of them.

They also jimmied several doors on the eighth floor, but did not touch the safes, each of which had a sign showing that it was protected by electric wires with a company which sells protection against burglars.

The Police Department's Bertillon men looked for finger prints around the gaping holes and decided which one of its members is to get the next contract. The State and Federal governments with their broad powers, can certainly go after these profiteers and send the guilty ones to jail if they really desire to do it. That would be a speedy and effective way to bring prices down, to make it possible to resume the building of homes on a large scale and to provide decent places for the people to live."

# CAUGHT WITH \$25,000 PACKAGE OF MORPHINE

### Motor Driver's Actions Arouse Alert Detective.

August Pagot, 35 years old, who owns a garage at 1106 Halsey street, Brooklyn, was arrested last night at the Pennsylvania Station by Customs Inspector Matthew Collihan charged with transporting and possessing morphine. He will be arraigned at the Federal Building this morning.

At 6 o'clock Collihan, who was looking for violators of the Volstead Law, saw a black automobile, resembling a hearse, drive up and stop. Pagot, the driver, began looking about in such a manner as to arouse Collihan's suspicions. The inspector searched the automobile and found morphine which, he said, was worth about \$25,000. Pagot sold the package given to him yesterday morning by two men who told him to meet them at the station at 6 o'clock.

# SEATTLE IS SUBMERGED

### Trunk Pacific Passenger Steamship Prince Rupert, which yesterday struck a rock and sank in Swanson Bay, B. C., is submerged to the ribs.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 30.—The Grand Trunk Pacific passenger steamship Prince Rupert, which yesterday struck a rock and sank in Swanson Bay, B. C., is submerged to the ribs. The extent of damage will not be ascertained until a diver's examination is made, according to a message received to-day by the Grand Trunk company. All passengers were rescued from the ship before it sank.

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# BONHEUR DU JOUR

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The Founder of the store that takes its New York heritage from A. T. Stewart, antedating the New York Herald by twelve years and among its earliest advertisers, and the one with whom the new owner co-operated in realizing Mr. Bennett's generous vision for newspaper men, at the same time perpetuating his newspaper, both welcome the old and yet new Herald, and the old—and yet new—Sun that now sets in the morning and rises in the evening.

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Newly arrived from England is a collection of exquisite old bibelots that give character and charm to the table, or add a bit of lovely color and form to the drawing-room or boudoir. quaint, delightful things that are difficult to obtain and enchanting to possess.

A set of four old curtain tie-backs in the form of gilt metal leaves, with clusters of opaque white cut-glass berries. Price \$100 the set.

Two large cornucopias of old ruby cut glass of exquisite color, mounted on dark marble blocks and set in ormolu rams' heads. Price \$250 for the two.

A pair of old sapphire blue vases carved with crystal designs and hung with blue prisms and jewels. Price \$250 the pair.

Two deep blue glass plates cut in Waterford designs. Price \$250 pair.

In pale, ruby glass, with little flutings of pink glass, finely cut underneath, are two stemmed compotes, two little bon-bon dishes, and six small plates. Price \$200 the set.

Old 18th century decalcomania vases in lovely colors are to be had in pairs and singly, and are decorated in forms of gay flowers and foliage or with amusing chinoiserie. These are most attractive for lamp bases, and are very gay when used to hold long stemmed flowers. Prices \$180 pair; \$80 a pair; and singly, for \$75 and \$80 each.

A large ruby colored old Bristol glass bowl and plate. \$125.

A collection of small Waterford pieces includes peppers and salts and sweetmeat plates. These vary in price according to size and fineness.

Old flip glasses, cut or with designs applied in opaque white. Price \$25, \$40 and \$50.

Old ice plates frosted and cut. Price \$15 for a set of six.

A set of ruby colored ice plates carved with crystal designs. Price \$220 for a set of one dozen.

Small apple green Bristol opaque cornucopias, mounted on cream colored marble bases and set in ormolu mounts in the form of hands. \$75 the pair. Fourth Floor, Old Building.

(Signed) John Wanamaker  
Rodman Wanamaker  
New York, October 1, 1920.



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CRISP WHITE DRESSES of dotted swiss, organdie, voile or lawn, trimmed with colored fluting, hand stitching or pin tucks and dainty frills; high-waisted yoke; sizes 2 to 6; \$2.95 to \$4.75.  
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Robes of Velvet  
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