

RENTAL BARONS PREPARE ALIBIS FOR BIG BOOSTS

'Increased Operating Expenses' Is Favorite Excuse Given When Rates Are Raised.

Confronted with increased rents on the one hand and consistently ascending food and clothing rates on the other tenants of Omaha apartment houses and homes are finding the situation doubly difficult.

A survey of Omaha's rental scale reveals the fact that practically every apartment house in the city has either put a 10 to 30 per cent advance in rents into effect in the last three months or has notified its tenants that an increase will soon become effective.

A like increase in the rental scale for homes is also reported.

In a few instances where no advance is now threatened the rental scale was boosted last winter or spring, but even here occupants anticipate another boost before the winter is ended.

Real estate men and proprietors in each case protested their inability to continue leasing their properties at the old rates. Increased operating expenses are cited as the principal cause for the upward trend of rents for homes and apartments.

'Takes More Capital.' 'It requires more than double the capital now to properly maintain a furnished apartment than it did prior to the war,' said one prominent real estate dealer.

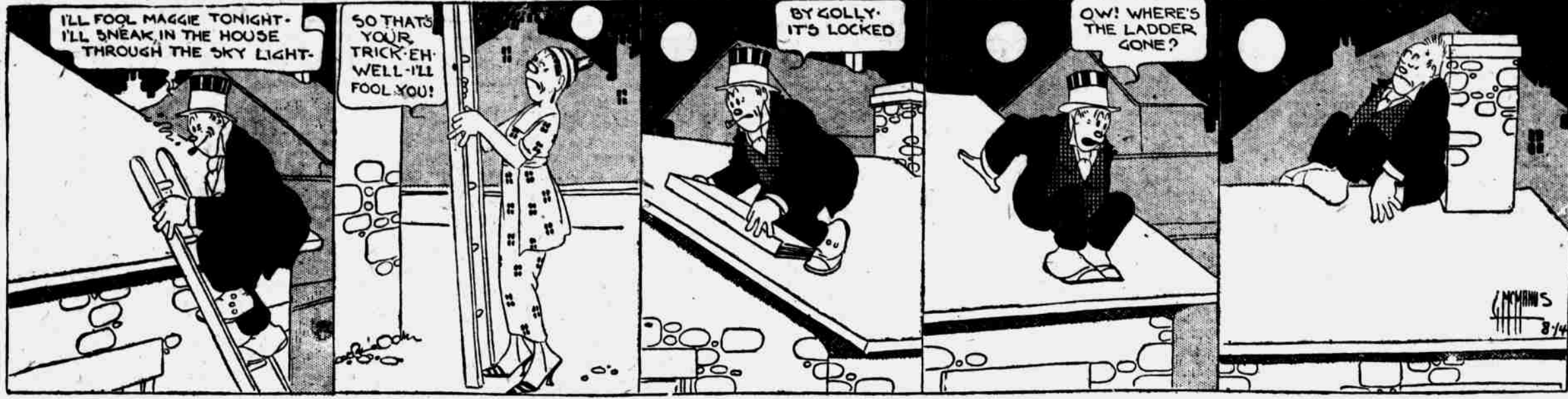
In the meantime those tenants who desire to move because of their inability to pay the increased rents are forced to continue residence in the same apartments or homes because of the scarcity of such places in the city.

From reports of real estate men there are but few suites vacant in any of the principal apartment houses of the city. Practically every suite or home in the central portion of the city is occupied.

Leases are to be had on some homes or suites in the less desirable sections of the city, but they remain vacant for obvious reasons.

Both at the El Beudor, Eighteenth and Dodge streets, and the Strehlow Terrace apartments, Twentieth street and Sherman avenue, it was reported that every apartment was occupied. An increase of from 10 to 20 per cent has been declared

BRINGING UP FATHER—



See Jiggs and Maggie in Full Page of Colors in The Sunday Bee.

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AUTO MEN SEEK END OF OMAHA'S PARKING SNARL

Dealers Meet to Suggest New Departure From Scheme Approved by City Commissioners.

Omaha automobile dealers seek to have the commissioners remedy the parking evil.

At a meeting Tuesday of the Auto Trade association recommendations were made and Clark G. Powell selected to present the plan to the council.

The auto men thought the old parking ordinance was negligible and that the commissioners had made bad matters worse. The automobile men did not try to criticize the commissioners, but simply suggested a remedy.

The plan suggested is for autos to be parked in the down-town section at an angle of 45 degrees with the curb, and that lines be marked on the pavement seven feet apart, thus giving space for persons to walk between the cars. All cars are to be kept between these lines.

'Under the present system it is practically impossible for women to get into the shopping district at all with their cars,' said Mr. Powell. 'Cars are run too close together and it takes a most skillful driver to get his car out when someone drives too close behind.'

'A repair man told me that his business had more than doubled under the present plan, as so many cars were bumped into each other, smashing fenders and lights.'

Not Lininger Company

The Lininger Implement company, reported by police to have been the victim of Edward Keefe, Clearwater, Neb., who is said to have passed a check for \$1,600 at that company's office, say they know nothing of the matter. Keefe was arrested by Police Captain Haze Monday.

PHOTOPLAYS



ENID BENNETT The Virtuous Thief

For the sake of her brother's honor, she was scorched by a man's unholy love, scorned as a wanton, bandoned as a thief.

But when the reckoning came—Hurray! You'll be glad you came to see it.

Today, Friday, Saturday Strand's

200 West Pointers Help Germans Fight Big Fire at Coblenz

Coblenz, Aug. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Two hundred officers who recently graduated from West Point military academy joined hands early today with hundreds of American doughboys and civilians in fighting a fire which threatened to destroy the Moravian colony, ancient order of religious workers, at Neuweid, headquarters of the First division.

The West Pointers, who are on a tour of the battlefields and the occupied area, were attending a dance given in their honor when the fire was discovered just after midnight. The flames got beyond the control of the German firemen and the West Pointers and the doughboys were summoned by Col. Stephen O. Fuqua, chief of staff of the First division, to aid in quenching them.

The Americans fought the fire until daylight, when it was brought under control. The blaze was confined to one block. Several buildings devoted to the industries of the Moravians were destroyed.

Chance for Young Men to Get Into Movie as 'Injuns'

The final scenes of the Chamber of Commerce motion picture, 'East Meets West' will be filmed Thursday afternoon at Child's Point near Bellevue. The scenes will represent Omaha at the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Twenty young men are needed to play the parts of Indians in this scene. Make-up and costumes will be furnished those who wish to take part. Applicants are requested to meet Lem Kennedy, the director, Thursday noon at 1514 Howard street.

Wednesday afternoon, A. R. Mariner, camera man, went up in an airplane and flew over the city 'shooting' scenes.

Shopmen of Washab Are Only Ones Still Out On Strike

The strike of shopmen on the Omaha-Chicago and Omaha-Kansas City and St. Louis roads has ended with the exception of the Washab where a considerable number of the men are reported to have refused to return to work.

Shopmen on the Northwestern returned to work Tuesday afternoon and on the lines of that road, conditions are rapidly getting back to normal. Trains run in and out on schedule and the congestion of freight at terminals is being cleared up. All of the roads are now accepting freight for destinations in all directions.

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Mrs. Charlie Chaplin—in—FORBIDDEN

A country girl who is cured of her longing for high life by her husband, but only after thrilling and sensational experiences.

SEASON OPENS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17.

EMPIRESS New Show Today. BILLY MILLER & CO. ABYSSINIAN TRIO, ZOLA DUO, HUDSON'S SISTERS.

BASE BALL ROURKE PARK Omaha vs. Wichita August 12-13-14. Game Called 3:30 P. M.

RIALTO PRESENTS ANITA STEWART in 'Human Desire'

Suit Powerful gripping yet warm with interest having the atmosphere of both East and West and a beautiful love story of a real man for a good woman.

LOTHROP 24th and Lothrop SPECIAL: MARY PICKFORD 'DADDY LONG LEGS' Prices, 11c and 25c.

My Heart and My Husband ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of 'Revelations of a Wife'

The Telephone Rings at Last. Her voice trailed off into a startled scream. The next instant it had sounded another note of distinct terror.

'Don't! Oh-h-h!' Then there was a sudden severance of the telephone connection. But there had been no click of the telephone receiver being replaced upon the hook, no slight noise such as I have sometimes heard when central has severed a connection suddenly.

With a sudden, unaccountable feeling of mysterious terror I shivered as with the ague.

I sat for fully two minutes mechanically holding the telephone receiver to my ear, wondering at the sudden silence which had followed Milly Stockbridge's terrified scream.

What had happened at the principal's home? I tried to gather my scattered wits together. Instinctively I felt that I must do something. There had been cringing fear in the voice of the principal's wife. Had she been alone in the house, and had some murderous housebreaker come unexpectedly upon her?

With sudden unreasoning impetuosity I joggled the receiver up and down.

'Operator,' quoth central laconically, according to her rules. 'I was talking to Bayview 678, and

own absurdity, I flew to the window overlooking the winding walk leading to the street. Of course, Miss Wines and Miss Pratt were placidly walking down it. It was their departure I had heard.

But I didn't unlock the door. The sensation of safety from possible intrusion was too precious as I settled myself to wait for central's report.

It was five minutes in coming. I knew the time to the second, for it seemed hours in duration, and I consulted my watch every few seconds to reassure myself as to the shortness of the time.

Mr. Stockbridge's Voice. And despite all my effort at self-control I jumped like a nervous school girl when the ring finally came.

'Bayview 678 is out of order,' came the report. 'Here is a call for you. Will you take it?'

'Yes, please,' I answered mechanically, too worried about what had happened at the Stockbridge home to have any feeling of wonder as to the identity of my new telephone call.

'Mrs. Graham?' Mr. Stockbridge's voice brought my wandering faculties quickly to attention. It was hoarse, strained, as if he were laboring under some mental tension.

'Is any one else in the building?' 'Only the janitor.'

'Will you do something for me without question? It is vital for both you and Miss Holcombe that you do it.'

'Yes, surely,' I fought hard to keep my voice from trembling. 'Can I have the keys to my private desk there?'

'Yes.' 'Please open it and take all my private papers out. Be sure to look over everything. There must not be one thing personal left. Now I will give you instructions how to find a small, secret receptacle in it.'

Through all the nervous tension of the moment the memory of Bea Dean's fanciful assertion swept across my mind.

So there was a secret drawer in Mr. Stockbridge's desk after all. (Continued Tomorrow.)

South Side

Grapes New Attraction At the South Side Market

Grapes were the attraction at the South Side city market Wednesday morning.

A larger number than last time were offered for sale and were quickly purchased. Corn, carrots, beets and tomatoes were the chief offerings.

The recent dry spell is said to have harmed the backyard gardens causing less produce than usual to be marketed. Fresh tomatoes selling at 45 and 50 cents a basket were considerably under the retail prices.

New Sheep Record Is Set At the South Side Yards

A new record for sheep receipts this season was established Wednesday when between 46,000 and 53,000 head were unloaded. Chicago reported only 33,000 head and Kansas City, 5,000. Record runs of sheep have been received daily during the last seven days. The trend of the values is slightly upward. About 80 per cent of the receipts is feeder stock.

South Side Brevities

For sale, modern 8 room home. 3717 So. 24th St. Packers are receiving only 40 cents a pound, wholesale. Hogs are selling for \$10 a single pound on the South Side.

For Sale—New 6-room house, very reasonable; immediate possession. Call 86-1823.

Mrs. John Hughes, Twenty-seventh and R streets, reported the theft of five rings from her home Tuesday.

J. C. French of the Stock Yards National bank has left for a month's vacation in Lisbon, Nova Scotia.

George Hodak and Ray P. Benolken were arrested for assault and battery after a combat in a garage at Twentieth and L streets Tuesday. The case was continued.

Jura Odco, 5601 South Twenty-ninth street, was fined \$12.50 and costs in police court Wednesday for assault and battery. The complaint was filed by Milavak Mijatovich, 5603 South Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Alice Rathbuck, daughter of W. A. Rathbuck, president of the Security State bank, has returned from Chicago, where she was graduated last week from the kindergarten and primary course of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college.

Louis Welch, Twenty-seventh and Q streets, employed at the Armour & Co. plant, paid the record price in police court Wednesday, and even at that figure didn't get his two pounds of pork for which he was sent \$2 for Armour police testified Welch had been stealing meat daily.

News of the record transaction must have reached the Live Stock exchange, for prices took a sudden jump of 25 to 35 cents higher, with the best selling at \$22.35 per 100 pounds. This price is near the high mark which was abandoned when the H. C. of L. and profiters were brought a little too much into the line.

Mexico Expels Foreigners.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 13.—Twenty-one foreigners, including Americans, Spaniards, Cubans and citizens of the Argentine Republic, have been expelled from Mexico recently by order of the Carranza government officials, according to El Dia Espanol, the Spanish paper in Mexico City, under date of August 6.

Misconduct while in Mexico was given as the real

... and at all six stands in the Capitol building

A fact:

The six tobacco stands in the Capitol building at Washington are patronized both by Government officials and employees and by the big business and professional men from all sections of the United States, who are constantly coming into and passing out of Washington.

At each one of these stands more Fatimas are sold every day than any other cigarette, regardless of price—which seems to show that the preference for Fatima is really nation-wide.

Leopoldus and Schmuck

FATIMA A Sensible Cigarette

Men who think straight and decide quickly like a cigarette that, besides pleasing their taste, leaves them feeling fit throughout the day.

