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TO COMBAT THE RENT PROFFITEER

Chicago Organizing Hundred Million Dollar Company to Build Homes and Sell on Easy Payments.

Chicago, April 24.—This city is attempting to prevent rent profiteering by organizing a \$100,000,000 corporation to build homes and sell them on easy payments. Meanwhile Chicago's flat dwellers have been forming unions to wage war on alleged profiteering landlords and committees in the city council have been investigating increases in rents ranging up to 100 and even 200 per cent.

Several hundred families have solved their individual housing problems by making their homes in house-boats moored in the branches of the Chicago river, the Calumet and lakes in south Chicago. Once in possession of a house boat the owner only has to pay \$1 a month for the privilege of mooring his craft. If he does not like his location he can move his home boat elsewhere. Many of these boats cost \$1,000 each and have five rooms, parlor, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms. In some cases groups of tenants have solved the rent problem by forming co-operative companies and buying the apartment houses in which they live.

The housing corporation, which has been financed by banks and business men, has under consideration a plan to build a row of model homes in Grant Park, on the lake front. Examples of many types of standardized homes would be erected, furnished, and surrounded by settings of trees and shrubbery so that a prospective purchaser of a new home could look over the styles before placing his order.

Attempts have been made to check rent profiteering by co-operation of the city council and the Cook County Real Estate Board which investigated complaints and, when increases were found to be excessive, advised the landlord to withdraw his demands. In general the investigators have allowed an increase of about thirty per cent. over last year's rentals.

A proposal was made to erect scores of portable houses, but the carpenters union declared its opposition to that plan even if the houses came from union factories.

The recent tornadoes which destroyed 100 houses and damaged 400 more in Chicago and its suburbs have augmented a housing shortage which has already become acute through suspension of building operations in the war and long-drawn builders' contracts.

The choir and choir committee of the Queen Square Methodist Church were entertained at the residence of R. Duncan Smith, 163 King street, east, last evening. The choir had its regular practice, following which a pleasant social hour was spent.

HUSBAND NOW ON TRIAL FOR CHILD MURDER

(Canadian Press.)

Quebec, April 24.—The trial of Theodore Gagnon, husband of Marie Anne Houde, recently sentenced to hang for having murdered her minor step-daughter, Aureole Gagnon, was commenced yesterday afternoon. Gagnon is on trial for the same offence as his wife, that of murdering his minor daughter, Aureole.

DEALING WITH THE KOREANS

Believe the Independence Move Is Dying — Plea to Abolish Flogging.

Tokio, March 23.—(Associated Press correspondence)—Baron Saito, governor general of Korea, says he believes the independence movement in Korea is dying out, although he admits that the Koreans still are making secret efforts to free themselves from the Japanese rule. The baron has been in Tokyo lately to urge the Japanese Diet to provide funds to enable him to abolish the flogging of Koreans and substitute imprisonment as punishment.

The baron said that he was making efforts in Korea to put into effect the emperor's rescript that the Koreans be advanced politically with the ultimate object of establishing local autonomy. Koreans, he said, were being trained to conduct the public service in Korea. In addition the government will establish a railway engineering school in Seoul to teach Koreans to operate their own railways.

NEW YORK WALKER ANOTHER GOULDING

New York, April 23.—Willie Plant of the Morningstar A. C., national champion, and Uncle Sam's hope in the Olympic walking competitions, this week received the fastest mile ever walked by a United States pedestrian. Plant accomplished his feat at the annual indoor meet of the Decola Club in the Seventh Regiment armory. The national title holder, competing from scratch against thirteen rivals, broke the worst record in the exceptional time of 6:34, eclipsing his best previous figure for an American walker by three and three-fifths seconds.

Plant's time was six seconds slower than the record of 6:28 made by George Goulding nine years ago. A remarkable feature in connection with Plant's race was the fact that he entered the track without any preparation for the event. He had not worn his athletic raiment for a week prior to last night.

MAN WHO SHOT NEW YORK DOCTOR

Former Calgary Printer in New York Court Yesterday.

New York, April 24.—Thomas W. Simpkins, formerly of Calgary, Alta., was arraigned yesterday on an indictment charging him with murder in the first degree by shooting Dr. James Wright Markoe on last Sunday as the distinguished surgeon was passing the plate in fashionable St. George's church.

In a weak, quivering voice, the itinerant printer who is said to have escaped from five insane asylums, said that he had neither counsel nor the funds to engage one. Former Assistant District Attorney Nelson Olcott and Joseph R. Rolinsky were assigned him and pleading in his case was postponed until next Monday.

Immediately afterwards Rolinsky conferred with the accused man regarding his defence. Simpkins drew out a corn cob pipe and shrouded the conference in clouds of smoke.

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Novel Method of Wisconsin Farmer and His Adopted Children.

Racine, Wis., April 24.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hitchcock of Ogenia, a village near here, have no children of their own but have assumed care of eighteen orphaned children of the same age group. The name of this adoption firm is The W. H. Hitchcock Family, Inc. Each one of the adopted children holds stock in the organization. The capital consists of a farm and a healthy bank account.

CHOOSE THEIR OWN DIVORCE COURT

Syracuse, N. Y., April 24.—When Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Brunk, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Liverpool, near here, found that they could not agree upon many domestic matters, they called in an informal jury of their neighbors to settle their differences and agreed to abide by their decision.

Mrs. Brunk accused her husband of holding out on his salary and of neglecting her; he retorted with hints regarding his wife's mental stability.

The "jurors" decided the Brunks should separate, she to take the eldest child and he the two younger ones. They awarded Mrs. Brunk \$2,000.

N. Y. Canadian Club

New York, April 24.—(Canadian Press)—Canadians resident in New York will witness a special performance by vaudeville performers tonight from the leading Broadway theatres.

The event will be the wind-up of the Canadian Club's season of social activities and will take the form of a "smoker" to be held in the club rooms. Hans Kromold, the noted cellist, will be the headliner.

Auto Owners and Garages!

Probably the hardest part of the auto to understand is the electrical system. Electricity starts the motor, through the battery fires the cylinders and supplies the lamps, horn and other accessories.

If you had a leak in your water pipes you would not blame the water department, still many owners lay the blame on the storage battery when it runs down quickly through the fault of a short, which can be compared to a leak in a water pipe, causing wastage.

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RATE BASE IS \$3,100,000

(Special to Times.)

Fredrickton, April 24.—The report that the rate base of the New Brunswick Power Company was to be \$2,800,000 instead of \$3,100,000 unfortunately was a lap behind the progress of the bill. It had been agreed by the committee that the rate base should be \$2,800,000 on valuation, plus \$100,000 each for hydro electric investments and for working capital, or a total of \$2,900,000. That was quite right, but after further consideration on the following day the figure was placed at \$3,100,000 and that was recommended by the committee.

HOW TO BEAT THE H. C. L.

To the Editor of the Times-Star.—Sir,—Some dry goods firms in this city started out with selling their spring suits for men from \$50 to \$75 per suit.

I see by today's showing in these same firms that these same suits are being sold for \$21 to \$35.

If they can afford to sell them now for that price, why not that price in the first place.

If the women folks could be induced to take up this, to combat the high costs it would not take very long to bring down prices in each of all.

It is not necessary for anyone to wear overalls. Wear out one's old clothes. A patch or so should be looked upon with distinction whether it be on clothes or boots.

Another thing to bring down prices in food, would be to cut out banquets or dinners at night with so many

WINNIPEG CONSUMES 50,000,000 GALLONS OF MILK

Winnipeg, April 24.—Five million gallons of the 70,000,000 gallons of milk produced in Manitoba last year were consumed in Winnipeg, according to a city health department report. Other portions of the province consumed ten million gallons, while seven million gallons were consumed as sweet cream and ice cream, one million were manufactured into cheese, 25,000,000 gallons into dairy butter, 20,000,000 into creamery butter and 2,000,000 gallons fed to young calves.

In Manitoba 19,000,000 pounds of butter were manufactured. Of this amount 150 carloads or about 4,000,000 pounds were exported.

Sixty thousand cows are required to satisfy Winnipeg's requirements, the report continues. On a population of 200,000 the annual per capita allowance of milk would be twenty-five gallons and butter twenty-three pounds.

LONDON HAS A WOMEN'S DEMONSTRATION

London, March 30.—(Associated Press correspondence)—A girl clerk whose arms and body were wound with red tape, has just led an unusual procession through Whitehall street, the home of government departments, to draw public attention to the demands of women in government employ for equal pay and equal opportunities with men.

She was followed by a large number of women employed in the civil service, each of whom carried a poster, while all were linked together with red tape. Inscriptions on the posters were "Fair Play for Women."

On account of the wet weather today (Saturday), our "Anniversary Celebration" will be continued for one day more, Monday. The splendid lines each department has prepared and marked for last day offerings will now be on sale all day Monday also. A saving on every purchase.—DANIEL, Head of King Street.

DESERVES RECOGNITION

To the Editor of the Times-Star:—Sir,—In glancing over one of your columns of April 22 I noticed an item pertaining to the recognition afforded two men for life saving in St. John harbor.

Now while I do not wish to detract any lustre from their gallant work, I would like to put forth the case of a modest young man, Harry Shaw by name, who rescued a boy last fall from the icy waters of Lower Cove slip. Mr. Shaw showed great gallantry and though clad in heavy working clothes, he jumped in after the drowning boy immediately. But in spite of this to my knowledge he has received no reward. I hope the members of the city council will see fit to take some action in the immediate future.

AN ADMIRER

In Campbellton yesterday the town elections resulted in the election of Mayor, Dr. Daniel Murray; aldermen, John Devereaux, C. Homer Mathews, Henry J. Currie, Alphonse C. Belleisle, Alphonse H. Ingram, T. N. Dickie, John H. Blissett and Sydney H. Jameson.

Students of Mount Allison University in Sackville last night presented "A Midsummer Night's Dream" under the direction of Miss Ida Leslie. It was enjoyed by a large gathering.

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