

THE WEATHER Generally fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature

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FINAL BUDGET FIGURES READY TODAY

GREAT INCREASE IN REALTY VALUES HERE SHOWN COST OF CITY PLAZA IMPROVEMENT

Present Million-Dollar Development Planned Twenty Years Ago With Cost Estimated by Officials At That Time Of Only \$100,000

Property Bought This Year Cost Six Times Its 1906 Assessment—Coyne Urged Action

The development of an idea from a \$100,000 proposition as it was originally conceived into a million-dollar project as now planned, is shown in the progress being made on the site of the new City Plaza which is now in the course of construction. Estimates of the final cost reflect the great increase in local land values from the time the improvement was first suggested 20 years ago down to the assessed valuations for next year which should see the fulfillment of the late former Mayor Coyne's plan in enlarged and modernized form. A contrast in building material and labor costs is also shown.

Mayor Won't Comment On Beale's Remark

Mayor William A. Walsh this morning refused with a laugh, a reporter's request that he comment on the remark made by Alfred Beale, Thursday night at the meeting of the North Yonkers Citizens' Association. Mr. Beale, a prominent Independent Republican of the Third Ward, who was mentioned as a possible appointee to the office again not only by the Democrats, but by the Republicans. He is, incidentally, the first citizen to publicly make the suggestion.

It was just 20 years ago this month that Mayor Coyne in his annual message to the Common Council put the Plaza suggestion in as a plan in his platform of public improvements and while there was from time to time agitation for the project, and one more was actually made during the Lemoine administration with the approval of the first city, it was not until this year that anything definite was really started.

Previous to Mayor Coyne's message to the Assembly there had been some talk of the Plaza and on November 2, 1906, just 20 years ago last Tuesday, the plan, and the site of that date, provide an interesting contrast of values then and as they are today. They show that had values in the vicinity of the Plaza been multiplied about by six in the more than 20 years that have elapsed since Mayor Coyne's time, and this does not mean the present day value, but the value of the land which followed the administration of the late Mayor Coyne. In 1906, the newspaper file reveals, which is located by Bona Vista Avenue, near the corner of the Plaza, was sold for \$100,000, and the value of the land at that time was \$10,000, and while those who disposed the land in those days admitted that the buyer, they would exceed the assessments which were

JUSTICE McKENNA'S DEATH NOW AWAITED Washington, Nov. 19.—(United Press.)—The family of former Associate Justice Joseph McKenna is awaiting the day that his death will be announced. He has been dangerously ill for a week, and it was reported that the Catholic church had been notified.

Henry Stevens On Stand For Defense In Hall-Mills Trial

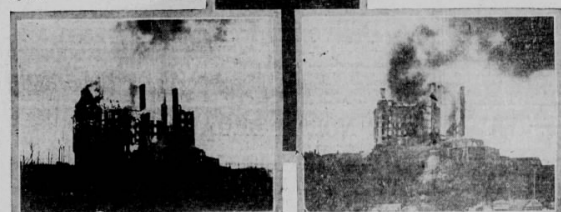
Brother Of Mrs. Hall And Reputed To Be Expert Markman Testifies In Own Behalf—Says He Was 50 Miles Away On Night Of Murder

Called Clarence E. Cox, of Adams, N. Y., who was in the city on the night of the murder, to testify in his own behalf on the stand in the Hall-Mills trial. He is the brother of Mrs. Hall and is reputed to be an expert markman. He testified in his own behalf that he was 50 miles away on the night of the murder.

First Pictures Ever Published Of The City's Most Spectacular Fire, At Park Hill Hotel 25 Years Ago



Photographic views of the fire which 25 years ago destroyed the Hendrick Hudson Hotel, on the summit of Park Hill, the site now being talked of for a new and modern apartment-hotel. It was an artistic structure, built by the American Real Estate Co., at a cost of \$125,000. The blaze, which started at 5 o'clock on the morning of Sunday, March 31, 1901, completely destroyed the building, leaving only the charred wreck of the stone walls and foundation. The place has since become popularly known as "The Ruin," and has been ever since a rendezvous for sightseers.



Five Stages of the "Hendrick Hudson" Burning At Dawn, Sunday, March 31, 1901

The building was totally destroyed by the fire, which raged for hours, defying the efforts of the local firemen to extinguish the flames. The blaze had died down the hotel was a mass of ruins, the loss being estimated at \$125,000, covered by insurance. What was expected to be the first hotel along the Hudson was, in the space of a few short hours, reduced to a mass of charred rubble, twisted iron and piles of brick and stones. Three men alone survived the fury of the flames, the names of which were so hot that the fire fighters were prevented from drawing close. The walls, however, were dynamited later, because of a fear of collapse. The blaze was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, March 31, 1901, by Patrick Quinn, watchman of the structure. The blaze was discovered shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning of Sunday, March 31, 1901, by Patrick Quinn, watchman of the structure.

JUDGE LYNCH NAMES TWO ASSISTANTS

Supreme Court Justice Humphrey Lynch, recently appointed, today announced the appointment of Raymond C. Martin, of Yonkers, as his confidential clerk and Miss Mary Flannery of White Plains, as his secretary.

British Coal Miners Likely To Return To Work Despite Vote

Delagate Conference Issues A Decree Calling For No Settlement Until After One More Conference, But The Men Action

London, Nov. 19.—(AP.)—Although the delegate conference of the coal miners today voted to return to work, the men's organizations would make no deal settlement of the end strike with the coal operators, the conference has decided. The men's organizations will not return to work until after one more conference, but the men action.

GIRL KILLED IN CRASH

Syracuse, N. Y.—Alice Johnson, 12, was killed and seriously injured when her automobile crashed into a building in Syracuse, N. Y., today.

LOCAL RESIDENT IS NAMED AS LEGATEE

While Helen, Nov. 18.—The will of Anna M. Tompkins, who died at White Plains on November 2, having an estate of more than \$100,000, was filed for probate today and contains this legatee.

MISS MARY E. HUGHES EX-PRINCIPAL DEAD

Miss Mary E. Hughes, ex-principal of the Yonkers Public School 1, died at her home in Yonkers, N. Y., today.

GVERNORS SEE COOLIDGE

Washington, Nov. 19.—The next day's Conference of Governors will be held in New York City, according to reports from the executive committee.

Associated Press Service Solely In The Herald For City And County

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF CITY DEPARTMENTS WILL BE RAISED \$220,632 IN THE BUDGET FOR 1927

Comptroller's Report On Debt Service And Estimated Revenues Will Be Submitted—Expect To Adopt The Budget On Monday

City Treasurer Griot Will Not Run Again

City Treasurer George Griot this morning confirmed a report that he will retire to private life at the close of his term in city office at the end of next year. He was elected last year for a two-year term, the only Democrat to go into city office since Mayor Walsh. He explained this morning that while he likes the position and enjoys the work he is doing at City Hall, he will not be a candidate for reelection because of the demands of his own business, in the present instance which he can give no attention while he remains in office. He fears that he will have to devote his private time to both official and private business it will have a serious effect on his health.

Sum Needed For Actual Expenses Exclusive Of Debt Service Is Estimated \$6,737,498.64

Complete figures of the 1927 budget will be ready on Monday next when the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, unless some unexpected shift is made in present plans, will adopt the annual estimate to that it can be submitted to the Common Council at its meeting on Tuesday night. Figures available today show that the actual cost of administration and maintenance of the various city departments will be \$26,737,498.64, an increase of \$6,632,632 over the amount appropriated this year. To this sum must be added 1/2 city's debt service, together with the State and County taxes, and the combined cost, less deduction of estimated revenues from various sources next year, will reveal the exact amount which will be collected by taxation next year.

FLIM FLAM GAME IS WORKED HERE

Local Resident Believed Of His Savings Of \$500 By Well Dressed Strangers Who Offered Him More

Police and detectives are today seeking the well dressed man, apparently Italian, wanted on a charge that he "flim flamed" Peter Zoroni, 30 Hill Street, of \$500 yesterday morning in front of the Post Office building. The man was seen leaving the building at 11 o'clock, and is believed to have been seen in the vicinity of the Post Office building. The man was seen leaving the building at 11 o'clock, and is believed to have been seen in the vicinity of the Post Office building.

GIFTS SWELLED G. O. P. FUND

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 19.—Five gifts valued at \$10,000 from Oglethorpe, Ga., and \$10,000 from the G. O. P. fund.

Hudson Tire Creditors May Receive First Payment Dec. 1

Trustees First Report Shows \$8,560 On Hand For Distribution—Expenses Cut Into The Fund—Stockholders Have Lost Everything

Creditors of the Hudson Tire Co. may receive their first payment on Dec. 1, according to information made public today by the trustees of the company. The trustees' first report shows \$8,560 on hand for distribution. Expenses have been cut into the fund, and stockholders have lost everything.