

\$45,000,000 COST FOR GAS CUT-OFF ON N. Y. BUILDINGS

Aldermen Considering Ordinance Compelling Use of Device in Case of Fire.

MEASURE IS APPROVED.

Advocates of Ordinance Have Put It Through Gradually and Deftly.

There is now before the Committee on Buildings of the Board of Aldermen the draft of an ordinance which, if enacted, will cost the owners of residence and other buildings a total of at least \$45,000,000.

The projected law has been approved by the Board of Standards and Appeals. It will compel the installation of a safety gas cut-off device outside of every home and other building now standing or to be built.

The ostensible aim is to protect firemen from gas by having an outside valve by which they can shut off the gas before entering a burning building. But the gigantic profits to be derived by the manufacturers of the device may be seen in the fact that there is a total of about 450,000 buildings in New York. There are about 155,000 one-family dwellings, 90,000 two-family dwellings, 108,000 tenements and ordinary apartment houses, more than 3,000 hotels and elevator apartment houses and a large number of loft and office buildings, factories, warehouses and other buildings.

The cost of installing a one and a half inch valve for the small house would be \$100. For a larger house there would be required a two-inch valve costing \$135. For still larger houses valves costing \$180 and \$225 would be required, and for very big buildings a valve costing \$300.

The estimate of \$45,000,000 for the city is, therefore, a minimum one. The actual cost would be far greater. Wherever there are tenants the costs would be indirectly charged by the owners upon them.

The scheme to fasten this device upon the owners of every building in New York has been put through gradually and deftly.

The first move was taken in 1917 when an amendment to the Building Code was adopted providing that every building thereafter erected and also every existing building except residence buildings should have a gas shut-off outside the building.

But no device was provided by the city authorities until 1920. On March 18 of that year John E. Healy made an application for approval of his safety valve. On May 11, 1920, the Board of Standards and Appeals formally approved his device. Healy's application was made by him as an individual. He is, however, connected with the Fire and Gas Appliance Company, the offices of which are in the offices of the Westinghouse Electric International Company, No. 165 Broadway.

The original resolution of the Board of Standards and Appeals requesting the Corporation Counsel to draft an ordinance for submission to the Board of Aldermen excluded private dwellings from the list of buildings which were to be equipped with the device. On May 17, 1921, a motion was made that the ordinance be put in and maintained by the gas companies. This was defeated by a vote of 5 to 3.

Then on June 3, 1921, the report was amended so as to include "all buildings heretofore or hereafter erected."

Some months later—on Nov. 10, 1921—the Board of Standards and Appeals adopted a resolution approving a gas cut-off device of the Arthur E. McLean Company, Inc., plumbing contractors, at No. 271 West 125th Street. Healy's device and that of this company are the only two that have received approval.

The ordinance now before the Board of Aldermen imposes a penalty for failure to install a gas cut-off device. Alderman Burden has introduced an amendment excluding from the operation of the proposed ordinance all buildings having not more than fifteen sleeping rooms and occupied by two or three families.

CONVICT HAS MUSIC AS HE FACES CHAIR

To Die To-Night, Murderer Enjoys Phonograph in Sing Sing Cell.

Lawrence Kubal, sentenced to be executed in Sing Sing prison tonight for the murder of Mrs. Minnie S. Bartlett, wealthy widow of West Hempstead, L. I., today requested that a phonograph be played in front of his cell in the death house.

The warden allowed a phonograph to be brought to his cell and Kubal appeared to find keen enjoyment from the music.

Kubal had previously requested a harmonica, but this was refused him for fear he might strip the metal from it and do injury to himself. He has made two attempts to commit suicide by hanging himself with bedclothes from the top of his cell door.

SEES VINCENT ASTOR FOR ALLEGED EJECTION.

Vincent Astor was made a defendant today in a suit for \$20,000 by Frank Corsaro, former tenant of property owned by Astor at Nos. 230-232 West forty-sixth Street. Corsaro alleges he had a lease of the property but was ejected on May 1 last.

EVENING WORLD TEN-SECOND NEWS MOVIES

Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, Novelist, Praises American Slang



"I have to take a trip to the States every so often to brush up my vocabulary."

"With you slang is almost a definite language, and it must be kept up to date."

"In another generation the fluent use of clever slang will be a social asset in all classes."

"The English public schools provide most of the new slang now and it is no longer tinged with vulgarity."

"Because of the subtitles to your movies the Englishman is quite at ease when he hears an Americanism."

"Many of our words are in vogue here because of the popularity of English books."

"I like your 'He swings a mean pen' and 'You said a mouthful' tremendously."

"Slang is awfully human, and its acceptance shows we are more human than we used to be."

Cheerio! American Slang Is Far Better Than England's; Mr. Wodehouse, Past Master of It in His Stories, Says So

He Awards Palm to This Country for Invention of Expressive Colloquial Phrases—Says Modern Girl Is Slangy and Slang Is Human.

By Roger Batchelder.

Flappers, slang slingers, anti-purists, and you, ladies and gentlemen, who occasionally let the tongue slip and say "I'll tell the world," or something equally open to criticism when injected in the traditional conversation of the drawing room, cheer up!

No longer need you assume an air of bravado if you don't care, nor quiver with remorse if you do. For your champion is at hand.

Slang is hot stuff; it is acceptable in the best circles of England and the United States, and according to the present indications the social lion or the feminine "life of the party" will be forced, in the next generation, to be able to use clever, original slang at just the right moment, if he or she is to remain a social leader.

These assurances of the respectability of "the vernacular" come from Pelham Grenville Wodehouse, English writer, who is known to the United States and England as the master of slang. Every page of his books and short stories has a dozen examples; his heroes and heroines say things which, according to the standards of old, they shouldn't.

"Humor is the basis of all slang," declared Mr. Wodehouse yesterday in his suite at the Algonquin. "That is why this country excels in the invention of clever words and phrases. American launds and smiles perpetually, and her colloquial expressions bear witness to that fact."

Mr. Wodehouse confessed that he had favorites in the vocabulary of slang.

"I like 'He swings a mean pen' and 'You said a mouthful' tremendously," he said. "Our most happy word, I think, is 'blotto,' though an Englishman is always at his best in terms of address. If he calls a friend 'Old bean,' on Monday, it would never do to repeat it on the next day. Tuesday it would be 'Old egg' and Wednesday would undoubtedly bring forth 'Old crumpet.'"

Mr. Wodehouse forgot all about the regular interview for a moment and burst forth. "I want to tell you about the race horse Mrs. Wodehouse owns. His name is Front Line, and since we bought him at Hunt Park he has won, carrying 13 stone 5—a record—and came in second last year in the Caesarswetch."

Then we talked about sports for a time, and I found that the author liked American football, but much preferred Rugby.

"Now to sum up," I suggested, "what do you think of this 'slang wave' which seems to be upon us?"

"There is nothing demoralizing about it," he said seriously. "Slang is awfully human, and the fact that it is acceptable shows that we are all the more human than we used to be. It is a good sign and a wonderful thing, in my opinion."

And as I left the room I thought I would try an avowed Anglicism. "rip-pip," I ventured.

"So long," smiled Mr. Wodehouse.

TOOK A MOVING VAN TO REMOVE HOOCH

A moving van had to be used to remove four large whiskey stills and a quantity of alcohol, jugs, bottles and other paraphernalia used in the manufacture of hooch from the rear of a garage at No. 107 Jackson Street, Brooklyn.

Pattrolman William Kerwin was passing the garage when he smelled the odor of hooch in the making. The seizure was the result.

slangy," he replied, "but if her remarks are clever they are perfectly acceptable anywhere. I presume that in another generation the fluent use of clever slang will be a social asset in all classes. The war has given it respectability."

"You mean that the words and terms were invented during the war?" I asked.

"To a certain extent. It is particularly true of the Flying Corps, for its members brought back many technical slang phrases which have come into common usage. For instance, there is 'getting your wind-up,' which means 'getting rattled.' The old music halls of London, which are now almost a memory, were formerly the chief sources of colloquial expressions. Heard on the stage one night, they would be all over London the next day. The public schools provide most of the new ones now, and it is interesting to note that they are no longer tinged with vulgarity, but are more dignified and of a higher grade."

"England is adopting many of your terms. Ten years ago, if one of my books was first printed in this country, I had to rewrite it before it would be intelligible to the English reader. Today, however, principally because of the sub-titles of your movies, and also from the wide circulation of O. Henry and other writers, the Englishman is quite at ease when he hears an Americanism. On the other hand, many of our words are in vogue here because of the popularity of English books and stories."

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WHICH BEST TELLS ITS STORY?

ENGLISH VERSION.

1. Right-o.
2. Leg it.
3. Slug a slug.
4. Toodle-oo or Pip-pip.
5. Shall we stagger forth?
6. Sir Philip had a most ghastly thrust on.
7. I was possibly a little blotto; not whitified, perhaps, but indisputably blotto.
8. That's a fruity scheme.
9. I would just hang round in the office, shoving in an occasional tactful word.
10. I'll slang her in no uncertain voice.

AMERICAN EDITION.

1. You said it.
2. Beat it.
3. Slam a cap.
4. So long.
5. Shall we run along?
6. Sir Philip's tongue was hanging out.
7. Possibly I had a small edge on; not really stewed, but a few sheets to the wind, at any rate.
8. That's a rare idea.
9. I would just stick around, handing out a happy thought now and then.
10. I'll hand it to her straight from the shoulder.

Has 31 Typists In Year, Boasts New Hiring Plan

Herrick, Self-Elected Beauty Expert, Tells How HE Picks Stenographers.

(Special from a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Representative Manuel Herrick, the bachelor member from Perry City,

Okla., who gained notoriety by starting his own beauty contest several months ago, lost his way in the downtown section of the city Tuesday night and appealed to Lieut. Plimpton at Police Headquarters for "location." After getting the desired information Herrick entertained a score of detectives and newspaper men on how to secure stenographers.

He said he had employed and fired thirty-one stenographers in the last year. Some, he explained, were dismissed because they were not attentive enough to business, and others

for personal reasons which he did not care to discuss.

Telling his audience he had evolved a new and original plan to solve the help problem in his office, the bachelor member from Oklahoma said:

"I insert an advertisement in the daily papers for a stenographer without giving my name or address. When the answers flow in, I summon about six at a time and after consideration select four."

"No. 1 starts on Monday, No. 2 on Tuesday, No. 3 on Wednesday and No. 4 on Thursday. On Friday I decide which one to employ, and on Saturday I notify the lucky one she has been selected."

Asked what he thought of Washington beauties, the Representative said he "could talk volumes on that subject."

"Back where I come from," he said, "it is entirely different in regard to the women folks. You don't see the flappers and vamps parading the streets there as you do here. None of them for me," he emphatically declared.

HELD IN \$12,500 BAIL FOR \$500,000 THEFT

Trucking Manager Indicted With Two Fellow Employees.

George A. Robinson of No. 1059 Union Street, Brooklyn, manager of a trucking concern at No. 31 Moore Street, Manhattan, was held in \$12,500 bail in the Court of General Sessions today under an indictment charging that he is one of three who stole \$500,000 from the exporting firm of Alexander & Baldwin, No. 82 Wall Street.

The other two accused are Carl A. Dunn and Richard Kretzner, formerly manager and cashier, respectively, of the firm. They are held in \$50,000 bail each. It is alleged that the manager and cashier got the money in the form of checks illegally given to Robinson, who deposited the money in his account.

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