

# MARINE ACT CHANGE READY FOR CONGRESS

### Amendment Intended to Remove Conflict of Power Between Ship Board and Fleet Group

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(By Universal Service).—Senator Jones of Washington, chairman of the commerce committee, announced today that on Monday he will introduce a bill to amend the Merchant Marine act so as to outline the functions of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the Shipping Board, in keeping with recommendations of President Coolidge.

It is provided in the agreement that henceforth the Emergency Fleet Corporation, to be known as the United States Fleet Corporation, shall have control of the operation of all its vessels in the merchant marine, while the Shipping Board is to devote its attention largely to the study of ways and means to increase the tonnage and to the establishment of new trade routes.

All vessels, equipment, supplies and other property, except docks, piers, warehouses and other terminal facilities, now under the control of the Shipping Board, under the amendment, would be turned over to the Fleet Corporation.

Senator Jones said the purpose of the amendment is to remove the conflict of authority between the Shipping Board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation, which at times has developed unpleasant situations.

After the Shipping Board recommends the establishment of new trade routes, under the amendment, the President directs the Secretary of Commerce to endeavor to secure such lines, or adequate service by private lines conducted by citizens of the United States.

Provisions are contained in the amendment to encourage the construction of vessels in the shipyards of the United States and their operation under the American flag.

United States mail is to be carried on American-built vessels documented under the laws of the nation as far as possible.

The amendment states that it is the policy of the United States that persons traveling by water at the expense of the Government, shall when practicable, travel on American ships.

All military and naval stores of the United States are to be shipped by American vessels when practicable. A fine is provided for the responsible officials who divert such shipments to a foreign vessel.

# High Court Asked To Sanction Dual Adoption of Girl

Two unmarried young women of Alameda county, denied by the superior court the privilege of becoming the dual foster parent of a baby girl, yesterday appealed to the State supreme court at San Francisco for relief.

The young women are the Misses Carrie and Addie Gorrill and their brother is Attorney H. Gorrill of 2727 Dwight way, Berkeley. In behalf of his sisters Gorrill applied to the supreme court for a writ of mandate directing Superior Court Judge George Samuels of Oakland to hear the two young women's petition for adoption.

Last May 15 Judge Samuels, according to the petition, refused to consider the application for adoption on the ground that the statutes of California contemplate adoption only by one single person or by the legal single personality of a husband and wife, who, in the eyes of the law, are "one."

The Misses Gorrill would name their adopted daughter Jean Adelaide Gorrill, the petition avers.

# Incorporation of Menlo Park Is Aim

PALO ALTO, Jan. 3.—Efforts to secure the incorporation of Menlo Park will be the chief object of the Menlo Park Improvement Association during the coming year. This was decided at a meeting of the association held last night. L. H. Cook, newly elected president of the organization, was authorized to interview San Mateo County Supervisors in regard to the matter. A similar movement about a year ago was defeated.

Officers elected by the Menlo Park Improvement Association at its meeting last night are: L. H. Cook, president; John Vollmer, vice-president; Mrs. J. D. Gladstone, recording secretary; Mrs. Emma Strilling, financial secretary; Miss Ada Scott, treasurer.

# Judge to Decide if Convicts May Testify

Federal Judge John S. Partridge took under advisement yesterday a test case said to be unique in the legal practice of this district.

It involves the right of a United States court to subpoena as a witness a prisoner confined in a State penitentiary.

The case arises through the demand of John Robey for the presence in court as witnesses of two convicts to testify in his application for an order restraining J. J. Henderson, district attorney of Sacramento county and J. M. Friedlander, city prosecutor of Los Angeles, from interfering with his circulation of syndicalist literature.

Arguments in the case were heard yesterday and decision reserved.

# AID ASKED FOR WATER LITIGANT

Richard H. Norton, printer and publisher of 3715 Geary street, and 500 other citizen taxpayers of San Francisco yesterday petitioned the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to grant financial relief to August Lukrawka, famous Spring Valley citizen litigant of more than a decade ago.

The petitioners aver that Lukrawka, in winning the suit that compelled the Spring Valley Water Company to lay water mains wherever required throughout the city, "performed a service worth millions of dollars to the people of San Francisco."

In that litigation Lukrawka spent all his money and lost his little home, the petitioners allege, and is now "through age and ill health unable to make his living at his trade of painter and decorator."

# REALTY CHIEFS PREDICT BOOM

FRESNO, Jan. 3.—Thirty California realty boards, represented by more than fifty of the leading real estate men of the state who are directors of the organizations, are honoring Everett White, retiring president of the California Real Estate Association, and D. Richard Almsley of Fresno, who was inducted into office tonight as the new president of the organization.

The day's session of the realtors was devoted to problems of farm land development, and the opinion that California farm lands would take an upward trend in price and that a great revival of business in the state would come in 1925 was expressed by prominent operators in this class of real estate throughout the state.

# Booze, Chivalry Fail to Mix, Says Federal Dry Aide

Unless the woman who left a \$1,000 fur coat at the Cliff House during the New Year's Eve raid by federal dry agents claims the garment next week she will be sought out by means of the prescription on the bottle of whisky found on her table, W. R. Paget, chief field agent, announced last night.

"If it was the age of chivalry her male companion would have recovered the coat for her and claimed responsibility for the liquor," Paget said. "It will be easy to trace the bottle through the prescription number on it."

# WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN BLAZE

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(International News Service).—A woman physician, Dr. Marie Lederer, was burned to death, a snow bank saved the life of another woman when she jumped two stories, half a dozen persons had narrow escapes and residents of the aristocratic Irving Place district shivered in the cold when fire destroyed a fashionable rooming house today.

Miss Margaret Hill who roomed on the third floor, leaped one story to the roof of an adjoining building and then jumped two stories into a snow drift. She was only slightly injured.

# Another French Chemist Dies of Puzzling Malady

PARIS, Jan. 3.—The chemist, Dementroux, who worked with the late professor Curie and Madame Curie, died today in a hospital here, the victim of a strange, lingering and agonizing affliction caused by long continued experimentation in radium research, his case being not unlike that of Professor Bergonie, who died yesterday in Bordeaux, and that of Dr. Charles Vaillant, the noted X-ray expert.

Bergonie had forbidden the holding of any funeral services or ceremonies, asking that only his body be used for study of the type of affection that is killing or maiming so many experimenters in this branch of science.

# ARMY LEADER WILL BE FETED

A military banquet will be tendered Major General Charles G. Morton retiring commander of the Ninth Corps Area, by his fellow officers on the night of January 18 at the State Armory. The banquet will be held under the auspices of the National Guard of California in conjunction with the Association of the Army of the United States.

Governor Richardson will attend the brilliant affair, which will be held with full-dress uniforms of military life. Aside from specially invited citizens, the affair will be strictly military.

A New Year's Resolution that if kept, will go far towards promoting health, and the ability to succeed.

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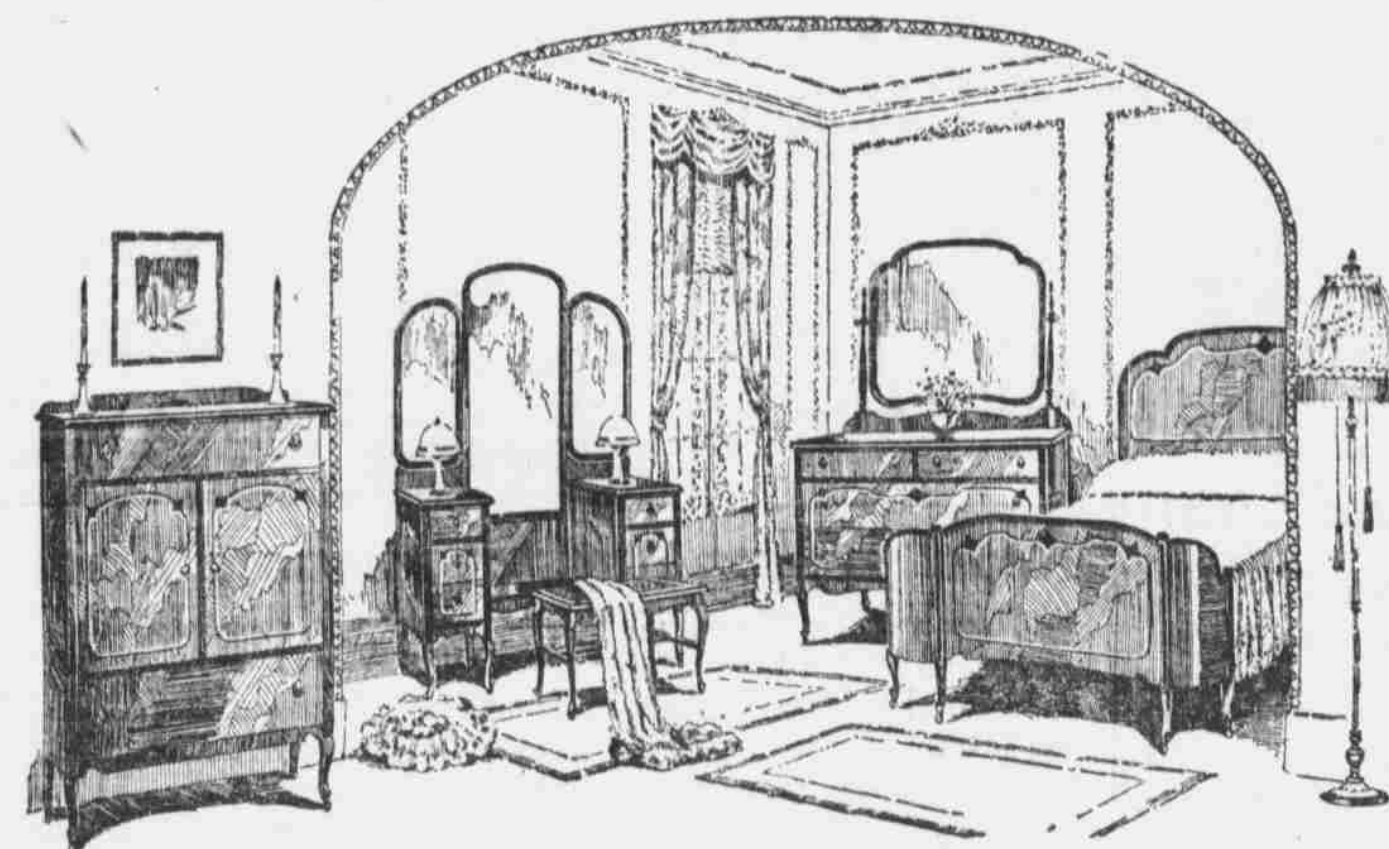
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# Plan for a Happy and Prosperous New Year

There is nothing to equal the influence of a real home for the development of sturdy character, the creation of lasting happiness and promise of success. Start the year with a cheerfully furnished home. If already furnished, brighten up with new pieces, new drapes, new rugs.

The aim of this institution is to make possible better home furnishings at prices within the means of everybody. We offer a service unexcelled. Expert interior decorators and home furnishers to help you plan and estimate without any obligation. Liberal Terms. A whole year to pay.

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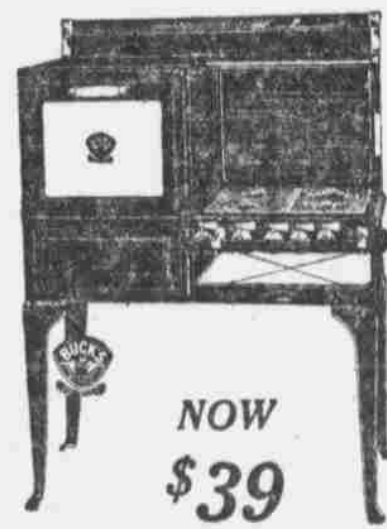
Combination French Walnut with rich trim of Rosewood finish in a dainty Queen Anne Style

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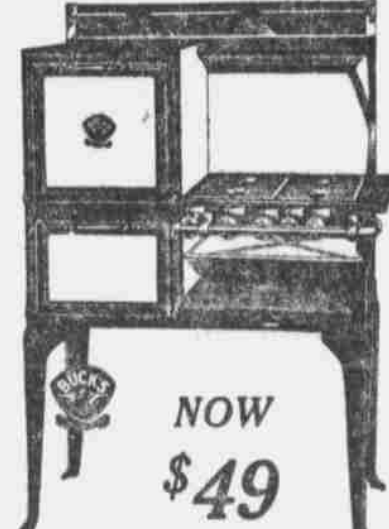
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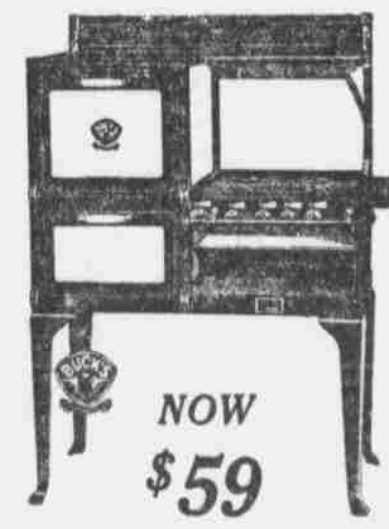
There are a number of small lots of these two famous makes of stoves, left from our 1924 stocks, aggregating 174 stoves in all, which we have assembled into eight groups, and marked at an average of one-third less than the regular prices. A fair allowance for old stoves. A small down payment delivers at once.



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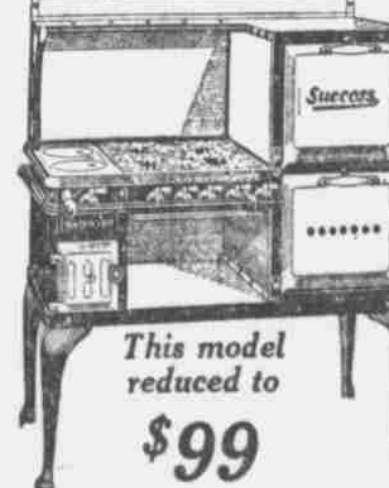
The model Gas Range for family use—economical fuel user, easy to keep clean and sanitary. A wonderful value. With oven heat control, only \$76.00



Only 21 of these at \$69



\$89



This model reduced to \$99

One of the best values in the sale. Heavy gauge Armco steel—black baked enamel with white porcelain oven-top, doors and splashes. With oven heat control, \$86.00

Buck's Bungalow model with built-in kitchen heater and trash burner. Also Wedgewood models of similar type. With closed top, \$6.50 & \$9 extra.

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# Blanket and Comforter Sale

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Plaid Blankets—In all colors; full size. \$5.75

White Blankets—With blue or pink borders. \$5.75

Plaid Blankets—Mixed wool; all colors. \$7.50

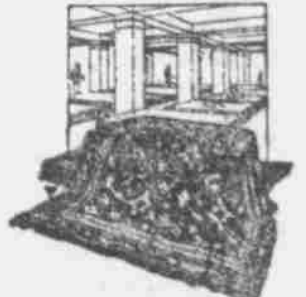
All-Wool Plaid Blankets. \$13.50

Comforters—Cotton filled; colored borders. \$2.75

Silkline Comforters. \$4.50

Comforters—Sateen covered, double-corded cotton. \$7.50

# Sale of Rugs



AXMINSTER RUGS

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