RISE IN GRAVEL CHECKED BY NAVY

Representative Quickly Arranges Upset Price When Wild Market Threatens.

The United States Navy took quick action when a question arose over prices of gravel and crushed stone. Rear Admiral Halliday came from Washington on complaint of a large company that the market was held so high that it was unable to avoid delays in important construction work. A conference of crushed stone and gravel men was called and the proposition was made for gravel to be mixed and shipped at a certain upset price, below the current wholesale list, according to the Dow Service Building Reports. The gravel men protested that such a proceeding would be confiscatory. It was announced that the Navy Department would be first in the market for 600,000,000 yards of three-quarter inch gravel, and that after its needs were supplied a great deal more would be needed by the army and other departments. The navy's requirement called for 450,000 yards for immediate delivery to the Crucible Steel Company at Harrison, to the navy yard, to the Bush Terminal and to Governors Island. An allowance of an extra quarter of an inch on the screen was permitted so that three-quarter inch gravel would be accepted as that which could pass through an inch and one-quarter screen. The price was not divulged for publication.

At the same conference the navy officials questioned the crushed stone interests and stated that 1,000,000 yards of crushed stone would be required. That would leave a like amount available for private needs, because the quarries in this vicinity can turn out about 2,500,000 yards a season. Current quotations now rule for three-quarter inch gravel at from $1.80 to $1.90 a yard wholesale, New York, to private operations, and on crushed trap rock and bluestone about the same levels prevail. One year ago at this time the price for gravel was $1 a yard and bluestone $1.10. Trap rock was at that time $1.15.

A slight advance is reported in the price of terra cotta drain tile for use on farms, but the disposition is to keep the building products of the hollow tile fireproofing department down as near to present levels as the fuel supply conditions will permit.

Hudson River common brick in the wholesale market is quoted at $10.25 a thousand, but there is still from twelve to fifteen inches of ice in the channel off Haverstraw. Raritan brick is out of the market entirely and Hackensack is giving of its meagre supply to meet the Government needs in Newark.

Government war construction is rapidly taking a more dominant position in the building field. Recent developments clearly indicate that war building will loom large in the total structural operations for the coming months. Storage and warehouse facilities will be increased in huge volume, according to the *Record and Guide*. But aside from the purely military operations, there has developed a pressing need for varied types of building, particularly industrial establishments for the manufacture of necessary supplies with which to maintain the fighting forces and the civilian workers.

The markets for materials and supplies are generally quiet, although there are additional signs of life apparent each day. The difficulty of obtaining adequate stocks for the local markets has been one of the prime deterrents.

The steel market is benefiting by the relieved traffic conditions. Government business predominates, though there is an improved showing in the demand for fabricated material for private construction. The total tonnage requirements in the metropolitan district will be considerably increased during the next few months. Quotations are the same as last week.

Portland cement is still being held at the $2.15 level. Reenforcing bars are quoted at $2.90 a 100 pounds, as fixed by the Government.

NEWARK-MONTCLAIR TRADE.

Feist & Feist have sold 34 and 36 Gillette place, Newark, for Frank Eichhorn to William Mendel. The property is one of the most modern apartment houses on a plot 50x125 feet, and contains eight apartments of six and eight rooms. Mr. Mendel gave as part payment the three story sixteen family apartment house at 1 to 7½ Walnut place, Montclair, on plot 125x100 feet.

CHURCH SELLS PARSONAGE.

Louis Schlesinger has sold for the trustees of the South Park Presbyterian Church the parsonage at 33 and 41 Spruce street, west of Lincoln Park, Newark, N. J., a three story brick dwelling erected in the early '70s. Dr. Jackson H. Becker, the buyer, will occupy the same after extensive alterations are made.

$150,000 BRONX PROJECT.

William Koppe, architect, has completed plans for three six story apartment houses on the west side of Caldwell avenue, 268 feet north of 149th street. The St. Mary's Park Realty and Construction Company, Mayer Stern, president, which is completing three similar houses on Eagle avenue, is the owner and builder. The cost will be in the neighborhood of $150,000.

HOUSING GOVERNMENT LABOR.

William Crawford has obtained a general contract for the construction of an industrial housing unit for employees of the Bush Terminal in South Brooklyn. These buildings will be located on Second avenue, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, and will consist of a group of eight frame barracks, two stories in height. The work is under the jurisdiction of the emergency housing committee of the United States Government, Otto M. Eidlitz, chairman, and J. Rogers Flannery, director of housing. Work will be started at once.

RECORDED LEASES.

Manhattan.

GRAND ST, 263, all—Chas S Meyerson to Max Zanker, 327 W 27th st, et al, 10 2-12 yrs from March 1, 1918; atty, Morris Wolf, 292 Bway.....$1,500

86TH ST, 15 W, 1st flr—Jefferson Constr Co to Henry Engel & Co, on the premises, et al, 3 yrs from Feb 1, 1918; attys, Samuel Ecker, 155 E 84th st.....$3,300

CANAL ST, 40, 2 and Division st, 142, all—Samuel Rouse to Max Golowensky, 224 S 9th st, Brklyn, from Feb 20, 1918 to April 30, 1928; atty, G H Brestiller, 32 Liberty st.....$2,100

MECHANICS' LIENS.

Manhattan.

8TH AV, 47—Jacob Meiss jr, Schmagunoff Chas, Inc, owner—Siegel Construction Co, contractor.....$700

7-7TH ST, 219 to 225 W—A F Galligan & Co, Inc, agt 125th St Realty Corp and Morris & McVeigh, owners; Plaza Construction Co, contractor.....$750

47TH ST, 222 to 218 E—A F Galligan & Co agt Jacob Hoffman Brewing Co and Crescent Star Realty Co, owners; Plaza Contracting Co, contractor.....$300

7TH AV, n w cor 42d st, 100.4x134—Knickerbocker Fireproofing Co, Inc, agt Louisa M Gerry, owner; Frank Seery, contractor (removal).....$4,780.53

10TH ST, 112 and 114 E—David Cosimesky agt Pauline Goldstein, owner and contractor.....$257.50

124TH ST, 205 and 207 W—A F Galligan & Co, Inc, agt George Holein, owner; Plaza Contracting Co, contractor.....$500

SATISFIED MECHANICS' LIENS.

Manhattan.

47TH ST, 139 E—Morris Arostein agt Brixton Holding Corp, et al; Feb 19, '18.....$1,127.12

7-7TH ST, 159 W—Morris Arostein agt Brixton Operating Corp et al; Feb 19, '18.....$2,129.50

REALTY MARKET NEWS AND COMMENT

Bronx Most Active Section in City—Operators Buy and Sell.

Frederick Brown has bought from the Beneson Realty Company 1879, 1881 and 1883 Southern Boulevard, two five story apartment houses on plot 50x116x irregular and 52x134x irregular, separated by a one story taxpayer store 18x91, serving also as a light court for the apartment houses.

RESELLS BRONX APARTMENT.

The West Mercer Corporation, controlled by John R. MacMurray, has sold 912 Whitlock avenue, a three story dwelling, on lot 25x134.2, located 125 feet north of Tiffany street. This house and 910, adjoining, a similar parcel, together with sixteen other Manhattan and Bronx properties, were bought by Mr. MacMurray on January 2 from the Bond and Mortgage Guarantee Company. The Whitlock avenue house is the first one of the group he has resold.

WOODHAVEN HOMES TRADED.

H. R. Williams & Son have sold for the Richmond Hill Securities Company, to the Mawina Realty Company, three two story buildings on the north side of Jamaica avenue, twenty feet east of Rector street, Woodhaven, Queens, for investment. The buyer gave in part payment thirty-eight lots at Queens north of the Jericho Turnpike.

BUYS RICHMOND LANDMARK.

Mrs. Ellen Keating has bought through W. S. E. Hall and Harry G. Van Vechten from the Staten Island Hospital the De Groot property at the corner of Columbia street and Richmond terrace, West New Brighton, Staten Island, containing a Colonial house, one of the oldest north shore landmarks.

TAKES SEASHORE ESTATE.

J. L. Feibleman & Co. have sold for E. Tucker Welsh of Pasadena, Cal., his large residence at the northwest corner of Broadway and Myrtle avenue, Long Branch, N. J., to Leonard L. Griffiths, connected with the Guggenheimers of New York city. They also sold to Henry Hague, the controller of the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, a ten acre farm known as Applegate Farm on Broadway and Monmouth drive, at the edge of Long Branch. David Meyer of Long Branch represented the Applegates.

YONKERS HOUSE BUYER.

M. A. Broderick has sold for Joseph Peene and others the house at 150 Warburton avenue, Yonkers, to Felix Sposito.

LARGER JERSEY SCHOOL SITE.

The Montclair town authorities will purchase the vacant plot adjoining the Grove street school, from the Hinck estate. The purchase price of the property will be covered by a bond issue of $32,912. With this purchase the town will own the entire block.

INVESTORS BUY IN NEWARK.

Feist & Feist have sold for William C. Mendel to the Franklin Investment Company, a dwelling at 678 High street, on a lot 25x200 feet running to an alley leading to Montgomery street.

The same brokers also sold the two family dwelling at 148 Shephard avenue to Anthony Sheridan and Walter Butterworth. The property has a frontage of forty feet and a depth of 110 feet.

APPROVES NEW COURT HOUSE.

The Municipal Art Commission has approved plans prepared by Bannister & Schell, architects, for the Children's Court House to be erected at 109 to 115 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn. The proposed building will be three stories, 75x52, and will cost $80,000.

TRANSACTIONS RECORDED.

TRANSFERS

(With name and address of lender and attorney. If lender's name is omitted address party of the first part.)

Downtown.

(South of Fourteenth street.)

PITT ST, 62, 25x100 (foreclos Dec 20, 15-73)—Richard O'Gorman, ref, to Wilfred F Ricardia and ano, residing in France, trustees under marriage settlement; Feb 8; attys, Jay & Candler, 45 Wall.....$24,000

MONROE ST, 94, runs n 14x e 45.2x s 14x w 42.6x n 25 to beg—Nassau Beekman Investing Co to Jennie Adelman, $25 Lafayette av, Bronx, mtg $9,000, all liens, July 20, 1917; atty, A Samuels.

LAFAYETTE, 217, s e cor Canal st, 27.6½x113.3x irreg—Isador Jackson et al, individ exrs, &c, to Canal-Broadway Inc, 51 Nassau st; all liens, Feb 7; atty, Abe Stern, 31 Nassau st.....$31,

8TH ST, 700-704 E, s e cor Av C, 82x40.8 (foreclos Feb 20)—George C Holt, ref, to Harry Hastor, 350 St Nicholas av; Feb 21; attys, House G & Y, 115 Bway.....$60,000

East Side.

(East of Fifth avenue, between Fourteenth and 110th streets.)

23D ST, s e, 275 e 9th av, 25x98.5—Jongea Realty Co to Eliz Marshall, 446 W 23d st; mtg $16,000, all liens, Feb 21; atty, Lawyers T & T Co, 160 Bway.....$1

LEXINGTON AV, 347, 19.8x75 (foreclos Feb 14, 1918)—Jos L Prager, ref, to Forrest Raynor Montclair, N J, and Edw C Moen, 259 W 70th st, trustees; atty, Chalmers Wood, 45 Cedar.....$21,000

14TH ST, s s, 150 e 5th av, 20x100.5—Wm A Irving et al, exrs, to Edith T Bates, 12 E 84th st; Feb 14; atty, Price Waterhouse & Co, 156 Bway.....$40,000

91ST ST, 216-218 E, 50x100.5—Hy E Schirmer to Louis Samuel Miller, 71 E 96th st, 2d mtg $9,000, all liens, Feb 20; attys, Fried & Kraskower, 299 Bway.....$700

101ST ST, 222 E, 16.8x100.11 (foreclos Dec 21, 1917)—Lester W Eisenberg, ref, to Andrea Tripaldi, 1010 Washington av; mtg $20,250, taxes and all liens, Dec 21, 1917; atty, Chas Sonnen, 299 Bway.....$750

West Side.

(West of Fifth avenue, between Fourteenth and 110th streets.)

107TH AV, s e s, 275 n 9th st, 24.8x75—Philip Simon to Geo W Krause, 319 W 28th st; mtg $21,000, 1 and 2 and c a g; Jan 16; atty, A J Appel, 32 Chambers st.....$1

SAME PROPERTY—Ray Morris et al to same, correction and confirmation deed, s t, 1 and 2 and c a g, Feb 18; atty, same.....$1

86TH ST, 24 W, 25x102.2, 86th st, s s, 475 w Central Park W, 25x102.2—Geo H Engelhard, ref, to S Clark Cooperstown, N Y; fore cl; Feb 20; Feb 21; attys, Ver Planck & Prime.....$44,000

Uptown.

(Manhattan Island, north of 110th street.)

134TH ST, s s, 85 e Mad av, 100x99.11—Courtney Development Co to Nassau Realty Co, 200 Bway, mtg $8,000, Feb 19; atty, Phil D Shapiro, 110 Nassau.....$1

CONVENT AV, e s, 459.6 n 141st st, 20x100—Julia R Barber to Seymour Realty Co, 25 Broad st, mtg $14,500, 1 and c a g, all liens, Feb 21; attys, Kurzman, A & P, 25 Broad st.....$100

142D ST, 552 W, 18.2x99.11—Jennie E Van Horn (Heller), individ, extx and trustee, to John H Heller, 552 W 142d st and Chas A Heller, 281 Edgecombe av; Feb 21; atty, W C Daly, 217 Bway.....$1

SAME PROPERTY—Jno H Heller and ano to Wm C Daly, 611 W 144th st, mtg $6,000, all liens, Feb 21.....$100

150TH ST, 521 W, 17x99.11—Poplar Realty Co to Morris R Altman, 314 E 150th st; mtg $7,000; atty, N Y Title & M Co, 135 Bway.....$100

CONVENT AV, 470, 16.11x43.5x99.11x86.10—N Y Life Ins Co to Olde Holding Corp, 217 Bway, 1 and 2 and c a g, Feb 21; atty, N Y Title & M Co, 135 Bway.....$100

SAME PROPERTY—Olde Holding Corp to H W G Realty Co 50 Union Square, mtg $95,000, all liens, Feb 21; atty, same.....$100

Bronx.

(Borough of The Bronx.)

STORY AV, 2145, n s, 50x102—Anna Ballon to Royal Bronx Realty Co, Inc, 125 E Tremont av, mtg $4,700, Feb 11; atty, C H Buechler, 1126 E Tremont av.....$100

GRAND AV, 2053, w s, 20x100—Ely Newmann, ref, to Wm B Storer, trus, at New Brunswick, Canada, Feb 19; attys, Cook & C, 93 Nassau st.....$7,000

GLEBE AV, 2515 and 2517, n s, 50.11x141.11—Lambert G Mapes, ref, to Poughkeepsie Trust Co, Poughkeepsie, N Y, Feb 18; atty, C W H Arnold, Poughkeepsie N Y.....$2,500

CHARLOTTE ST, 1423-25, w s, 40x100—Simon M Pratt, ref, to Richard Moller, 1895 Grand Concourse, Feb 20; attys, Wesselman & K, 55 Liberty st.....$5,000

HILL AV, n e c, 225d st, 85x50x105.8x31.11—Thos P Hickie to Della Leahy, 695 E 159th st, Feb 13; atty, R B Alling, 149 Bway.....$100

AVENUE D, s e c 11th st, 105x105 (Unionport)—Johanna L Barry to Geo W Reiter, 2164 Westchester av, 1-3 part, mtg $6,000, Dec 27, 1911; atty, F E Holehan, 501 E Tremont av.....$100

AVENUE D, s e c Powell, 33x105—Same to Stella W Clark, 1015 Southern Blvd, Feb 21; atty, Stella W Clark, 1015 Southern Blvd.....$1

WESTCHESTER AV, n w c St Ann's av, 84.11x62.11x89.6x47.6—J Edw Jetter, trus, to Fredk C Hachemeister, 199 E 54th st, Feb 15; atty, Fredk C Hachemeister, 203 E 92d st.....$1

WESTCHESTER AV, s w c St Ann's av, 50.5x100x21x104.2—Same to same, Feb 15; atty, same.....$1

LOTS 118 and 119, map Wade Hutchins estate—Joseph Machesh to Edw Hizmay, 442 W 238th st, Feb 19; atty, Edw Hizmay, 442 W 238th st.....$1

LOT 105, map Allen estate—Hudson Pl Co to Francesco D'Orazio, 325 E 112th st, Feb 19; atty, Francesco D'Orazio, 325 E 112th st.....$1

AVENUE B, w s, 54 n 2d st, 54x105—Geo Rueckel to Frances Rueckel, 867 Havemeyer ave, sale of life, Feb 20; atty, Frank Gass, Inc, 2215 Westchester av.....$100

LOTS 140 and 148, map W F Duncan—Angelo Justo to Nicola Verna, 4252 Kennare st, mtg $7,100, Feb 19; atty, Title Guar & Tr Co, 176 Bway.....$100

163D ST, s e cor Fox st, runs e 206.8 to w s Simpson st x s 332.1 to Fox st x n 263—Simpson Fox Rity Corpn to Hunt's Point Rity Co, 30 E 42d st, Feb 18; atty, W M Wechsler, 30 E 42d st.....$100

MORTGAGES.

(With name and address of lender and lender's attorney.)

East Side.

(East of Fifth avenue, between Fourteenth and 110th streets.)

64TH ST, s E, 20x100.5, Feb 21—Edith T Bates to Wm A Irving, Chester, Pa, et al, exrs, 3 yrs 5%, equal lien with two other mtgs, each $6,750; atty, Title Guar & T Co, 176 Bway.....$19,800

SAME PROPERTY, two purchase money notes, each $6,750, equal liens with above mtg for $19,800, Feb 21—Same to same, 3 yrs, 5%; atty, same; total.....$13,500

83RD ST, 316-18 E, 50x100.5, Feb 20—Louis and Samuel Miller to Simon J Strus, 147 E 86th st, 5 yrs, 5%; atty, Edw J Krug, Jr, 150 Nassau st.....$9,000

103D ST, 218-220 E, pr mtgs $19,000, collateral; to extent of $2,000 in mtg for $17,500 on 16th st, s s, 263 w Fort Washington av, Feb 20—M B Co to Emma Dressner, 201 W 120th st, due and int as per bond, pr mtg $120,000; atty, N Y Title & M Co, 135 Bway.....$5,000

Uptown.

(Manhattan Island, north of 110th street.)

123D ST, 124 W, 16.8x100.11, Feb 21—Katie Wise to Valentine Grondaira, 204 E 96th st, 3 yrs, 5½%; atty, Geo H Hyde, 41 Park Row.....$1,500

CONVENT AV, 470, 106.11x43.5x99.11x86.10—Olde Holding Corpn to Land Estates, 135 Bway, 5 yrs, 5%; atty, N Y Title & M Co, 135 Bway.....$95,000

Bronx.

(Borough of The Bronx.)

BAILEY AV, 2892, e s, 25x100—Eli Dusek to Harry Lann, 2240 Grand av, and ano, 40 mtg $6,000, Feb 23, 3 yrs, 6%; attys, Cahn & P, 406 E 149th st.....$750

WESTCHESTER AV, s s, 182.7 e Olmstead av, 25x70—Joseph Newman to Wm J Reed, 1966 Hone Ave; atty, Frank Gass, Inc, 2215 Westchester av.....$1,000

NORTH RD, centre line, lot 34, map Country Club Land Assn, runs s e 96.8x n e 117.5x n w 96.8 to centre line x s w 117.5 to beg—Geo Robertson to P S McCourt, 627 West Market st, Akron, Ohio, Dec 18, 1917, instals, 6%; atty, P S McCourt, 627 West Market st, Akron, Ohio.....$2,000

SATISFIED MORTGAGES.

(With name and address of lender's attorney.)

136TH ST, e s, 553 w 7th av, 16x99.11—H. Sand et al to Manufacturers Nat, Sept 27, 1895; atty, Lawyers T & T Co, 160 Bway.....$11,000

23D ST, 405 W, s e s—Karl E Moore-Scarmeagh, ref, to Jas F Kane, exec, Katie E Moore, Dec 29, 1914; atty, Frank Holt, 229 Bway.....$11,000

10TH AV, e s, 75.5 n 51st st, 25x75—Aug and Mary Dieterich to Anna M Warren, agmts, 326 W 58th st, July 21, 1869; atty, F W Hunter, 296 Bway.....$2,000

10TH AV, e s, 75.5 n 51st st, 25x75—Henry J Burchell to Anna M Warren, agmts, 326 W 58th st, Feb 20, 1872; attys, Miller & Breitfelder, 55 Liberty st.....$6,000

56TH ST, s s, 185 e 5th av, 20x100.5—Maria L Adam, 256 W 56th st, to Tims Lynch, 256 W 56th st, Feb 20, 1916; attys, Arrowsmith & Dunn, 261 Bway.....$5,000

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES.

Manhattan.

CATHARINE ST, 87, mtg $2,000—Fred Matzio to Milla Angelini, 136 Cherry st; Feb 18; atty, Wm Kay, 18 E 48th st.....$1

SAME PROPERTY—Milla Angelini to Jno A Weekes, Oyster Bay, L I; atty, same.....$1

CATHARINE ST, 87, mtg $1,000, Catharine ST, mtg $2,000, James st, 68, mtg $2,500, Front st, 288-290, mtg $600, 2d av, 609-613, mtg $4,500, Pearl st, 452, mtg $3,000—Jno A Weeks to Marie M Heink, 115 W 105th st, and Hy Dresden, Germany; atty, Weekes Bros, 54 William st.....$33,450

15TH ST, 520 W, 1 part of mtg $8,000—Fannie S Rowland to Augusta and Alice T Parkin, 40 5th av; atty, Chas P Foster, 44 Wall st.....$2,333.84

136TH ST, n s, 353 w 7th av, 16x99.11, mtg $11,000—Equitable Assur Society of the U S to Mary Ann Hall, 2 Rector st; atty, Lawyers T & T Co, 160 Bway.....$1,000

83D ST, 71 W—Louis A Fecher to Robt McWilliam, 202 Mt Hope pl, Bronx; atty, Dean, Hill & Pond, 160 Bway.....$2,000

87TH ST, 225 E, 110 w 1st av, 16.10x100—Anna Schwartz to Sallie S Hawes, 141 E 38th st; attys, Foley & Martin, 64 Wall st.....$1

3D AV, 1419—Mtg $3,000—Daniel Fajen to Gallacher & Burton, Inc; attys, Case & Apfel, 25 Nassau st.....$1,525.62

CATHARINE ST, 48, one-half part mtg $10,500—Jno A Weekes to Marie M Heink, at Penman Inn, Schonen Schwarz, Dresden, Germany; atty, Arthur Sutherland, 45 William st.....$1

CHRISTOPHER ST, 115, one half part mtg $6,500—Jno A Weekes to Marie M Heink, at Penman Inn, Schonen Schwarz, Dresden, Germany; atty, Arthur Sutherland, 45 William st.....$2,250

Bronx.

SAMUEL ST, n e s at n w s Orchard av, 75x117—Philip H Fiesler to Root D Gerwein, 2382 Union av, Belvin; atty, A W Petrino, 79 Wall st.....$7,000

BARRY ST, w s, 250 e Eastern Blvd, 50x—, Factory Sites, Inc, to Max Weisberg, 685 Rock st; atty, Bronx Bakery, Inc, 685 Barry st; an int of $1,000

FOREST AV, 1126—Harry H Spring, John O'Connor, 71 E 124th st; atty, Jas T Hanlon, 329 Courtlandt av.....$275

BEAUMONT AV, 2420—Laura A Hammond to Pasquale Fochi; exrs, &c; atty, Satterlee & S, 140 Nassau st.....$2,000

VALENTINE AV, 2016—Gouverneur H Nixon, exr, to Geo F Teator Elizabeth; 2d mtg; attys, Williamson & R, 154 Nassau.....$1

EAGLE AV, 833—Jeannette Kraemer to John Leuchs, 600 E 164th st; atty, Rudolph Vaux & Co, 320 E 149th st.....$1

LOTS 64 and 65, map Godwin estate—N Y Title & Mtg Co to Marie E Griest, Guernsey, N J; atty, N Y Title & Mtg Co, 135 Bway; an int of.....$300

LOT 1, same map—Same to Wm A Hughes, Jamaica, L I, Fort Lee, N J; atty, same; an int of.....$1,000

LOTS 141 and 142, same map—Same to Josephine Helmsky, 907 Tinton av; atty, same; an int of.....$1,600

LOTS 147 and 148, same map—Same to same; atty, same; an int of.....$400

LOT 166, same map—Same to Anna P Broomell, 4929 Rubicam av, Germantown, Pa; atty, same; an int of.....$500

LOTS 209 and 210, same map—Same to Josephine Helmsky, 907 Tinton av; atty, same; an int of.....$400

LOTS 216 to 220, same map—Same to same; atty, same; an int of.....$400

LOTS 221 to 224, same map—Same to Anna P Broomell, 4929 Rubicam av, Germantown, Pa; atty, same; an int of.....$1,500

Lis PENDENS.

Manhattan.

2D AV, 2202—Deutscher Frauen Verein Zur Unterstutzung Hilfsbedurftinger Wittwen, Waisen Und Kranken agt Biegno Pernatte, et al (foreclosure of mortgage); attys, Chedsey & Howenblum.

Bronx.

LOTS 191-192, map of Samler estate, property, at 256th st and Bway—Frederick E Feigenbaum agt Edward Hixsnay et al (foreclosure of mortgage); atty, R. M. Newman.

MARION AV, n w cor 197th st, 50x104.2—Sophia M Moody agt Jennie K Shrady et al (foreclosure of mortgage); atty, H W Kiraify.

LIVE TOPICS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

WHOLESALE PRICE OF COLLARS RISES

Retailers, However, Still Will Be 20 Cents Ahead of Old Prices.

Collar prices are due for another advance on March 1, but only to the retailer and not to the consumer. Heretofore, men's furnishing stores have been paying $1.30 a dozen for laundered collars. After March 1, he must pay $1.40 a dozen. The consumer will continue to buy collars at the present rate of three for 50 cents.

The price advance has been made by Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., and George P. Ide & Co. At the New York office of the Earl & Wilson Company, however, it was said that no statement regarding prices had been made.

Conditions in the material market are serious, the manufacturers say, largely because of a shortage of cloth. There has been a very decided decrease in the production of this cloth, they assert, because of the fact that many mills have been diverted to war supplies and other work.

According to officials of Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., the retailers, even at the present advance in prices, will make 20 cents more a dozen than they did when collars were retailed at two for 25 cents. Although the retailers feel that an advance to the consumer would be justified it is said no immediate advance will be made.

Orders received before March 1 will be filled at existing prices, but no dating will be allowed on any order, and orders will be accepted only for immediate delivery at the convenience of the manufacturer.

Mosquito Netting or Lace?

Uncle Sam's soldier or sailor boys need mosquito netting, so milady's lace dress will have to wait.

Regardless of the fact that lace dresses are in vogue, the United States Government by awarding several contracts has practically taken over many of the manufacturing establishments in the lace industry and has put them to work making mosquito netting for the army and navy. The result is that some lace dress manufacturers are being compelled to withdraw their lines because of inability to obtain merchandise.

One manufacturer declares the lace business has been in a bad way for the past two or three years, and that the Government contracts have proven a blessing. On the other hand, there are manufacturers who hold that while the industry has not been at its best for some time, the action of the Government is likely to cause a serious shortage in machine made laces.

Dealers in the more expensive hand made laces view the situation from still another angle. They see in the possible shortage in machine laces the prospect of a boom in the real lace trade. One manufacturer says that as soon as women learn a shortage in machine made lace is threatened they will immediately demand lace dresses because of their exclusiveness, and the hand made lace market will reap the benefit.

Chicago Trade Reports.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24—The trade report of Marshall Field & Co. for last week is as follows:

"Current wholesale distribution of dry goods is ahead of the heavy volume of business for the corresponding period of a year ago. Volume of road sales for both immediate and future delivery is larger than in the same week of 1917. Customers are in the market in greater numbers. Market on domestic cotton goods continues strong. Collections good."

Last week's report for the John V. Farwell Company follows:

"Sharp advances in the cotton market have again stiffened the cotton goods situation. General conditions are such that merchants are willing to accept goods for fall at any time the distributors will ship. Price is not so great a factor as delivery assurance. Buying for fall is very free and much earlier than in previous years.

"In wool dress goods, staples and plaids command the situation. Collections show a good gain over corresponding period last year."

Leather Market More Active.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

BOSTON, Feb. 24—Heavy hemlock sole leather continues closely sold up. The market for hemlock offal is slow. The Boston market for union sole is showing a little more activity, and cutters of women's soles have taken several fair sized blocks in the past week. Heavyweight leather is largely of Government specification and is shipped as fast as it comes in.

Trade continues quiet in oak sole as the supply is small and tanners have little to offer. Chrome sole has shown a little more activity on both heavy and light weight. Civilian trade in welting is not active. Tanners report a quiet business in luce leather.

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They're making dresses of puppy skin in Brooklyn. It isn't a case for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or the Anti-Vivisectionists, however. "Puppy skin" is the name of a new type of taffeta.

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Chicago Trade Reports.

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Whether it is true or not that the Government has supplied its needs and that there will be an immediate cessation of new business remains to be seen, but some of the shrewdest guessers are stating that from what they can gather such is the situation and that the sellers in the textile industry are not awake to true conditions.

These men predict that business to be done has got to be done from now on with civilians and that there is going to be a big hole knocked in the demand on which the mills in the textile industry have been depending.

Gray Goods Market.

Saturday's print cloth prices were as follows:

	Squares.	Weight.	Cents
28½ inch	44x44	2.75	10½
28½ inch	60x48	3.25	12½
28½ inch	64x60	3.50	13½
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28½ inch	68x60	3.75	14½
28½ inch	68x64	4.00	15½
39 inch	80x44	4.00	10½
39 inch	80x60	4.50	12½
39 inch	72x68	4.50	12½
39 inch	76x68	4.75	13½
39 inch	80x72	5.00	13½
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Sheeting prices were as follows:

	Squares.	Weight.	Cents
36 inch	10x10	6.00	17½
36 inch	44x40	4.25	11½
36 inch	48x40	4.75	12½
36 inch	56x60	6.00	17½
36 inch	48x48	5.50	15½
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Buyers in the City.

Ready to Wear.

JOPLIN, MO.—Newman Mercantile Co, S. F. Nesburger (coats), 470 Fourth av.

LIMA, OHIO—L. Schwartz (women's suits, coats, skirts, waists, underwear), Auerbach.

LOUISVILLE—N. Rosenblum & Son, H. Rosenblum (spring coats, suits, skirts, wash skirts), Rosenblum Hotels (fall coat), 1133 Broadway, room 126.

PITTSBURG—A. A. Walk & Co, Mr. Walk (spring suits), 303 Fifth av, room 909.

SCRANTON—Epstein's, M. L. Epstein (ready to wear), Imperial.

ST. LOUIS—Singer Bros, Sidney Cook Co, A. Singer (manufacturers women's,