

# NEW YORK GROUND WORTH MORE THAN GOLD MINES

New York, Jan. 26.—(Special)—A new real estate price record has been established here by the purchase of a lot twenty-five by seventy-three feet for enough money to cover the ground with two layers of dollar bills, a layer of fives, a layer of tens, a layer of twenties, and a fifth coating of hundred dollar notes. The land was bought to build the new thirty-two story home of a giant Wall street banking institution. It has also been learned that J. P. Morgan, located in an antiquated looking building in Wall street, almost directly across from the Stock Exchange, has bought an adjoining lot at what is said to be an equally fabulous rate. The exact amount is not known, but the land is said to be the highest priced portion of the earth's surface, not excepting any real estate in any city, nor the surface of any gold mining claim. Just how local values compare with those in London, for instance, is shown by the fact that a record making sale in the English city was recently made at a figure which would bring the price of a square foot to about \$127 as compared to an actual sale here at the rate of \$558 a square foot. The significance of these changes in ownership seemed to be that Wall street which has suddenly taken to reforming its banking, its brokerage transactions and its members' habits and reputations, has now set out to reform its physical appearance as well. The street at present is anything but the canyon of skyscrapers which, outside of New York, it is supposed to be. Only two buildings in the whole street go above eighteen stories, and the average height is about six stories. Also the structures are for the most part old, and while they have a great deal of dignity and even luxury in their fittings and furnishings, their exteriors suggest a banking and business system of Andrew Jackson's day, rather than those of the present.

While it has not yet been determined just how much work a judge is expected to do to earn his salary, plans are now under way here to find out just how much work they do accomplish, and for the first time in the history of the courts the members of the judiciary are soon to be confronted with something very like a time-clock. While matters have not yet come to such a point that judges will be expected to punch such a clock like any employe, arrangements have been made by which tabs will be kept on their work in a manner just as strict. The clerks of the trial parts of the supreme court have been furnished with special charts on which

they will keep a record that certain judges "loafed" and that they could hear many more cases if they worked as much as the judges in other counties. The New York judges however, have always had defenders, who contended that more work is performed by individual judges in New York county than anywhere else in the state. While the keeping of the record is done through an order made by the supreme court judges themselves, it is done at the suggestion of the State Bar association which passed a resolution to that effect at its last session. Among other things the record will show the number of cases heard by each judge, the successful litigant, the number of disagreements, defaults, dismissals, and discontinuances, amount of verdict and the number of opinions written by the judge.

For the first time in the east a strike of newspaper writers is on. The papers affected are the "Yiddish" dailies of New York, and though they are printed in a language that is foreign to most Americans, their circulation reaches to nearly half a million copies. For years, attempts have been made to unionize the newspaper profession, and in some of the western cities they have been successful, but this it is believed is the first time that such a thing has been done in this part of the country, or on so large a scale. The new union, which is known as "Newspaper Writers' Union No. 4," was organized and chartered by the International Typographical Union, one of the largest and most powerful of craft unions. It grew from an organization formed by Horace Greeley, and has more of the features of the old European "guilds" than any other active labor body. A curious twist of its history comes out in the fact that the hundred or so Jewish scribes who walked out of the offices the other day are organized into a "chapel" of the union—a name that is used because the first English printing press was set up in a ruined chapel of the Catholic church in the fifteenth century. The demands of the striking reporters and writers is for shorter hours and more pay, for recognition of their organization and for the "closed shops". If the movement is successful, an attempt will be made to call out the staffs of the German dailies and later to organize the great English papers themselves.

New York, it is announced, is shortly to have what will probably be the most remarkable art gallery in existence. This does not mean another multi-millionaire is planning to bring back a few truckloads of "old mas-

ers" from Europe. Indeed the works exhibited will have little or no value since the gallery, which is to be operated by the Metropolitan Museum, will contain only art fakes. There is a very serious purpose in the planning of this gallery since it proposes as far as possible to educate the picture buying public in the wiles of art dealers who annually unload at fabulous prices on an unsuspecting public clever counterfeiters of the work of famous painters. The faked pictures which will appear in the gallery to be used as the basis of instruction in the art of picking out a genuine old master, as compared to a counterfeit, are themselves good enough to fool the average buyer and it is expected that through them real results can be accomplished in educating and protecting the art lovers. While the fake gallery is certain to prove popular here it is not likely to be enthusiastically regarded by those persons in this country and abroad who gain a fat living by manufacturing "old masters" to be sold to unsuspecting purchasers.

"Seventy thousand children are made orphans in one year by our divorce laws" is the startling expression of facts which were brought out here by the Rev. Francis H. Moody in an attack upon American divorce conditions. In the last forty years, according to the clergyman's carefully prepared statistics, no less than 3,700,000 men and women have been legally divorced, and the persons directly connected with these cases number more than 5,000,000, or almost exactly the same as the present population of New York City. Most of the children who have been "orphaned" by losing one parent through the courts have been less than ten years old, and Mr. Moody points out the moral danger to the youngsters who grow up thus in "half a home". Half of all the divorces in the country, he finds, have been between couples living in the middlewestern states. In Illinois alone there have been 120,000 divorces since 1862, a number which is larger than that in any other state.

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## COMMITTEE EXPLAINS

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Washington, Jan. 27.—Silver production in the state of Washington increased 63 per cent last year over that for 1911, according to the preliminary report made by C. N. Gerry of the federal geological survey. Gold output decreased 20 per cent, the value of that produced being \$679,000 as compared with a yield of \$842,000 in the previous year. The total silver for 1912 was 398,000 ounces, the copper 1,250,000 pounds, an increase of 295 per cent. Both increases were largely due to development in Stevens county. Lead and zinc shipments were very small.

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