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SEC. ROOSEVELT SPEAKS AT HYDE PARK

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District Deputy A.H. Fish, with his staff and about fifteen automobile loads of Odd Fellows attended the exercises and prior to the exercises they joined in a parade through the village streets in which dozens of other Odd Fellows [Fellows] in autos joined and then went to the hall.

After the exercises, a minstrel show was staged by the Sais Sanctorum, No. 134, of this city. The address by Secretary Roosevelt was made at the close of the exercises and lasted about a half hour. He stated that the principles of Odd Fellowship were identically the same as those for which the United States had fought in the war that had just ended.

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protest went up, but a government people than the three com- 409 bromes paraded, red by great crowds, the department sided manager, and when f Poughkeepsie show- line of parade, an- y ex-Chief Bisher, Jerson, C. W. Adams, and C. W. Noll, an- parade as chief es- some of the parad- Chief Frank, the young Pough- the head of the line

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have the privilege of enjoying them. I would take such a chance only as the last resort. If the present conditions continue and drivers will respect the rights of the institution I can assure them that I will not do so.

**Until Monday**

Grant Moore, a delivery man employed by the Poughkeepsie Ice Company, and Russell Hotelling, employed by the Morgan Lake Ice Company, were arraigned in the city court this morning before Judge Conger on charges of selling ice at short weight. The warrants were issued by Judge Conger after William T. White, director of the New York State Bureau of Weights and Measures. Moore entered a plea of guilty to the charges and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or spend 30 days in the county jail. Hotelling's case was adjourned until Monday morning, July 21.

**UNDERWEAR SHOP CLOSING TONIGHT**

**For Inventory, It Was Stated Today**

**Stockholders to Probe Financial Affairs**

A committee of five has been appointed by the stockholders of the Hudson Valley Underwear Company to investigate the financial affairs of the corporation. The committee is made up of John W. Mack, as attorney; Henry Allen, William Lyon, Robert Jones, J. Harrington and W. J. Richards, of the firm of Eddy, Sweet & Richards, of Boston.

At the factory it was stated today that the plant will be closed tonight for the purpose of taking inventory. Mr. Sweet stated today that he understood that there had been a number of offers to purchase the factory. Some of them were declined because the plant proposed to continue along the same lines. It was stated, and others contemplated the making of entirely different kinds of goods. One of the contracts reported, had planned to make trousers.

There has been about \$40,000 worth of the shorts sold in the vicinity within the last few months. About \$17,000 worth sold, it was stated today. The common stock of the company is held entirely by the Schnap estate, of which \$23,000 belongs to the widow of Mr. H. Knapp, and the rest to the other members of the family.

Before the preferred stock was sold the common stock was appraised at

Moore was arraigned on three separate charges of selling at short weight. He entered a plea of guilty to one, which charged that he had sold a piece of ice to Mrs. John Boyce of 85 Forbes street, which he represented as weighing 40 pounds but which was weighed by the state inspectors and found to weigh but 27 pounds. The plea of guilty was entered through Harry Arnold who appeared to enter a plea of guilty.

At first Mr. Arnold asked for an adjournment to prepare for trial in the case. This was granted upon consent of Edward K. Haas, district attorney, who appeared as prosecutor in the case.

**Aks Suspended Sentence.**

After a long discussion Mr. Arnold agreed to enter a plea of guilty. Mr. said that in case he entered such a plea he would ask either a suspended sentence or a light fine. Judge Conger told him he would not have any consideration, give Moore a suspended sentence.

"I feel very strongly in this matter," said the judge. "The selling of ice at short weight is a crime, and when it is scarce and high and when children are practically dying for the want of it is no small or minor offense. I feel that this court has no jurisdiction to try the case if you enter a plea of guilty if I punish the prisoner. On the other hand, if you ask for a hearing at an early date, all I can do will be to refer the case to a grand juror man for the grand jury. If you ask for a hearing at an early date, all I can do will be to refer the case to the grand jury."

case goes to the grand jury that it is of sufficient importance to have the governor petitioned to call a special term of the grand jury at this time. In a case of this kind should be disposed of with the least possible delay.

Mr. Arnold consented to plead guilty for his man. The court then imposed a fine of \$25 or a term of 30 days in the county jail. The minimum fine provided by the code is \$10. The defendant, however, was cut in half upon condition that Moore abide by the law in the future.

**Hotelling Case Adjourned.**

Hotelling was represented in court by William A. Mulvey. Mr. Mulvey asked for an adjournment until Monday, July 21, at which time he will be arraigned for a hearing.

Mr. White, director of the New York State Bureau of Weights and Measures, said today that he has received a complaint from Poughkeepsie asking for the sale of ice that he felt that the conditions here demanded his personal and immediate attention.

Of course, he said, while Poughkeepsie is not the only place from which we have received complaints. They are coming in from all over the state at this time. It is the usual condition when the price is high and he supply is insufficient to meet the demand. Our office is not the least concerned with the regulation of the price. We are, however, determined to see that the people get what they pay for. We in fact, had had a number of complaints from the local dealers who purchase the ice that they had to pay more than they were getting.

"We are carrying on a strict and campaign along this line of the price. We are going to see that the law is strictly enforced. We are going to see that the price is kept as low as possible, as well as in a proper price. If we have to have a representative here every day in the week,"

**BY ALFRED**

**TOM, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET SOMETHING ELSE TO PLAY WITH—WE NEED THE LIZZY IN THE OTHER ROOM.**

**BY BLOSSOM**

**YES—BUT ON MY MAP GREEN COUNTRY IS RED!**

**ALLOW ME TO PRESENT MY BAZZARDILE**

**DANCE AND SING**

the Home outfit in the Hamam ...

**DEMANDS MUCH ATTENTION**

**AMOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 17**

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**BY ALFRED**

Mr. Ford points you as a very democratic persons who love to sit on a neighbor's back porch and the neighbors don't sit on their back porch, do they? Guards them away, don't they? Mr. Ford's objection was sustained. Mr. ... said that Reed gathered pre- cise of the statements in his ... Mr. ... requested that Reed ... some of it from an article by ... Mr. ... Wise Wood about his be- liefs in national boundaries and pro- ceed a star of all people. Mr. Ford opposed the use of alco- holic drink and Mr. Reed pointed out that the Germans thrived on beer and the French on wine. Mr. ... said, and I think that was one of the causes of the war," said Mr. ... asked the lawyer. Mr. ... made them suspicious of each other. Mr. ... Alexander Takes the Stand. Mr. ... testifying on behalf of Detroit, was the first witness today. On December 1917, he said, he in- terviewed Mr. Ford at a luncheon in the Ford factory at which Alfred ... Mr. Ford's attorney and a man named Smith were present. "Mr. Ford in the course of a general conversation said that if Ger- many had not invaded Belgium, France and England would," relat- ed the witness. "I asked him if he thought Germany was ready for war and he said yes. He said he went over in the ... was not allowed to ... Witness said that the ... selling motor ... at that time but Mr. Ford said was not for profit and he did not want them munitions of war. The conversation turned on the de- feat of Russia and that poor people would many of the bonds and would ... According to Mr. Alexander the following remarks followed: Mr. Ford—"Let them go to work." Mr. Lucking—"Perhaps many of them are sick." Mr. Ford—"Then let them get well."

**BY BLOSSOM**

On cross-examination by At- torney Alfred C. Murphy, witness re- called that there was some further talk concerning the peace efforts of the pope and of Lord Lansdowne. Mr. Alexander directed it develop- ment that Mr. Alexander handled the ... of Ford advertisement, headed "Preparedness." "I read it over and noticed that it was signed by Mr. Ford," said the witness. "I went to him to make sure he had read it and reminded him that by his signature he was accepting full responsibility for the statements expressed. He said he understood that. The advertisement was printed in a number of prom- inent papers with a combined cir- culation of about 4,000,000. Mr. Alexander said that it cost Mr. Ford \$40,000 to publish "Concep- tions of Preparedness," "Honesty and Loyalty," and one other advertise- ment. Reading of the Reed article at this time resumed. "We have a mind of appalling sim- plicity," wrote Reed. The word "stupidity," and the words "mor- tality," and Mr. Ford were used in it. Mr. ... way with reference to Mr. ... advancing wages and working conditions and ... production.

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