

Rent League Incensed at Rate Boosts

Charge for Modest Chicago Apartments Has Jumped 20 Per Cent, Official Claims.

Chicago, April 24.—A strike against high rents will be called in Chicago May 1 by the tenants' league. It was announced Wednesday. Rents on modest flats have advanced approximately 20 per cent, effective next month.

A point has been reached where people can pay no higher rent, according to Louis Hennrich, chairman and manager of the league.

Housing conditions are described as pathetic in some quarters of the city. In Chicago a black belt 10 and 12 negroes live packed in a single room. Bunks or shelves have been built about the walls, and when night comes the dusky sons and daughters of the cotton belt who came north to seek a life of luxury and equality with the whites crawl in.

But the crowded condition is not confined to the poorer districts. In the ultra-fashionable Wilson avenue district two and three-room flats are not infrequently found occupied by two families, or a family and two or three roomers.

DENVER NURSES MAY WALK OUT

Denver, Colo., April 24.—A strike of nurses employed in Denver hospitals, where the basic working day exceeds 12 hours, was threatened here when the Denver Nurses' association, at a special meeting, decided not to work in hospitals that demand more than a 12-hour day.

The action was taken, it was stated, because of a refusal of St. Luke hospital to lessen the number of working hours in a working day.

There are between 300 and 500 nurses in the association, officers said, and 100 attended tonight's meeting. Decision for a working day of not more than 12 hours was unanimous, it was said.

Auto Victim Asks Damages.

Atlanta, Ga., April 24.—C. H. Locks filed in district court a petition asking \$400 damages against Andrew and Wilbur Henke, sons of E. L. Henke, who he claims were drivers of a car which collided with his while he was stopped on a road at night. The father also is made a defendant.

Bankers' Trial Date Set.

Hutchinson, Ia., April 24.—Judge Hutchinson has adjourned district court until June 2 when the cases of the state against the Westside bankers charged with receiving funds when the bank was insolvent will come to trial.

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Chickens Live 23 Days Without Food or Drink

Bedford, Ia., April 24.—In Mason two hens belonging to Mrs. J. C. Roberts of Bedford disappeared. Twenty-three days later they were found under the foundation of the house, alive and able to walk. They were confined in a small space, where they had neither food nor water. The chickens seem to have completely recovered from their experience.

G. A. R. Adjutant Dies at Age of 87

Maj. J. W. Cress Loses in Fight Against Long Illness.

Maj. J. W. Cress, 87, civil war veteran, died Wednesday evening at his home, 427 South Twenty-third street, following illness of more than eight months.

Major Cress was adjutant of Phil Kearny post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, and a resident of Omaha since 1886.

His civil war record is colorful. He saw action in 11 major engagements and 15 skirmishes. At the battle of Locust Grove he was wounded in the shoulder.

Major Cress and Mrs. Cress heard Abraham Lincoln's famous address at Gettysburg, near which place he lived.

He was mustered in as first sergeant of infantry April 15, 1861, and was made a major of infantry after the battle of Cedar Creek.

The death of the major leaves only eight survivors of the original 50-odd men who formed the Phil Kearny post. Major Cress was re-elected adjutant at the last meeting of the post, but has never been installed, since only two members have been able to get out of doors since then.

Major Cress was born January 29, 1837, on a farm which was later part of the Gettysburg battle ground. At the age of 18 he entered the shop of his father, a saddle maker, as an apprentice.

He married his first wife, Mary DeLoak, in 1862. In 1875 he married Mary McKnight, who is now his widow.

He is survived by his widow and a son, F. E. Cress of Omaha. Two grandsons, Carroll and Don Slattery, live in Omaha.

In 1913 Mr. Cress revisited his boyhood home near Gettysburg and for three months lived the life of a soldier upon the old battlefield during the 50th anniversary exercises commemorating the crucial battle of the civil war.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 from Grace Methodist church. C. C. Wilson will officiate. Burial will be in Graceland Park cemetery.

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Prick of Pin Proves Fatal to Omahan, 71

Veteran Salesman Loses Fight Against Blood Poisoning After Illness of Two Months.

William L. McElree, 71, 418 Lincoln boulevard, died Thursday morning from blood poisoning, caused by a pin prick which he received in the finger two months ago. One of his arms had been amputated in an effort to save his life.

Mr. McElree was a salesman for the United States Supply company for 29 years. He is survived by his widow, Mary, one son, Charles, of Omaha, and a daughter, Mrs. Maude Norton, of Douglas, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held Saturday. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

LAWYER ABSOLVES SENATOR WHEELER

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON, International News Service Correspondent.

Washington, April 24.—Additional evidence, designed to absolve Senator Burton K. Wheeler, democrat, of Montana, of the charges that led to his indictment by a federal grand jury in Montana, was laid before the House committee today.

William G. Feely, a Washinton attorney, flatly denied charges that Wheeler had handled all permits for Gordon Campbell, a Montana promoter. Feely said his firm represented Campbell and that Wheeler was not consulted.

Feely said he was employed by Gordon Campbell in March, 1923, "to take care of all matters pending in government departments relating to his Montana oil deal."

"My firm handled all of Campbell's permits, the extension of these permits and all other matters before the Interior department," he added.

GIRL SLAYS MAN WHO BARS PATH

Chicago, April 24.—Henry Manning, 25, was shot and killed today, when he attempted to prevent Miss Wanda Stoppa, bobbed-hair blonde, from invading the summer home of Jeremiah K. Smith, an advertising man, with whom she was infatuated.

Mrs. Smith and fled in a dilapidated taxicab, shrieking back over her shoulder that she would "get" both Smith and his wife. She has not been captured.

Smith appeared shortly afterwards at the state's attorney's office and demanded protection from the girl, who, he said, had been pursuing him for two years with demands that he divorce his wife and marry her.

DOPE USERS ARE FEWER IN STATE

Eight hundred of the 1,000 drug addicts in Nebraska are in Omaha, according to Federal Narcotic Agent Joseph A. Manning and Inspector W. A. Carroll. They declare this number is diminishing, however.

Activities of narcotic officers has raised the price of dope to \$35 or \$100 an ounce wholesale. One-grain capsules retail at \$1, or double former prices.

Sixty per cent of the drug users are women, the agents estimate.

Bank Closed by "Run;" Receiverhip Asked

Atlantic, Ia., April 24.—Appointment of Robert L. Leach, superintendent of the state banking department, as receiver of the defunct Wiot Savings bank is asked in a petition filed in the Cass county district court by Attorney General Ben J. Gibson. The Wiot bank was closed several days ago after a "quiet" "run" that depleted the fund. Approximately \$192,000 was on deposit before the "run."

Shenandoah Minister to Attend Conference

Shenandoah, Ia., April 24.—Rev. L. P. Goodwin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, will leave Sunday night for Springfield, Mass., to attend the general conference of the church as a representative of the Des Moines conference. Representatives from all quarters of the world will attend the conference, which lasts for a month, to consider problems that have arisen during the four-year period.

Road to Be Improved.

Denison, Ia., April 24.—Under the organized endeavor of committees of citizens and societies it is expected that the road running south from the city limits to the general and Lutheran cemeteries and the golf grounds will be graded and graveled. The county and township did the grading and citizens will load and place the gravel.

Two Aviators Killed.

Waukegan, Ill., April 24.—Two aviators, J. H. Green and H. R. Cruickshank, were killed at the Great Lakes naval training station today, when their seaplane crashed into a tree from a height of 1,000 or 1,500 feet. Cruickshank, formerly lived in Cedar Rapids, Ia. Both were married.

Stricken in Omaha.

Atlantic, Ia., April 24.—Funeral services were held at Avoca, Ia., for Jerome Todd, a resident of Denver, who was stricken in Omaha with apoplexy and removed to a relative's home at Avoca.

Farmers War on Wolves.

Bedford, Ia., April 24.—Taylor county farmers collected bounties for 41 wolves during the past week. The farmers are endeavoring to rid the country of the outlawed animals.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Jimmy Digs Himself a Home.

Farmer Brown's sugar house was to be closed until the coming of another spring. Farmer Brown had come over there to take away the last of the sugar and the syrup. And so it would no longer be necessary for Farmer Brown's boy to sleep these nights. When at last they were ready to start for home Jimmy Skunk was still inside, comfortably sleeping under the loath.

"What are we going to do about that Skunk?" asked Farmer Brown. "We can't shut him up in the house, and for the life of me I don't see how we are going to drive him out."

"Jimmy's all right," replied Farmer Brown's boy. "Don't you worry about Jimmy Skunk. You leave him to me. We'll leave him in here tomorrow morning. I'll get him out of here tomorrow morning."

Farmer Brown's boy was as good as his word. The next morning he was over at that sugar house bright and early. He opened the door and



"I am sorry old feller," said he, "you'll have to go back to your old home."

looked in. Jimmy Skunk was walking about inside just as Farmer Brown's boy had expected to find him.

"I knew you would be looking for something to eat by this time," said Farmer Brown's boy. "I've come over here to get your breakfast. But this time you are not going to eat it inside."

He had brought with him a lot of table scraps from home, things he knew Jimmy would like. He put them on the plate Jimmy had been fed from the day before. Then he showed the plate full of food to Jimmy and moved toward the open door. Jimmy followed. When they were outside Farmer Brown's boy put the plate down on the ground. Jimmy began to eat his breakfast. Then Farmer Brown's boy closed the door of the sugar house. As soon as Jimmy had licked up the last crumb he turned and ambled back straight to the sugar house. Of course, he couldn't get in. He looked reproach-

Laf Writers Win Honor and Cash

Jokesters Who Keep Eyes and Ears Open Are Enjoying Contest.

Where to see Local Laft today: Local Laft Contest, 1212 Broadway, Omaha.

How is your chance to register on the movie screen and win a cash prize at the same time? You will be surprised over the interest you will take in the Local Laft contest if you just make a start. Use your wit as you go through the day.

The jokes with the names of the authors are shown on the screens of various movie theaters every week. Thousands read these jokes and laugh. By entering the Local Laft contest you will be contributing to the merriest of the land and at the same time advancing yourself, financially and socially. It is an honor to see your joke and name on the movie screens.

Each week a first prize of \$5 is offered for the best joke, a second prize of \$3, third prize of \$2 and 17 additional prizes of \$1 each. Begin to send in your jokes at once. Send in as many as you wish. Make them original and snappy and limit them to 30 words each.

From the jokes that do not win cash prizes the Local Laft editor selects three for this column every day. Today's are:

Purchased hog, gazing in convey mirror. "Get, this is the first time I ever thought I was a rascally."—Paul Kintling, Norfolk, Neb.

Mother—"Willie, you may choose from the trousers on the counter any pair you like." Willie—"I'll take these, mother." A card attached to the trousers read: "These pants can't be beaten."—Mrs. Ruth Numeyer, 4222 Fowler avenue.

The mother tongue: "Willie, have you washed your ears?"—Darryl Hicks, Omaha.

Boys With Matches Start Fire That Destroys Barn

Atlantic, Ia., April 24.—Fire, caused by boys playing with matches, destroyed a large barn belonging to Peter Peterson, farmer, near Lewis. The barn barely escaped when hay was ignited in the loft in which they were playing. One horse perished when Mr. Peterson was unable to effect its rescue after saving three other animals.

Deed 61 Years Old.

Bedford, Ia., April 24.—A deed for 120 acres was recorded here this week, which was 61 years old. The consideration was \$200 for the entire 120 acres. As the land had never changed hands since the making of the deed it had not been recorded.

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Ill and cross last night—DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN brought vigor by morning. How To Keep A Child Healthy. A GENERATION ago parents thought that sickness was a part of a child's life, but we know better now. The secret is in the food the mother allows the child to eat, and in watching that elimination occurs regularly two or three times a day.

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