

SLAM RENT HOGS IN JERSEY CITY

Housing Problem Is Handled in Wonderful Manner.

BUILDS HOMES FOR PEOPLE

When Bill is Passed \$4,000,000 Will Be Put Into New Civic Project—Lack of Housing Accommodations for 60,000 Persons Out of Total Population of 325,000—Boost Taxes of Profiteering Landlords.

Jersey City, N. J., under the guidance of James H. Gannon, Jr., has handled its housing problem wonderfully well. Van Ness Harwood in the New York World tells how this has been accomplished and how the state purposes to build houses for its residents and curb profiteers.

James F. Gannon, Jr., commissioner of revenue and finance in Jersey City, estimates that there is a shortage of 15,000 homes in the city across the river. This means there is a lack of housing accommodations for 60,000 persons out of 825,000, the total population.

But there will be houses in plenty if five bills to be introduced in the New Jersey senate, be passed. They went through the house last spring. Not only will Jersey City benefit, but so will every other municipality in that state. But until these bills become laws and houses are constructed, Mr. Gannon is keeping rents down with his thumb. He hasn't any laws to back him, but that doesn't make the slightest difference to this young and pug-nacious director of revenue and finance.

Last winter when rents began to jump he organized rent strikes, and made so great a success of them that Mayor Hyland sent for him to ask him how he did it. There are 380 tenants in Jersey City on strike now, and they won't pay rent or get out until their landlords become reasonable.

Aided Rent Strikers. Not only did he foment strikes, but he saw to it that landlords who ousted tenants to obtain higher rents had their personal and real estate assessments increased. He also saw that they obtained various city permits only after long delays and much difficulty. He had ordinances passed to help him, but a Supreme court judge knocked those out. However, Mr. Gannon kept right on going.

The five new bills were drawn by a joint legislative committee, appointed after a number of women, incensed by high rents, had gone before the senate at Trenton and demanded action.

New York's antirent profiteering laws were studied and improved. One bill was added. This is considered the most important and goes further than New York has gone. It empowers cities of the state to build and operate houses up to 1 1/2 per cent of the real estate taxable. These homes, to be constructed on model plans, can be sold or rented.

"I figure that Jersey City will be able to build about \$4,000,000 worth of houses, and if the legislation is promptly passed these structures will be ready early next year," said the commissioner. "Each will accommodate two families. There will be four square blocks of them, and 400 families will occupy them. They won't solve the problem, of course, but they will help."

Will Reinvest Money. "This is going to be a sort of revolving fund, for when a house is sold, the money will be reinvested in more buildings, and when these new buildings are disposed of we will put the money again to work. There will be no politics in this building project. The contracts will go to the lowest bidder, and the houses sold to the highest bidder. Where we rent, the care of them will be designated by lot. You can't be fairer than that. We are going to take care of Jersey City people first, and after we have taken care of them all—if we ever do—New Yorkers can have a chance. The rooms will rent for about \$8.50 each, so a five-room apartment would bring \$32.50 a month."

An arrangement is being made with the building trades whereby the contractor will be guaranteed that there will be no strikes while the buildings are going up. This is possible, because the city administration and the labor organizations work hand in hand.

Bird Bound in Thread. Completely entangled in several yards of black thread, a small water fowl, or "sea pigeon," as it is called on the waterfront, was picked out of the water at Galveston by William Case, an employee of the Foss Launch company. The bird was taken to the Foss office, where it took fully one-half hour to remove the thread. All the time the Foss employees were busy on the thread with their knives, the bird attempted to remove it with his bill. As soon as the thread was off the bird was placed on the floor near the water. It dived and headed toward the middle of the bay. How the bird happened to be wound up is one of the mysteries of the deep.

Registrar Refused to Enroll Women. Angely refusing to enroll women voters for the Eighth election district of Carolina county, Mr. Clarence Beauchamp, registrar, handed in his resignation.

China has almost 5,000,000 persons employed in the silk industry.

ATYPICAL CLASS WORK EXPLAINED

Miss Miriam Canfield Spoke Before Woman's Club

Has Been for Several Years Connected With Schools of San Francisco

Taking the work done in the San Francisco public schools for atypical children as a criterion by which to judge results, Miss Miriam Canfield, who is now engaged in similar work at the special branch school in Geneva Park, presented in a most interesting way the program and purpose of these classes before a group of seventy-five or more women at the Woman's Club last evening. The address was given under the auspices of the Welfare Department.

The speaker showed the necessity for individual work and said "a teacher may take care of more than fifteen children, but she cannot train them." One of the difficulties for carrying on this special kind of work, she continued, "is to secure the proper kind of a room; it must be airy, have different kind of seating arrangements, if possible, movable chairs, desks to contain the handwork, a game table, all part of the necessary background."

Mention was made of the tests given to all children which is a revision of two French tests and standardized and known as the Goddard and Stanford revisions.

A day's program was taken up, showing the relation of work and play, together with the splendid results obtained through handwork.

There was first a morning circle, a poem in which all joined, singing; a tale on some current event, facts about the city in which the child lives; of history there was a presentation in story form of certain facts about the United States and other countries; the handwork work was mostly oral, special stress was laid on physical exercise; games that were educational; puzzles, which brought facts together unconsciously.

Stress was also laid on the social side and the play side. "We had parties, birthday parties, luncheon parties everywhere there was an opportunity," she said. "It gave a chance for little social snuggles, for planning, and for the performance of actual household duties. We had a lovely Christmas party making the decorations for the tree. We just had good times."

Manual training, different kinds of hand work including baskets, cradles, furniture by the older boys were not only exhibited and sold, but exhibited and sold. Progress along these lines has been truly remarkable.

Quoting from Goddard, the psychologist, who said the child according to his mentality, consistently encourage and praise. Never discourage, keep him happy and contented," the talk, which was very informal in its nature, concluded.

The speaker had seen it carried on from year to year showed the great value of special classes, special attention, special teaching, each child dealt with understanding, looking toward happy and useful days ahead.

There was personal appreciation extended Miss Canfield for her enlightening talk on this subject of Atypical class work.

In the absence of Miss Dugan, the state Americanization worker in this city, who was scheduled to speak, Superintendent Merril outlined the Americanization program as arranged by the Geneva Americanization Council. The program includes a course of fifteen lectures for teachers who are training for the Americanization work. This course will be recognized by the

DISASTROUS FIRE IN DWELLING HOUSE

Fire caused damages estimated at \$1,500 to a dwelling house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Collins at the corner of Lehigh street and Gates avenue at 8:45 o'clock last night.

The fire, which started in a clothes closet on the second floor of the dwelling, was extinguished in about 30 minutes. No one was in the house when the blaze started. The flames were seen by a passerby who turned in the alarm. Two south rooms on the upper floor and the hallway were badly burned, but consistent work by the fire fighters kept the blaze from spreading further.

A quantity of clothing belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Collins, and to roomers in the house, was destroyed by the fire. Furniture in the burned rooms was also a loss and much of the furniture in other parts of the house was damaged by water.

WOMAN'S POLITICAL RALLY THURSDAY

Mrs. F. Louis Slade, first vice-chairman of the New York City League of Women Voters, and a member of the non-partisan senatorial committee, will speak at the Women's political rally in Masonic Temple on William street on Thursday evening at 8:15 o'clock. All women voters are urged to come and learn of the candidates from Mrs. Slade, who is said to be a most able and forceful speaker.

Mrs. Slade is a prominent club woman and has been active in numerous civic and philanthropic work in her city. During the war, Mrs. Slade gave untiring services.

WEDDINGS

Kenny-Fanning
Canandaigua, Oct. 18.—At St. Mary's church this morning at 10 o'clock was solemnized the marriage of Miss Anna Teresa Fanning, daughter of Mr. Frank Fanning of this city, and Edward Daniel Kenny of Geneva. Rev. James T. Dougherty, rector of the church, performed the ceremony and celebrated mass, during which Mrs. T. C. Bradley sang. Miss Kathryn Farrell rendered the wedding music.

The bride was gowned in white georgette crepe with which she wore a large white hat, ostrich trimmed. Her shower bouquet was of bride roses. Miss Jennie Curran of Canandaigua, as bridesmaid, wore pink taffeta with a black velvet hat and carried Ophelia roses. Patrick Kenny of Geneva, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were William Divney and Vincent Hogan of Geneva.

Following the marriage service, breakfast was served at the bride's home, the following friends assisting in serving: Misses Madeline Murphy, Emily VanVooren, Anna Meath, Mary Gillespie, Mildred and Ida Conway and Gertrude Linahan.

Mrs. and Mrs. Kenny left for a short wedding trip after which they will reside at 391 Hamilton street, Geneva. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark blue with a black velvet hat. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenny of Geneva.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Serven and son Earl of William street and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Helmich of Pine street were the guests Sunday of relatives in Rahway.

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AMUSEMENTS

Blackstone Pleased Audience
As a slight-of-hand artist, Blackstone, hailed by press agents as the world's greatest, proved one of the best ever seen in Geneva at the Smith Opera House last night. The audience was not large, but Blackstone's work of mystification with cards and other objects met with hearty applause.

One of the best acts perhaps, although apparently the simplest, was the antics of a handkerchief borrowed in the audience. At the will of the magician, the handkerchief, danced all over the stage, "shimmied" and jumped like a living thing.

The presentation of a tiny white rabbit to little Harriet Mills of this city, who volunteered to come on the stage while Blackstone seemingly produced the little bunny out of a newspaper, added interest to the already clever act.

The Hindu cabinet mystery, the trunk mystery and the suspension of a girl in mid-air by the forces of magic, were the most praiseworthy of the better known mysteries practised by other well known magicians. His grand finale, entitled a "bachelor's dream" was one of the best illusions in the performance.

Royal Neighbors of America will hold an old fashioned dance in Odd Fellows Hall Oct. 20th. Dancing from 8 to 10. Admission 50c a couple. 25c a single ticket.—Adv.

1st division, Order Eastern Star will hold rummage sale Wednesday and Thursday, this week 366 Exchange street. Those having donations, call 3691 or 3699.—adv.

WOMEN GIVEN IMPORTANT ROLES IN ELECTION OF HARDING

Politics is a serious occupation and an absolute one for women, as well as men this year. All eight women on the Republican National Committee are devoting their time to rousing the voter vote of the country. Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton, vice-chairman of the Republican National Executive Committee, spends all of her time at Chicago headquarters organizing the women voters. It is a serious appeal to Republican assemblies in Tennessee that the Republican Amendment was ratified.

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Striking Miners Sing Revolutionary Song

London, Oct. 19.—Coal strike disorders, during which Welsh miners sang the revolutionary song, "The Red Flag," were reported today from Ebbw Vale. This was the first outbreak since the strike started Saturday night at midnight.

The police attempted to break up the demonstration of the Welsh strikers, but the latter resisted and fighting followed. Stones were thrown and many windows were broken.

Police reinforcements were brought up and the disorderly strikers were finally dispersed.

PLAN RAIL PROJECT

Line to Connect Pacific Ocean With Amazon River.

Ecuador Grants Concession to Big Syndicate to Develop Resources of Fertile Land.

Santiago.—Construction of a railway which would connect the Pacific ocean with the Amazon river, serving the republics of Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela on the north, and Peru, Bolivia, and Brazil on the south, is involved in a concession which has been authorized by the Ecuadorean government. Authority for the construction of the railway, according to a Chilean weekly, was obtained from the government at Quito, by Ignacio Leon, former Chilean diplomat, for a syndicate capitalized at \$25,000,000, members of which include many prominent Chileans.

The route would start from Port Bolivia on the Pacific and run to Port Borza on the Amazon. The proposed railway, in addition to serving a zone bordering on what is said to be among the best petroleum bearing districts in Peru, would afford a means of connecting the four large and isolated provinces of southern Ecuador, with 800,000 inhabitants, with the rest of the country.

An article recounting the details of the project quotes Senor Leon as saying: "Apart from the establishment of inter-oceanic communication, of great future importance, the railways penetrating East Ecuador, combined with the navigable riverways, will enable the exploitation of an enormous extension of extraordinarily fertile virgin territory which will constitute the most admirable sources of wealth for Ecuador."

Delegates From Many Lands Visit G. E. Company Plant

Schenectady, Oct. 19.—Delegates to the Preliminary International Communications Congress, including representatives of the American, British, French, Italian and Japanese governments, are here today inspecting the General Electric Company's plant, particularly the manufacture of wireless apparatus. High army and navy officials accompany the delegates.

The conference is a continuation of conferences held by the Allied and associated powers during the war. It will take up questions relating to the broadening of the use of the wireless and proper regulations governing its use. The outcome of these conferences are expected to have a far reaching effect.

Tomorrow the delegates will be the guests of the army at West Point, where elaborate arrangements have been made to entertain the distinguished party.

No accomplishment is impossible when people work together.

800 Inspected the New Bank Building

Eight hundred people registered as guests last evening at the Geneva Trust Company as they inspected the new building and were received by the officials. It is estimated that there were about a thousand visitors, as many did not register.

All were very generous in their praise for the equipment and architectural beauty of the interior. A number of tourists from Buffalo, Rochester were most enthusiastic and said it was superior to any banks they had seen in cities of this size in the country, and compared very favorably with the big city banks.



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