

LANDLORDS MAY RETURN PART OF HIGH RENT IN TAX

City Commissioner Butler Preparing Data for Use Against Apartment House Rent Gougers.

In connection with the so-called high rent probe started by the city council several months ago, City Commissioner Butler states that he is preparing data on most of the apartment houses, for use by J. M. Fitzgerald, county assessor. Mr. Butler anticipates that the assessor will raise the valuations on these apartments next year on a basis which will be warranted by the increase of rents.

It was a resolution by Mr. Butler that originally started the rent investigation in the council chamber. The council disposed of the matter by referring it to a committee of which Mr. Butler is the only active member. Mr. Butler feels that something will have been accomplished if the valuations of rent profiteers will be raised and thereby the tax returns enhanced.

What Other Cities Do.

In this connection Mr. Butler has received two interesting letters on the high rent question from St. Louis and Kansas City. The chief interest in the letters is to show the difference in the activities of public officials in those cities and those in Omaha.

The letter from St. Louis is signed by Lewis T. Tume, chairman of the complaint board, which is maintained in connection with the municipal government. The letter reads:

"Numerous landlords and real estate agents attempted to increase rents several months ago, unreasonably, and on complaints from numerous occupants of buildings and apartments the mayor designated this board to take up and investigate the cases in question, having in mind where the rents were increased, to work in conjunction with the city assessor, causing the value of the property to be increased proportionately, thereby bringing more revenue to the city.

Names Made Public.

"Not only this, but this board has made public through the press, the names of those who have sought to increase rents on property, to too great an extent. The publicity given has had a favorable effect upon many who probably would have in-

creased rents had this board not taken the stand that it did.

"Of course, there are no laws in Missouri, that would enable us to prevent increases in rent, but public opinion goes a long way, and I find that by handling the matter through the press, giving the names and cases where rents have been unnecessarily increased, that the policy of others is probably retarded. We feel that the results through our efforts have been good, although we will always have profiteers during times like these.

The mayor of Kansas City appointed a rental rate committee, with a competent attorney at the head. Walter L. Lampkin has written the following account of how the rent profiteers are dealt with in Kansas City:

"The mayor's rental rate committee receives complaints against landlords only in writing. We thereupon request the landlord to appear before our committee if he desires to do so, and also request the landlord to consent to an appraisal of his property by a committee from the local real estate board. (The real estate board having consented to co-operate with us in making these appraisements.) If the landlord fails to appear and give his side of the case or refuses to consent to said appraisal, we thereupon give all the facts to the newspaper reporters and report the matter to the county assessor for his information in fixing an assessed valuation on such property for taxation purposes.

"Our local newspaper co-operates with our committee, and we find that well directed publicity is the potent weapon in nearly all cases against profiteering landlords. So much so that in fact we are receiving no more complaints. It is proper to state, however, that our local real estate board is made up very largely of men of high character with well established reputations in this city for honesty and fair dealing, and they voluntarily agreed among themselves before our committee was appointed to limit their increased charges for rent to a reasonable basis, and with few exceptions these men have made only reasonable increases. Of course there are some black sheep in every flock, and in order to make these men realize that it is wrong to take advantage of tenants, we have asked the president of our bar association to appoint an attorney for the committee, and to represent such tenants as are designated by the committee, and accordingly such attorney was appointed."

Taken to Court.

He related an instance of a land-

lord who refused to abide by the finding of the mayor's committee. Twelve of his tenants agreed in writing that they would continue their occupancy and would tender the amount of rent agreed upon by the committee.

"We propose to keep this man in court until next spring," Mr. Lampkin wrote, and he added, "If a landlord is looking for a fight, it is a real pleasure for us to see that he gets more than he anticipated."

Among the members of the Real Estate Board and Rental Combine, which organizations are responsible for rent profiteering, are the following:

George & Co.
D. V. Sholes company.
Payne Investment company.
Payne-Slater company.
Traver Brothers.
Hastings & Heyden.
Glover & Spain.
Harrison & Morton.
C. C. Carlberg.

Control Other Papers.

Certain members of these same two organizations have boasted that they were able to control the other two local papers through their advertising patronage and that was the reason the World-Herald and the Daily News said very little about rent profiteering in this city.

"Don't You Try to Vamp Me Out of Jail Sentence," Says Judge

Hazel Rubenstein, 22 years old, 2019 St. Mary's avenue, tried to "vamp" Police Judge Foster in Central police court yesterday during trial on a charge of vagrancy. She was arrested Tuesday night upon a warrant sworn out by her former husband, Luke Rubenstein of Atlantic, Ia.

When her name was called, the young woman stepped to the front with a sweet smile.

"Now don't try to vamp me out of a jail sentence," the magistrate warned her. She smiled more sweetly, then pathetically told her story, turning evidence against her former husband.

"I'm divorced from Luke," she said. "He followed me here from Atlantic, Ia., and lived with me for several weeks. Then he had me arrested. Don't you think he's queer?"

Rubenstein denied that they were divorced, but was severely reprimanded by the judge for his action. The woman was given 30 days in jail.

More Than 300 Tons of Coal Sold by City in Less Than Half Day

Two hundred tons of coal were sold during the first hour of the opening of the municipal coal department yesterday morning in the office of City Commissioner Butler.

It will be the policy of this department to accept orders only for coal actually in sight and to hold the sales from time to time as the coal happens to be received here on track. The present sale was closed before noon, when more than 300 tons were sold.

The coal sold yesterday was from Colorado and the price was \$8.50 per ton. A limit of two tons per customer will be observed this season.

Outside Organizers Aid Boilermaker In Johnson Strike Case

An echo of the boilermakers' strike begun last June against the Johnson Boiler Co., Eighteenth and Mason streets, was heard in Central police court yesterday when Tony Bruno, 518 North Fifteenth street, was charged with disturbing the peace.

He was alleged to have been loitering about the railroad cars about 10 days ago with a heavy wrench in his hands. Louis Johnson, president of the company, appeared against him. Several outside labor organizers including W. C. Angel of Kansas City, Mo., attended the hearing. Bruno was dismissed.

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There is a knife-fight to the death on the bed of the ocean between two men in full diving equipment—one, her false husband who seeks to frustrate the search, and the other the hero who seeks to protect a woman's good name. A severed air-tube ends the struggle for one of them—which was it?



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