



PAYS MILLION MORE TO BE EXCLUSIVE

John D. Buys Fifth Avenue Home of Mrs. W. Seward Webb, Next to His Own, to Keep Trade Away.

RECENT GIFT TO DAUGHTER

Oil Man's Real Estate Holdings in West 53d Street Now Said To Be Worth More than Two Million Dollars.

John D. Rockefeller bought from Mrs. W. Seward Webb yesterday the four story and basement dwelling house No. 680 Fifth avenue, on the west side of the thoroughfare, between 53d and 54th streets, which Dr. and Mrs. Webb have occupied for many years.

Dr. and Mrs. Webb live the larger part of the year out of town, and it was that fact, it is said, that led them some weeks ago to offer the premises to lease at \$60,000 net a year, the lessee to improve the property for retail business use at his own expense, and to pay incidental carrying charges.

The late William H. Vanderbilt, father of Mrs. Webb, bought the property about thirty years ago, and gave it later to Mrs. Webb as a wedding present. Just north of the premises is the home of Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, sister of Mrs. Webb.

Mr. Rockefeller bought the property primarily to protect the light and air of his home and that of his son in the rear of the Webb house. The Webb property has an outlet to 54th street between the garage at the easterly side of the Rockefeller grounds and the Twombly house, and that strip is also included in the purchase.

It was announced last night that Mr. Rockefeller will get possession of the Webb property on May 1, and that, if he does not change his present plans, he intends soon afterward to replace the Webb house with a low mercantile structure. In this way Mr. Rockefeller will be able to conserve in a large degree the air and light on the easterly side of his premises and the adjoining new home site of his son.

Last Tuesday he gave to his daughter, Mrs. E. Parmelee Prentice, who lives at No. 5 West 53d street, the dwelling house No. 7 West 53d street and an easement for light and air during the tenancy of No. 7 to a vacant lot at No. 9 West 53d street.

Mrs. Prentice will have the two houses Nos. 5 and 7 made into a modern dwelling. To provide his daughter with a more spacious home, Mr. Rockefeller bought the houses Nos. 7 and 9 West 53d street from Benjamin Stern several years ago. When the houses were vacated he tore down No. 9 to increase the source of light and air for his son's new house, and to make it possible to put windows in the westerly wall of No. 7.

For several years Mr. Rockefeller has been watching the business invasion in upper Fifth avenue, and working diligently to keep trade from intruding on 53d and 54th streets, especially the latter street. For the Francis S. Kinney estate house, No. 19 West 54th street, he paid last year about \$220,000, and for two houses on the southerly side of 54th street, covering a plot about 45 feet, he was reported to have paid about \$6,000 a front foot. He was said to have bought the Stern houses at the same front foot rate. Consequently his total realty investments in the 54th street block in recent years are about \$2,000,000.

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Table listing various news items and their page numbers, including 'LOCAL', 'POLITICAL', 'GENERAL', 'FOREIGN', and 'MISCELLANEOUS'.

SWEENEY'S MAN SENT TO TOMBS

Duffy Charged with Extortion on Testimony of Wilkins—Goff to Fix Bail To-day.

EX-INSPECTOR WEAKENING

Indicted Official Sends More Emissaries to Whitman—Rosie Hertz Offers to Tell All—Then Her Lips Are Sealed.

These were the big developments in District Attorney Whitman's police graft probe yesterday:

Sergeant Peter J. Duffy, Inspector Sweeney's right hand man, who is worth about \$60,000, was indicted as a graft collector for Sweeney. He was arrested and locked up in the Tombs.

Patrolman Thomas J. Robinson, another of Sweeney's alleged collectors, already under indictment for bribery, was indicted on a supplementary count, charging extortion.

Other evidence has piled in on the District Attorney making imperative further indictments against Inspector Sweeney. There are now twenty-eight charges being investigated against him.

Sweeney again sent an emissary to the District Attorney's office.

Leroy Wilkins, who testified before the grand jury against Duffy on Wednesday night, has already fed the avenging hand of the police. Four policemen in uniform entered his saloon six hours after he testified before the grand jury and, ordering all hands out, closed the place.

Other witnesses whose names have been published have also been hounded by policemen in uniform. Wilkins, in fear of his life, was escorted from his home to the District Attorney's office by Detective Thomas, of Whitman's staff.

All the threatened men live in Sweeney's district, which is ruled by Nicholas J. Hayes and Percy Nagle, Tammany leaders, both friends of the indicted inspector.

Rosie Hertz, convicted of keeping a disorderly house, and one of the wealthiest women of her kind, running eight such establishments in the lower East Side, and owning four of the houses, was on the point of implicating police heads and politicians when her mouth was closed by a Tammany agent who visited her in the Tombs.

Another scalp was tied to District Attorney Whitman's belt yesterday when the John Doe grand jury returned a true bill charging bribery against Sergeant Peter J. Duffy, long known as Inspector Dennis Sweeney's wardman. Duffy was arrested late last evening in the Liberty avenue (Brooklyn) police station, where he was doing police duty, by Detective Thomas, of District Attorney Whitman's staff, and locked up in the Tombs for the night. He will be arraigned before Justice Goff in the Supreme Court this morning, when bail will be fixed.

The indictment was found on the testimony of Leroy Wilkins, a negro saloonkeeper, of 135th street and Fifth avenue, supplemented by that of Patrolman Eugene Fox, Captain Walsh's collector.

Wilkins Feels Police Vengeance.

Before the indictment was returned—in fact, within six hours after Wilkins left the District Attorney's office Wednesday afternoon—the negro felt the vengeance of the police. Four patrolmen, all in uniform, with drawn clubs, rushed into his saloon, drove his customers out and ordered Wilkins to close up.

Wilkins obeyed, although the law allowed him to stay open two hours longer.

Wilkins was fearful of his life yesterday morning, and had to be escorted by one of the District Attorney's staff to the Criminal Courts Building to appear before the grand jury. He testified he paid \$80 a month since July 1 last to Duffy, who was introduced to him by Fox as "Inspector Sweeney's collector." This was corroborated by Fox.

A supplementary indictment against Patrolman Thomas J. Robinson was based on practically the same testimony on which he was originally indicted for bribery, with the additional element of a threat, which made the crime extortion.

Tony Tancredi, proprietor of a restaurant, testified that he paid Robinson \$50 a month after Robinson threatened to send him to the workhouse on a framed-up charge. This did not sound at all idle to Tancredi, who told the District Attorney that once before when he refused to pay tribute he was railroaded to the workhouse for thirty days.

"Robinson said to me," Tancredi swore, "that he would send me to the island if I didn't pay. So I paid."

Another witness before the grand jury yesterday was Gleason L. Young, a negro, who owns a saloon at No. 125 West 135th street, and who built Young's Casino, at No. 1988 Park avenue, last July. His story threw further illumination on the charge that even respectable houses had to pay tribute to Sweeney, who earned the title of

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ANTIDILUVIAN WHISKEY. What's mighty good whistles. You will often hear when ordering. Luytjes Bros., N.Y.—Adv.

A WOMAN WHO FEARS FOR HER HUSBAND'S LIFE. Francisco I. Madero, the deposed President of Mexico, and his wife, who all yesterday was torn between hope and despair as she waited the word that would decide the fate of her husband.



VICTIM OF WEYLER ATROCITY IN HOSPITAL

Dr. Delgado, of Immigration Service, Feels Effects of Cruelty.

AIDED INSURGENTS. SHOT

After Recovery Wanted to Fight for U. S.—Traces of Experience in Present Serious Condition.

Dr. Jose M. Delgado, of Brooklyn, the first American citizen to be mowed down by the forces of General Weyler in Cuba in 1896 and the holder of unpaid claims against Spain for several hundred thousand dollars, is seriously ill at St. Luke's Hospital. While his health has never been good since he was left for dead in a cane field of his Cuban sugar plantation, after he had been shot with carbines and hacked with machetes, Dr. Delgado's condition was not considered serious until a few weeks ago.

Shot for Aiding Insurgents.

His father was the owner of a big sugar estate in Cuba called the Dolores Plantation. Early in the spring of 1896 a band of half fed and ragged insurgents stopped at the Delgado home and asked for food and water. Actuated by sympathy, the family gave the men assistance, and the insurgents continued on their way. Within a few hours a fragment of Spanish cavalry halted at the plantation and asked Mr. Delgado why he had harbored insurgents. The soldiers, under Captain Melguizo, would accept no explanation, but ordered the entire family out of the house, and rounded up some thirty servants.

The family knew at once what was coming, and when the soldiers were about to tie them all together in a group to shoot them, Dr. Delgado asked that his aged parents be spared. Melguizo consented to this, but was determined to kill the others.

Meanwhile Dr. Delgado had obtained his papers of American citizenship and his passports, but before showing them informed Melguizo that he was an American citizen. The Spanish troops laughed at his declaration and demanded proof. When the surgeon offered his papers they were snatched from his hands, and after examining

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TWO POINT CUT IN 1913 IS TAX RATE ESTIMATE

Due to Increased Assessments and to Economies of City Government.

In an official statement issued last night Controller Frederick estimated the tax rates in the various quarters of the city for 1913 as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Tax Rate Estimate. Includes New York (Manhattan and The Bronx), Kings (Brooklyn), Queens, and Richmond.

These rates are two points lower in Manhattan, The Bronx and Brooklyn than in 1912. The Queens rate is one point higher and the Richmond rate the same.

The decrease in the tax rate, in spite of the fact that this year's budget is \$11,621,184.65 larger than in 1912, is due not only to the increased assessments, but also to the fact that the general fund this year will be \$10,699,000 greater than last year.

The increase in the general fund has been brought about through savings in the amounts appropriated for administrative expense in 1912 and previous years and through the rigid audit of bills in the Controller's office, which has resulted in a saving of \$3,000,000.

An analysis of the accounts of former municipalities has disclosed fully \$2,200,000 of assets, which have now been turned into the general fund. The revenues from water rates are \$2,000,000 in excess of those for 1912.

THIS HEN GIVES PREMIUMS

Safety Pin Found Imbedded in Hard Boiled Egg.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.) Ashland, Ohio, Feb. 20.—Ashland County boasts a hen that gives a premium with her breakfast food. Unlike the goose that laid the golden egg, however, the by-product of this hen is a domestic convenience which every housewife would appreciate.

DISPUTE OVER REALTY FATAL

One Dead and Another Fatally Hurt at Dallas, Tex.

M'CALL WILL SIGN EARLY NEXT WEEK

His Approval of Dual System Becomes Known at North Side Dinner.

MAYOR LETS CAT OUT BAG

Gaynor Enthusiastic in Commending Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

The subway contracts will be signed within a few days—if not to-day, then early next week. This was the declaration made last night by Mayor Gaynor and chairman McCall of the Public Service Commission, amid deafening cheers from the members of the North Side Board of Trade at their annual dinner at the Burland Casino, in The Bronx.

Chairman McCall did not himself say when he would sign, but none the less it was learned on the best of authority that he would affix his signature to the contracts the first part of next week.

Mayor Gaynor broke the news without warning and went at it with a vivacity and vigor rarely displayed by him on public occasions. He declined to speak about the subway question, and, pointing to Chairman McCall, who until then had been modestly hidden at a side table, said that the judge could say something interesting about the subway; he could even say that he was going to sign these contracts to-day.

And when Chairman McCall was introduced and came to the platform, Mayor Gaynor arose, and, waving his hands to the diners to follow his example, began to cheer. When the chairman reached his place the Mayor poured out himself a generous portion and drank to Judge McCall.

Chairman McCall did not contradict the Mayor's assertion that he was ready to sign the contracts. He said: "When I make up my mind—and it is not long to be deferred—I shall express my opinion and my judgment, and I will ask no man on earth to share my responsibility."

"I come from an atmosphere where I decided my judgments as my conscience told me. Clamor and vicious attacks will have no more influence upon me in this matter than water on the back of the proverbial duck. I have my hand on the pulse of the people, and I believe I know what the sentiments are in this matter."

"Mayor Gaynor said that he could take liberties with me," he continued, "because he was a friend of mine. We have been friends for thirty years, and I have never been prouder of this friendship than now, when the Mayor is in the heroic fulfillment of his duties."

WOMAN, 104, DIES UPSTATE

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Mrs. Margaret Van Rensselaer, the oldest woman in Northern New York, died to-day, 104 years old. She was the oldest member of the Robekah Branch of the Odd Fellows.

When Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam appears, the cold or cough disappears.—Adv.

MADERO TO LIVE PLEDGES HUERTA; DIAZ AS A HERO

New President Assures The Tribune His Only Consideration Is to Prevent His Predecessor Becoming a Menace.

FATE MAY REST WITH CABINET

Diaz, Hailed as Conqueror as He Marches at the Head of His Troops from the Citadel, an Avowed Candidate for Permanent President—Ministers Take Office.

Mexico City, via Galveston, Feb. 20.—President Huerta gave to the Tribune correspondent this evening in the National Palace the same assurances as have been given to the American Ambassador that the life of Francisco Madero is safe and that he will not be harmed.

"The only consideration," said Huerta, "is to prevent Madero becoming a menace to the future peace of the country. There is no desire by the provisional government to shed blood uselessly. We shall earnestly try to dispose of Madero justly and in the best interests of Mexico. If it seems wisest to exile him, that we will do. We would have allowed him to leave here last night had the public welfare not dictated his remaining here for the present."

"The organization of the new government is complete and successful. I shall now set myself to the task of pacifying the country."

It is estimated by the provisional government that at least two years will be required to restore the republic to normal conditions.

Mexico City, Feb. 20.—That Francisco Madero will get out of Mexico without having to face official investigations for one thing or another now appears improbable. He has already been charged with responsibility for the death of Colonel Riveroll, whom he is alleged to have shot at the time of his arrest in the Palace.

A committee of Deputies has asked that Madero be forced to account for moneys expended by the administration. This committee called on President Huerta this afternoon and urged that Madero be held accountable for the depleted condition of the Treasury.

Felix Diaz came into his own late this afternoon, so far as a manifestation of popular approval was concerned. Riding at the head of his troops, which for nine days withstood the attacks of the government, Diaz received such an ovation as had not been witnessed here since the triumphal entry of Madero at the close of his revolution.

REBELS' GUNS IN PARADE

Crowds filled the streets to witness the march of the troops from the arsenal, and the big square in front of the National Palace, where the soldiers passed in review before the new President, was one great mass of humanity. In the line were the guns which had battered the Palace, and squads of men without uniforms bore witness to the fact that Diaz had the support of others than mutinous soldiers.

Diaz, true to his standing as a retired army officer, was dressed in civilian clothes. He was on horseback. A detachment of troops followed, and then a line of carriages containing the new members of the Cabinet. At the Palace Diaz and his staff were received by President Huerta in a most cordial manner, and felicitations were exchanged.

Flags floated everywhere along the line of march, and the appearance of Diaz was the signal for a great demonstration. Confetti and flowers were thrown from the balconies and "vivas" sounded in a vast chorus in which the foreigners joined.

At the close of the review the troops were sent to the different barracks. The crowds continued their jollification. Thousands marched through the downtown district, carrying banners and dividing the "vivas" between the popular idols—Huerta, the President, and Diaz, the conqueror.

All political prisoners throughout the country have been ordered released by President Huerta. One hundred and fifty prisoners in the penitentiary here, hitherto overlooked, were discovered this afternoon and set free.

The last details of the organization of Mexico's new government were completed at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the members of President Huerta's official family took the oath of office in the Yellow Room in the Palace, immediately above that occupied by the deposed President and Vice-President.

DEPOSED MEN HEAR CROWDS CHEER

Unable to witness the scenes from their room, Madero and Suarez were able to hear the plaudits of the crowds in the streets and in the big square in front and the bugle calls of the united army. Significant of the birth in battle of the new administration was the frank display of soldiers, and the effect on the crowds was not lost.

It served as a reminder that, even if it was not a military dictatorship that had been established, the present administration was of much sterner quality than that which had just fallen.

Felix Diaz was among those in the Yellow Room when the ministers took the oath, and heard Huerta pronounce the formal, time-honored phrase: "If you keep this oath, the country will reward you; if you do not, it will call you to an accounting."

Felix Diaz was present ostensibly in no official capacity, but merely as a private citizen, which he became many months ago on resigning his commission as a general in the regular army.

Madero and Pino Suarez betrayed in their faces the chagrin and humiliation which they must have felt, according to officers of the guard. Neither deigned to ask questions as to what was happening in the room above, but the conversation of the guards served to acquaint them with the proceedings. A sneer showed on the face of Madero, but the dejection of the deposed Vice-President was too great, apparently, to permit a play of other emotions.

Federico Gonzalez Garza, ex-Governor of the federal district, is the third prisoner occupying the room. There is no partition. Each man is furnished with a bed, and meals are brought periodically and