

### NEW YORK NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF.

#### Paragraphs of Interest to Readers of Empire State

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points in the State and So Reduced in Size That It Will Appeal to All Classes of Readers.

Telephone toll rates out of Holley have been boosted.

Rochester's dry zone will not be enforced for a time.

Phosphates and rabbits are plentiful in Livingston county.

University of Buffalo has only 28 men in its student army.

Ohio will contribute \$2,000 more toward flood abatement.

Thirty-two liquor dealers renewed their licenses in Geneva.

Concrete barges for the New York canal will be made in Detroit.

Delivery of coal into Canada from Niagara Falls has been forbidden.

The Port Niagara fruiting camp's quarantine to keep influenza out.

Buffalo saved 54 tons of coal at its pumping station during September.

Mayor Hyman is talking of annulling New York's street car franchise.

Lockport's board of education is being a scarcity of school teachers.

Milk went to 13 cents a quart in Lockport, the fourth boost in a year.

Dunkirk will be the only licensed town in Chautauque county after Oct. 1.

Children are making good progress in the Tussock moth fight in Rochester.

Edwin S. Harris has resigned as chairman of the Democratic state convention.

In Niagara Falls 176 saloons and hotel licenses have been renewed so far this month.

At an inspection of the Ithaca fire department a service flag was dedicated with 119 stars.

Food Administrator Stafford of the Lake States milk conditions must be remedied in that city.

George W. Aldridge of Rochester is to be directing person in Governor Whitman's campaign.

When Horrell's Y. M. C. A. campaign came to a close the membership roll had 1111 names.

Sixteen tons of white fish and herring were hauled in in one day last week by the Dunkirk tugs.

Rent profiteers are furnishing a problem for the Buffalo branch of the government housing corporation.

Tonawanda candy dealers have received notice to limit the sales of candy to one pound to a person.

Niagara Falls chamber of commerce directors have endorsed the housing plan of the federal government.

Probation officers will hold a conference in Tonawanda on Nov. 11 and 13, it being the seventh annual state meeting.

Harold H. Ellison of the Corning Leader staff, and the ninth man from that establishment has entered military duty.

Every officer and employee of the Washburn railroad in Buffalo has subscribed to the fourth Liberty loan, it was announced.

Plans for the new fall visit of an Indian tribe to Rochester have been perfected by Park Commissioner William S. Hitt.

Horshoover's are thinking of striking for a boost of 1 cent a week to Rochester and the price of showing horses will soon go up.

The retail price of milk has advanced to 14 cents a quart in Buffalo. The dealers say that the high cost of production is the cause.

Niagara county supervisors have adopted resolutions co-operating with the Erie county board in keeping the Falls boulevard open this winter.

Application of E. E. Wollman Fred W. Hyde and George E. Gooker for a charter to start a new state bank in Jamestown has been denied by the state banking department.

Buffalo fuel outlets understand that there will be three more gasless Sunday days and then the ban will be lifted. This story is said to have come from fuel headquarters higher up.

Bertram H. Snell of Potsdam has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the Republican state committee at a meeting held in the party's headquarters in New York city.

In the report for the eighth year of Oakmount Sanatorium at East Bloomfield, it was shown there were 48 tuberculosis patients admitted the past year, the weekly cost of each being \$9.46.

Jamestown which went dry Oct. 1, received yearly \$57,310 from liquor licenses whose property value was placed at \$1,600,000. Salaries paid those engaged in the business aggregated \$200,000.

Complying with a request from the United States department of agriculture, the Genesee county farm bureau has compiled statistics obtained from the directors and community committeemen regarding farm labor. It has been found that there is a shortage of 1,520 men as normally employed outside the war period in agricultural pursuits.

### The Haters.

By R. RAY BAKER

Denied natural gas, owing to the Pennsylvania company shutting it off. Addition is now in further trouble with no electric lights, owing to a break in the machinery it may take a month to remedy.

Secretary to the Governor Orr may succeed James M. Carter of Buffalo as superintendent of prisons, the latter having resigned to become vice-president of the Merchants and Trades bank of Buffalo.

An epidemic of burglaries has broken out in Olean—Stores are entered and robbed almost nightly. Union street, the business thoroughfare, has a double guard of police, who watch stores from the rear and front.

H. L. White, a New York Central railroad traffic official, has been appointed as manager of bituminous coal distribution for the state of New York. Toledo W. Cooke, state coal administrator, announced in New York.

The Republican state committee has announced that arrangements had been made with the railroad administration for a special train for Governor Whitman's campaign tour of the state after the Liberty loan drive.

Thomas A. White, Rochester convention, was found guilty of violating the food administration rules. He was given the option of paying \$1,000 to the war chest or closing his store for two weeks. He paid the \$1,000.

Again the Tonawandas made their fall in the Liberty loan drive. The \$10,000 for the Tonawandas was \$1,800,000 and the loan committee headed by H. P. Smith and James Wurtzler turned in a total subscription of \$1,821,000.

Orleans county merchants are to have a conference with County Food Administrator Fred Clough and State Administrator Charles Treman this week with the object of cutting down overhead expenses to the minimum and thus reduce the retail price of food.

Calls for entraining 1,200 men who have some aptitude for mechanics work were received at Albany by Mayor F. S. Hutchinsuff, who is in charge of the selective bureau of New York state. The men will be sent to camp on Oct. 15. They must be able to read and write and must have had at least four years of grammar school education.

There were 260 saloon keepers in Buffalo who did not renew their licenses it was said at the office of the deputy excise commissioner in Buffalo. The licenses taken out in the city a year ago were about 1,000, but of that number about 75 were surrendered before the expiration of the license period. The total number of licenses now in force is approximately 1,000.

In a statement the New York state food commission corrects a widespread misunderstanding in regard to the right of farmers to get from mills where their wheat is ground their full winter's supply of flour. All that the farmer is required to do, it is stated, is to sign a pledge to use the proper amount of substitutes and not to sell any of the flour taken from the mill for the use of his family.

In many sections of Genesee county apple picking is under way. The picking being deferred somewhat by the rainy and generally unfavorable weather. Prices being paid for orchardists for their fruit vary greatly. One farmer sold his crop three runs for \$2.50 a barrel, while another obtained \$4.25 a barrel, three runs. Another furnished the barrels. From 25 to 30 cents a barrel is being paid to pickers.

Twenty cities of New York state, the 49 which last April voted on the local option question, went dry Oct. 1. They were Auburn, Bataavia, Binghamton, Canandaigua, Corning, Cortland, Elmira, Fulton, Geneva, Hamilton, Ithaca, Jamestown, Johnston, Middletown, Norwich, Oneonta, Olean, Plattsburg, Salamanca, and Watertown. All except Binghamton, which is a city of the second class, are third class cities.

The establishment of an Army hospital on the Saratoga reservation where invalided soldiers from overseas may enjoy the benefit of medicinal and mineral water which the state owns, was suggested to the federal government by Gen. B. P. Pratt, state conservation commissioner. The suggestion carried on after sanction by Governor Whitman of the use of the land and the waters. The wounded and sick soldiers free of charge.

The state commissioner of agriculture Charles S. Wilson has completed the survey of cars required to move crops of fruit and vegetables in New York promptly so there will be little or no waste due to the delay in transportation. The report showed a total of \$1,165 are needed of which 44,842 are refrigerator cars. These have been forwarded to the United States food administrator at Washington. The food administrator has taken up with the railroad administrator the problem of furnishing cars. Instead of more than one third of the saloons in New York going out of business on Oct. 1, as was predicted, saloon keepers took heart at the news of Bulgaria's surrender, which they interpreted as meaning an early end to the war, and hastened to apply for a renewal of their licenses.

Additional instructions have been received from the United States Food Administration by Charles P. Miller, South Byron, the county food administrator, to see that not more than 100 tons of bread, on charge and delivery, and not more than 15 cents for a 1 1/2 pound loaf, charge and delivery.

someone from "up home" might be an observer of her effort. The audience was with her from the start, and anybody who ever had doubted her vocal or theatrical ability would have been forced to amend his opinion upon witnessing her offering that evening.

Near the close of the act was when she always made the "big hit". She did it by rendering a song that she had stumbled on by accident in a music store in the West. It was not a popular song; she had never heard of it before, but it had seemed to fit the one void in her repertoire so she had got to it. Shortly after that she got recognition on the "big time" circuits and she had been told her "landing" there was due largely to that one sensation.

The orchestra became silent and the audience wished as she stopped close to the footlights and waited for dark to be a misunderstanding at the same time. She was a wonderful singer and her voice was enough for her gaze to meet that of the trombone player and that settled it.

The lights went out and the spotlight found her left. She stood in a frame and she opened her mouth and the sound came forth for the simple reason that every word and note of that very melody sang had fled from her brain.

"Horror!" she thought. "What if someone from home were a witness of tonight? A woman uttered foolishly and a man's guffaw followed."

"Sounds like Jeff Sullivan and Kitten!" she said to herself. "This is terrible!"

She shifted her weight from her right to her left foot, as her perspiration streaked a canal through her artificial complexion. She had stood in that pose at least a week—so it seemed—when it suddenly dawned on her that a whisper was floating up from the orchestra pit. A husky voice was repeating over and over:

"Back on the old plantation lives a white-haired negro man."

Maybelle St. Clare suddenly came to herself. Those were the first words of her song. Her mind pounced upon them and with them the tune. She smiled and opened her mouth once more, and her "great hit" soared into another success.

After the show there was a little party in a nearby cafe. The participants were Maybelle St. Clare and Philip Warner. On her bosom she wore a bouquet of red roses which he had sent an usher to get when he received the note telling him she wished to see him and "thank" him.

As she nibbled a chicken sandwich she remarked casually:

"Do you know, Philip, I've changed my mind about woman suffrage. I agree with you that woman's place is in the home. I've carved my career, but I'm sick and tired of it all."

He dipped a spoon in his coffee and slipped restily:

"I've changed my mind, too," he announced. "I'm in favor of giving women the vote or anything else they want."

She laughed hesitated somewhat confusedly and held a menu card before her eyes.

"If that's the case," she said simply, "you'll give me back that ring I returned to you two years ago."

He nearly choked on the hot coffee, but he managed to swallow it, and reached into a vest pocket.

"I've always kept it with me," he declared.

In defiance of curious eyes at nearby tables, she allowed him to reach across and place the thin gold diamond set band on a finger which it had graced once before.

"Now, will you explain how you happened to be acquainted with the words of 'Where the Cotton Grows?'" she asked, "and how you know I needed that song to make my act so?"

He signaled the waiter to bring the check.

"Certainly," he replied amiably. "The program told me you were supposed to sing that song, although it didn't inform me that Maybelle St. Clare was Maybelle St. Clare. I knew the words of the poem because I wrote them, and the music, too. If you'll dig up your copy, you'll see printed on it, Words and Music by Philippe de Warrainre."

### FRESHEN UP GOWN RICH FAWN GABERDINE GOWN

Panels of Chiffon or Georgette Give Air of Newness.



Wide Girdle of Silk or Velvet Fastened With Loop and Sash Ends Also Adds Materially.

A frock of satin or taffeta left over from last year, too good to discard, may be made quite up to date by freshening it with chiffon or georgette note of freshness and style. The blouse, if not too dilapidated could easily be freshened by a plaited frill about the neck and a contrasting one. The frill could be made wide at the back and sides and gradually narrow toward the belt as it descends. In crossover effect from left to right and is caught under the girdle. The lower part of the sleeves may also be given a deep band of the chiffon or georgette. A wide girde of silk or velvet fastened with a loop and sash ends would aid materially in freshening up such a gown. The wide plaited bouces of the chiffon would serve to conceal seams and also add a note of newness and smartness to the frock. A somewhat worn looking frock may be freshened by inserting panels of chiffon, and vice versa a frock of chiffon or georgette, especially if the panels inserted are of taffeta.

Of course, the frock which is trimmed with panels must be straight and slim. The panels may be hung at the sides or at the back and front, the panels sometimes begin at the shoulder points and extend almost to the skirt hem. At the waist line they in most cases are caught under a sash or girde. But not always are they caught in at the waist. One particularly smart costume noted recently had a draped panel of chiffon caught at the shoulders toward the back and extending down the skirt, the ends disappearing in the skirt folds. The effect was much like that of a cape.

The tunic frock is another style which offers opportunities for those who wish to remodel a last year's gown.

A very pretty model was made of georgette crepe over satin. The Y-neck of the bodice was outlined by a narrow satin ribbon which extended in loops down to the waist line. The long-sleeved bodice was slightly hooped over or puffed at the lower part, concealing the joining line of the blouse and the tunic. The tunic skirt was bordered by an inch-and-a-half wide satin ribbon. The underskirt was of tulle.

Many materials are pressed into service for the separate skirt, from organdie, gingham and foulard to heavy georgette, corduroys and spencer tulle. Silk poplin and satin skirts are very much in favor.

This stunning gown is of fawn gaberdine, having a blue-embroidered tunic, edged with broad navy fringe—another band of which forms the sole skirt trimming.

### WEAR RIBBED WOOLEN HOSE



Ribbed woolen stockings in dark grays, greens, blues, browns and mixtures will be very much worn this fall and winter with low black or tan oxfords. These shown are of dark forest green.

Cord Girdles.

In line with the string girde or belt—the long stitched fold of fabric that is tied around the frock some where near the waistline—is the girde or belt of heavy cord. It is tied loosely at the side and hangs in long ends.

Informal Attire.

For the informal woman, women wear a costume of all white with the exception of a brilliant velvet or satin waistcoat.

### FROCKS FOR LITTLE GIRLS

Smocks, Which May Be Obtained at Low Prices, Are Quite Suitable For Older Children.

Wash clothes are frequently worn by the children, much later in the season than by their elders, and here is a very clever pointer on how to obtain some beautiful and unusual frocks very reasonably, says a fashion writer in New York Herald.

Smocks, which are now reduced ridiculously low all over town, are usually quite long enough for the ten-year-old girl, frequently for those of twelve, and if a fourteen year size is purchased the shoulders and neck are usually about right. The sleeves will have to be shortened. One mother bought several just the other day for her little girl of eleven and they were the admiration of everyone who saw them. A pink and white checked silk one was embroidered in apple green and blue floss and with the belt raised a pore stunning. Little frock would be hard to find. The smock of dark blue with red smoking and a huge white collar made a play dress of unusually smart lines.

It hardly seems possible that these grown-up smocks could be made to fit a child with so little trouble, but if tried it is easy to be convinced. The materials are usually so different from the ones we are accustomed to that the unpossibility of them is quite alarming. Frequently the embroidery is more graceful than could otherwise be obtained and colors which would not be thought of otherwise will prove suitable and very attractive. A hat of Angora for a little miss which was worn with one of these smock dresses had a brim of linen.

### WHITE SATIN EVER POPULAR

Material is Much Used for Fanciful Collars and Cuffs; a Favorite With the Designers.

White satin so long a standby in women's wardrobes continues to be used to a great extent by the designers. There was a time, of course, when white satin was looked upon as the fabric for a wedding gown—and nothing else. If a girl bought lengths of white satin and laid them away in her hope chest, and then decided not to marry, she wrapped the precious white fabric in blue paper and gave it to some younger girl to lay hopefully away in her hope chest.

But nowadays women have discovered in white satin a very serviceable and practical fabric. Its uses are many. And if, by chance, a girl today happens to buy white satin ahead of time for her wedding frock, she promptly cuts it up into collars and cuffs and fastings and skirts; and then is married in chiffon or Georgette.

In many of the best of the new black satin frocks white satin facings are shown to very good advantage.

### To Curl Feathers at Home.

When ostrich feathers have become a sorry sight, after exposure to dampness, they may be fluffed up again and given some curl by holding them over a very small gas flame. Great care should be taken to have the flame low and to hold the feathers high enough to move slightly in the warm air, and to escape catching fire. If feathers are treated in this manner they will become surprisingly freshened almost immediately.